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II. Iowa. A. Action of Synod.

The following is the full text of the action of the Synod of Iowa, with reference to State Missionary or Superintendent: "Your committee recommend that the Advisory Board be authorized to secure, subject to the approval of the Board of Home Missions, a State Missionary, who shall work under their supervision. His duties shall be as follows: Minutes, Page 15 & 16.

1. Visiting vacant congregations, holding special services for awakening new life, and co-operating with the President in securing pastors, and of time should permit, aiding pastors in holding special services.

2. Visiting new fields organizing congregations, seeing that they are supplied with preaching, and aiding them to secure a pastor. Support.

1. He shall be allowed an annual salary of not less than \$500.00, and traveling expenses.

2. The Advisory Board shall be authorized to canvass: (A) the vacant congregations, to see how much they will give per service to the State Missionary; (B) to also canvass the Synod in general to see how much they can raise there for the support of said Missionary. 3. As soon as an amount is raised sufficient to insure a competent salary, the Advisory Board shall endeavor to secure a suitable person for said State Missionary."

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If this plan can be carried out, and a suitable man be secured, it will be a great help and blessing to the work in Iowa.

The deficit on apportionment in this Synod occurs in the vacant or pastorless congregations, with but two exceptions, and there is no just cause or reason for these exceptions. I most heartily wish that, in some way or other, in the line of the Board's policy with reference to District Missionaries, we could help this state. Our present action will depend so much of our future in Iowa, that I am inclined to favor a "District Missionary" apportionment and appropriation to help the above mentioned plan.

This is a noble Synod, as shown by its splendid contributions, having given an excess of \$862.16, on apportionment, and completed, in addition, its gift of \$1000.00 for Sioux-City. Some Mission Contributions fell off somewhat, which is accounted for by the "Special Appeal" of 1886 having brought them up for that year, while the special visit of Bro. W.H. and Appeal of Board of Church-Extension; have brought up the contributions for Foreign Missions & Church-Extension this year.

I have no word from the Advisory Board, up to this time, as to their efforts or success in securing funds for Synodical Missionary, but presume they are making the effort, and will report in due season.

B.C.E.
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B. Cedar Rapids.

By special request, Sunday, October 16th was spent at Cedar Rapids, looking over the ground with regard to a new Mission, or Mission Sunday School.

The field is there without doubt, & should be occupied, but I fear little will be done under the present administration.

The present pastor is a good man, no doubt, but somehow or other not successful. The congregation has difficulty in making its regular expenses & failed to meet its apportionment. The Council do not seem able to bring the pastor up to order and system. They would like a change, but do not know how to get it.

As Bro. Robt. Hildensall was instrumental in having pastor Sipe elected, having given him a splendid reputation, and as he ^{now} wants a State Y. M. C. A. Secy. for Nebraska, I have written to a friend to suggest to him that probably Rev. A. W. Sipe, would be "just the man". It would be a great relief to Cedar Rapids to have a change. With reference to a new S. S. enterprise, I urged them to "go ahead".

Jobs will be given them, and they will need some aid, for guidance, from Board of Church Extension. In the S. School before the congregation, I held up the Suther Sunday envelopes, and urged a hearty response to our call. Also took first collection, for new synodical year, for Home Missions, and urged faith-
-ful continuance.

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C. BUR-
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C. Burlington. The pastor and Church-Council at Burlington, believing that the Mission is now firmly established, requested an installation service, which was attended to by appointment of Pres. of Synod of Iowa, Tuesday Evening, October 18th. The Church was filled with a most attentive audience, as fine as I have ever seen gathered on a week night for a similar purpose. Many of the pastors of the city were present, and all the pastors of the German and Scandinavian Churches.

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The meeting was really a strong testimonial to the esteem in which Bro. Keller is held in Burlington, as well as an evidence of careful and thoughtful arrangement on the part of Church-Council and Pastor.

The entire service was a success, and will do good for both Mission & Ministry.

I enclose letter-A - containing impressions of installation from the pastor's standpoint. Inquiring at a number of places in Burlington, revealed the fact that the pastor is very faithful, and "ready to every good work", and that considering the membership, his audiences are as large in proportion as those of other denominations.

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D. Newton. Vacant. Not a mission, but an important field in our Iowa work. Letter B.
Can we help them?

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III. Nebraska. A. Omaha. 1. "Kuntze Memorial". As the standing and efficiency of the Parent Church at Omaha must have an important bearing on our Sutheran work throughout the State of Nebraska, it will be gratifying to the Board of Home Missions to learn that the financial difficulties of the "Kuntze Memorial Church" have been settled, and that the building is fully completed and dedicated at an early day. Mr. Kuntze has just spent two weeks in Omaha, chiefly in the interests of our Sutheran work, and has effected a settlement of all difficulties. He has added to his already liberal gift, \$650.00. His presence, patience and Christian spirit under great import and trial, have gained a great victory for the earnest and spiritual part of the congregation, and, indeed, have added force to our entire work. Letters marked C & D, give some account of the visit, and of the great meeting on Sunday, May 6th. These results call for praise and thanksgiving.

