

I. IOWA. I. Iowa. A. Iowa City.

A. IOWA  
CITY.

Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> was spent with this mission, which has lost nothing during the pastoral vacancy. The Sunday school and prayer-meetings have been kept up, the meetings of W. H. S. M. Soc. continued &c. &c. The attendance at church and S. School services was most excellent - every seat in the little building being occupied. The congregation is very anxious to secure a pastor, but knows not to whom to write, neither where to look for one.

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They are depending upon the Board to find them a man. If we have anywhere in our ministry a good man who has a family to educate, and who is not able to send them to a Sutherland College, he would find Iowa City a delightful and economical place to live, with splendid educational advantages. Rev. Mr. Hammond declined the call to Iowa City - his congregation refusing to release him.

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It would indeed be sad to abandon a field and a people like this. They are devoted to the Master and the Church, & ready to make almost any sacrifice to keep the work going. Have we such a man as described above or must we take a young man just from the Seminary?

NORTH  
LIBERTY

On account of the roads, I could not reach "North Liberty," nor could any of the members of that Church get to Iowa City. I believe the two

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points can be united under a good pastor, and the appropriation reduced or entirely cut off. Negotiations are now going forward in the way of correspondence between the congregations, but I doubt whether the result can be attained until we have a pastor on the ground. The one great and immediate need is a pastor.

I have arranged for services at Iowa City, by Rev. Albert Bell of Newton, who will administer the Communion &c. &c.

One young man will be received into the church. Rev. S. P. Smith will preach for them two weeks later, and thus they will be supplied, until a pastor can be secured, by ministers of the Synod of Iowa.

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Bro. Graichen's great imprudence does not seem to have noticed much injury. One family seemed "a little offish" but they were at service and took one half share of the "Appeal".

B. KNOX-  
VILLE

B. Knoxville.

Nearly everything written above, concerning the church at Iowa City, will apply to Knoxville, excepting the educational advantages to a pastor's family.

I could not find it in my heart to say "no pastor", "abandon the work", &c. to the faithful old souls who have done so much for the Master and the work, as have the older members at Iowa City.

The little "Stone-But" church has been newly papered, cleaned &c. and a strip

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of bright new carpet laid through the middle aisle. It looked really quite inviting.

Though my engagement at Knoxville happened on the Sunday which the Presbyterians had selected for the dedication of their Church, and though that was the centre of attraction, our audience filled every part of the Church, and "was the largest ever gathered, since a synodical communion many, many years ago."

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They want a pastor at Knoxville & ought to have one. The Sunday School has been kept up "right along" and is growing. The offering for Home Missions on the 18<sup>th</sup> was \$12.00, for dinner \$1.00 and for current expenses over \$5.00.

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They are uncertain as to the amt. they can raise for support of pastor. Indeed it will depend upon the kind of pastor he is. A good faithful man will, I believe, get a support from the field in case "Attica" & Marysville can again be added to it. Bro. Jimmie Young is now corresponding with the people at Marysville with reference to this matter and hopes the proposition will be favorably received. If only we can secure a man for the field, I believe our appropriation can be reduced rather than increased. A favorable sign at Knoxville is the contemplated removal from the place of Rev. A. Yetter, for many years a hindrance and an injury to the work. He has been

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-VILLE.

a "thorn in the flesh" to every pastor at Knoxville ever since he commenced to soil his ministerial robes with politics. I am almost inclined to suggest to Rev. S. P. Harrington of Abilene Mo., to visit Knoxville, spend a few weeks and see what he can make out of the field. He is a good man, and in any event cannot hurt Knoxville very much. The want at Knoxville is a man.

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C. CEDAR  
RAPIDS

C. CEDAR RAPIDS.

The congregation at this place have called Rev. Mr. Sipe of South Dixon Ills. at a salary of \$1000.00 per year. It is likely he will accept.

D. BUR-  
-LINGTON

D. Burlington.

Monday night - from 7:15 to twelve o'clock - April 19<sup>th</sup> - was given to the mission, and to aiding Bro. Buller in preparing constitution etc. for Board of Education. Everything looks and promises well at Burlington. On Easter Sunday five (5) persons - steel-  
-lent material - were added to the mission and \$23.91 contributed for same mission. Easter music and floral decorations under direction of Mrs. Buller. Unsurpassed in Burlington. The Missionary says: "Our Red Letter Day thus far. Sans Deo!"

