

I. DENVER

I. Denver, Colorado.

For this important city, I have thought of Rev. D. H. Bauslin of Bucyrus, O. Rev. G. S. Detweiler of Carthage College or Rev. J. M. Bromer of Carthage College. These are brethren of ability, and have excellent wives.

Unless something can be done to relieve Carthage College, it must be closed for at least a year or two.

The Omaha Congregation will wisely try to secure Detweiler, but should he decline to go there, he might take one of our most important missions.

Mr. Augustus Lambke writes me he is coming West in a few weeks, and will telegraph me where to meet him. I hope, after the conference about Omaha, he will be ready to talk to me and his brethren about the lots in Denver. I understand from Rev. J. E. Zimmerman of Brooklyn N. Y. that Col. Spangler - one of the most active men in his former charge - Ashorn O. - is about to make Denver his future home.

II. Sellamah, Neb.

For this field, I have written the congregation, endorsing the election of Rev. M. S. Wilhelm, provided he is their choice, is willing to accept at some appropriation for Bro. Kimmel's time and is satisfied that he and his family will remain at least a reasonable time without complaint or grumbling. I requested that my letter be read to Bro. Wilhelm, while at Sellamah this week.

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III. Sellamah, Neb.

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III. West Point, Neb.

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I have written
Pres. Schurr, that if he knows Mr. M.
Saxams of Three Rivers, Michigan, who is a
good man, and the man for West Point
Neb., the Board will commission him.

Also wrote him that Board will
commission any first class man,
who will "fill the bill" at West Point.

As you may not hear from Pres. S.
very often, I enclose a few communi-
cations, in the way of postal, from him.
Postal marked A.

West
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IV. Nashville, Tenn.

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I have no
further word from Mr. A. Tice, and no
communication from Nashville.

He must send a good man to
Nashville. An American who can preach
German will give character & assure suc-
cess to the mission. A man like Bro.
Young of Richmond Ind.

V. Three Rivers, Michigan.

THREE
RIVERS
MICH.

No word from
Mr. Alex. McLaughlin, as to Three Rivers.
Dr. Sepler of Peabody, Ms. writes me this
a.m. asking me to try and secure him for
Peabody, as Sepler must be released. Dear
fellow is going down rapidly.

VI. Kansas City, Mo. The First
Church have called Mr. William A.
Dunbar of Sebanon Pa. I do hope
he will accept. With him, under God,
I believe great success will be assured.

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I enclose you an interesting letter from Rev. S. S. Walth, marked B, which endorses the action of the Board in positively refusing aid on old debts &c.

The Second Mission has received Bro. Fottell with enthusiastic joy. He will be on the ground ^{permanently} in a short time, being now there securing rooms. Should Dunbar accept, he and Fottell will do good service in that great city.

VIII. Dickson, Tenn.

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Admirable advice to Rev. Barnett of this place, to stay at home, both from collecting and hunting.

VIII. Dodge City, Kansas.

VIII. DODGE
CITY, Ks.

I enclose letters, marked C, telling the cheer & encouragement a few gifts of new S. School music books &c. gave them in our little beginning there. I secured the books through my good friend, S. W. Biglow of Biglow & Main, and the other Christmas gifts from Miss Maud of St. Matthew's Ch. Philada. Oh! what joy and cheer, when these little things produce in a struggling, but truly faithful band of Sutherland workers.

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CITY, Ks.

IX. Men for the Work.

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1. Rev. William Stoudermire of Oakland Md, wants a Western Field. I enclose his letter, marked D, and have written him to this effect. As you of Walth & Maryland Synod know him and his work, you can judge of his fitness.

Stoudermire

2. Rev. A. H. Zimmerman

of Mebersburg, Centre Co. Penna. I do not
 know him at all, but like the spirit
 of his letter, and as he can preach in both
 the English and German languages, he might
 be very valuable in some fields. Letter marked E.

3. Rev. N. B. Whitehill of Peabody, Va.
 has sold his property there. Praise the Lord -
 and is ready to go back to the work of the min-
 -istry. When in the pastoral work, before
 going into secular business, he was regarded
 a success, I believe. I enclose his letter marked
 F. Perhaps a charge can be found for
 him in the East, or in Ohio, and thus se-
 -cure some pastor of small family who may
 be adapted to mission work.

X. Rockford, Illinois.

According to resolution of the Board, I visited Rock-
 -ford, and tried to restore confidence and
 harmony, as well as to get at the cause
 of the trouble. It was a severe trip of ex-
 -posure, loss of rest and anxiety, but I
 rejoice that it was not made in vain.

