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The Board of Home Missions will please accept my assurances of gratitude and appreciation for re-election to the office of Western Secretary. As the attack at General Synod was made on both Board and Secretaries, the reappointment of the Board, without a dissenting vote, was an endorsement not alone of their work and policy, but also of those selected by them as their representatives in the field. Indeed the opposition was confined to a very small circle, and that opposition, in nearly every case, based on some personal disappointment.

Whilst I cannot promise any more hours per day to the great work, neither any more labor in these hours, I can assure the Board of the same attention to the interests of Home-Missions as in the past, and of my desire for greater results from the same efforts, because of larger and enlarging experience. My heart's desire and prayer to God is that the years upon which we have entered may be noted ones in the history of the General Synod.

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A. SYNOD
OF
SOUTHERN
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Six days were spent with the brethren of this Synod, and three sermons and four addresses delivered.

Though improvement comes slowly in this territory, it is manifest and could we but fill the vacancies with the

right kind of ministers, a great work could be done in the bounds of this synod.

During the year two new churches - quite modern in architecture - have been built and paid for, and a third one is now in course of re-building. One of the new churches takes the place of the house of worship, where synod met during my first visit in 1882, which had in it a hollow square Amiens bench instead of the communion rail and altar.

The pastor and "men-singers and women-singers" and "aids to the mourners", occupied the inside of the square, and the "Amiens" and "mourners" the outside.

That church, in 1882, reported a great revival - 150 souls added to the Kingdom, and one dollar and fifty cents for Missions.

All this is now changed. One or two of the congregations have made up their apportionment, two women's W. O. M. Societies have been organized, and a third one about to be inaugurated. The order of service is used in several of the churches, 830 envelopes have been ordered for Children's Home Mission Day, and prayer is being made to the Lord of the harvest for young men for the ministry. There are, however, a number of vacancies, and several new points which ought to be occupied. There is a disposition on the part of several of the ministers of this synod to unite the body with the

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Synod of Central Illinois. To this end I have been laboring for several years, and would have accomplished the desirable end, but for the unreasonable demands of Central Ills. Synod. The matter will be accomplished ere many years and will be a benefit to the territory of both bodies.

Without doubt, we have a field in this section of Illinois, and one worthy of better cultivation. It has been a "burnt district", and a burnt district located in "Egypt" but as there is improvement in schools, farms, farming &c. the people are "coming up", and the church must keep pace with other improvements. It has not been doing this because the ministry has not been of the right type. That we have an abundance of material here will appear from the fact that over 1200 people attended services on Sunday morning Sept. 25th. and more than one half of these were young men and maidens, and all adherents of the Lutheran or German Reformed Churches. The services commenced at half past nine ^{a.m.} o'clock and closed at five P.M. with an intermission of one hour for lunch in the fore. If time permitted, a missionary visitation to this territory would accomplish great results.

Pastors and people need information, as well as a general and kindly "stirring up" from the territory of this synod

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1. ANNA.

1. Anna. Union Co. asks aid to the extent of Five Hundred Dollars, for a year. I met with the Church Council and told them I could give them no encouragement whatever, as our treasury is empty. I enclose their petition marked A. If at all possible, I suggest an appropriation of One Hundred and fifty Dollars to this field. The members here are noble, and the Church at Anna will be strengthened by sermons from the Country Churches in the immediate neighborhood. It will help our work in all that section, and throughout the Synod, if Anna can be aided.

2. MURPHYSBORO.

2. Murphysboro. The new pastor for this field - Rev. W. Petrea, was not at Synod, but expected to enter upon his duties, October 1st. He is now, I learn, at work, well pleased, and thus far, giving good satisfaction. I have urged upon the people at all, to make an extra effort for pastor's support and benevolence, and if Rev. Mr. Petrea is all that he is represented, there will be "a coming up" on the part of this congregation.

