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II. Nebraska. A. Dixon County.

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> was spent in this County, dedicating the new Lutheran Church, erected through the instrumentality of Rev. A. B. Shrader of Ponca, and the liberality of Mr. Simon P. Baltzley of that neighborhood. Though this is not a mission, in the sense of receiving an appropriation, it is nevertheless mission-ary ground, and appreciates attention & encouragement. There was a threat, on the part of a few Congregationalists, to prevent the dedication of the house as a Lutheran Church, but wisdom was given to circumvent them. At Sunday School - 10 A.M. - a paper was handed me, which I refused to take, and suggested that it was probably intended for the pastor and better be given to him. I then told Bro. Shrader to take the paper courteously, put it in his pocket until after service and then read it. He dedicated the church just as they were expecting the sermon, and read the "protest" after the service was altogether concluded. It was then too late to consider the protest. All the money needed - \$650.00 - was raised. To pay my expenses and as a personal gift, they handed me ten dollars (\$10.00) but I thought better to send the money to the treasurer and report it as "one share" on the appeal for \$10,000.00. The Lutheran work - English and German - of the General Synod in this County is done well.

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B. Dakota County. Tuesday. March 9 -  
was spent in this county, visiting  
Homer, and other points, at the request  
of many of the citizens of the county  
who desire a Sutheran institution of  
learning. It was a fearful drive of  
28 miles, with the thermometer indicating  
ten degrees below zero, which had to be  
made to satisfy those who requested it.

What the result will be I cannot tell.  
The citizens of Homer offer 200 acres  
of very beautiful land to the Board of Ed-  
ucation. They also offer a money consider-  
ation. As yet, however, they have no  
Nail-Road, and without this "Homer" can-  
not be much inducement for either  
Church or College work. Rev. G. Baird  
is "watching our Home Missions and College  
interests in Dakota County" where we have  
a great many Sutherans - most of them  
as yet, without Church privileges.

Rev. Baird's congregation will make a  
worthy response to the \$10,000.00 Appeal.

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1. Mission  
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C. Omaha. 1. Mission Schools.

Sutheran Mission Schools of the  
General Synod are soon to be started in  
North and South Omaha. The one will  
be opened by Easter Sunday, unless the  
sickness in Bro. Detweiler's family prevent.

A member of the "Countze Memorial"  
will furnish a new hall, well adapted  
to the purpose, free of rent. Pastor  
Detweiler will give personal attention

to the school until such time as a Missionary can be secured to take charge of the new field. Oh! for a good man for this work. There ought to be no delay, as our time and God's time is now! Is there not a young minister at Gettysburg, able and willing to enter upon this work? Omaha is growing at a most rapid and substantial rate, having led every city in America in the increase of "Clearings" for year ending Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1886.

I told Bro. Detweiler the Board would certainly make good its promise of aid to the new Mission, in case the appeal for \$10,000.00 meets with a hearty response.

## 2. Western Mission Head-Quarters.

I enclose letter - marked A - from Mr. Augustus Kountze of New York, offering to donate suitable grounds for a Western Home Mission Residence at Omaha, Nebraska.

I suggest that the Committee on "Western Head-Quarters", or the President and Secy. of the Board visit New York, and have a personal conference with Mr. Kountze as to details &c. &c. &c.

It may seem strange to the Board that Mr. Kountze asks that the house be erected and paid for, before he makes the deed in fee-simple, but it must not be forgotten that Mr. Kountze

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has been grossly deceived by the Confession at Omaha, or its Trustees, and has been taken advantage of to a most shameful extent. His only desire and purpose are that the project succeed, and that the General Synod have full advantage of the gift. It must also be noticed that Mr. Augustus Kountze is ready to hand himself over to hand over the deed, and that he is able to make good his promises.

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OMAHA.

His interest in the work of the General Synod in Nebraska and Colorado grows with each returning day, and he is helping nearly every congregation in the states in building efforts.

I am sure a visit by the officers of the Board, will be of advantage to the work.

D. WAYNE

D. Wayne. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, Rev. W. S. Melick was "packing his goods" with the hope of being in Wayne by April first. The people of Wayne seem greatly pleased at securing his services, and he enters upon the work with much hope.