BURLING-  
-TON.

E. NEW  
FIELDS  
IN  
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E. New Fields in Iowa.

Ottumwa, Clinton<sup>and</sup> Chariton

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FIELDS.

ought to be occupied at as early a day as possible. We must go into the growing towns and cities of Iowa, if we desire to retain or hold on the state. There are rapidly forming manufacturing towns and Railroad centres, Oh! that the Church would hear the cry "Occupy! Occupy!!"

III. NE-  
BRASKA

### III. Nebraska. A. Omaha.

A. OMAHA.

1. "Saint Mark's English Evan. Lutheran S. School" was opened on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with forty eight (48) members. The location is in North Omaha where we have "much people". The hall, light &c. are provided by one man - a member of the Countze Memorial - free of charge. An organ has been secured, Augsburg songs, Session-books &c. &c. &c. paid for for the year. Bro. Detweiler will forward maps showing exact location of St. Mark's hall, and also location of South Omaha Mission to be opened as soon as a place can be secured. The maps and his letter will show location of Countze Memorial and its relation to the new Missions.

OMAHA

"SAINT  
MARKS."

Though the rain came down in torrents, and the mud became almost impassable, there was a fine attendance, much enthusiasm and a good collection at both the Sunday School and Monday night services.



Omaha.NewMISSIONS

A personal friend of pastor Detweiler and myself, whose name we are not at liberty to make public, will pay for all the books, periodicals, room - rent &c. &c. needed for the two new missions, and will, I think, also do much toward the payment of suitable buildings.

Pastor Detweiler will attend the New S. School regularly, and also conduct a week-night service until the new missionary arrives on the ground. The schools will be well officered at once. Now the great need is a missionary. It will require a man of devotion, energy and sanctified judgment. He must be a sort of "census-taker" going from house to house a part of each day.

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MISSIONS  
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For a while he need not do much preaching, but he must do a great deal of visiting. If young McDaniel is the man secure him at once. Rev. Geo. Estivalo thinks that young Mr. King would be a good man, and also mentions a Sutheran student, <sup>Rev. S. KAHLE</sup> now at Yale, who is ready for Sutheran work.

OMAHA.

At least one missionary should be on the Omaha field by July first.

A grand field indeed is that of the new missions at Omaha! The city is growing beyond the power to describe it. Even a western man cannot enlarge upon the facts of growth, much less a conservative eastern man reach

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them. Now is our time to enter in!

Much more might be said of this wonderfully growing city and its needs did time permit to write it. The Prest. and Secy. here over it in July last, since which time 20,000 souls have been added to its population.

ST. MARKS

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2. Western Mission Head-Quarters.

WESTERN

MISSION

HOUSE.

I cannot disguise my great anxiety concerning the offer of Mr. Kountze with reference to this project.

It becomes clearer from day to day, and from his every letter, that if encouraged and properly treated, he will do great things for our General Synod Lutheran Church. He has recently been in Omaha, and manifested an interest in the work that is most gratifying. Nor is Mr. Kountze of the kind of men who desire, "lord it over God's heritage", because he contributes largely. He is an humble, faithful follower of the Master, and though full of business, and insisting on the Lord's work being done on business principles, is not one of the "lobby" kind of brethren.

WESTERN

HEAD

QUAR-

-TERS.

I trust that a committee, or the committee on Western Head-Quarters will arrange to meet Mr. Kountze, at an early day and have a full and free consultation with him. The Secy. writes that the names of over 2000 laymen have been sent by pastors, in response to our request sent out with appeal.