MURPHYSBORO.
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OF
NORTHERN
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B. Synod of Northern Illinois. A ride of thirty one hours from Synod of Southern Illinois near Anna, brought me to Synod of Northern Illinois at Sena, Ills. One

full day and evening were given to this synod, and Home Missions and Church Extension fully discussed before the synod in the afternoon, and before a crowded audience at night.

The synod was well attended, and the spirit good. Concerning

1. Freeport, a special committee was

appointed to make a thorough investigation of everything pertaining to the building of the church, indebtedness &c. This action was taken by request of Woman's W. & S. M. Soc. Ref. Committee.

To my surprise and regret, I have been made a member of this committee by a vote of the synod. A letter from the president - marked B - asks that a date be fixed for a meeting. I have answered that it will not be possible for me to visit Freeport with the committee, until after the synods are over, but when through with visits to them, will aid in any way in my power, to get affairs straightened out. As preliminary, I suggested that Rev. Mr. Reeser, prepare and submit a detailed report of receipts and expenditures for church building. At Seneca I learned that he claims that he was "appointed agent and committee of the Board of Church Extension to erect and superintend the building of the church, that W. & S. M. Soc. had nothing to do with it, that Board of Church

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-tension had not yet asked him for a statement, and that he did not propose to do the bidding of the women."

How he will act with reference to committee of synod, I do not know.

The Board of Church-Extension certainly have asked for this account, and Mr. Teser makes a great mistake in not sending it. If I must act with this "Committee of investigation", I will insist on their finding out all that can be found out, on going to the very bottom of things, if it takes all winter. The Secy. of Board of Church-Extension, should have been on the committee, instead of the Western Secy. of Home Missions. It is Church-Extension, rather than Home Mission work.

FREEPORT

2. ROCK-
-FORD.

2. Rockford. Considerable attention was given the mission at Rockford, and its embarrassed condition because of the debt on Church property. A special committee was appointed to report some action for the relief of the congregation, but this committee had not yet reported when I left synod. I suggested an extra effort on the part of the synod, to raise \$1000.00 in addition to apportionment for the benefit of this mission. If this could be done and Board of Church-Extension add to it a loan of five thousand dollars (\$2000.00) the congregation would be greatly relieved, and the General Synod virtually become

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owner of the handsome property. There ought to be something done to make use of the future of our General Synod work in this important city. The pastor and delegate stated that the congregation would make a warranty deed to Board of Church-Extension, or General Synod, for the beautiful church property in case the burden of debt could be lifted.

They have promptly met the interest regularly when due, and have kept up the payment of all other expenses.

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The delegate and pastor plead for an English Missionary at the earliest possible date, and declared that "an earnest American Lutheran pastor could gather a large number of young people in short time." There are now virtually two English Lutheran Sunday Schools in Rockford superintended by Congregationalist laymen. One of the schools is that of our own mission, and the other that of the "Swedish Independent or 'Dsee' Church".

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It is believed that under an English Lutheran pastor these schools could be united in our church and the membership largely increased. I am convinced that it would be a great step forward, a wise movement to place an English Lutheran pastor of the General Synod in Rockford. He must be long as this, unless he want to hand over our own young people to other denominations.

C. Synod
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C. Synod of Iowa. Leaving Iowa
Ils. After Mission-
-ary meeting Wednesday night, the Synod
of Iowa, at Dixon Iowa, was reached
Thursday at 10 A.M. The meeting was
a good and earnest one, nearly all the
time having been given to Mission and
Education work. Considering the vacan-
-cies, the weak congregations, the early
history of the Church in Iowa - the "burnt
districts" etc. with which this Synod has
to contend, its record in the past five
years has been a noble and magnificent
one. In generosity it is really the
"Banner Synod." The apportionment
has been exceeded, the special \$1000.00
fund for Sioux City completed, and over
\$500.00 given for the "Board of Education".
The great burden of all the speeches,
sermons and addresses was the need
of a State or District Missionary, not
so much for new work, as to help
the weak, and "strengthen the things
which remain". Iowa needs this kind
of service more than any other State
or Synod, and I sincerely wish he
could devise some way to give help
and relief. He cannot afford to lose
Iowa, because of the future. There
are thousands of Sutheran children
of German and Scandinavian parents
rapidly becoming English. There is
destined to be a "refuge immigration"
- a coming from the West into Iowa.

