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Des Moines, Iowa, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1889.

SUBJECT, Report for July.

To the Board of Home-Missions  
General Synod, Ev. Lutheran Church in U.S.

A. Morrill, Ia. I find this town in Brown  
County, Kansas on the St-Joseph and Western  
Division of the Union Pacific Rail-way, 54  
miles west of St. Joseph Mo. and 129 miles from  
Lincoln Nebraska. I will try to arrange for a  
meeting with the Lutherans there, between the  
29<sup>th</sup> of July and 5<sup>th</sup> of August. I say try, because  
of they are farmers, they are in the midst of  
wheat and rye harvest, and it's almost impossible  
to get even a few together at such a season.

With the rest of the Board, I feel also, my  
judgment being based on letters from Rev. Howard,  
that he will only go, on condition "that he be made  
entirely comfortable." He cannot find exactly  
the same kind of staid and solid comfort any

where in Kansas, which he has in Topeka, but can find much of comfort and reward in preaching to hungry souls. I will report promptly the result of my visit, and Board can probably act through an Executive Committee, before the September meeting.

B. Lawrence, Kansas. The trouble at Lawrence, is not, I think, so great or serious as some of the Ch. Council or members imagine. It has all come from the long vacancy and lack of proper leadership. There have always been jealousies, ignorance and narrowness in that Church, and some feeling between the liberal ones and the stingy members. I had arranged to spend the 29<sup>th</sup> at L., but Dr. Hamma requested that day for Lincoln, as he could not reach there for the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I then decided to go to Lawrence for the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but learning that Bro. Mauer, was not yet on the ground, and that no appointment had been made for me, & learning also that to go simply to get matters straight would make them worse, I decided to postpone the visit until the new pastor was there, and wrote the Church a long letter as to how to receive him and make him feel at home &c. &c. I also wrote Mr. Smiler, the man who, with his family, Bro. Crump-

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-er dismissed. Of course I said nothing to Mr. Mickler about being dismissed, wrote him as if "everything was lovely" & and simply urged adherence to the Church, and cheer to the new pastor.

The Mickler Family, here reached at Wheeling, -had not attended any Church for nearly twenty yrs. require much grace, and careful handling. They "fly up" &c. &c. Father Trimper's daughter is married to a son. I took in the situation at a glance, and from past experience, know how to handle him and his family. He had expected to leave Lawrence, and under this thought asked for his certificate & that of his wife. Father Trimper, 'tis true, had no right to give them, he being only a supply, but as the Ch. Council had entrusted everything to him insisted on having him returned to them as their pastor. It is not to be wondered at, that he took advantage of his position, though I not that though

ignorance he did it. Mr. T. writes me a most cordial letter, says he has not deposited his certificate with any other Church, that he hopes Bro. Mauser will feel at home at his house where he will be always welcome, prays the Lord will be with him, says we have a fine field in Lawrence &c. Mr. Tucker will remain in S. a few years longer, he thinks. My opinion is that earnestness, prudence & piety, which I believe Bro. M. possesses, will give us success in Lawrence, and make all things go on smoothly. I will write Bro. M. the best way to handle Bro. Tucker & family.

C. Emporia, Kansas. is one of the best towns in that state, growing rapidly, substantially and beautifully. If Board of Church Extension could secure us a place of worship there, we could begin at once, with 25 to 35 members.

D. Hastings, Nebraska. I am glad Mr. Alfred Martinis, sees what I predicted the first visit I made to Hastings, though he puts it differently. He says he is the "right man in the wrong place", but the fact is he is the wrong

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man in any place, under the care of the Board

It is true, Hastings needs a man who can use some German, but Bro. W. would not have succeeded had he been able to use it fluently. He lacks mercy, pluck and management. The Pres. of the Board, & Bro. Koller and Weiser will probably remember that Bro. Martin's was "gotten to Nebraska" by Rev. J. W. Kimmel, Chairman of their Adv. Board, & then urged by Rev. Schurz, as Pres. of Synod. He was on the ground, nearly frozen and in want and the Board commissioned him, really against their judgment, out of charity, in the hope that he might do better than was expected. I will do my utmost to find a man for Hastings, and know the Board will do likewise, as it is a very good point. E. Oakland, Nebraska. There is great necessity for a division of the Selkamaah Field, as no one man can work it and live.

I therefore heartily endorse the application for a Division of the field, and Oakland as a separate Mission. I do not know the man in view for Oakland, and therefore am not ready to endorse him, but we can find out concerning him from the Brethren of Manoka. The application for Oakland is marked A.

### F. Noea and Secumseh, Nebraska.

A letter and appeal for a missionary for these points, I have sent to Dr. Hamma, as he expects to spend a few days in Secumseh. He will find out about these places, and we will discuss them, when we meet at Lincoln.

G. Raymond, Nebraska. I enclose a letter marked B, from Rev. D. A. Schuch of Nising, Neb. concerning this place. He seems to ask for nothing particularly, but advice, and what nearly every man asks for, viz to "come and spend a Sunday". The proposition sent him is a gift of two lots, and two others for \$100.00, provided he will, within six months, put Church-Building and parsonage on them to cost \$2500.00. My advice to him was, take the lots, provided you can, without doubt, raise the \$2500. for Building.