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cannot fifty or one hundred and

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Twenty of these be selected, who, if the matter is properly placed before them, will contribute the amount and complete the work. I have neither personal nor selfish interest in this matter, though I may <sup>for a short time</sup> probably live in the house if it is built - but am persuaded that it is the step we ought to take and take now. As a family we will not be nearly so comfortable in Omaha, as we are in Des. Moines, but of much more use to the work of the church. Our Home Missions work is not so much for the present as for the future. Had plans for 1886 been well laid in 1860, our advance would have been greater by 500 fold. We must plan for the future that when we are gone our work, in Jesus name and for Jesus' sake may abide. His lips must be weathered in flame, who can tell the future of the General Synod of the Gran. Lutheran Church in the U.S., if plans for that future are wisely laid now. I believe that ten times the investment will be returned to the General Synod, by prompt action in this matter. By a little correspondence, it can be ascertained when Mr. Knapp will be in New York, and when it will suit him to meet the committee or officers of the Board.

I think it will do good to see him in person, and discuss our work.



B. DAVIDCITY.B. David-city.

As I feared, the placing of David-city under the care of Rev. B. S. Pugh, and uniting it with Rising, has not given satisfaction. I knew that Bro. Pugh could not go to David-city without incurring the displeasure of Bro. Schuetz who started the work, and who has been keeping up the interest.

I enclose a letter from Rev. C. Huler - Post. Nebraska Synod - and also resolutions of the South Platte Conference, on this subject. Papers marked A.

DAVIDCITY

I also enclose a letter - marked B - from Mr. William P. Miller of Rising, offering to transfer his claim on a parsonage property in Sena Illinois, for the benefit of David-city. I wrote Mr. Miller stating that the "Board of Church Extension" is the proper Board to handle property, and if he wants the money to go toward a building in David-city, the deed or transfer should be made to that Board. I suggested correspondence with Secy. Zimmerman, and also told him that if he wanted the money used for the support of Missinaries, our Board was the correct one, and I had no doubt he would try to collect the money. He will, no doubt, write Bro. Clutz, in time for meeting, his intentions or desires.

DAVIDCITY

I cannot but wish that he transfer the claim to Board of Church-Extension. He cannot decline it, if presented to us, without offending one of the best men in Nebraska.

C. KEARNEY  
- NEV.

C. Kearney. I have authorized Rev. J. Starmer to move his family to Kearney, with the understanding that he hold and supply all the other points until such time as a suitable laborer can be secured.

D. WEST POINT  
AND  
OAKLAND

D. West Point and Oakland.

Pastor Jacoby writes encouragingly concerning West Point, and hopefully concerning Oakland. His letter is named C. While in Omaha I met Mr. Wm. Bruner of West Point who also gave testimony to the satisfaction of the people in their new pastor.

E. SELAMAH  
- KAN.

E. Selamah. The announcement in Church-papers that Rev. M. S. Wilhelm had resigned the Selamah Mission was a great surprise to me. He is "unstable as water". Secy. Blutz says "Wilhelm complains of not hearing from Western Secy; and of his Church Council not hearing concerning a successor". The first intimation I had of a "successor" being wanted was the announcement of Rev. M. S. Wilhelm's return to Ohio. It is a pity he ever left Ohio, so far as any good to our Nebraska work is concerned. I do not believe it would be wise to disturb Rev. Angus Stone at Waterville, Kansas, in order to put him at Selamah. He seems to be doing well at Waterville. Pres. Bartell of Kansas Synod, says it would be unwise to take him away from W. unless he has expressed a desire to change, of which he know

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F. Waverly  
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nothing.

F. Waverly. This Mission ought to do better. They have been prospered and helped of God during the past five years, and ought to appreciate it by asking nothing from the Board or of anything, considerably less than heretofore. I have written the Young people's Soc. of St. Matthews of Philadelphia, that only \$150.00 at most, need be required for Waverly for this new Mission year. Cut them down!

WY-  
-OMING

A. CHEY-  
-ENNE.

WYOMING. A. Cheyenne.

I believe we should put a good man in Cheyenne at once. True, at first, he might not do more than gather a Sunday School, and organize with enough Church members to secure the deed for lots from Dr. Kuhns, but this would be "holding the position" and taking care of our people who may move in. If he could speak German it would be useful, but not preach it. i.e. not make the Mission a German one, neither Scandinavian but English and American. The same man might organize at Sydney, and carry that work along until a man can be placed over it alone. I hope to visit Cheyenne early in June.

CHEY-  
-ENNE.