E. LIN-  
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E. Lincoln. I had a pleasant interview with C. J. Ernst at Lincoln, en-route to Denver. He reports the work encouraging, and Miss Mary Sipe forming in favor every day. The great need and felt want is a new

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Church-edifice, which they are now trying to arrange for. Miss Mary Dipe has visited Springfield, Ohio, and had an interview with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. They promise to take up Lincoln so soon as they are through with Denver. The pastor at Lincoln returned from Springfield very much encouraged. The city of Lincoln is also forming at an astonishing rate.

F. GRAND  
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F. Grand-Island. The new Church building at this place is a "real gem" of beauty, comfort and economy. Its dedication - March 14<sup>th</sup> - will, I trust, date a new era of progress in English Lutheran Church work at Grand-Island. The field is a most difficult one, and the congregation will be of slow growth. The work will have to be done mostly through the Sunday-School and Catechetical class. The material is there in great numbers, and with a beautiful edifice, and regular services, this material will be reached.

The Church-Papers will give full account of the dedication, and also in time, a cut of the building.

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G. Kearney, St. Paul, Neb.

When at Grand-Island I had a conference with Pastor Stamer con-



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-cerning these several points - this im-  
-mense territory. The field is much  
too large for any one man, and yet  
must be worked by him until an  
additional laborer can be secured. I  
think this can be done by the time  
of the meeting of the Synod of Nebraska,  
until which, I told Pastor Starner  
he must hold the field, doing the  
best he can to work it.

He has been "pruning" the rolls at  
St. Paul, Inland D.C., which will cut  
down his membership as to numbers,  
though, he says, not as to real strength.

I was much pleased with Pastor Star-  
ner, and his American ideas of our work.

He would gladly give all his time  
to Kearney and "Suther-hill" as they de-  
-sire him to do, but agrees with us that  
he might not lose the work already put  
upon the other points. The "Gaitheque"  
few at Kearney greatly desire services  
every Sunday, and believe Pastor Starner  
would succeed in building up a good  
congregation. I have refused them of  
our desire to give them a regular pas-  
-tor's full time, so soon as it is pos-  
-sible to do so, and have urged them to  
keep up the Sunday School, and give  
Pastor Starner large audiences whenever  
he comes to preach to them. I hope  
to spend a Sunday in Kearney, so  
soon as pleasant weather comes.

H. NORTH

H. North Platte.

PLATTE

Rev. Albert Stump seems to be "holding his own" and also making advancement at North Platte, even amid the devilish interference of "Missouri" on the one hand, and "Beer drinking Independents" on the other.

It was my purpose to spend the evening of March 11<sup>th</sup> at North Platte, but no word from the Missianary as to arrangement for service, and the fearful storm of that date, made it advisable to change the plan and remain at Grand Island. Dr. Conrad met Bro. Stump and several of his members in passing through to Denver, and reports Missianary and people as "very cheerful and very hopeful".

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I. Immigration is pouring into Nebraska at an astounding rate, and to keep pace with the demands of the work, even the present increased interest in Home Missions, must be doubled. Every train is crowded with families from the older states and the fatherland. This is especially true of the trains going into the Platte valley and along the "Black Hills Extension" of the Chicago and North-Western Rail-way. Would that we had the "right man" to locate at "Chadron", and look after a hundred miles of territory eastward & westward from that point!

III. KAN-

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A. AT-

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## III. Kansas. A. Atchison.

A delightful letter just received from Missionary Diven is full of encouragement. He says they "will likely build the coming summer in a manner becoming the great Lutheran Church, and the honor of Our Heavenly Father who has so richly blessed us!" He adds: "The Lord bless us continually far above our deserts. If we can keep our selfishness down, and by grace are disposed to give Him all the glory, by Easter we shall have One Hundred (100) members." "We are gaining in influence, and notwithstanding Bro(?) Cutler and his conduct hitherto, we stand better than ever before in the community. May God's name be glorified in it all!"

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B. GREEN

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B. Greenleaf. Reports from this mission are quite favorable. Last week I met Mrs. Rev. Schauer, who says Rev. Pindler is growing in favor with the members, and in the community every day. She reports increased attendance at all the services, and increased interest in them. There is a matter however, which ought to be attended to at once either by our Board or the Board of Church Extension. It is the business of B. C. P. The church property at Greenleaf is not insured. Rev. Schauer collected the money to pay premium, but the Council "voted it temporarily" to pay a lumber

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Bill. Rev. Rinker should be officially requested to adjust this matter, which he can, no doubt, do in a short time.

