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SUBJECT,

Chicago!!

A "right royal day," we did have at Chicago last Sunday, and they will have another D. V. next Sunday. The papers cannot give you any idea of the scene, neither the joy manifest on the faces of our faithful members. At least 1500 people (the estimate was 2000 to 2500) witnessed the laying of the first general synod <sup>Sutheys</sup> corner-stone in that great city. The day in some respects was not an auspicious one. It was cold, raw and damp, and yet people thronged the side-walks, filled the windows on opposite side of the street, and looked down from the house-tops adjoining the church site. I secured a letter of personal introduction from <sup>my</sup> friend of my wife <sup>from</sup> Mr. Joseph Mebill, editor & proprietor of Daily Tribune. He had been quite ill, and not out

of his room for two weeks, but fortunately  
was in his office Saturday, and met me  
with Bro. Heilmann, most cordially. He was  
interested as he talked with him, tho his  
best reporter to be on hand - gave a half  
column notice on Monday morning - and  
short editorial. Dr. Ort's address was a fine  
effort, and Bro. Sereningshaus made the  
finest corner-stone talk I have heard in many  
a day - and even the Norwegian address im-  
-pressed me as eloquent, though I understood  
not a word. I tell you it was enough to  
make any Lutheran saint - with a heart cry  
out "Oh! give thanks unto the Lord." The  
prayer by Dr. Arthur Sittle of the Cong. Church  
was a very fine and fervent and touching one -  
the Scriptures were well read by Dr. Hauvelt of Free  
W. P. Church. I have written Dr. Sittle, Dr.  
Hauvelt, Bishop Cheney, Dr. Kittredge to  
Bro. Torfsson, our appreciation of their  
kind words and works. Even the Benediction  
by Dr. Giesie seemed eloquent to an unusual degree.

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He regretted the absence of Mr. Wald of the  
 large Augustana Swedish Church (Gen. Council)  
 as he wanted him committed in sympathy  
 and encouragement. He sent "reps" on ac-  
 count of indisposition and as it was reported  
 he was unable to preach in the morning, there  
 is no doubt of his excuse having been a valid  
 one, though the English pastors of the Gen. Council  
 have some all in their power to influence him  
 against our work. After reading the Billheimer  
 and Conrad facts, he expressed "surprise that the  
 General Synod is now so orthodox". The need  
 of a Swedish Paper is more and more apparent  
 every trip I make. Mr. <sup>W</sup> upon Pub. Board.  
 He regretted also the absence of Drs. Nuttidge & Blaney,  
 as he are looking to some of their people of health  
 to give handsomely. Both were prevented from  
 coming by engagements they could not control.  
 Next Sunday, the corner-stone of Mrs. Seremp

-House's new church will be laid. Bro. Heilman making the principal address. It now "looks like business" in Chicago. He might to start two more missions at once, if he could secure the right kind of men - one on the South side and one at Lakeview.

Sunday night I preached to 350 young Norwegians in Bro. Forgeson's church. A brighter, more intelligent looking audience I have not had for many a day. He preaches English every Sunday night. I write you these things because they are joyous. The half has not been told. I wish the boards would hold a meeting in Chicago. Oh! that the whole church here ready for the great things <sup>with which</sup> our great head wants to honor ~~them~~ us.

Engagements. On account of several new churches not being ready for consecration my engagements and "whereabouts" will be changed, I. v., from list sent to the following -

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Engagements.

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Chotville, Iowa.  
Harvest Missions Service.

Thursday to Monday - Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - 23. Nebraska Synod.  
Sellamah, Burt Co. Nebraska.

Tuesday P.M. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> Synodical Sermon, Iowa-Synod.  
" to Friday Sept. 25 - 28. Synod of Iowa.  
Newton, Jasper Co. Iowa.

Friday P.M. to Monday - Sept. 28 - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Synod of Northern Illinois, Polo, Iffe. Co. Ills

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> Rockford, Ill. Dedication.

Tuesday to Tuesday - October 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>  
Synod of Central Illinois, N. Indiana and  
Olise Branch.

over.

Bro. Colutz, of in Ohio, will likely be able to attend one or two of these synods. I will take the one least convenient for him, and will decide which one when I hear from him.

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Monday to Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

I hope to enjoy at home.

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Tuesday to Tuesday - October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

Synod of Kansas, Cusick, Greenwood Co. Ks.

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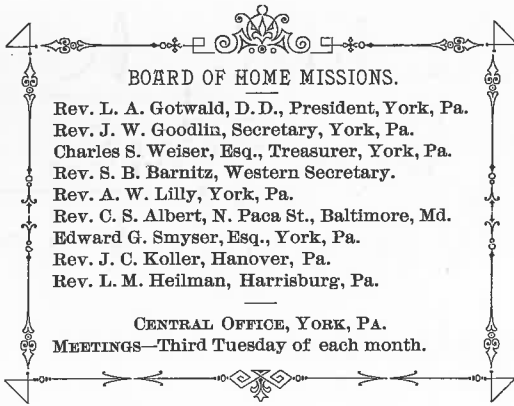
Friday to Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Synod of Middle Tenn, Nashville, Tenn.

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The above list is of course, subject to change, suggestion, advice or. or. or. of the Board, which I will be very glad to have. Bro. Colutz may want to take some of the synods west of Ohio and Indiana, which would be well pleasing to the workers in them.

You will notice Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> not en-  
-gaged. I can go to East Ohio Synod - holding



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its convention at that time, if possible can-  
not attend it, and the Board so desire.

An immense amt. of desk work has  
accumulated in my absence - at least 180 let-  
ters being before me to answer. I will do the  
best I can, calling in some help, and leave  
the rest.

I regret that Bro. Detweiler leaves  
Louisville Ky. to go to Carthage. Good for Car-  
thage but bad, humanly speaking and seeing,  
for Louisville.

Carthage opens with enthusiasm  
and, what is more substantial, over one hundred  
students.

If deemed advisable, the visitation of Syn-  
ods - all the Synods, I mean, might be published.  
My list can be altered to suit the Board.

Good night, with love yr. S. B. Barnitz  
Western Secy.