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H. Omaha, Neb. Danish Church. I enclose a letter from Rev. Dr. Stelling, concerning this enterprise, as a matter of information, in case aid should be asked for the support of the mission. It is a very important work & deserving of help, but must be in regular connection with the Nebraska Synod, before any help can be given to it. Letter marked C.

I. Chicago, West-Side Mission. I cannot but look with favor upon the new mission of Rev. J. D. Sereningshaus, on the West Side, in the great Lutheran City of Chicago. I have gone over the ground, and find thirty five (35) members ready to enter the organization. Some of these have means—lots will be purchased at once, and a Church-Building erected. Bro. Sereningshaus will devote his entire time to this mission—giving up "Kirchenfreund" & other business. The

Material is abundant, and the Mission cannot in any way interfere with the work of Bro. Heilman on the North Side. The Mission will be English and German, or German and English. Dr. Hamma intends spending August 26<sup>th</sup> in Chicago, and will no doubt, also make some inquiry, and look at the proposed site or location. I trust he will agree with me, that we ought to undertake a Mission of this kind on the West Side. West Side. Cannot something be done to impress the Board of Church Extension with the absolute necessity of prompt action in securing means for a building for our Mission under Bro. Heilman? They ask for \$5000, on which they will pay 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent interest. Our \$1000 salary to the Missionary is of comparatively little account, unless Bro. H. gets a building.

J. Davenport - Iowa. It is indeed difficult to answer your questions concerning Davenport and Bro. S., though it is clear that with a handsome parsonage, and some growth in membership, he does not need the same amt as heretofore. A man, formerly one of the Adminers



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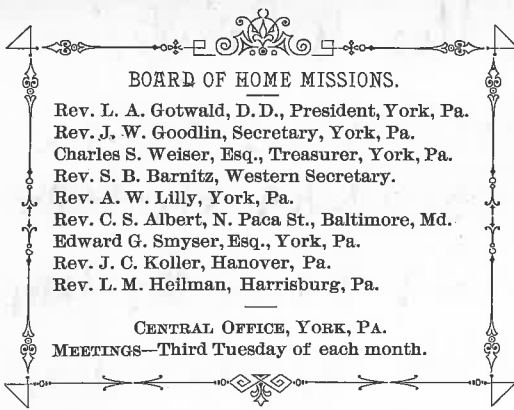
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Bro. S. called to see me a few weeks ago, and complained very bitterly of him - said he was doing no good &c. &c. I found however, that this man, whose name is Martin, had been left out of office and was "sore". I found also that Dum's Mercantile Agency reports him "no good". I have tried to find out from two of the prominent German additions (Miller & Haller) as to how things are going, but it seems impossible to get just such answers as my questions ought to bring. When I was at Davenport - Easter - things looked hopeful and promising, and I so reported. Bro. S. is not popular in the Iowa Synod, and, it is said, has never succeeded beyond a certain point, or a certain length of time. It might be well to reduce appropriation to \$500, urging congregation to increase \$100. K. Knoxville, Iowa. Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> was spent with this mission, under care

of Mr. B. F. Hills. This has been a mission for about 25 years, and I presume is really in better and healthier condition than ever before. Bro. Hills is doing all in his power to bring to self-sustaining condition. He is gradually reducing a debt of \$400. to Board of Church Extension, and in many ways bringing the people up. They need a new Church-Building, and I believe will get it, if Bro. Hills works on with the present push and patience. He deserves encouragement! E. Cedar-Rapids.

Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> was spent with this mission. In the absence of the pastor, on account of his wife's illness, the pulpit is being regularly supplied, and all the public services kept up. Bro. Miller's proposition to resign on account of his being obliged to remain away another month, was not at all entertained by the Church-Council. The work goes forward, and the mission will be self-sustaining next year. M. Burlington.

I have secured, from an old friend, Mr. Geo. C. Sauman \$300. towards the purchase of a lot, and assurances of \$200. additional. These subscriptions, if credited to Iowa Synod's promise.



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will complete the \$1000. The Synod will, however, I am sure, complete the \$1000, without this. Bro. Smyser <sup>has</sup> of N. C. L. assures me, with this promise of \$500. From Washington, they will buy the lots, this done and the right man on the ground, there can be no doubt of success. There is a great abundance of unplaced German and Swedish material, and also some Pennsylvania Lutherans. So soon as the extreme heat is over, (now from 101 to 103 in the shade) I will go over the ground carefully again, and get the names of those who are ready to go into an organization. It will pay however to begin work in Washington, as others do it— that is with only a Sunday School. The Congregationalists are now doing this wherever there are English speaking children of Germans & Swedes. They have a special S. School A. M. Secy. Unless we act promptly, the Genl Council may begin

As Mr. Widner has been on the ground.