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There is yet much valuable and unoccupied land - especially in the northern part of the state, and this will be taken up by settlers. Synod pleads for \$300.00 to \$400.00 to help sustain a District Missionary. Such a missionary would save us the appropriation to Knoxville now again vacant, thus bringing down the amount. He would also bring up the contributions for missions by regularly supplying the vacant charges until pastors can be secured for them.

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The plan to unite Iowa and Nebraska under Nebraska's State Missionary would not answer. I have been thinking of uniting the securing of Church lots, and the District Mission work in one man. Would that be feasible?

As Mr. Kountze would pay one fourth of his entire salary, and the Board of Church Extension another fourth, our share would be comparatively small, as he would be credited with what might be raised on the field. Will the Board please, carefully consider this plan?

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We must do something to help the wear but very worthy pastors' charges in Iowa, as well as try to occupy some of the new northern territory!

I. NEVA-
-DA.

Concerning special points in Iowa, I Nevada, well, I fear, soon become vacant. Bro. Zeigler seems very much disheartened, and is, I think,

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looking out for a more comfortable and more promising field. He has not been much of a success, in any of his fields, i. e. his success does not seem to last. True, he has worked hard, and I think, done good solid work. He has had very unpromising fields, with the exception of Nevada, but somehow or other his success does not keep up any length of time. He seems to feel this, and to feel it keenly, but believing the fault to be with the fields he has had, he will look for better ones. His wife ("Dem Vimmens", poor thing) is greatly dissatisfied at Nevada, and thinks she "cannot endure it much longer". Bro. Z. has not yet resigned, but talks as above, from which I infer that if opportunity offers, he will make a change.

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-DA-2. SIOUX
-CITY.

2. Sioux-City. There was considerable feeling, at synod, over the return of the plans for Sioux-City Church, and the curt letter from Board of Church Extension. The synod felt that it had done nobly by the Board in raising \$2000.00 in less than five years, in addition to apportionment, for Church Extension on its territory, and this feeling, with the importance of Sioux-City, and the absolute necessity of getting a house of worship under roof this autumn, made matters warm for a season. The Pres. of synod promised

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to visit Sioux-City, and from his own observations, write Board of Church Extension. The "Special Representative" of the Board tried to explain, and I attempted to make sense on account of death of Mr. Smeyser etc, but as the action was taken and letter written before his death, I had rather an "up-hill business" of it. I do hope the building can be gotten under way this month.

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All reports I get from Sioux-City are favorable to Bro. Mackenzie, and I believe a church edifice will insure us success in this rapidly growing city of the north-west. LATER. Letter from Z.-C.

3. BUR-
-LING-
-TON.

3) Guslington. Will spend next Tuesday evening - Oct. 18th - at Guslington, en route to Synod of Central Illinois. The pastor and Church-Council desire an installation service, and Tuesday evening has been fixed for it.

4. CEDAR-
-RAPIDS.

4. Cedar-Rapids. The congregation at Cedar-Rapids is talking of opening a new mission Sunday School in a rapidly growing part of the city, about two miles from the present church edifice. Ground for a chapel is offered them, and with a little aid from Board of Church Extension a chapel can be erected, and the work inaugurated. I will spend the coming Sunday - Oct. 16th & Monday October 17th at Cedar-Rapids.

