

To Meeting Held June Seventeenth 1886

II. KEN-	II. Kentucky. A. Louisville.
-TUCKY	Sunday May 16 th and Mon-
A. LOUIS	day May 17 th were spent with our
-VILLE.	Churches in this city and especially
	in the interests of the New or Third mis-
	sion. The work of the Second Church
	which is still a mission - is doing
	well and certainly has bright prom-
	-ise for the future. A Sunday
	School of nearly three hundred, and
SECOND	a congregation filling the audience
	room greeted me at this Church.
CHURCH.	The property has been much impro-
	ved since the visit of 1885, the debt
	to Board of Church Extension is being
	reduced, and the entire work growing
	in strength, interest and importance.
	From the members I learned that
	Bro. Fenner is sustaining himself well,
	and growing daily with congregation
	and community.
	The afternoon was given to the
	Third, or New, Church, which, in
THIRD	my judgment, is a field of great
OR	interest and importance. The S. School
NEW	numbered 214, and the collection was
MISSION.	\$5.67. Pastors Walth, Fenner Sr, Fen-
	ner Jr, and many members of the
	First and Second Churches, were on
	hand to give encouragement to the
	new organization, and to pledge
	to it <u>support</u> . A meeting for
	organization was held on Monday
	evening - the constitution suggested

NEW	<p>ly Board of Home Missions was adopted and twenty one (21) persons gave their names as members of the new English Sutheran Church of Louisville Ky. Eighteen (18) of these were from German-United Synod of the West-Churches, and three (3) from First Cong. Sutheran Church. Mr. Kruger of 1st Ch. pledged \$500.00 "for himself and a few friends" towards the new church-building. On May 30th the organization was completed by the election of officers. See letter A herewith sent. The important part of the work now is a pastor. If in the judgment of Bro. Clutz and the brethren who are acquainted with Rev. Schurr of the Seminary at G., he has enough culture and vim for city work send him to S. at once. If deemed best to have him spend a few weeks in Louisville before deciding, I will try to secure him reduced rates. We must send some good man without delay.</p>	
MISSION		
LOUISVILLE		
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NEW	<p>The Mission is as promising as any ever undertaken by the Board.</p>	
Mis-	<p>The "opposition" spoken of by Bro. Quest, comes from German pastors and will prove a blessing to the Mission.</p>	
SION.		
FOURTH	<p>A Fourth Mission is advocated by Mr. Walth and several prominent members of the 1st Church, on "Broadway extended" a new and elegant</p>	
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MISSION
LOUISVILLE
KY.

part of the city, two to three miles from the First Church. No doubt of success if a suitable pastor could be placed there.

OHIO
A. SPRINGFIELD.

III. Ohio. A. Springfield.

By request of Rev. S. A. Gotwald D. D. Wednesday and Wednesday night were given Springfield O. the afternoon to looking at new mission territory two miles from his new church. the evening to an address to his congregation. A splendid new field opens up to us in S. and the first and second churches, with the Professors and Students, should occupy it at once. I believe it will be done so soon as the First Church secures a pastor. Occupy! Occupy!!

SPRINGFIELD.

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B. DELAWARE.

B. Delaware. On route to Newark O. I looked in on the Mission and Missionary at this point. I found the Missionary and people a little discouraged because of the small appropriation from Board of Church Extension, but tried to explain to them "the reasons why" &c. and to show them their own ability of trusting in God. The corner-stone of the new edifice has been laid, and the work of building is being pushed.

DELAWARE.

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The field looks like one of much promise in immediate results.

Newark. At this Mission a much better state of things exists than I expected to find. There seems to be entire harmony in the congregation and a desire and determined purpose to go forward. The service - May 20th P.M. - was well attended, and the singing most excellent. The place of worship has been greatly improved, and is now quite churchy and attractive. Rev. Edw. Barclay has left "a few debts" for one or two of the members to pay, and "told a good many lies". Our people seem to keep these things among themselves and they do not injure the work to any great extent in the outside community. Rev. C. W. Sifferd of Anna Oles, preached at the Mission May 30th and has consented to accept a call. I enclose his letter. Marked B. and can endorse every word of it. I suggest that \$400.00 be appropriated for Newark Mission - Rev. C. W. Sifferd Missionary - for first year of his work.