B. LAR-  
AMIE.  
CITY

B. Saranac. The pastor for this field should be an Americanized

LARAMIE  
-WYOMING.

German, with American ideas and able also to preach English. The German work should only be undertaken with a view to English in the future.

INDI-  
-ANA.  
A. LOGANS-  
-PORT.

IV. Indiana. A. Logansport.

I enclose a most cheering letter from Miss Mary Purcell at this point. How different his condition from what it was at the time of the visit of the Secretaries in Jan'y, 1885. Praise the Lord! Letter marked D.

KEN-  
-TUCKY.  
A. LOUIS-  
-VILLE  
No. 3.

V. Kentucky. A. Louisville. No. 3.

Have we a man at Esstysburg suitable for this field, or must we look elsewhere, i.e. take a man from some other church or charge? I am trying to arrange for a visit to Louisville, so as to have this work organized, but ought to be able to know of a man for the field before I go. There is no better field for a man willing to work. A man of the type of Harry Weber or Sutell will build a church at the "Hind Missim" in less than three years. Mr. A. J. Kippell of Sipton, Ia. has been suggested by Bro. Walth, but to my mind is not the man. He is a good man. pure good, but not the man for Louisville. The pastor taking that work must not be "Walth's man", nor "Fenner's man", but a whole man of God. a servant of Jesus willing to adapt himself to all kinds of people, all kinds of homes and all kinds of eating. Shall I use my own judgment as to time of visit?

LOUIS-  
-VILLE  
NO.  
THREE.

VI. OHIO

VI. Ohio. A. Newark.A. NEW-  
-ARK.

I have written Rev. G. W. Sifford of Anna, Ills, concerning "Newark". He is a man of most excellent record and reputation. Hope to have an answer from him in time for Board meeting. Should I go to Louisville, I will try to spend "week day" and evening at Newark.

VIII. CAL-

-IFORNIA.

A. SAN-  
-FRANCISCOB. LOS-  
-ANGELES.VIII. California. A. San-Francisco. B. Sos-

Angeles. Enclosed find letters, marked E - from Brother Miller, which report continued progress and good tidings. He has, no doubt, sent the same to the Board Direct, but lest he has not, I forward these.

VIII.

KANSAS.

A. TOPEKA.

VIII. Kansas. A. Topeka.

Rev. Thomas Dornblazer has sent his resignation to the Congregation to be acted on May 9<sup>th</sup>. It seems to be more of a "strife" for more salary, than a desire to leave Topeka, and how it will turn out it is difficult to tell. I told Bro. D. that while he was right ~~in~~ presenting to Ch. Council his need for increase of salary, I feared his sending in his resignation was a mistake.

I would not be greatly surprised if the Congregation "take him at his word". They request a visit from Western Secy. May 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Rev. Mr. Geiser of Valley Falls, is to preside at meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dornblazer going to Valley Falls. I anxiously await developments.

B. ELLS-  
-WORTH.

B. Ellsworth. Rev. H. S. Yarger of Theol. Sem. at Gettysburg has been visiting this field, is pleased and ready to enter it by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He



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WORTH.

gave great satisfaction to our people, and in the community. The field will require, for first year, \$300.00, which amt. will be well invested. Ellsworth is growing steadily and solidly and our opportunities are better than ever in the past. Bro. Yarger thinks amt. of appropriation can be considerably reduced for second year, as there are neighboring points to be hooked up, and made a part of the charge. I endorse the field, the Missionary and the amt. asked for for first year.

ELLSWORTH

C. NICHITA  
-TA.

C. Nichita. This city is growing beyond all expectation. Even of its most sanguine friends. He ought to establish a mission in it at once. It is destined to be a city of 50,000 to 80,000 people, full of public spirit and full of Sutherans, with, of course, the usual large number of "unreached" and "unsaved" souls.

NICHITA  
-TA.

Who is the man to enter this great field? It is waiting, and ready for the workman. I have thought of Domblaser of Sapeka, in case his resignation is accepted. He ought to plant a mission there before the close of the summer, without any doubt.

