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-FORNIA II. California. A. San-Francisco.

Though I have already reported by letter, of the visit to California, it may be well to have a more extended account in this ~~more~~ permanent form. Two Sundays and eleven well days were spent in San-Francisco and the neighborhood and every hour made to count for the interests of our work. The reports from this field have not been at all exaggerated, and if the Missionary can sustain himself, and keep the interest going, as he has done from the beginning, the Mission at San-Francisco will be an unprecedented success. Calling them throughout the members of our Mission at San-F., are considerably above the average of our Mission congregations. All are intelligent, most of them are young people full of activity, and many of them have had Lutheran training. One of the elders is from the German Church of the Wisconsin Synod. Pastor Behler says "he has been waiting and praying and hoping for many years for an English Lutheran Church". The young people from this German Church and many of the parents also, are attending the English services. Thus far the work has been well done - the foundations wisely laid. At first, Bro. Miller had but little encouragement. Some of our Lutheran people, who twenty years ago

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united in a call to Rev. Theo. Stone D.D., offering a salary of \$6000.00, said they had waited so long, and been so frequently disappointed, that they had united with other churches, and would remain with them." Even the venerable Dr. Sprecher - under the influence of his renegade son - Rev. S. Sprecher Jr. D.D. of the Pres. Ch - advised the missionary to leave San. F. & begin at Los Angeles, because "Samuel" said the Sutheran Church had no field in San. Francisco." After the organization however, the venerable Dr. wrote Bro. Miller a letter recalling all he had said in opposition, and bidding the Mission and Missionary a hearty God speed.

Rev. Selten of the General Council under the influence of Rev. Dr. Pappasant manifested his opposition by speaking of Bro. Miller as "an impostor" &c. &c. Pastor Gehler abused the General Synod soundly, and our Mission and Missionary likewise. None of these things however, moved the missionary. He told Dr. Sprecher Sr. that he "had come to San. F. to build up a General Synod Sutheran Church or die, and that he believed God would permit him to live and accomplish the work". Amid all these discouragements, the work has gone on with remarkable success. The Mission has in it also several business men of more than ordinary ability, who will be of exceeding value in the financial

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and building management. The great need at this time is a suitable lot on which to erect a Chapel or Church. I sent a special communication to the "Board of Church Extension" telling of my examination of some seventeen different locations, and kindly urging the great importance and necessity of securing one of them without any delay.

True, our Mission at San F. has now a beautiful and well furnished and well located Hall in which to hold Sunday Services, Week-night Services - as prayer-meetings - Psalm Services, Catechetical Class - cannot be held in the Hall, as it is occupied during the week for music and dancing classes.

The membership of the Mission are united and harmonious, and seem as one in very labor of love. The attendance at public service and Sunday School was most excellent, and has been steadily growing. Our work has also "a good report of them that are without." Recognizing an old friend in the congregation, and knowing him to have been a Presbyterian of indigo hue, I asked him how he happened there. He answered: "Since in San Francisco, I have visited every church in the city. I have heard flowers and music and geology and science, and fruits and eloquence - indeed everything but that which fed my soul. Seeing an advertisement of

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Sutherland services at Irving Hall, and having heard Sutherans in Philadelphia, I concluded to call around. Here I heard the Gospel, the Gospel, and my soul was fed. It was the second or third service these people held, and I have not missed one since, and will not miss one if I can help it.

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This testimony made me feel good. Isaac Rudisill of York Pa. formerly publisher of "The Missionary Journal", now Editor of "The Del-Monte Wave", also bore strong testimony to the favor with which our Mission and Missionary are being received in that great city.

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Brother Miller has, of course, many sad hours, and bears a heavy burden on account of his suffering and invalid wife and separation from her. For his sake, and her sake and the work's sake this condition of things must not be prolonged beyond absolute necessity. If Mrs. Miller gathers enough strength to reach a sleeping car, she should be taken to San-Francisco. If necessary that she go to one of the choice and comfortable hospitals immediately on arrival in the city no time should be lost in having her join her husband. I told him that it would be better to have her undertake the journey, even though she died on the way, than not to make the effort to have her reach San-F.