He will be obliged to preach three (3) times each Sunday, driving six miles to the afternoon appointments. This will enable him to give attention to all the services in town including the S. School. I rejoice in securing so good a man as Rev. C. W. Sifferd for the Mission at Newark, Ohio.

III. Kansas, A. Sopela.

Leaving Newark O. at 10.40 P.M.
 May 20th. Sopela, Kansas. 914 miles distant was reached at noon of Saturday - 22nd. The services of Sunday were well attended, though on all sides of us were "religious attractions". On the North side the "Seventh Day Adventists" were holding a "big camp-meeting". On the South the "Evangelist Harrison" (now a grandfather, I believe) was camping on generally. To the East the Episcopalians were having "a Mission" etc. etc. The Lutheran Port was nevertheless held & the day was one of encouragement. The resignation of Rev. S. P. Dornblaser was "unanimously rejected" and \$200.00 added to his salary. Everything seems harmonious, they are having some good and valuable accessions to the congregation and are reducing their church debt. I talked plainly to the congregation and the Church Council and told them that though they are doing well, greater things are expected of them. I urged them to place in the Church at once a communion railing and make their handsome edifice a little more Lutheran. The Missionary seems encouraged and satisfied now that all the members of the Church want him. As the number at first calling him was small, he desired the accessions of later years to have a voice in selecting their pastor.

B. GREEN
-LEAF.

B. Greenleaf. Letter from Missionary Kinner marked C - tells of the progress of the work at Greenleaf.

C. Hays-city. Reports from this field continue very favorable. I have nothing direct from the missionary, but many cheering words from members and visitors.

D. The growing field. With this report I send a letter marked D from our father-in-law and excellent pastor at Waterville Kansas, concerning the growing Kansas field, and the need of more aggressive work in occupying it. This is being pressed upon us from all sides and the pressure will grow stronger and stronger every month.

I know of no better man for the Southern Kansas territory or the field he marks out than Rev. Angus Sone himself. He has as much zeal and much more prudence than Missionary Kinner. I ask the serious and careful attention of the Board to this matter, and believe it wise of Rev. Angus Sone can be secured, to put him in the field at once. I believe he will be obliged to employ this kind of Missionaries in order to keep up with even the moderate demands of the work.

E. Ottawa. How would Rev. Mr. Ditzler of Amville Pa. answer for this mission? Card enclosed marked E. How about Rev. J. A. A. His letter in Southern Observer does not manifest much "fumption", but still he may be a good and suitable man. Has the Board adequate knowledge of either of these men? I do not know their work.

IV. NE
-BRASKA

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IV. Nebraska. A. Western-Head-Quarters.

In accordance with suggestion in letter of Bro. Clutz of May 25th I visited Omaha and selected a most eligible and beautiful spot of ground for Western Head-Quarters. It is on "Northington" St. a half square from 10th, is 77½ feet front by 157 feet deep. I send map of Omaha showing location, and also letter of Mr. A. Kountze describing it. Letter marked **E**. Mr. A. Kountze said if Augustus thought the frontage too large, he would make that good, as he wanted the Lutheran house to have sufficient ground. The location is a corner about four squares from new Union depot and half square from street car line leading to it. Mr. Drexell, one of the oldest members of our Church in O., says the 77½ by 157 feet of ground are worth \$3000.00, and at last year's rate of increase will be worth \$5000.00 next year.

B. THE
NEW
OMAHA
MISSIONS

B. The New Omaha Missions. Postal cards marked **G**. tell of the progress of the new missions, which is most encouraging. Now for the man. Oh! where can we find the right man for this great and important field? We must plead with God for such a man, and keep our eyes open to see him when he points him out.

C. BEAT
-RICE.

C. Beatrice. The latest and all I have from this mission will be found on card and in letter marked **H**. Strange to me that some of our missionaries, apparently sharp in other things, cannot learn how to arrange for corner-stone laying & dedications, nor how to make engagements.