2. St-Marks. In view of the long distance between "St-Marks" Church, and "St-Matthews Mission School", and in view also of the fact that St-Marks requires all the time of Rev. G. W. Schmur Jr., it has been suggested that the Board release him from service at St-Matthews, and allow him to give all his time to

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St. Marks. He seldom gets to St. Matthews, and yet has a sort of responsibility for it. If the Board authorizes, I will inform him that he can give all his time to the one point. Bro. Detweiler will look after St. Matthews, attending to such pastoral work as may be needed, making occasional visits to the school etc.

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3 Shull Addition. In conversation with one of the Shull heirs, a few weeks ago, I learned that they expected work to be commenced in their section of Omaha, at once, and ^{they} think they had a promise to this effect: "when they gave the property"; as I do not remember what was promised them "when they gave the ground", I could only speak of the difficulties in securing a good man "at once", of the impoverished condition of our treasury etc, and assure them that Bro. of W. U. would do everything in its power to make the work a success. Bro. Detweiler would like to have the work undertaken at as early a day as possible, because of the other denominations pushing their work in that section of the city, and because of the many good families, which may be lost to us by delay. It may be possible for him to start a Sunday-School and thus make a beginning, and hold the ground for more vigorous work in the early spring. I will see him

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in a few weeks, and ascertain his views or what can be done. There surely was some promise made the Shull heirs which led them to expect the erection of a church-building at an early day. We are not however responsible for this, but the difficulty is that blame is often laid upon us, because so many people do not understand the difference between Home Missions and Church-extension.

The right kind of missionary, will without doubt, have a great field in this section of Omaha, and one in which success is assured. Oh! for the right man.

Western Headquarters, Lutheran Hospital etc.

The "Memorial Church", being now placed on a solid and permanent financial foundation, and Mr. Combs's plans for other Lutheran work in Omaha maturing, he will press the "Western Headquarters" proposition, as he is convinced that "he ought to make Omaha a great centre of Lutheran work and influence, from which to reach other points in the West and North-West." An effort will be made to secure a branch of the Publication House, or, at least, a first class Book Store, for all Lutheran publications.

Ground has already been given for a Lutheran Hospital, and the plan contemplates also an Orphanage.

These plans are not yet to be

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made public in any way, neither the plans for Theological Seminary. To report them to the Board is, however, no breach of faith or confidence, and I do it because of their relation to Western Home Missions head-quarters, and our other work in the "fate city" - Omaha.

B. FRANK-
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B. Franklin.

Letter and Hand-bill - E - give Bro. Kimmels plans for raising Pastor's support at Franklin and Imp-Island. All very good, if it can be fol-
-lowed up from year to year. I have promised to take Bro. Detweiler's place for one Sunday, making him to help Bro. K during the week, and go to "Benedict" ded-
-ication in my place, the Sunday I am at Omaha. This is the best I can do, as I have no "popular lectures", and neither ability, time nor inclination to prepare any.

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C. BEN-
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C. Benedict.

New Church-Building will be ready for Dedication November 20th or 27th. Rev. G. A. Schurr. Sr re-
-ports encouraging prospects. LATER. E. 2.

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D. Sidney.

Letter F - from Missionary Fisher, reports new Building going for-
-ward, and that it will be ready for dedica-
-tion Decem. 18th. I have written him that D.V. I would be with him at that date. His letter is encouraging.

E. GRAND ISLAND

E. Grand Island.

A Mission, without aid from the Board, established through the extreme self-sacrifice of Mr. Geo. N. Senker, ably succeeded by Mr. A. G. Shrader, is doing splendid work under many adverse circumstances. Its Sunday School has in it able workers from the Mission at Wheeling W. Va., who, with the wide awake pastor never lose sight of giving as a means of grace. Circular G - Shows good judgment and management for Suther Memorial Home Mission Day.

Grand Island.

F. CRETE

F. Crete. Mr. Geo. N. Senker, "Western Representative N. G. M." visited this town recently, secured church property and gathered the scattered sheep of Mr. Sutheran household flock. Mr. Prof. W. J. Oyster will minister to them from time, until permanent arrangements for services can be made.

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G. Plum Creek.

G. Plum Creek, thirty six miles from Kearney on N. P. Ry. and fifty miles from North Platte, has also been occupied, Mr. Senker having secured church-lots, and arranged for occasional services by Pastors in the neighborhood.

