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Since two-thirds of the Germans and ninety-eight per cent. of all the Scandinavians are Lutherans, in history we find that no Church ever had greater responsibilities and opportunities. Every Christian and patriot has an interest in the efforts which the Evangelical Lutheran Church is making to secure missionaries and churches for these, her own children. Only their own Church can do this service to our country with the greatest success.

The Lutheran Church, because of immigration, has a great future in this country. In 1866 she had 297,761 communicants, and in 1884, 891,931. Last year her net gain in communicants was 73,431.

Des. Moines Ia. Sep. 8 1887
Atchison, Mo. Sept. 10th 1887
My dear Bro. Albert

As I cannot prepare a report in regular form, because of constant interruptions, and lack of suitable material, I will note the important items, so that you may have them in time for the 15th. II. Michita. As you will see from enclosed correspondence with Bro. Gauslin, named A. he declines the invitation to Michita. I have not had a line from W. since the letter of Bro. Miller already sent you. I answered it promptly, saying we would endorse ^{Bro} Sumner, if they could secure him, abused them again of our interest and

offered to give them my services as often
and as long as possible between synods,
and for several months after the synod
if necessary. No reply. Oh! for a man
for this field at once. ~~III~~ Southern Kansas.

The letter marked B. from Mr. J. G. H.
Hush is full of interest. Winfield Ks
should now be occupied by us if possi-
-ble, as Sawyer of the Genl Council has
withdrawn from the field. Mr. Harter
from your description of him is hardly
the kind of man for that splendid city.

He is certainly very far behind the
times, if he thinks "Substantially correct"
still remains as our Genl Synod basis.
I will write him and find out all I can
concerning Newton and other points.

I wish something could be done for
Cedarvale, but do not see how it is to
be done. I sent you Mr. Henry's letter
in the last batch. ~~III~~ With reference
to New Town in which Mr. Schupfield
offered lots, I wrote Bro. Killinger. His
reply marked C - is enclosed. ~~IV~~ Lawrence
Ks. Cannot understand the part of Delos
card. I have misread. Perhaps you can.

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2 THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION
OF THE
General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
In the United States,
TO BE HELD AT
Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska,
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card mailed D - will see him D.V. this evening and if he has not written you fully, will try to get ^{you} report of trouble in time for board meeting. V. Kansas City. Card E - from Swetell says he is in good trim after his vacation. VI. Nebraska. Page of "various" correspondence mailed F - It speaks for itself, but impresses me with the importance of giving that synod as much time as possible. I wonder if Pres. Huler could not change a fair - opening synod Thursday P.M. 29th. In that case I could reach there Monday A.M. Oct 3. I will consult Bro. Detweiler about it. VII. Burlington, Iowa. Letter & cards from Miss Mary Buller - mailed G. will give him a Sunday as soon as possible. VIII. Nevada, Ia. Bro. Leigler and his wife are forming near of Nevada, and will, I think, try to get away

I told him he must not think of it un-
-til he has a successor fitted for the field.

He is much exercised also about the
work in the State. Indeed something must
be done to hold what we have - the weaker
points - and this makes the coming meeting
of Iowa Synod exceedingly important. The
matter of a State Missions or paid Past.
will come up, and must be carefully
considered. See Z's letter H on several points.

IX. Atetusion. I think there will be no
trouble here to keep the place of worship
open and pulpit supplied. The sick
also and funerals can be attended to by
Pretsen on the ground, but nothing can
be done towards the church enterprise
until a regular pastor fits all his time
to it. Bro. Glandrup will not reach here
until the 14th, but I think that he &
Bro. W. and old Mr. Parhart can attend
to the preaching &c. I will have a consulta-
-tion with the Pretsen here, and find out
whether they have any idea of "a man", or
rather "the man" they want. Have seen Bro.
Gjerlin who says there will be no trouble
in keeping up the services & S. School with
the help of Glandrup & Wym. Will try to
send you night message, Wednesday, after

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seeing Bro. Seandrup. Owen must see
 be "a good deal off". He literally sneaked
 away - not telling anyone, but sending
 a postal to Bro. Zervin after he reached
 Illinois. The people are much chagrined
 at his strange conduct. They thought to fire
 him a nice farewell - pay up his salary
 &c. &c. "It is too bad". ~~II~~, Simp-city and
 South Simp City. Letter from Bro. Maell,
 and care from Baird. I - If Maell can
 be ready with corner stone, I will fire
 him Oct. 9, ~~II~~, Denver - Scandinavian.
 cannot comply with Hansen's request.
 - J - I would not be right to do it. I have
 been "caught" before, and promised my
 wife most solemnly, I would never
 - fair "endorse". If I was able, I would fire
 it, but I cannot "endorse for him".
~~II~~, Men. Letter - K - Not very desirable,
 though Hansen & Levers are good men.

I am sorry that Smear goes to or near
Michita. He has had an unusual record
unless I am mistaken in the man.
What do you think of him? I wrote
Hartley that he had no money for new
work in S. Kansas, and two boxes, I
knew nothing about good land - con-
-mended him to Served, Fessler, Lester
- Day & XIII, Synods. Do not see how
we can omit N. Ills. Cannot somebody
else go to Hartman, and you take W. Ills.
and N. Ills.? I could then manage Jana
and Web. very nicely. Write me to Des. Moines
as soon as you decide, and Mr. B. will
forward. I have promised McLeave the 15th
if they can get ready for dedication. As
soon as I hear, will let you know where
I will be after 16th up to S. Ills. Synod 22-

27. Sorry I cannot send you the usual
near (?) report, but from home - poor ink -
poor pen, and rain pouring down so I
cannot go out and get better, I must do the
best I can. With love to all -

Sam^l B. Barnitz
W. Secy.