

REPORT OF WESTERN SECRETARY,
Board of Home Missions Gen'l Synod Evan. Lutheran Church in U.S.

TO MEETING HELD January 14th 1884

Denver

According to resolution of the Board at December meeting, I tried to arrange a conference with Rev. Frank Setman, concerning Denver, Colorado. I regret to report I have not succeeded in meeting him in person, neither in securing from him a definite answer & letter, as to his willingness to undertake the mission in that city on the terms of the Board.

Rev. Frank Setman

I did think it a little singular that he could not make it convenient to meet me at Deshler. To me that would have been a trip of 1342 miles, and to him a trip of but 182 miles. Deshler is 671 miles from Des Moines, and only 91 miles from Jippecanoe City. If he was unwilling to come to Deshler to meet me, it would have been rather useless to telegraph him to meet me in Chicago. I enclose his reply to my telegram, and also his letter of explanation. I sent him telegram to meet me and asked immediate and very prompt reply. He answered by night message. If the Board so order I will, so soon as my transportation is renewed, go directly to his home, as he seems to think it a task to make a few miles to meet me at a place more convenient to myself and the work.

Denver

I trust I do Bro. S. no injustice when I say that he is interested in going to Denver, as a man must be to succeed. ought to have put himself to great inconvenience to meet me at any place suggested by the Board.

LENTZ

Bro. Setman's telegram and letter are marked A. I enclose a letter from Rev. H. M.

LENTZ

Sentz of Mt. Morris, Illinois on the subject of Denver. Bro. Sentz is "of good report" and if not the man for Denver, may be the man for Emporia or some other good point. His letter is marked B.

DENVERRockfordIllinois

Rockford, Illinois. I have made several attempts to meet the pastor and congregation at Rockford Ills. but thus far without success. I wrote and telegraphed that I could be with them Decem. 27th but they thought a later date would do better. I answered they must try and have a meeting to suit my time.

Then they arranged accordingly, and telegraphed me too late by ten hours to start and reach Rockford in time for their appointment.

They must now wait until my transportation is renewed and it appears to me now, that a little delay will be helpful to our cause.

My judgment is that Bro. Andersson has perhaps been a little imprudent, has not acted with the wisdom of the serpent and harmlessness of the dove! It seems very clear to me that not only Bro. A's congregation, but also the new colony from the mother church, is in sympathy with the General Synod, and would gladly accept a suitable pastor from us, if we had one to give them. I enclose letters from Bro. Andersson, marked C and D.

RockfordIllinoisEMPORIAKANSAS

Emporia, Kansas. A letter, enclosed, marked E, from Rev. W. M. Sparr Thoms

EMPORIA.

Continued interest at Emporia. He must find a good man for that field, and meanwhile write the little flock occasionally words of cheer and assurance.

Atchison
Kansas.

Atchison, Kansas. Enclosed find report of a Committee, appointed by the Synod of Kansas, concerning Atchison. It speaks for itself, but concerns the Board of Church Extension more than the Board of Home Missions. It ought to be a lesson never, under any circumstances, to transfer Church property, so as to place it in jeopardy. I am very sure we have a good opening at Atchison, if only we can send the right kind of a missionary to occupy the field.

Atchison
Kansas.

Please send report to Board of Church Extension. Report marked E.

Jonah City
Iowa.

Jonah City, Iowa. Bro. Graichen writes very cheerfully, under date of Dec. 17th. He has had twelve (12) additions recently, with more in prospect. He may yet have a success out of this long continued mission.

Jonah City
Iowa.Freeport
Illinois.

Freeport, Illinois. I enclose a private and confidential letter from Freeport Ill. marked G. What is to be done? The Board of Church Extension should be looking after this property matter. Referred to B. C. C.

Freeport.Auburn
Iowa.

Auburn, Nebraska. A letter from Mr. J. W. Kimmeel, says he will visit Auburn the 1st or second week of January. I enclose letter, marked H. Bro. K. thinks the mission at Tekamah very much depends upon him. If that is so, there has taken place

AUBURN,
NEB.

a great change since the meeting of the
Nebraska Synod.