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PROJECT

5. IOWA
CITY.

5. Iowa-city. Everything does not seem to be "in sweet accord" at Iowa City Mission. The Church-Council request a visit, but do not give the reasons. The Missionary said nothing to me of any trouble, and as I had not the request of the Council when seeing him, had no opportunity to speak to him about it. I replied to request of Church officers, that I could not fare them a Sunday, before December.

6. LIS-
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6. Lisbon & Clarence. This charge will likely call Mr. J. J. DeLo. He was present at Synod, and made a good impression. He always makes a good impression at the first.

7. KNOX-
-VILLE

7. Knoxville. Mr. Samuel C. Smith has ceased to serve this charge, having accepted a call to Ponce Neb. He did good service as a supply, and my hope was that he become the "settled" pastor. But alas!

8. DAV-
-ENPORT

8. Davenport. Slow work, and hard at Davenport, but I think good foundations are being laid. The lay delegate to Synod reported favorably, and the pastor's statements showed that he is not discouraged.

9. NEW-
-TON.

9. Newton. Mr. A. Zell has resigned the Church at Newton, on account of the ill health of his wife. This will create a vacancy in one of

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Jonas' most liberal congregations. Mrs. Bell has been "home-sick" ever since coming West, and this has so broken down her nervous system that she is prostrate. The only remedy seems to be a "return to the East".

D. Synod
of
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D. Synod of Nebraska.

A journey of 400 miles from Dixon Ia. brought me to Synod of Nebraska at Beatrice Neb. Arriving there Saturday afternoon, I found that nearly everything concerning Home Missions and Education had been postponed until Monday Morning.

The synod was largely attended, and not very ably managed. The Germans concentrated on Rev. G. H. Schuur Sr. for president, and elected him by one majority over Rev. Adam Stump the choice of the American pastors and delegates. The feeling throughout however seemed good. The report of the State Secretary, and the committee having the directing of his work, called forth my earnest discussion. Rev. Bro. Griffith called attention to the fact that State Secy. had not organized one solitary new congregation, and thought \$1600.00 per year would accomplish greater results in some other direction. Rev. G. Baird wanted "no interference with his work in his own charge. when he could no longer manage the

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affairs of his congregations, he would re-
 -sign". Robert Weidensall answered
 Bro. Griffith by saying that "State Secy.
 had not organized new congregations,
 because the Board of Home Missions had
 forbidden him". This I flatly con-
 -tradicted by saying that the Board
 of Home Missions would rejoice at the
 organization of ten congregations a
 week, provided they were not promised
 aid from Home Mission treasury.
 that organizing congregations, and or-
 -ganizing congregations to be aided by the
 Board of Home Missions were two entirely
 different things. I kindly, but earnestly
 protested against such a misrepresenta-
 -tion. Robert W. also asserted that "the
 officers of the Board - Rev. C. P. Albert Past.
 and Rev. J. A. Clark Secy. had been con-
 -sulted, and gave their approval, that
 he went out of his way to go to Baltimore
 for this purpose, and when there walked
 through a terrible rain-storm to see
 the officers of Board etc." I replied that
 I knew he had so done, but that it was
 after the Committee had organized, se-
 -lected the man, fixed the salary and
 ordered him to work, and not according
 to the resolution of Synod appointing
 the Committee. Bro. Delveiler, Chair-
 -man of Committee, stood by me in this
 statement, and he was set right be-
 -fore the Synod. I told the Synod how
 large a proportion of our funds were

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being expended in Nebraska, & showed them the papers in the Home Mission work in their State during the past four years. They acknowledged all this and "had no complaints whatever to make against the Board of Home Missions, nor any of its officers".

When objection was made to raising money for salary of State Secy. Bro. Nott. Widenhall told them not to be troubled about that part, that he expected to raise the same amt. or more, for coming year that he had raised for present year or so. Synod resolved to continue State Secy. - Mr. E. Huber and passed a series of resolutions looking to work something after the manner of the Y. M. C. A. Bro. Huber goes East this month, and desires to meet with the Boards of Home Missions & Church Extension. I enclose a letter from him, marked D.