H. GOTHENBURG.

H. Gothenburg, thirty five miles from North Platte, has been occupied in the same manner. This town after town along the line of the Union Pacific is being cared for. Mr. Senker is a firm believer in the policy of the Board

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as set forth in suggestion No. 2. on page 17 of report of Board of Home Missions. He advocates all along the line, and shows the wisdom of it. When the "Western Secretary policy" of the Board of Home Missions, was inaugurated in 1881, there was not a single English Lutheran Church, and I believe not a general Synod Lutheran Church of any kind, west of Omaha, on the main line of the Union Pacific Railway. Since that time, Grand Island and North Platte have built beautiful churches, and Kearney, Plum-Creek, Grothendurg, Potter, Sidney, Cheyenne, Denver, San-Francisco, and So. Omaha have been taken hold of.

Though this is only a tithe of what might have been done, had men and money been at command, it is nevertheless encouraging, and calls for devout gratitude to God.

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I. Dip, a new town 9 miles west of Potter, promises to be a flourishing village. Mrs. Margt. Robertson the owner of the town-site has donated lots to Rev. D. H. Schultz, for church-purposes. Bro. Schultz says "good business opportunities are now offering at Dip, & that the proprietors of the town will make liberal grants to actual settlers". Oh! for the means and a man of the right type to place, as District Missionary, between Cheyenne and Kearney. I believe that Bro. Huber would accomplish more

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in six months, in the way of permanent work, on a district of that kind, than he can accomplish in years, by keeping the Germans in a good humor. He, however, and Bro. Robt. W. and the Germans, do not see it in the same light.

J. VALLEY.

J. VALLEY. Mr. E. O. Mayne - a banker of this growing division town of the Union Pacific, offers lots, and "dollar for dollar" towards the erection of a Swedish Church in the place. There are quite a number of Swedes, some of them in his employ, and no Church privileges for them in "Valley". He wants nothing said of this until a pastor is secured, and "all things are ready". I felt like reporting the offer to "Augustana" but thought perhaps better refer it to Mr. E. Huber, State Secy. of Neb. with no encouragement for any aid from Board of Home Missions.

VALLEY

K. WARELY.

K. Warely. The young people of St. Matthews Suth. Church, Philadelphia, desire to know how much will be required for Warely for 1885. See letter marked D-H. I have written Prof. Cyster, suggesting Rev. Robt. White for Warely, and asking if the congregation cannot be made self-sustaining by April 1st 1885. Prof. C. told me at synod, of his desire to be relieved, but felt that it would not do to unite Warely and Roca. The letter of Miss Harris is a good one. I have al-

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ready written her, telling her I had plenty of work for their society - two or three communion sets promised, clothing for missionary families, books of worship &c. &c. &c. No difficulty in supporting work ^{for} such a society.

L. WEST
POINT.

L. West Point - Bemer.

"BEMER"

Rev. J. C. Jacoby of West Point says, "My four members are left at 'Bemer', the remainder having 'moved away'. He asks whether he shall continue preaching three times each Sunday so as to supply these four members at 'Bemer'." As the village is not growing, and no new material arriving, I told him to put all his strength on "West Point", and bring it to self-support.

M. OAKLAND.

M. Oakland. Letter - I - from Rev. J. C. Jacoby, concerning Oakland & Rev. Robt. White. What to do with Oakland I know not. It is too important to let go, and yet has in it elements which hinder success. I feel very sorry for Bro. White, & have suggested his name to Newton, Iowa, as also to Bro. Cyster for Waverly, Neb. He is an excellent and faithful man, but has some "weak points".

REV.
R. WHITE

N. HAYS COUNTY MISSION.

N. Hays County Mission. When at Abilene, and giving account of visit to Soc. Church, I said: "The Church has as yet no lamps, but I am sure somebody in this audience wants the privilege of furnishing lamps to that unique Church."

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Well, sure enough there was a response at the close of the service, and not only one, but several. The first was from the ladies of Peabody, Ws, and, of course, they secured the honor. The lamps will be sent to care of Rev. J. W. Kimmel, who will attend to forwarding them to Hays Co. when opportunity offers. They will cheer the people, as well as light the church.

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WYOMING. A. Cheyenne.

Bro. Senker, who has just visited Cheyenne, reports a more encouraging state of affairs, than indicated by Rev. Mr. Beckman's last letter to me. The work on Church-Organizing will be pushed, quite a good subscription having been secured during Bro. Senker's visit. He had a letter from Pastor Beckman, written a day after he left Cheyenne, in which he expressed himself as "encouraged." I will try to go to Cheyenne, at time of Sydney dedication. If they accept the lot offered them by Bro. Ch. Sp. and go forward, I am favorable to continuation of Beckman's mission, though I would greatly prefer an English Sutherland S. School to his mission.

B. New Territory opened up.

The "Burlington and Mo. River R.R." and the "North Western System" will enter Cheyenne, in about 30 days. These lines are opening up much new country. Farms are being built, and

B. NEW

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Division points established, the farm-
-ing lands brought into market and hun-
-dreds of settlers going to them by every
train. Oh! for a District Missionary be-
-tween Holdrege and Cheyenne.