D. AT-CHISON

D. Atchison. Easter Sunday was spent with this most interesting and promising mission. Though the weather was threatening, the attendance at the hall was greater than its seating capacity. There were 245 present at the Sunday School which is now the largest and most efficient in Atchison. Seventy-one persons were received

by general of profession, and four by con-  
firmation. The collection for church  
extension, was far beyond amt. of appor-  
tionment. The lots have been transferred by  
the "old congregation" Rev. W. J. Cutter pre-  
siding. In order to save time and trouble,  
and finding it cheaper than lawyer and  
court expenses they bought Rev. W. J.  
Cutter and his estimate(?) wife for the  
price of two lots. They were worth perhaps  
five times "thirty pieces of silver" of the value  
of American Dollars. Then "for peace sake"  
a friend paid Mr. Cutter's bill at Mr. Ber-  
lin's grocery, and now it does look as though  
all the cutter combination have been satis-  
fied. I enclose letter from Mr. Berlin, received  
since my visit. Letter marked F.

AT CHISHAM  
E. OTTAWA  
-WA.

E. Ottawa. My visit here is nearly  
ended, and I give you results and sug-  
gestions. The chapel was full at the  
services, holding, as it does, just one hundred  
people. Nearly every member of the church  
was present, excepting the Altman family,  
and beside the members 74 "neighbors & friends".

All the members remained to the congre-  
gational meeting, and all seemed delighted  
to have "a service from the Board". The con-  
gregation numbers just 24 members, but  
these can all be counted on. They want a  
pastor as soon as possible, and can prom-  
ise positively \$200.00. If he is efficient the  
amt. will without doubt, be increased. They  
want "An American pastor, who can preach  
both languages" - German every two weeks.

OTTAWA.

They are "entirely harmonious" they de-  
clare (the Altman's are not with them) and  
"keeping the unity of the spirit in the bonds  
of peace". They have but little to report  
complimentary to the recent missionary.

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If one half of what these simple-hearted humble people say is true, the Missiary will have a fearful account to render.

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"So a man and woman" they voted No, on the question of his coming to supply them very two weeks. They declare that their Wednesday night prayer-meeting has greatly improved since he left, and that the Sunday School has gained rather than lost. It was impossible to get him to visit the sick or call on strangers or hunt up S. School scholars. One of the officers told me <sup>that</sup> he learned from Dr. Gallie, that pastor being had no intention of remaining in Ottawa any longer time than would be required to build his farm house.

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In fact our recent Missiary does not seem to have a friend in Ottawa, either in or out of the Church. It saddens me to be compelled to report these things.

There was no efficient Missiary work done during all the term of service.

Our work was belittled from the very beginning. True, in some respects, Ottawa is a difficult field. It has not only a resident "St. Minister" of the self-organized and disgruntled sort, but it has the widows of two others - Mrs. Eggers and Mrs. Deinger.

OTTAWA

It has also the language difficulty, and the difficulty of coming in so late in the history of the beautiful city. But none of these things need hinder or cripple our General Synod work here. The city is growing in every direction, and recent R. road developments will make it one of the most important towns on the line of the Santa Fe R. Road. Though the location of our chapel is a mistake,

and the building an insignificant one, the ground is increasing in value, and then

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will be no loss in this respect.

The thing to do, is to place an earnest able man here at once, who can use both languages, making the English pre-dominant. He must be a good man who will mingle with other Christians, visit the sick and poor, visit in the new neighborhood in which the little chapel is located - in a word do missionary work. No use to "fiddle about" with Bro. Altman, neither to try to please him.

If the new missionary will try to please God, the Altman thorn can be removed.

Rev. Altman attended the evening service, and says he "will co-operate with any good man the Board may send".

The man should be sent, however, without any reference to this. Our calculations should be made without counting the A. family.

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F. IMMIGRATION TO KANSAS

F. Immigration to Kansas is beyond all precedent and beyond all conception. It is estimated that over 20,000 people have settled in the state since April first 1886. Church of the living God. Awake! Awake!!

THE APPEAL FOR \$10,000.00

XX. The Appeal for \$10,000.00  
"Hallelujah 'tis Done!!!"  
Sans Des!!!!

With greetings to the Brethren.  
Saml B. Barnitz  
Western Secy.

Kansas-City Mo.  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1886.

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