WEST
POINT,
NEB.

West Point, Nebraska.

Correspondence concerning this
field enclosed, marked II. What shall we do?
I do not know Rev. Song, neither under-
stand why Rev. J. A. Bright should be in
correspondence over to leave the inference
that he is ready for a change of mission.

WEST POINT
NEB.CRESSWELL
YORK CO
NEB.

Cresswell, York Co. Nebraska. Rev. D. H.
Shultz - Pastor. Cresswell is a part of what
was the "Pising Mission." A fearful trip of ex-
posure it was to attend the dedication at
Cresswell, December 23rd 1883, but the joy of the
people at having a house of worship, and a
visit from "somebody from the Board", amply
repaid for the sacrifice. I left home on
Friday afternoon, was detained by a weeked
train and reached Stromsburg Neb. (8 miles
from Cresswell) by freight at 2 A.M. Sunday.
Then through sleet and frost a drive of
eight miles. Service morning and night, and
a drive to Stromsburg, "a few hours sleep &
nineteen hours of travel" brought me home at
midnight of the 24th pretty well "used up".

CRESSWELL
NEB.

The account of dedication in Church
Papers is correct, with the exception of the Dr. B.
part. I wish Board of Church Extension could
help these excellent people to a loan of \$250.00
for 3 or 5 years.

BLUNT,
DAKOTA.

Blunt, Dakota. I enclose a letter
from this place, marked J. It is from
a faithful and earnest old man, who

BLUNT
DAK.

loves the Church, and is deeply interested in her extension. The letter, however, pertains more to Church Extension, and might be sent that board. I suggest that some kindly notice be taken of Father Geller's interest.

MORRIS
KANSAS.

Morrill, Brown Co. Kas. Rev. J. Schauer of Greenleaf Kas. wants to visit Morrill with a view of changing his location. His letter is marked K. Shall we allow him to visit M.

Burlington
Iowa.

Burlington, Iowa. Board of Church Extension seem now ready to secure the lots for Church in B. Our Iowa Synod Committee are pushing the \$1000.00 effort, and will complete it. So soon as the weather will permit, I will go to B. and try to have Rev. J. Schauer go with me. I have him decide as to accepting the call of the board to that mission.

Burlington

KEARNEY
NEB.

Kearney, Nebraska. Reports from Kearney Neb. are very favorable. The great need is a Church Building. Our Missionary is succeeding admirably, and proving himself worthy and faithful.

A MISSION
TO BE
SUPPORTED
BY
ST. PAUL'S
AT
WASH.
D.C.

A Mission for St. Paul's Washington D.C., Sunday School. What mission shall I suggest to this S. School for support? They will take a \$500.00 one, I am sure. Perhaps they will do even better than that. Please discuss this matter a little, and decide that I may write the Supt. while he is amplius about it.

KANSAS
CITY
No.

Kansas-City Mo. A letter from a friend in the First Church, says they are about to call Mr. S. C. Billheimer or Mr. W. H. Dunbar. They have just issued the enclosed circular marked L.

Letter
from
Mr. H. P.
Hansen.

Letter from Mr. H. P. Hansen. M.
Have he a better place for Bro. H.?

THE
NEW
BLANK.

The New Blank for Quarterly Reports.

This is a great improvement on the blanks of former years, and must give efficiency to the service. I rejoice in these evidence of improvement.

Terrible
Severe
Weather.

Terrible Severe Weather. The Mercury has been registering from 10 to 36 degrees below zero for two weeks past, and it is scarcely safe to be exposed. I am therefore inclined to remain at home as much as possible, until there is a change. Some days I am able to do little more than keep myself and family warm. We used 32 buckets of coal on the 4th of Jan., to keep two (2) rooms warm. I know the Board will approve my staying at home, ^{especially} as I find a great deal of work now needing attention.

Dr. Stelling's
Death.

Dr. Stelling's Death. A telegram summons me at once to Omaha. Dr. Stelling died this A.M. of congestion of the brain. I leave at 2.30 A.M. It is now midnight. "In the midst of life he was in death".
S. B. B.

Herbert Leg.