D. NORTH
PLATTE

D. North Platte. Card from Pastor Stump
marked I. Asking for presence at corner-
stone laying. July 4th or 11th. Have promised
to try to get back from the East by July
11th, and that expense to them would be
sleeping-car & meals from Des. Moines Ia.

E. TE-
KAMAH.

E. Sellamah. Oalland, Grace Church.

OAK
-LAND.

A batch of correspondence concerning
this field is herewith sent. Letter marked J.
The action of the conference is also in the
hands of secy. Clutz. From Bro. Jones letter
marked D - it is evident that he has no de-
sire to accept a call to Sellamah. The
action of the conference suggesting a union
of "Oalland and Grace" would be well enough
if Sellamah and West Point could stand
alone. West Point could probably support

GRACE

its pastor ere long, with little or no aid
from the board, but Sellamah is as yet
not strong enough, by considerable, to stand
alone. The natural and proper union is

CHURCH

"Oalland and Grace", and if the latter be will-
ing to cut loose from Sellamah, and we
can increase the appropriation at Sellamah,
the case is a plain one. We ought to hold
and develop the Oalland field, and the
only way to do it successfully is to place
a pastor in the parsonage at Oalland
whose entire time can be given to this and
Grace Church. Mr. C. Baird seems ready
to "look the field over" and no doubt
also to take charge of it. He has done good
work in Dakota County. He preaches better
than he spells or writes.

OAK-
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F. DAVID
CITY.

F. David City. Visited David City and Rising May 30th, preaching at the former in the afternoon and the latter at night. Had fine audiences at both places, the hall at David City being cruded to its utmost capacity. Post. Wuler of the Synod of Nebraska, visited David City in advance of me, going also to the Country Districts adjacent. He thinks a sufficient salary can be raised on the ground so as to require only \$300.00 from the Board. I discussed the matter of a Union with Rising, with both Bro. Pugh and Miller, and while Bro. Pugh would be very willing to resign for the sake of the Union, it would really be wrong to have him leave Rising at this time. Bro. Miller opposes this with vehemence, says it would greatly disturb the work at Rising &c. &c. Nor will it do, while Schuetz is on the ground, for Bro. Pugh to undertake the David City field. Bro. S. is sensitive - a little "jealous", a good deal head &c. &c. &c.

Rising

D

DAVID

CITY

From letter handed me, as train was passing Monday morning, I judge Bro. Schuetz will leave David City. From my viewpoint I pity him, and yet scarce know what to do with him. He has worked hard, gathered a nice S. School, and the beginning for a church, used up his own means &c.

If only he would feel called to farming or something else outside the ministry, it would be a blessing to him, and also to the Church. Letter referred to sent to Secy. Clutz. I offer the following suggestion.

DAVID
CITY.

- 1 That \$50.00 be appropriated to Rev. D. H. Schuetz, on acct. special mission work

DAVIDCITY

at David City Neb. 2. That in view of the letter of Rev. D. H. Schultz in which he declines to preach any longer at David City Neb. the Pres. of Nebraska Synod, with such helpers as he may command, supply the David City field. We must not forget that unless the lots at David City are used by us for church building within fifteen months, they revert to the County.

G. SIDNEY

G. Sidney will visit this Mission at time of visit to North Platte.

H. THE

H. The Nebraska Field. State Supt. &c.

NEBRASKAFIELD.

While not at all apologizing for the vehemence of Mr. Aug. Kuntze, neither for his strong language during the recent visit of the Committee on head-quarters, it must be remembered that he has seen so many opportunities slip away from us, so many splendid fields lost by the Lutheran Church and taken by others, as to create a burning desire that these things shall not be repeated. It must be remembered also that his generosity to the congregation at Omaha has been most cruelly and wickedly taken advantage of, and that his plans for making Omaha a Lutheran Centre, and a power for the General Synod in the State of Nebraska, have been well nigh thwarted.

DISTRICTWORK&c.