C. HAYS  
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C. Hays City. Dr. Conrad spent Wednesday night, March 17 - at Hays City delivering his Suther lecture. He reports increased interest since Bro. Graichen's arrival on the ground, and also reports him as "encouraged." President Smell of the Synod of Kansas, has the same report from Bro. Graichen. See Letter marked B.

D. BUN-  
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HILL.

D. Bunker Hill. Rev. Jacob Schauer is much encouraged in this field.

I had a pleasant talk with him on Monday last, on my way from Minneapolis. He says the members are much encouraged, very kind to him, and doing all in their power to make success sure. They have "put out" fifty (50) acres of wheat, which they cultivate in committee, at 1000 hours, for the reduction of the church-debt, and the completion of tower, buying of Bell & Co. Praiseworthy!

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E. ELLS-  
-WORTH.

E. Ellsworth. The Congregation at this point are very anxious to secure a pastor, and are in correspondence with a young man now at the Seminary at Gettysburg. The town and surrounding country are greatly improving, and our Sutheran opportunity is Now.

F. KAN-  
-OPOLIS

F. Kansasopolis. See letter marked C concerning this new (and ought to be Lutheran) town. Board of Church Extension should secure lots without any delay, and at very little cost.

Refer to B. Ch. Ser.

G. IMMI-  
-GRATION.

G. Immigration to Kansas, as to Nebraska, has already set in, a month to six weeks earlier than usual, and is beyond all precedent. The General Synod of the Lutheran Church has opportunities in this wonderful state as never before.

Oh! for an Awakening, even deeper than the present one, that will furnish the men and money to obey the Master's call - Occupy! Occupy!!

III. MIS-  
-SOURC.

III. Missouri. A. Queen City.

A. QUEEN  
CITY.

A letter-marked D from Rev. S. R. Lutz, has just reached me.

As I know nothing of the correspondence, I refer it to Board. Is it the desire to take any further notice of the field? Would it be more satisfactory <sup>via</sup> a personal visit and inspection be made? If I mistake not "Queen City" was recommended by Pres. Buller of the Synod of Iowa.

B. KAN-  
-SAS CITY.

B. Kansas City, "Children's Memorial".

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The Missourian reports continued encouragement, as also do individual members of the Missin. Citizens of Kansas-city have many kind words for our work.

IV. IOWA

IV. Iowa. A. Sioux City.

A. SIoux  
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On the tenth of March I spent an hour with our Missionary in this city. He is cheerful and hopeful, as also is his wife. He realizes the magnitude of the field, and also its great importance, as well as its tremendous difficulties and self-denials. He seems, however, to be brave and determined, by God's help to succeed. The need is a sense of worship. With this all doubt as to success would vanish. Missionary MacKenzie deserves our heartiest sympathy and support & every word of cheer it is possible to send him.

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B. Iowa City. Will spend Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> D.V. with this Mission.

C. KNOX  
-VILLE.

C. Knoxville. Will, D.V. spend Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> with this Mission.

D. CEDAR  
-RAPIDS.

D. Cedar-Rapids. I have promised Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> to this Congregation to conduct preaching and S. School services, and to consult with them concerning a pastor.

E. NEVA  
-DA.

E. NEVADA. Missionary Zeigler seems much encouraged in his work. He is certainly doing well. As he has, no doubt, reported fully to the Board, I will not enclose his letter.

F. DAVENPORT

F. Davenport. When at Kansas-City March 26<sup>th</sup> - I had a lengthy conversation with one of Davenport's most devoted and sensible members - Mrs. Rhodes. She says Bro. Snyder is working hard, but seems not adapted to "drawing people either to himself or the church". He is a success in raising money and ere long will have the parsonage free from debt. He is also faithful in Sunday School and catechetical work. The alienation of Mr. & Mrs. Miller and family, and Mr. Haller & family - the wealthy Germans who at first, moved with the Mission, was caused by a brother-in-law of Pastor Snyder employed through his instrumentality by Mr. Miller, who turned out to be dishonest, and also attempted to "carry off Mr. Miller's daughter". Mrs. Rhodes thinks these families will, in time, come back to the church especially should there be a change of pastor. She is not clear that there ought to be a change of Missionary, and believes that Bro. Snyder will resign so soon as he has evidence that his work at D. is no longer successful, or that another will accomplish more than he can do.

There is now more religious interest in Davenport than for many years, and our Missionary is taking advantage of it by holding special services. Mrs. Rhodes reports the "Augustana" men from Rock Island very friendly - frequently present and Mrs. Heidner and Olsen preaching our own people.