III. COL-
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A. DEN-
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I. ENG-
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III. Colorado, A. Denver, 1. English Church,

Mr. Reddig, of Shippensburg Pa, who recently spent a Sunday in Denver, reports Bro. Heilman as quite discour-
-aged, with reference to congregation, but
much encouraged in the progress and
prospects of the Sunday School. From
another visitor I learned that the Mis-
-sionary said he would "try it one year
longer, and if success was no greater,
he would feel it a duty to resign." I
have nothing direct from Bro. Heilman,
as he was not present at the Synod of
Kansas, and has not written me for
several months. His letter to W. H. D. M.
P. C. ^{OF KANSAS SYNOD} was not so discouraging, but rather
the opposite.

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2. SEAN-
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2. Scandinavian Church.

Bro. Decker reports more favor-
-ably of this work also, than does the
missionary himself. He says the
new Church edifice is rentable little
less, and nearly paid for, and with a
loan of \$1000.00 from Board of Church
Extension, for which he will plead, the
property can be saved, and the work be
successful. He thinks Pastor Hansen
will not resign, if the property can

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be saved, until a suitable successor is found for his place. Whether Mr. Senker can succeed in securing the loan from Bd. of Ch. Ep, or not, it is difficult to tell, but on this will depend the future of our Scandinavian work in Denver.

B. PUEB.
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B. Pueblo. Letter - J - from Rev. Chas. Roos to Rev. A. P. Hansen explains itself, and is a sad, sad revelation. It has come from the delay in securing church-lots, but more particularly I think from 'treachery and pure devilment. I repeat the excuse given, or rather that there was any ground whatever for the action taken!

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There is no valid excuse, but the delay with reference to lots, and the change from donation to loan have been taken advantage of by the wily and treacherous "goes". Bro. Senker who has just visited Pueblo, by order of his Board, thinks Rev. Roos will have the best part of the congregation, both as to numbers and character with him, & that he may also secure the property.

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The "Abortion Church" was to have been dedicated Member 6th, and Pastor Hansen was invited to be present, whether he attended or not, I have not been informed, neither have I any account of dedication or present condition of affairs. I presume Bro. Roos has written directly to Board.

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VI. DA-
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DAKOTA

VI. Dakota. By an election just held, this great territory will be divided and formed into two states. Our eyes, as a church, should be upon the great field open in the new county towns, and the cities which will make efforts for the seat of government. Oh! that our churches and our men of wealth could be awakened to the great privileges before us. What more can we say to them? How can we bring about an awakening to privilege, responsibility, duty!

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DAKOTA

A. Rapid-city. Two pleading letters - marked K - from Rev. J. W. V. Jenker are herewith sent. He also repeated the pleading when at Kansas Synod, saying that he "had never asked the Board of Home Missions for an appropriation, and made it a point not to allow anyone to ask for aid, where it can possibly be done without." He "fears the work at Rapid-city will suffer if something is not done for Pastor Anderson, and that he may lose that good and strategic point". I told him that Anderson had been admonished not to expect aid from Bd. of H. M. had gone to Rapid-city on his own account &c, that personally I would do something for him, and would also se-

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-cause a nice lot of clothing for his family. Bro. Senter, and indeed a majority of the Synod of Nebraska urge an appropriation for Anderson, and plead for it most earnestly and persistently. Perhaps something could be done for him in a private way & sent through our Board; and yet it would be better to have hold on him in the regular way, than to aid him and not have hold on him. He is a most earnest and self-sacrificing worker, but that does not alter the fact that he went to Rapid-City without authority from the Board, and is himself responsible for his sad situation.

While, wishing personally, that an appropriation of \$150.00 could be made from October 1st. I would not tell him so, neither tell Bro. Senter, but submit the matter to the judgment of the Board.

VII.IllinoisA. ROCK-FORD.

VII. Illinois. A. Rockford.

I have written Mr. Nelson, and also the Secy. of the Church-Council of Emanuel Swedish Church, that D.V. I will spend Sunday, Nov. 27th in Rockford, and remain several days if need be, in the interests of their work.

Really, however, I know not what to say to them when I get there, and beyond giving them the Gospel in English, addressing the Sunday Schools, and cheering, or trying to cheer, them.

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my hands will be tied. What can I say to them? Whose name present to them as suitable for pastor? I attended the meeting which decided the fate of Anderson, and have visited the congregation every year since its organization, trying to help and encourage them. My solution of the problem, if he cannot get an English and Swedish pastor, is to place in R, a live English preacher and S. School worker. Instructions from the Board will be most gratefully received.