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At considerable discomfort

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made a visit to Mrs. Miller, at her father's house - 16 1/2 miles from Dayton. Rev. Mr. Shick very kindly offered his horse and buggy and also his own services for this visit. I felt it due the faithful and self-denying little woman, to take her message basket from her husband and his work, and if possible to cheer her with "good news from a far country". She seemed over-joyed at what she called "the great kindness", the great sacrifice of time" &c. &c, and for many minutes buried her face in her hands and wept. Would that I had the power - the gift of language to describe the hours in the room and by the bed-side of this devoted self-denying hand-maid of the Lord. Her intense interest in the work and field to which God has called her husband, her willingness to sacrifice herself, their home - everything - that he may do the work of the Master in San-Francisco, indicate a consecration to the Mission work too seldom found. I have no doubt at all but that the fervent prayers of this noble woman have much to do with Bro. Miller's success at the Great and wicked City by the Golden Gate. When I asked her whether it would not be best that her husband return & remain with her. She replied with intensity, while choking back sobs & tears. Oh! No, no. He could do little or nothing for Christ and the Sutheran ch.

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here, and that is what he has pledged his life to. It is hard to have him so far away, but we can only pray that God will help me that I may soon go to him, or be called up higher and to even a more beautiful country, if it be not the Lord's will that I go to California! Noble soul! Faithful woman!! May our Lord hear her sighs and prayers for relief!

SAN-F.

Mrs

MILLER

I told Bro. Miller that the Board approving, I would bring Mrs. Miller out part way or all the way, so soon as she is strong enough to travel, or that I would take the work at San F. - the Board approving - while he came East for his wife.

Happily, Dr. Hammas' going to California will make my going unnecessary, as he has kindly consented to take the work at San F. while Bro. Miller makes the journey to Farmersville, Ohio.

Though Mrs. Miller is at her father's house, and they are very kind to her, after a fashion - the surroundings are not such as one of her spirit and church-life should have. Her parents are "Dunkards" and have no sympathy whatever with mission work. They take no interest in the things in which she has deep and abiding and intense interest. Her many letters, her church papers have nothing for them, and she is virtually isolated from the people and interests nearest her heart. So too, she is without the many little

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delicacies and attentions which she had at Clear-Rapids, and greatly miss the loving visits and words hitherto so helpful and refreshing to her. For all these seasons, and many more, Mrs. Miller should be joined to her husband, just as soon as she gathers sufficient strength for the journey. I discussed this entire matter with Brother Miller, told him he must not "whine" before the people in their homes, neither before the congregation, nor tell too much of his sorrow and "awful heart-ache." I tried to make clear to him his duty, at any sacrifice of money, to have his wife with him.

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When at Springfield O. I heard of rumors & "wonder whys" &c. &c. which can do no good. Reflections upon him as "heartless," "unnatural" &c. &c. have also been quite frequent on the part of those who have not reached the plane of self-

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denial and sacrifice reached by our Missionary and his wife. All these matters were also discussed with the officers of the Executive Com. W. H. & W. M. Doey, and the same conclusion reached. viz. that so soon as at all practicable, Bro. Miller should come East, and take Mrs. Miller to the Coast. The splendid climate, good physician and kindly attentions which Mrs. Miller will have in California, will cheer her, if even they do not permanently benefit her.

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more to be reported concerning this great city of San-Francisco, with its 250,000 people, and our important work there.

Fifty pages might be written, and an entire day spent in board meeting considering them. The many other points to be touched, however, and the limited time and resources of the board, seem to say "Concerning San-Francisco, is enough."

B. LOS-
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B. Los-Angeles. Four days were

spent in this beautiful and flourishing city of 40,000 souls. Four services were held, the one of Sunday afternoon an entirely Sutheran service, with our own usages.

There was great joy among our Sutheran people and kindly interest on the part of other evangelical Christians.

The services were fully reported in the Woman's Dept. of "Los-Angeles Christian Advocate" (by the editor herself) the Organ of the U. P. Church, South, in California.

Greater kindness I have never received, than that shown by Rev. Dr. W. B. Strahly, pastor U. P. Church, South, and his people. Indeed such Christian courtesy is rare. The same kindness was shown Bro. Miller during his visit to Los-Angeles, by the same pastor & his people. I called on every Sutheran family I could find, and addressed postal cards to those I could find. Two ^{former} members of the 1st Sutheran

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Church of Louisville Ky, were about-
 teen miles distant from Los Angeles
 but being telegraphed for, put in an
 appearance on Saturday night, saying
 "Ah, he could not miss it, he will have
 a full Sutherland day tomorrow sure."