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Hail! All hail!! to the "Woman's second Memorial". As the Report of the Missionary, the Church Papers, Programme Denver Daily Papers &c. &c. will give you a full account of Dedication, Building &c. &c. I need only add that all the accounts are true and not in the least over-drawn. The establishment of the Mission at Denver, the short time elapsing between the time the Missionary entered upon his work and the completion of the handsome edifice, the economy of the Building, the amt. already raised by the women, and in fact everything connected with this enterprise is without a parallel in the history of Southern Mission work in America! Glory to God in the highest!

The Board of Home Missions deserves the credit of this success to a large extent.

When the officers visited Denver in August last, the Missionary was greatly disappointed by the Board of Church Extension's not sending the amt. absolutely needed for the lot. So delay would have cost hundreds of dollars! The Board of Home Missions came to the rescue. Its promptness and foresight enabled the contract to be made from 33 to fifty percent less than they could possibly have been made ninety days later. Honor to whom Honor! The work has been admirably done.



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The Building is a very gem, and all that pertains to it has been done in such a way as to attract and not belittle the Lutheran Church. The "efficiency" of the enterprise has astonished other denominations. "Dean Hart" said to me, "the like of this has never been seen in Denver. Your Woman's organization must be a marvel."

My cherished friends - the Kountze family - came nobly to our help, giving \$700.00 - a larger sum <sup>to us</sup> really than had they given the two lots in the Kountze addition, of which I at first spoke.

And they will give more! I know it, because I am assuming God to have them to do it. I know they will if properly treated, and their doing appreciated.

I would not be at all surprised to hear of Mrs. Augustus Kountze of New York paying remainder of indebtedness on the woman's Memorial, or doing that much for some other point. (Inter Nos).

Members of the Lutheran Church, who had united elsewhere, are now attending Bro. Heilman's services, and are "coming back home". The Sunday School had an addition of twelve (12) new scholars on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. & Mrs. Heilman are considerably "run down" by the severe strain and hard work of the past six months. I trust they will now have a little respite and rest. All hail Denver!!

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B. Denver, Scandinavian.

I attended the service of Pastor Hansen at 4 P.M. March 21<sup>st</sup> and found thirty-five (35) persons present. This was reported as <sup>attendance</sup> smaller than usual on account of the special services at the new English Church. I also attended a meeting for consultation on Tuesday evening March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Hansen reports himself as "encouraged" and only wanting a house of worship to insure success. They have managed to pay all their current expenses, their promise to pastor's support of their interest on the lots purchased.

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What to advise with reference to this work, I really do not know. I am afraid to say abandon it, because it seems to be "of God", and yet the results must be small for many years to come, so far as we can now see. If the Board of Church Extension had the money to secure the lots, I believe a building could be put up, by the congregation & the help they can command in Denver. With a church-building the growth would be more rapid, and many young Scandinavians might be trained for service in the English Church. It may be also, that the English Church could reach most of these people directly. The question "what to do?" is not at all clear to me, and I must therefore ask the Board to examine and discuss the facts given, and in the superior judgment of the many decide what is best to be done.

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VI. Wyoming. A. Cheyenne.

A letter from my friend Mr. Schmitzer, City Marshal of Cheyenne Wyoming, speaks for itself. Letter marked "E".

I replied to him that I could not give him figures before consulting Board, asked him to give me his opinion of value &c. &c. I said nothing of this to Pastor Hansen, as will be wise to keep it quiet until we know where we are &c. &c. This is really Church-Attention business, though we have saved these lots this far, and secured or saved all the property in Nebraska & Wyoming donated to Rev. Dr. Kuhns in trust for Lutheran Congregations. My suggestion is that the Secretary and Treasurer, or a special Committee of the Board of Church Attention, be requested to visit Boston Mass. call on Mr. Ames who has all this Union Pacific property in charge, buy these lots at the value of them when conveyed to Rev. H. W. Kuhns in 18\_\_ get title to Board of Church Attention &c. On deed from Mr. Ames the Land Commissioner of Union Pacific Ry. Co. will also endorse their consent or authority, and thus beyond any doubt, the Board will get the benefit of this valuable property. The only other thing to do is to find a worthy and wide awake pastor for Cheyenne at once, gather up members, organize, get deed from Dr. K., and raise the remainder. Did time

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permit - as I am now ticketed through from Pacific to Atlantic, and could carry a personal letter from Mr. Kountze to Mr. Ames - I would gladly go to Boston, and try to get all this business settled. It has been and is a matter of great anxiety to me, and will continue to be until we secure it for the Church beyond all doubt. "Advice Solicited."