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2. Augustana Synod's protest. The committee appointed by the Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod to meet the Synod of Nebraska, and protest against their doing Mission work among the Scandinavians, did not appear, but instead sent their "resolutions".

AUGUS-
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The Nebraska Synod appointed a committee to meet the Augustana committee in Omaha, at some date

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to be hereafter arranged. I find I have been placed on the committee also, and since this is so, I want to "hold up our end" in the best manner possible, and would therefore like the Board to make reply to the action or request of the Nebraska Conference. The Board has a copy of the action which to my mind is impertinent, and reflects on the orthodoxy of the General Synod.

AUGUSTANA
PROTEST.

As all the Scandinavian work in the Nebraska Synod is our Mission work, the protest of Augustana concerns us.

3. CHEY-
-ENNE.

3 Cheyenne. Pastor Beckman was on hand "in full force", but I think, learned something before the synod was over. The Ministerium had about decided to ordain him, but at my suggestion, concluded to "renew his license". He was quite "imperial" for awhile, but "settled down" and accepted the renewed license. He confronted me with "promises made by Board of Church Extension, with Secy. of that Board taking away the deed and allowing nearly three months to pass without giving them any satisfaction, and then instead of giving them corner lot as promised, offering them the inside lot &c. &c." As I had not heard the "promise of corner lot" I could say I had not heard it, and I was very glad to be able to say so, and glad I was not present when the assurance was given.

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CHEY-
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There was considerable feeling over this matter, and the following resolution was offered and strongly advocated.

"Resolved that this synod recommend to the Board of Church Extension, that in its treatment of the Nebraska synod, they know of no difference between nationalities where the congregation have adopted the constitution recommended by the Board of Home Missions, and give to the congregation at Cheyenne the same privilege as at other places, where the Board have church lots." This is a copy of the action passed a year ago, only that at that time the Board of Home Missions was included.

CHEY-
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The special representative of Bd of Ch. Ex. plead with the synod not to pass this, but as his name was to it one year ago he was soon discomfited. I fought it by showing how unwise it was to ^{have} passed such a thing a year ago, what trouble it had made so. I asked the German brethren, if it would be right to give the Scandinavians lots in a city, where we might some day need one of them for a German church or so. The resolution was defeated, and by the wise help of Bro. Huler, we adopted telling the church at Cheyenne to accept the inside lot and be satisfied. It is never safe to make a promise or hold out an inducement to expect something from the Board, unless it is very certain to be made good. The recall of the purchase of lots in North-Platte,

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the refusing of additional aid to Geatree and the change of promises from donations to loans at Pueblo and South Spring-City did not help any in the Cheyenne matter.

Bro. Beckman was advised to go home and "by the authority of synod" urge the congregation to accept the inside lot and go to work and build a chapel. It was also suggested that Bro. Senter arrange with Bd. of Ch. of P. to authorize him to visit Cheyenne and Pueblo, and aid in taking subscriptions &c. &c.

CHEY-
-FYNN
Wyoming

It is more and more evident every day that there will be ^{no} genuine peace on this "Kuhn's lot question" until the Board of Church Extension gains absolute control and ownership of every remaining piece of property, by sending a representative to Boston and securing warranty deeds by purchase or otherwise.

CHURCH
LOTS.

This I have said for six years, and had it been done much trouble and money would have been saved. If the Board had actual possession, it would be in condition to say who should have the lots, and who should not. I report this fully because these things concern and trouble our own Board, and because, being in the field, I am constantly appealed to with reference to them.

CHURCH
LOTS.