LOS ANGELES

I predict for Bro. Heisler great
 success in this field, though it will not
 be, as some of the weak brethren sup-
 -pose, "a bed of roses," or orange blossoms
 either. It will require, as do all our
 missions, faithful and hard work
 with much prayer for endurance.

As Bro. & Mrs. Heisler are, no doubt,
 now on the ground, you will likely
 have some report from them in time
 for the member meeting.

LOS ANGELES
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I suggest a resolution of thanks
 to Rev. W. B. Stradley and his people,
 for Christian kindness to the repre-
 -sentative of the "Board of Home Missions
 of the General Synod, Evan. Sutherland
 Church in the U.S." "A word fittingly
 spoken, how good it is."

C. SAN-JOSESAN-JOSE

C. San-Jose. This beautiful
 city of 25,000 in-
 -habitants, fifty miles south of San-
 -Francisco, is ready for our occupation,
 so soon as the Church will furnish
 the means to begin the work, by pla-
 -cing a man in the field, and securing
 suitable property for church-building.
 The city is one of the prettiest of

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most promising in the great state, and is having a solid and substantial growth. Would that we could occupy it NOW!

D. SAC-
RAMEN-
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SACRAMENTO.

D. Sacramento. This, one of the oldest cities of the Golden State, should also be occupied by the General Synod as early as possible. It is a most important center, and growing rapidly. Had we the men - the right kind of men - and the money to sustain them, we might ere the close of 1886, have enough pastors in California to form a Conference.

E. SAN
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SAN-DIEGO.

E. San-Diego is growing as rapidly as any city of California, and having the best harbor between San-Francisco and Guaymas, and the warmest and driest climate near the ocean, it is destined to become a very important city. Dr. Herbst of Abilene Mo. (formerly of Hagerstown, Maryland) has abused me of a lot in San-Diego, and will also report what prospects he have for an early organization. The city is filling up with an excellent class of people from the Northern & Southern States, Real estate has more than doubled in value since May 1886, and great prosperity is manifest on every hand. Here too, "Now is the accepted time" for us to begin work.

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F. Openings, innumerable.

California is indeed a great state with innumerable openings and opportunities for the General Synod.

It is a big and wonderful country, not a little district. It is more than three times as large as New York state, and larger than Italy, which with natural resources little superior, has 29,000,000 inhabitants. For the last thirty five years California has played an important part in the history of the world, and, as yet, is only at the beginning of its influence and growth.

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Here are grand opportunities for mission work. The immigration to California is destined to be immense and the tide has already set in. The low rates of last year - the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Knights Templar with their hundred thousand visitors to the Pacific Coast, have so advertised that portion of our country, and so set forth its advantages and beauty, that multitudes are now seeking homes, buying farms, starting factories &c. &c. thus adding greatly in population and wealth to the already great country. We must keep our eyes on these whitening fields and more and more arouse the Church to the need of men and money to occupy them. I believe the General Synod has come to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

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F. MENFORCALIFOR-NIA.F. Men for California.

Of course there are any quantity of men who want to enter the California field. I have never before heard of as many "delicate nines", "malarious districts", "chronic river troubles necessitating change of climate" &c. &c. &c. as have been reported since our entering the California field. In addition to all other diseases, the applicants in most cases have a serious attack of "California fever".

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We can get twenty men to sacrifice themselves and "their dear people" to go to California to me to go to Middle Tennessee. I enclose two letters marked A. 1 and A. 2. from Rev. W. H. Gotwald of Milton Pa. Mr. Barnitz answered the first one, telling him I was absent & that "the Board could not at this time undertake any more work, neither open any more new fields in California because of lack of funds and demands of other places", that "Del Monte" is not a town or city, but "a resort", that the nearest city is the old one of Monterey, where we have no field, that San Jose and Sacramento are fine openings, but that the Board cannot enter these nor any new California fields at this time, nor for some time to come.