Tuesday night - January 15th - with the
 mercury indicating 28 below zero, I met
 the Council and trustees, and labored with them
 until one o'clock Wednesday morning. They
 urged me to remain for Congregational meet-
 -ing on Wednesday night, which I did, and
 had another siege up to two o'clock A.M.
 Thursday. The visit resulted in the following
 conclusions. 1. No synodical trouble, and
 no desire whatever, either to leave the General
 Synod, or to become independent. This was
 clear all through the discussion at both
 meetings. They glory in being in synodical connection.

Rev. A. B.
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2. A little imprudence on the part of Bro. Anderson. His zeal has not been entirely "according to knowledge".

He seems to have forgotten that his congregation is not an American one, & gave offence in some radical temperance sermons, urging his female members to lead in prayer in the promiscuous assembly &c. &c. Then too he has paid too much attention to little things, i. e., littlenes in the way of tall sermons &c. I kindly admonished him and his family, and told them the way to silence gossip was not to pay any attention to it. I advised him also to take his Homeopathic medicine out of his study in the church, and not to give medical advice anywhere, to give attention to theology and the improvement of his Swedish speech, &c. &c. He took it all very kindly, and promised to act on my advice.

3. No loss of, and no lack of confidence in Pastor Anderson's Christian character.

Even those who felt a change absolutely necessary, & prepared themselves as having entire confidence in Pastor Anderson as a man and a minister, said he had lived right, was faithful and true &c. &c., but was not giving satisfaction as preacher, and not building up the congregation.

4. Disappointment as to results.

When Pastor Anderson went to Rockford, and the congregation he serves started to build, the prospects here that at least twenty families - some of means and standing, would unite with them from the Mother Church. Instead of this however, these people with many others, organized a church, and commenced to build within a few

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squares of the Anderson Church. Not setting these families and finances lightening up, the results of the vote did not come up to expectations and the remedy was looked for in a more thorough and eloquent Swedish pastor. Thinking they could secure Rev. M. Stolpe, and that he could draw many persons to the Church, and heal all their financial ills, they found fault with Pastor Anderson, and wanted him to resign.

I told them they could not get Rev. Stolpe, and wrote him to "settle them" on that matter, and he did.

What I found

out. A. When the mission was re-organized under Pastor Anderson, he had a list of 85 names, of which he could only find 70. Within six months of these missions with houses of various sorts. In eighteen months Pastor Anderson added 93 members, and has now 150 - four (4) being regular.

On Sunday - Jan. 13th - the Sunday School was larger than ever before - 100 children being present. The S. School is English.

B. The attendance at Church services has fallen off, or had fallen off up to the time of my visit. It is better now. Pastor Anderson accounts for this in the following ways.

- I. The reports against him.
- II. The Church - being not warm enough
- III. The new building of the old Mother (Augustana) Church, opened for worship.

The attendance at Church service Sunday Morning - Jan. 13th was 150.

C. Only 45 members now pay, but Pastor A. accounts for this by the indifference of his Deacons, and says

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A change in Church Officers will make a vast difference.

The Congregational Meeting showed much actual and excellent work done during the year. The reports were all in business like shape and everything was done "decently and in order". Eighty five members were present.

On a vote concerning salary of pastor for 1884 - \$1000. being the amt - only 35 voted - 22 for, 13 against. On a vote as to pastor - in the following words, 26 voted yes, and 28 nay. "Resolved, that if we retain our present pastor, we will do all in our power to sustain him. If not we will talk it over." How is that for definiteness?

The Meeting adjourned at 2 A.M. to January 31st with the result as indicated in Bro. Anderson's letter of July 18th herewith sent in package of letters mailed Q. From it you will see that matters are in much better shape, and that all we can now do is to wait and watch further developments.

In case trouble continues, Bro. Anderson might resign. I think Bro. Heilman of Chicago has a man he can put there. I wish very much he could find a place for Rev. A., as he is in many respects an admirable worker.

He could not go to Stoney City, as he cannot, with his large family live on less than \$1000.00 salary. The letters I enclose will give additional light on the Rockford Illinois case. Our Heavenly Father grant that peace may now

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XII. Missions Journal.

is great im-
-provement in matter, appearance
and promptness of mailing. Good!

XIII. New Plans.

In these I also
rejoice. They indicate progress and
purpose, and are a vast improvement
on those of former years.

XIV. Conclusion.

Many more
things remain
to be said, but my strength is gone, and
I must "lay me down" for awhile in
order to be able to meet Past. Detweiler to-
-night, who has just sent word of his coming
for "an interview".

I am sorry to be in the
condition in which the two heads past
have found me, but "the will of the Lord
be done". I will do all I am able to do, to
keep things moving.

Our hearts go out in
gratitude for the kindly words and good
advice of the Pres. & Secy, and the assu-
-rances of prayer and sympathy from
our Missions, and many pastors.

In heaviness and painfulness, but also
in faith, hope and courage.

Sam^l B. Danitz
Western Secy.

Westmore La.

July. 7th 1884.