H. BEAT-
-RICE.

4 Geatree. Concerning this field, I scarcely know what to report. "The more you learn of some things, the less you find out." The failure to se-

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- cure^{an} additional loan from the Board of Church Extension, was a severe blow and a great disappointment. Miss Mary Albright said to me, "I am afraid to tell my people. I'm sure what was said when you were here, we were led to expect that the Board of Church Extension would grant us an additional loan." I fear they will "swamp" unless they receive additional help. The "Wittenberg Addition" marked F-may help them out, as Albright and Albright say "they will give their profits towards the Church debt." The trouble about this is that the money must be realized before it can be given, and the "boom" is somewhat "off." There were some "reflections" or "remarks" made by Bro. Kimmel, and others, at synod which roused the ire of Mr. Albright, and the word "war" passed, and a fight seemed imminent. The combatants were parted in the church vestibule, and then Bro. A. Knappet charged in a sort of a general way, and a committee was appointed - the parties knapped together, and all things reported "settled".

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The Missiary reported to me, that he has "had some excellent additions of new families", that his work is more encouraging so. That same day, however, I was invited to dinner with one of these "new families", and the gentleman (a book-keeper for a large coal & wood Co.) said, "I was quite mortified a few days after entering upon my duties, to be

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asked by my employer, if I could not in some way manage to get from Rev. G. W. Albright a bill of two years standing, for \$40⁰⁰/₁₀₀. This is present with me now whenever I hear him preach." He further said: "I have gone to prayer-meetings several times this summer, but found the Church closed, and no sign of light, def-
-tion or pastor." What to suggest I really know not. If the debt was in better shape and the congregation under no ^{financial} obligations to the Missionary, advice could be more easily given. So far as the Missionary himself is concerned, he reports encouragement and says "the outlook was never more promising."

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BEATRICE

S. LINCOLN

5. Lincoln. Bro. Sipe reports "harmony" and the hope of letting the contract for building Church not later than October 10th. Whether they have done so or not, I have not learned. When at Lin-
-coln in July, I told the Missionary that I would, if he desired, spend Sunday Aug. 31st with the Mission, it being the Sunday before Convention of Nebraska Synod.

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-COLN.

Never heard any more about it, until the 19th of Sept. - letter G. The meeting of synod was changed to Sept. 26, and he "thought Sept. 24, would do me as well."

This kind of thoughtful(?) calculation is what "plays hob" with some of our work. He said "it turned out for the best that it did not suit me to come, as the M. E. Conference was in session

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that well, but the fact did not occur to him when he wrote me." I urged pushing the work without any "let-up".

6. Benedict, York Co.

After receiving letter H -
knowing the propensity of Mr. G. A. Schurr Sr. to complain and lament and know-
-also of the frankness of the York Co. ^{ing} people because "the Pres. and Secys" papered by them 1875, I concluded to make a forced march and attend the corner-stone laying at Benedict - Sept. 18. I left Wichita Ks. Friday night - 16th and reached York at midnight of the 17th then drove fifteen miles to Benedict, preached afternoon in open air, and night at "Bethel" six miles distant, and at 10 P.M. started for the return drive of 16 miles - reaching York at one o'clock, A.M. and taking train for Chicago (S. Ill. Synod) at 5 A.M. No "hobbles on", or could not have made it.

The day was beautiful and large audience present. About ^{the sum of} \$100.00 was subscribed at corner-stone laying.

"Benedict" is a new town on the St. Joe and Western Ry. and our church will be the first one erected. The payments are provided for within \$300.00. The church will be ready for dedication by Decem. 20th. With good management this "York County field" can, in a few years be made a strong one.

Bro. Auler talked of having Bro. Schurr called to Yontan, and placing a new man in York Co. but I said "there dare now be no vacancy".

7. KEARNEY
- NEY.

7 Kearney. The Missionary - Rev. K. J. Stamer, State Secy. Huber and Rev. Albert Schrader report progress at Kearney and much greater interest on the part of the people. I insisted on the synod making good its promise to pay interest on the "Stork" and "Alex Smith" monies loaned to Kearney. Urged appropriation of \$200.00 now due, and \$100.00 due in Sept. 1889. Past. Huber refers to this matter in his letter - marked E - herewith sent. The property at Kearney is reported as increasing in value.