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I enclose my reply to his second letter. I do not like the tone of this second letter. I know but little, personally,

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of Mr. W. A. G. since he left College. He seems to have been successful at Milton. At College he was not noted for a high type of purity, but has, no doubt changed. The Board can find out all about him, I presume, as Milton is not far from Baltimore.

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Rev. Thomas Hines of Barnhart's Mills Pa. writes an excellent letter marked B. He is a good man and has been very successful. He is a true man, and all he says of his physical condition can be relied upon. Mr. B. answered his letter, saying it was appreciated, and if the Board could undertake work in Oregon, he would, no doubt, be considered, but that the work could not now be extended, because of limited funds.

I do not know whether Bro. Hines can be used in the Kansas field or New Iowa openings. He was almost wrecked in health in the Swamp region of Indiana.

He is "pure gold" and has a good record.

2. OREGONA. PORTLANDPORTLAND

2. Oregon. A. Portland.

A day spent in this beautiful and growing city developed the fact, that here too, as in a hundred other cities, we ought to have a well equipped English Sutherland Mission of the General Synod. We have some very choice people here, and at one time had a church. The "Worm man" spoiled

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the splendid opportunity, twenty years ago. The city is destined to grow, and grow and grow. Its trade and commerce are already immense, and its manufacturing interests quite large.

3. WASH-
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3. Washington. A. Seattle. B. Tacoma.

A. SEATTLE
B. TACOMA

What is true of Portland, Oregon, is also true of Seattle and Tacoma in Washington Territory. There can be no doubt, as far as any human judgment or outlook is concerned, of their future. Would that lots had been secured in them years ago. These cities can be added to the list of "grand opportunities" for the General Synod of the Evan. Suth. Ch. in U.S.

4. MON-
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4 Montana. A. Helena.

A. HELENA

Here too, is a field of vast im-
-portance - a growing and very prosperous city. It was my hope to spend Sunday -
-August 15 - in Helena, but the earlier sailing of the steamer, from Portland to San Francisco - than had been announced - prevented me from doing so. All these places are becoming "centres of population and influence" in their relation to the states and territories in which they are located.

HELENA
MONTANA

Oh, that every member of every congrega-
-tion in the General Synod could see the fields "white unto the harvest" for himself and herself. There would then surely be even greater consecration of sons and dollars.

HELENA
MONTANA

"Hasten, Lord, the glorious time!!"

5. WY-
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5. Wyoming. A. Saramie.

About September first, I had a letter from Mr. J. Prahl of Saramie, intimating that Rev. J. M. Anderson was not giving satisfaction &c. &c. I replied to letter saying that as soon as practicable I would visit Saramie and look into the matter. At the meeting of the Synod of Nebraska, I had a conversation with Pastor Anderson, told him of the complaint &c. &c. and asked him about them. He seemed quite surprised, and said Mr. Prahl had evidently "written without authority". On his return to S., pastor Anderson sent me enclosed letter and card marked C.

From this letter and card it will be seen that the congregation at S. have secured a deed for the church lots there, and have compromised with the man who defrauded them for taxes and then bought them in for \$17.00. They have secured enough from him (about \$1000.00) to pay their entire church debt. Have the Board of Church Extension any security for this property? They should, at least, have a promissory mortgage. I called the attention of Western Secy. B. C. P. - Bro. Sandler - to this matter, and he has probably looked after it.

At the Synod of Nebraska, I also learned that The German Congregation at S. would secure Rev. J. A. Torrance of Plattsmouth, Mo. as pastor. No information since

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that time, concerning the German work.

It is my purpose and hope to visit Laramie, at as early a date as possible - perhaps at time of North Platte dedication - and look into the matter as set forth in Mr. Prohl's letter &c. &c.

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B. Cheyenne.

If the congregation at Laramie could secure good title to the lots in that city, by the payment of a small amt. of money, why cannot Board of Church Extension secure good and correct deeds to lots in Cheyenne by doing likewise? There is no time to be lost in this matter. My hope for Cheyenne is an English Lutheran Church even though it be in the future. The thing to do now is to make sure of the lots by securing undisputed title to them. They will soon be worth enough money to pay for a church building.

CHEYENNE.
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BRASKA.