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B. FREE
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B. Freeport. Arrangements have been made with Rev. O. Pyron, Past. N. Ills. Synod, for a meeting of committee to investigate Freeport, the week following Nov. 27. I have written Bro. Pyron asking him to try to get Rev. Reiser to prepare and submit a full and clear report of receipts and expenditures, so that committee can examine it, immediately on arrival at Freeport. I know not why I should have been added to this committee of a District Synod, for though we have, as a Board of Home Missions, great interests at Freeport, the present trouble concerns Church property and is purely Church-Relation. I will, however, do the best I can to get at facts concerning the building of the Freeport Church.

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C. Other Points on this territory, as Lena etc. will be visited during same week, if time permit, in the interests of Home Missions.

D. CHI-
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Chicago

D. Chicago. In passing through Chicago, Oct. 19th I visited the new building of "Grace Church", and am glad to report it in every way superior as to comfort, and conveniences for successful work, to the former building. If it is a sample of what the main building will be, we have reason to be encouraged.

E. SYNOD
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E. Synod of Central Illinois. This synod held this year, by far the best convention it has held for many years. The attendance was good, the spirit most excellent, and the reports full of encouragement. Rev. W. A. Sully presided admirably, and Secy. Blanche proved himself a most efficient officer, while Rev. W. M. Spenser, treasurer, not only evidenced good book-keeping and commendable promptness, but also such a deep interest in the work of the church as to be untiring in stirring up "the grace of giving". He had the pleasure of presenting a report, showing increased offerings to the Board of nearly \$300.00, with a like sum to the Board of Education, and increase also in every other department; and

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this too with "brought perading cen-
tral Illinois, and the shortest crops
known for many seasons.

The W. B. & D. M. Soc. of this Synod
held its first synodical meeting at
St. Elmo, during the session of Synod,
and had, all things considered a most
excellent meeting. They deserve com-
mendation and encouragement. Secy.
Zimmerman and myself had every
opportunity given to present the work
of Home-Missions and Church-atten-
tion, and the Boards received the most
heartly endorsement. The reports on
the "state of religion", and from the
delegates to the General Synod, were
among the best I have ever heard.

They were presented by Bro. Bartholomew
and deserve to be issued in the form
of tracts. The "fathers" of this Synod -
those who have struggled and sacrificed
and prayed, to an extent we can now
scarcely realize, were full of joy and
thanksgiving at what their eyes now
see, and their ears hear. The hospitality
of Bro. Proutt and his congregation, and
of the people of St. Elmo as a whole,
was most refreshing, and will long be
remembered by every one present at Synod.

Several important cities on
the territory of this Synod, should at
once be occupied, as also some of
the farming towns. 1. Quincy. Here
seems to be a field, "white unto the

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harvest." From what is reported of it, the situation is something like that of Delaware, O. A large number of Pietistic and Americanized Germans want English preaching - not mixed but English. The missionary should

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be able to speak, if possible, a little German, but ^{need} not preach it. We must keep our eyes upon this field, and as soon as the contributions of the churches justify, occupy it. 2. Bloomington,

2. BLOOMINGTON.

is another rapidly growing town - fast assuming the proportions of a city.

It is said "we have some good people in Bloomington", and, no doubt, many could be fathered by a good missionary.

Why our "good people" in towns and cities do not "father themselves together", send for some pastor of their acquaintance, and begin church, or prayer-

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meeting or Sunday school work, is a most singular thing. The pulpits all over the church should attract those

who remove to other places, who are seeking new homes, to be missionaries unto themselves and to each other, to not "drift about" and then complain that "no Lutheran cares for their souls".

Illinois

I have requested ministers of the synod to get any facts they can concerning the people in these fields and report them to the secretaries.

3. Synodical Missionary.

3. Synodical Missionary. Synod appointed Rev. H. M. Boener of Earthcote, Ill. to look

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after the vacancies, he to receive whatever the vacant churches pay him. He is to secure pastors for them as soon as possible, stimulate them to benevolence &c. In all this work the State Missionary and Presb. of Synod are to co-operate. Bro. Pyener is willing to undertake this arduous work, at much sacrifice to himself, and does not ask Synod to appropriate a dollar for the work. He believes that congregations without pastors ought not cease contributing because they are without, but that what they have been paying, they should continue to pay for the support of the Gospel. He believes they will do it, and is willing to trust them, as he has confidence in our Sutheran people.

H. MAEON

H. Macon. Testimonials of the strongest character were given concerning the missionary - Rev. A. R. Heigler - of Macon, and the self-denying and helpful work he and his excellent wife are doing in that town. The Mission has had severe losses and much to discourage, but is re-forevered, according to the statement of the Presb. of Synod, as a light in the community, and the missionary as a blessing to all with whom he comes in contact.

MAEON

There is not much promise of growth in the town and not much for which to hope from this source, but Synod was of the unanimous opinion that the work should be continued, and will so request the Board.