At the time of the Omaha Convention eight years ago - the Presbyterians had but one church in Omaha, and now they have five, with a Book-house and good Press-paper. Those eight years were virtually lost to us in Omaha. Mr. Kuntze

is an intense man in everything and hence intense with reference to our mission work.

THE

NEBRAS-

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FIELD

I believe we ought to place several more men in the field as he suggests. But the difficulty is to get the kind of men adapted to that kind of work. Mr. H. ought to know that we cannot manufacture them. The pressure for these state or district missionaries grows stronger every day. The Western Synods will be full by the coming Autumn, and we must meet it. The Board of Church-Extension is, however, as much or more interested than we are, and should take a part in it. Why not, in connection with Bd. Ch. Extension, place several in Northern Nebraska, and some in S. or Central Kansas, and make a trial of the "lot-getting business" in connection with organizing and supplying congregations?

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DISTRICT

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-DENTS.

I wish I could be present with you to discuss these features of our work.

Praise the Lord for the awakening on the subject of Home Missions and giving; and we pray the gifts of sons and money may be increased a thousand fold!

V. WYO-

-MING.

A. CHEY-

-ENNE.

B. LARA-

-MIE.

V. Wyoming. A. Cheyenne. Will visit Cheyenne when at North Platte & Sidney Neb. or en-route to California.

B. Saramie City. German Church organized by Pastor Rosenstengel, with a large membership. No official report, but trust it has been sent to Secy. Club.

VII. IOWA

A. IOWA

CITY.

VII. Iowa. A. Iowa-City. I have nothing later than postal card - mailed J. from Bon. field.

B. SIOUX - CITY.	B. Sioux-City. Letters marked <u>H</u> , will visit as soon as requested.
C. KNOX - VILLE.	C. Knoxville. I think Bro. Mubus of the Seminary would do well here.
D. LISBON	D. Lisbon. Glad you helped Bro. Cyles!
VIII CALI- -FORNIA A. LOS- -ANGELES	<p>VIII. California. A. Los Angeles. I will consult with Pres. and Secy. of Board, as to best time to make the trip to California, when in Baltimore between June 28 and July 3.</p> <p>Another of the very best working members from First Church Louisville Ky, and two members from Springfield O, have just gone to Los Angeles.</p>
VIII INDIANA A. LOGANS -PORT.	<p>VIII. Indiana. A. Logansport. I spent Sunday - June 13 - with this mission, and found Missionary and people much encouraged. What a wonderful change here since Jan. 1885. The Lord hath done great things for this mission. B. Richmond. Monday June 14. 5 to 7 A.M. was spent with the Missionary at this point. It was an early hour, but Bro. Capps was at the train to meet me and take me to see the new Church building and to have prayer and breakfast with his family. Everything about the property looks well. There is evidence of care of neatness in Church and grounds.</p>
IX. MIS- -CELLA- -NEOUS. A. MONEY	<p>IX. Miscellaneous. A. Money. At the time of the Anniversary at Trinity Lutheran Church, Germantown Pa. I was asked to write a letter to the</p>

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Sunday School, and did so, suggesting that the blessings of the past fifty years, should make them so thankful as to induce them to begin their fiftyfirst year by supporting a home Missionary.

The enclosed letter marked L is the response. I have sent a list of Missions from \$500.00 down to \$200.00 and hope they will select and sustain one.

B. Men. Letters marked M. From, and concerning Rev. S. P. Harrington of Athene Kansas. I don't know any place that he will suit, even with all the ability he thinks he possesses. It is hard, with the scarcity of men, to feel that we cannot use many who want to be used.

C. Am now at Springfield O. attending dedication of New College Building, and inauguration of Rev. Prof. Richards. These events have very important bearings on our home Mission work, and I thought it wise to accept the invitation to be present. If possible "The Board of Education" want to induce Wittenberg to support their Theological Professor in Chicago if plans are successful in establishing a first class Seminary in that city.

D. Weather. Fearfully hot!

Sam^l W. Barnitz
W. Secy

Springfield, Ohio
June 15th 1886