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8. SYDNEY

8 Sydney. Bro. Fischer reports encouragement in his work, and says "new church building will be ready for dedication by Christmas".

9. DAVID CITY

9 David City. Rev. G. F. Pugh requested "advice" as to building at this point. My advice was to "build at once, if you can raise the money, and it's better to get at it than to talk about getting at it."

10. BOXES OF CLOTHING

10 Boxes of clothing etc. Nearly all our German and Scandinavian Missionaries will need help in the way of clothing etc. etc. the coming winter. I took the list of names and sent them to Mrs. Wilson of W. H. S. M. H. com. Many of our American pastors will be greatly helped by a "Box", and will appreciate the help.

I trust there will be "no lack" on the part of congregations & societies, sisters and card.

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J. SOUTH
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H. OLIVE
BRANCH
SYNOD.

I. SYNOD
OF
KANSAS.

E. Kansas. 1. Southern Kansas.

Letter - J - from Rev. J. G. M. Hursh, tells of the departure & non-return of Rev. J. Garner - the General Council's Missionary in Southern Kansas. Bro. Hursh urges "a visit at an early day". I have written him that I would try to visit "Winfield" Wagoner etc. at close of Synod, and would consult with him at Abilene, during the meeting of Synod of Kansas.

2. Atchison, Reported in letter to General Secretary. Oct. 16th 1887.

F. California. 1 San Francisco.

The latest I have from this field is letter mailed. K. G. Synod of Central Ills. Oct. 19 - 25.

H. Synod of Olive Branch. Oct. 25 & 26.

I. Synod of Kansas. October 27 - 31st.

Sam^l J. Marantz
Western Secy.

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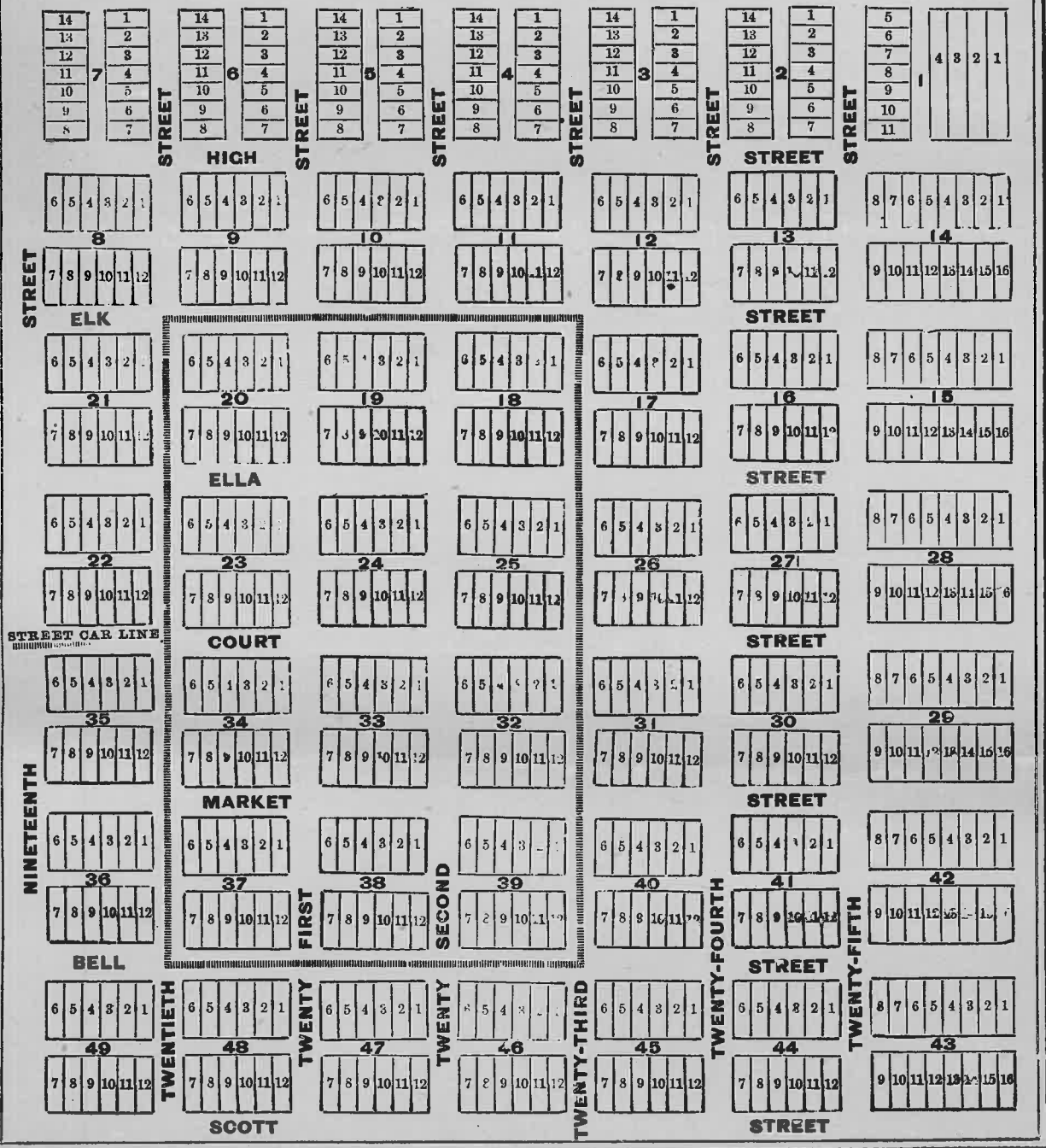
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EXPLANATION.