MAEON

VIII. Miss.
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VIII. Missouri. A. St. Louis.

1. New Mission. The young people of St. Marks Lutheran Church are now looking out a location, and suitable place to begin a Mission Sunday School. It will be under the supervision of the "Society of Christian Endeavor" of St. Marks, and have the support of the congregation, and all the attention the pastor can possibly bestow upon it. With the vast material in a city like St. Louis, and the earnest prayer and work which the pastor and young people will bestow upon the new enterprise, it cannot but succeed.

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ENGLISH2. German-English.

A number of Americanized & pietistic Germans in St. Louis have called on Dr. Rhodes asking him for information concerning the General Synod, English preaching, Sunday School etc. They say "their young people want English", and they want them to have it, that the German customs in the churches do not meet their wants etc. Dr. Rhodes answered their questions, promised to help them, if all right, and will look into the matter carefully.

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The movement seems to be something like that at Delaware, Ohio.

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OF
ST. LOUIS.B. Suburb of St. Louis.

The same request has come from a point between St. Louis & Rolla, Mo. on the St. L. & San-Francisco Railway.

A committee called on Dr. Rhodes a few weeks ago with request to visit

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the place and hold a service. It was my intention to look at this town and make some inquiry concerning the movement, but having been delayed by a Railroad wreck, and other detentions, I was obliged to turn back, so as to reach the Olive Branch Synod by the 26th. There is evidently "a sound among the Mulberry trees" in the neighborhood of St. Louis, and I believe we will ere long have several more English Churches in Missouri.

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It will, however, be well not to allow Rev. W. A. Paparant D.D. to find this out.

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1. FIRST
CHURCH.

1. Kansas-City, 1. First Church.

The corner stone of the new First Lutheran Church of Kansas-City, was laid on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Rev. S. A. Ort, D.D. officiating, and Mrs. M. F. Jewell, Dr. Thompson and others assisting. A "balloon ascension" at the same hour interfered somewhat with the services, but they were a success notwithstanding. Dr. Ort's sermons were highly spoken, and the impression made was beneficial for our Lutheran work.

The walls are now to be creased over for the winter, it is said, and the erection of the superstructure to be begun in the Spring of 1858.

2. CHILD-
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MEMORIAL

2. Children's Memorial.

During an hour spent with the pastor of this Mission - Nov. 12th - I learned that he feels much encouraged in his work, having promise of several excellent additions at an early day, and the hope beginning now on main church. Building in the Spring of 1858.

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VIII. Indiana, A. Olive Branch Synod.

The week beginning October 23rd was a week of mishaps, accidents and delays, such as I have very seldom experienced.

The calculation for "close connections" and certain hours at certain places, was all upset by wrecked freight trains and delayed passenger trains. From Monday at 4 A.M. to Friday at 4 A.M., I was not in a bed, and had sleeping-car but part of one night. Being thus delayed I had but five hours with the brethren of the Olive Branch Synod. The convention was held in the beautiful new church of our English Mission at Richmond Ind. and, of my experience, during five hours, was any indication of the hospitality of our Lutheran people in the two congregations in that city, the clerical and lay delegates were most royally entertained.

Opportunity was given to address the synod in the afternoon, and the congregation at night, one of the members having arranged for "a fast horse" to take me to the station in ten minutes, after speaking up to 8 o'clock. I have no report of any action of the synod, as I was not present long enough to ascertain what had been done at first session, and have not learned of what was done after my leaving.

When I reached the church they were discussing a resolution to appoint "a synodical missionary". Such an appointment was earnestly advocated

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by a number of the ministers, on the ground of "their vacancies", their territory &c. One brother, who it is said, never raises his appointment, insinuated that they "were sending their money away, and neglecting their own field &c." When I told them they were receiving \$1550.00 per year from the Board, and giving less than \$500.00, he had no more to say "about sending their money away." I gave every opportunity to ask questions, and tried to answer them, and regretted being obliged to leave the synod at so early a stage in the proceedings.

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Feeling the importance & necessity of being at the Kansas-Synod as early in the week as possible, and having really promised to be there at the opening, I felt obliged to leave "Olive-Branch" at 8 P.M. Wednesday night. I was surprised to see in to-day's "Transcript" that this synod is only charged with 475 Suther day envelopes. Not being able to take the orders, I left the matter in the hands of Bro. Walth of Souisville Ky. Besides this Bro. Walth had written to every pastor in the synod asking for his order or that of his S. School Supt. Why, Souisville alone should have ordered 1200. Orders may still come, after they see themselves in print.

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B. EVANS-
-VILLE.

B. Evansville, Indiana was called to the attention of the Adv. Board of the Synod, and through them to the Board of Home Missions, as a city of growing importance. I know this city to be a field of promise, so soon as we can

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secure the right kind of a missionary, and have the means to sustain him.