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A. SAN-  
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-CISCO.

VIII. California. A. San Francisco.  
A bright and cheery letter from Rev. O. C. Miller - our Missionary in San Francisco - tells of the opening of services at "Trinity Hall" 139 Post St. He reports 30 present at one service and 38 at another - Hall rent provided for for a month &c. &c. He says the opposition is from Dr. Paparant's man Sellen, and Rev. Saml. Specker Jr. "Does of our own household." He pities & prays for these poor fellows, and is "not scared" by their opposition. Bro. Miller's entire letter is one of encouragement. He has no doubt, reported fully direct to Secy. Blutz. "Our work is marching on!?"

PACIFIC  
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A. NEW-  
-ARK.

VIII. Ohio. A. Newark.  
A letter from Mrs. C. S. Weisferber - marked F - is the latest I have from this field. Oh! for a good man to take up the work without delay. Could not the Officers of Miami synod look after Newark for a little while?

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B. Mingo. Letter from this place  
marked - G - I advised them to secure  
the school-house - open a Sunday  
school - make it the best in all the  
region. Ask Rev. P. W. Dornblaser to  
visit them and preach for them, &  
then report results.

IX. The Appeal for \$10,000.00,  
is proving a blessing to the churches  
of the entire General Synod, and the  
responses to it an amazement to  
Sutherans of the General Council. It  
will do them good also by showing  
them their littleness, and by stirring  
them up to bigger things. One of their  
papers said: "The General Synod's Board  
asks for \$10,000.00 and will get it. The  
General Council needs \$800.00 and will  
scarcely get \$300.00." "By their fruits  
ye shall know them." The raising  
and expenditure of the money in our  
blessed work will be only a small part  
of the blessing coming from this ap-  
-peal. Its influence will be worth far  
more than \$10,000.00. It will bring forth  
fruit for years to come, and in every  
channel of our benevolent work. If all  
the pastors would do as some have done  
and are doing, the response would be \$20,  
000.00 instead of \$10,000.00. No doubt  
of this in the world! The Church pa-  
-pers are now "rushed for" to see  
"how the appeal is getting along".



THE  
APPEAL

It has inspired men to write and preach as they have never done before, has encouraged our Missionaries, made our Church periodicals more interesting than ever before, and in a thousand ways men a blessing. And what a history in the responses! The far West - note it! - is doing grandly. Abilene Ks. but a few years ago a Mission - as yet bears the Banner - taking 15 shares.

And then too, the prayers and petitions which have gone up to the throne from God's hidden ones, and brought blessing upon homes and churches.

Yes, the Appeal was a wise stroke, born of prayer. Our Father heard our prayers, and His people are hearing the Appeal and responding.

The Church will be lifted nearer the throne, through this Appeal!

May every congregation, realizing the blessing thereof - respond to the call of the Master, through His Church is the prayer.

Yours rejoicingly

Sincerely

Sam'l S. Darnitz  
Western Secy.

Des Moines, Iowa.  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886.

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II. KAN. I. Kansas. A. Minneapolis.

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The beautiful new St. Paul's Church at Minneapolis Minn. was dedicated Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>, with great joy and rejoicing. Rev. Dr. Conrad preached the dedication sermon, and the Western Secy of Home Missions conducted the liturgical service. The Church is one of beauty and convenience and dedicated free of debt.

Though not on our list of Missions, it is really a Mission sustaining itself, and deserves our commendation & sympathy. Rev. W. C. Slidee has labored most faithfully and earnestly, and at times amid great discouragement, to accomplish the building of a Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He has succeeded beyond all expectation. The cost of the building was \$3500.00. Minneapolis has now a population of 2500, and is growing rapidly. Our work and our pastor stand very high in the estimation of the citizens of the town and surrounding country. A full description of building & services, will, no doubt, be given in Observer; and need not be repeated here.

At the evening service the collection was given on the "Appeal", and supplemented with what was given me for expenses, <sup>more</sup> One & one fourth share.

Sam<sup>l</sup> D. Darnitz  
Western Secy.

Mrs. Morris La,  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886.

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