N. Other Iowa Points. "Boone" has been spoken of and also Council Bluffs in Iowa and Fort Hall in Dakota. As soon as possible a preliminary survey will be made, and a place decided upon. I fear our lots in Council Bluffs have been lost to us by neglect. O. Blanks. Please send me Blank

Applications for aid, that I may have them on hand when called for. May I not urge yet again, the printing of proper Constitutions for Congregations? The Discipline in B. of W. is not enough. A great deal of trouble has come to our Missions here and Missionsaries, by not having had proper Sutherland Constitutions to start with. A Committee of one might prepare Mrs. and submit it to a meeting of the Board, and 100 or 200 might be printed. I have constant application for such things, but cannot respond. It is said a Constitution for Congregations was adopted by Genl Synod at Washington D.C. but I cannot find anything of it in minutes. P. Notes. I seem not to have been rightly

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understood as to notes for our Home Mission-aries. I do not mean to have any appeal made for them, but only to make the best and wisest use of what are offered, and have some system in regard to this matter. In a little while the Pres. and Secy. of the Board will be receiving letters asking for the name of a Missionary, his age, no. of children &c. &c. Such letters became trying to me last year because he had no system by which properly to utilize this blessed work. Some Missionaries secured two and three votes and some none.

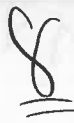
The former Board appointed a Com. to system-<sup>report</sup>atize this work, but its <sup>report</sup> was delayed so long as to be of little use. There will likely be more offers to make up votes this year, than we have needy Missionaries, so that all we need to do is to see to a careful distribution of them. This work is

usually done by the congregations who are not active and liberal in mission work. I cannot but think that the plan suggested in my last would be a good one if adapted and carried out.

Q. Next Point, Nov. I do hope Bro. Gran will be secured for this place, and that as soon as possible. R. The Wartburg Synod.

had a real good day at the meeting of the Wartburg Synod - a most cordial reception, and the privilege of the floor for an hour's talk on Home Missions. The brethren seemed surprised and delighted to have a representative of the Home Mission Board with them, and said it was the first time they had ever been thus noticed.

They really did seem to appreciate the visit, and they took with remarkable patience some of the plain things I said to them. When Dr. Harley appeared as delegate from Synod of N. Illinois & member of Com. on Chicago Seminary; and Dr. J. Springer as representative of Carthage College, it almost overwhelmed them, and they said: "This shows that the General Synod is interested in us as never before". They promise increased contributions for the Home-Mission treasury.



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With the Rest. of the Board, I fully agree, however, that "a binding clause" should be inserted in Articles of Agreement with Missions purely German S. Woodford, Illinois. The exterior of the new Mission Church of Bro. Anderson is about finished. The cost when entirely completed will be from \$6000 to \$7000. They have already raised \$3500, and are vigorously at work increasing the amt. T. Bro. S. G. Shannon, writes "we have organized a W. A. of Miss. Socy. at Watsontown, and would be glad to have officers of A. M. B. write letters of encouragement to the Cor. Secy. Miss Sallie Wagner. He says, "By a little correspondence you may be able to accomplish much good - a great work." I will write a word of cheer today.

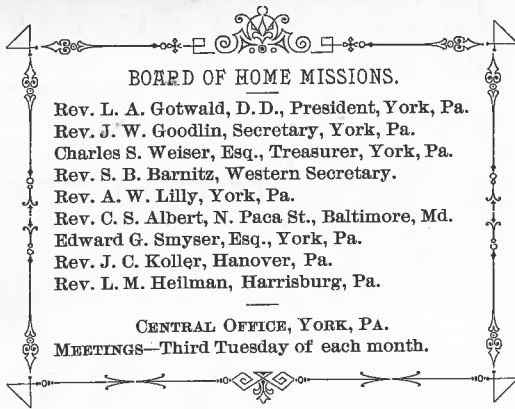
U. Men of Means in Grandean Synod Territory.

I cannot agree with the Board that I am the man "best fitted" to look after this matter.

It might to be done by visitation, and careful personal application. Of course I will write, if the Board feel that will be sufficient, or make the trip, if they so advise, but it really is a part of the work of the Eastern Secy, or the brother who attends the ~~the~~ Hartford Synod, or I should rather say a part of this privilege. I will write at once, if the Board feel that will be sufficient. It may be a preliminary step at least. V. Last<sup>year</sup>, by no means the least. The

Board, will accept assurances of appreciation, of "unanimous re-election, with increased salary and complimentary words," as the Secretary pro-tem writes it. Whilst I cannot do any more work than in the past, and perhaps safely or in justice to my own body, not quite so much I can now with a little less anxiety, as to meeting the expense of living, the increased expenditure for clothing, the situation require so. Be assured of my appreciation of the cheering words, from Pres. & Secy, Pro-tem - Accompanying notice of re-election, as well, as of the \$100. increase. "A word better spoken how good it is!"





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Be assured also of my joy at the selection of Rev. Jacob A. Blutz as Eastern Secy. and my hope that he has accepted. As he has always been in "perfect agreement" with regard to doctrine, Church-forms, Mission-work and order, he will "walk together" I know in harmony of action in the great work committed to us. Letters from Western brethren who have seen the announcement, are full of gladness and hope at the action of the Board.

With love to the Brethren,  
Yrs very gratefully,

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