C. FINN-
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C. Finance.

The report of the Treasurer ^{for 1887} shows a falling off in receipts for Home Missions of about seventy dollars from that of 1886, and an increase for Foreign Missions of one hundred dollars and for Church Extension of Ninety dollars. The falling off for Home Missions is accounted for in the fact of increase by our special appeal in 1886; and the increase for F. M. & Ch. Ex. is accounted for by Bro. Nels' visits to the churches in the interests of F. M. and by the special appeal of Bro. of Ch. Ex.

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The Treasurer ^{of the Synod} thinks that some monies have been sent directly to our treasurer, which have not passed through his hands, which will make amt. equal to that of 1886.

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IX. KANSAS. A. Synod of Kansas.

A. SYNOD
OF
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The distance between the places of meeting of the Olive Branch Synod, and the Synod of Kansas is 818 miles, requiring a journey of two nights and one day.

Leaving Richmond, Ind.; after speaking, on Wednesday night, Abilene, Ks was reached at 4 A. M. Friday morning. The admirable arrangements made by the pastor of the church at Abilene - Mr. J. M. Poreh - and his wife - and his people, the warm hearted hospitality of the citizens, the excellent reports from the congregations, the good attendance and beautiful weather made this a memorable meeting of the

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Synod of Kansas. A few of the original members or founders of the Synod were present, and must have rejoiced with the joy of those who joy in harvest, as they looked upon the fruit of their early sowing. Surely they must have said many times during the Convention: "Behold what hath God wrought!" All honor to the faithful men, who amid much trial and many difficulties, and often with little or no sympathy, laid the foundations in this great state, and all honor too to those who have come after them and in faith and hope are building the superstructure of General Synod Lutheran work - yea rather Christian work, in the name of the Church of the Reformation.

Rev. W. Lemmer was elected Pres. & presided with grace and impartiality. Rev. D. D. Altman, whose work as Secy. was such as to commend him as a model Secy. was of course re-elected, and Dr. J. P. Herbst whose fine business qualifications were manifest on every page of his report, re-elected treasurer. The sessions were marked by harmony and deep interest in the mission work of the Church.

Every opportunity that could be used was given me to present the work of Home Missions to the Synod and also to the public assembly. Several hours were spent in hearing and answering questions and discussing phases of the work, and the great needs of the State of Kansas.

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The addresses, on Education by Rev. Angus Sore, on Home Missions by Rev. F. D. Altman, on Foreign Missions by Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald, on Suffer by Rev. C. B. Killinger, and on Ordination by Rev. M. A. Geiser, were very far above the average, as was also the Communion Sermon by Prof. Glanville on Sunday Morning. I doubt whether superior addresses and sermons have been delivered at any of our synods this year.

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The Woman's W. O. M. Convention of the synod was of the same high character in all its work and addresses and papers. To me the growth and development in this synod in five years is really remarkable. Church order, church love, Sutheran self-respect, church-architecture - consecration - giving, all have advanced. Advanced! and give cause for thanksgiving and increased zeal.

STATE
secy.

The subject of "State Secy. of Missions" was discussed on a resolution offered by Rev. J. M. Poreh, and strongly advocated by Rev. A. J. Hartsock, who desires to change from Real-Estate Agent, to Sutheran State Secy. of ~~Arkansas~~ Kansas. It was very manifest that he was working up the matter in the interest of himself, as well as of "the cause". He, and one or two others boasted of how much could be raised in Kansas for such work, and how much could be accomplished by it &c. &c. I then asked in "a very calm & dispassionate manner" as it was said

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by one of the brethren, "If these things are so, if it is true that \$1500.00 can be raised as easy as the turning of a hand, is it right for you to raise less than \$500⁰⁰ for some Missions, and ask the men and women of the churches in the East to raise for you \$6500.00 per year? Beloved Brethren is this right? Is it just? There was no reply.

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SECY.

When asked what the Board would do in case a State Secy. was appointed & paid by the Synod of Kansas, I said, "Bid him God speed, but not be responsible for the furnishing of men or money for new points he may organize." I then read the "District Missionary" policy of the Board as set forth in report to General Synod, and spoke of its hearty endorsement by that body. At the close of the discussion, Rev. A. M. Geizer offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of Bro. Porch, which was adopted with but two dissenting votes - Mr. Hartsock being one of them.

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SECY.

"Resolved: That we authorize the Adv. Board of A. M. of this Synod to employ District Missionaries, just as soon as the money can be provided, and the men secured and commissioned by the Board of Home Missions."

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It will be wise for us to try to find suitable men for this work at an early day, and if the Adv. Board raise the money, place them in the field. Bro Hartsock will give up Real Estate entirely, and devote his time &

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energies to some Mission work. I will favor his appointment as a trial. He is a popular man, and has some good business traits. Rev. J. G. M. Hursh, should perhaps have his territory enlarged somewhat and given permission, expenses being paid by the Board, as in case of Bro. Kimmel, to take in and organize several new points.