Wittenberg Addition to Beatrice comprises a beautiful quarter section of land on the east side of the city. Whilst the above plat is not precisely accurate as to scale, it is perfect as to relative positions and numbers of lots and blocks. All east and west streets are 80 feet wide, and all north and south streets are 66 feet wide. All alleys are 20 feet wide, except those in the south tier of blocks, which are 18 feet wide. All lots are the regular size, 50 by 140 feet, except those in the south tier, which are 125 feet long, and except those bordering on the north and east lines of the tract, which are all above the regular size.

This addition is especially fortunate in its location relative to the business part of the city. Court street is the lead-

ing business street, and the business is steadily moving eastward on that street. On one corner of 6th and Court is a model Postoffice building, and on another is being erected one of the finest hotel buildings in the west. Nineteenth street is precisely one mile east of 6th street. Wittenberg addition is destined to become the most popular residence portion of the city.

The construction of a Rapid Transit street car line, as indicated on the plat, will be commenced early next spring and will be completed at the earliest possible moment. This line will connect with the business part of the city, the depots, etc., and will render unusually desirable service to all citizens within its reach. This, with the lines already existing in the city, will make the street car service in Beatrice most helpful, satisfactory and gratifying to the citizens in general, and it will add to the already

enviable popularity of the city.

Beatrice is one of the most beautiful, thrifty and enterprising cities of the west. It is the county seat of Gage county, one of the very best agricultural counties of Nebraska. It contains about 10,000 inhabitants, and promises to become a great mercantile and manufacturing city. Its water works and electric light system are the pride of the people. Its several systems of railways are doing wonderful work for the city. To these more will soon be added. The Blue river flowing through the city furnishes excellent water power. A strong and influential company is now being formed for the further development of the water power and for the aid and encouragement of additional manufacturing institutions. It is becoming a very popular thing to have a home in Beatrice, the "Queen of the Blue."

The lots in Wittenberg Addition are now placed on sale. For prices of lots, terms and other information concerning investments in Beatrice, address any one of the undersigned.

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