B. CON-
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B. Constitutions. The following action was taken: Resolved the Secy. of the Bd. of W. M. be requested to send to the Secy. of Synod. One Hundred copies (100) of the Constitution for congregations prepared by the Board; and that the Secy. send a copy to each pastor."

C. ATCHI-
-SON.

C. Atchison. Arrived here Saturday P.M. Having interviewed Bro. Sotell, and also stopped at Sopela en-route. Had quite a good day yesterday, there being 77 persons present at Morning service, and 81 at Sunday School. I believe every member of the School had an envelope with perhaps one exception. The amt. of offering will be sent to Secy. Colutz, and the money to Dr. J. E. Herbst, Treas. Synod of Kansas. Over one half the amt. due Rev. Geo. S. Diven has been raised, and will be forwarded to him this week. But for the sad failure of Mr. Waltemeyer, the balance due would ^{be} now nearly made up. A few more weeks of work-calling on delinquents will finish the work, and leave the congregation free of debt to anyone. The sale of lots for taxes is not a very serious matter in Kansas. It does

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not mean at all a loss of the property.

All they have to do is to go and pay the taxes, with interest on them, and the tax sale becomes void. Nevertheless, I "scored" the trustees somewhat for neglect of duty, and told them that such neglect left a very bad impression on the Board and Church. They promised to "remember hereafter". As to a pastor, neither Bro. Swindle, nor Bro. Geo. Gotwald can accept. Bro. J. has written fully to the Board, and I enclose a letter - L - from Rev. Geo. D. Gotwald. Rev. A. J. Russell has been mentioned, but, though he is a most excellent man, I fear has not enough "map" or vigor for this field. Who next? I really do not know.

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D. WICHITA

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D. Wichita. The following was the action of Synod concerning Wichita.

"Resolved: That we earnestly request the Board of Home Missions to place a suitable man at Wichita, for the establishment of the Church, at the earliest possible time." Rev. A. W. Geijer still advocates and urges Dr. H. S. Miles of ~~Wester~~ Mansfield, O. He says he has reason to believe that Dr. W. would accept, if asked. Might it not be well to ask him? It would probably quiet some persons, and the Bd. could say "Dr. W. was asked, and declined. Real Estate in Wichita is a fair - Mr. Park says - on the rise. Sarge manufacturing industries are locating there, and the Bull-

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nefs of the summer and early autumn have passed away.

E. EMP-
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E. Emporia. Our excellent Missionary at Emporia, writes under date of Mem. 9th. See Letter - M.

E. SOLO-
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CITY.

E. Solomon City. A Charge has been formed of Solomon City, & New Lambria, and Rev. P. Henry been asked to accept as pastor. Five Hundred Dollars will be needed from the Board, and should be granted. The field is a promising one and the members have been brought up to very liberal giving. I heartily endorse the request of Synod, and trust the treasury will warrant the appropriation. Several of the present Missions will need help for 1888, and Mr Amt to them will be secured more than the request for Solomon.

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CITYG. VALLEY
FALLS.

G. Valley Falls. The se-quiet Church will be ready for Dedication in December, & Bro. Geiser, seems encouraged. At the close of the Home Mission Service at Abilene, Bro. Palmer, Past. of Synod, made a splendid effort for Valley Falls, raising \$500⁰⁰ towards the fund for re-building.

H. WASH-
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KS.

H. Washington, Kansas. Concerning this place, Synod "Resolved, that the establishment of Church at Washing-
-ton, be referred to the Western Secy, and Adv. Bd." Lots have been secured in W., a constitution sent, and I have promised to go down "on demand" and help organize the congregation. Bro. Rinder of Greenleaf can send them. Write some other

Arrangement can be made.

I. OTHER
NEW
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II. Other New Points.

Bedar-vale, Scott-city, Lincoln, Piqua. These are pronounced "important, and demanding immediate attention." Rev. S. Berry has been supplying Bedar-vale, and Rev. W. S. Garfer will shortly visit Scott-city. Manchester is another important junction point in Dickinson Co. where Rev. Geo. Fret - a recent licenciate is now preaching. Lots have been secured, but help to build will be needed from Board of Church Extension.

J. TO-
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J. Sopela.

Learning that Rev. S. J. Domblaser had received, and was considering a call to Sock-Haren, Penn^a. I had a conversation ^{with him} at synod, and found him undecided. Called to see him on Saturday to ascertain his decision, but found him absent from home. Since then, I have learned from Prof. Glandrup, that he has declined call to Sock-Haren, and will remain in Sopela. Bro. Glandrup learned this from Secy. of Ch. Council at Sock-Haren. Bro. D. advises "no further appropriation to Sopela, though they may ask for it". He does not want us to say he so advised, but this is his feeling. I urged Am. D. C. Wells to insist on "no request for further aid." The Church at Sopela has been much improved - new carpets, clean walls &c. &c. and the work seems most prosperous and promising.

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