6 Nebraska. A. The Nebraska Synod.

On account of "wash-out" and detention of 36 hours, I did not reach the Synod of Nebraska until Saturday afternoon, hence could only attend one of its business sessions. Home Missions and Church Extension were presented on Saturday night, and had also occupied much of the time and attention of the four days preceding. A "state

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Secretary" or "Superintendent of Missions" is in the mind and eye and heart of the zealous members of the Nebraska Synod, and I judge they better be allowed to try it. I told them I felt sure the Board would not object, provided the Synod paid all the salary and expenses.

They took pledges, and I judge secured about one third enough to half do ^{the} thing. He is to be "a first class man, like Hemmer of New York City".

Of course I said "Go ahead, if you can get Hemmer or the likes of him".

In a consultation with Prot. Weidenhall, I found, however, that "the Western Secy. would be asked to visit Nebraska in the interest of the Superintendency, because means for his support sec. sec. just as he do in our Y. M. C. A. work".

As the Secy. has not sent me any official communication for the Board, and the Adv. Board has not sent any action, nor the "Special Committee", of which Dr. Seisewing is a member, any "resolutions", we need not "cross this bridge until we come to it". A "State Superintendent of Missions" would be a good thing for Nebraska and several other states, provided we had the right kind of men for the work, and enough money to properly maintain them. As long, however, as we cannot secure the right kind of men for the fields already open to us, neither sufficient money to sus-

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tain them, there is but little practical sense in the "State Superintendent" idea.

The Synod of Nebraska has grown and is growing wonderfully, and the work has improved much more since they have not had a "Synodical Missionary" than while they had me.

At this writing the Synod numbers 61 Ministers, and of Congregations already organized, I believe only one - Ponca - is vacant. It has 60 Churches and 32 Stations. The contributions were

Home Missions \$677.00. Foreign Missions \$641.00. Church Extension \$369.00. W. H. O. F. M. Soc. \$262.00. Benefic. Education \$259.00

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The Union of the Nationalities was never more cordial and hearty than at the late meeting. Altogether the outlook for this great State is very cheering.

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25 needs, however, are correspondingly great. New fields are opening every day - new towns being started - new territory being opened up. The General Synod must keep pace with this progress. Let us go up and possess this goodly land - for we are able.
"Awake, Awake; put on thy strength, O Zion!"

B.
AUBURN
AND
STELLA.

B. Auburn and Stella. I had a conference with the Church-Council at Auburn, and every one present (four) expressed their entire satisfaction with Bro. Griffith and his work, saying they were getting along harmoniously.

AUBURN
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STELLA.

that they would soon pay B. Ch. H. the
 Amr. due them, that Bro. Griffith was a
 leader to them &c. &c. I heard not one
 word of complaint by the Auburn people.
 Spent Sunday evening at Stella, and
 though the notice of service was a very
 brief one, the Church was crowded to
 its utmost capacity. It was refreshing
 to see the handsome improvements in the
 Church-property. It has been so renova-
 ted as to change its appearance entirely.

Good taste and Church-spirit are mani-
 fest in all the improvements. There is
 a great desire at Stella to form a new
 charge, consisting of Stella and several
 neighboring openings. I tried the Compe-
 tition the difficulty would be the se-
 curing of a man for Auburn - that
 appropriations must be diminished
 rather than increased &c. &c. They think
 they & the new points can raise a
 support for Bro. G. I enclose a re-
 cent note from Miss Mary Griffith
 named D. He would evidently like
 to be relieved of Auburn, so as to con-
 fine his labor to Stella & the several
 new openings near there. Had he
 a good man for Auburn, with no ne-
 cessity for increased appropriation, I
 would favor a division of the Missim,
 as I believe he can take possession
 of Stella and the surrounding country.
 Bro. Griffith has, no doubt, commu-
 nicated directly with the Board.

AUBURN
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C. BEAT-
-RICE

C. Beatrice. The New Church-Guilding at Beatrice mill, D.V., he dedicated Sunday Novem. 14th. The Missionary reports that he has raised about \$2000.00 of the \$3000.00 needed for the debt and that the work is cheering. I expect to be present at dedication, and also at a conference with the business men of the town, concerning an "Institution of Seaming"; the Friday night sessions.

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The "Board of Trade and leading citizens" ask for this conference with members of the "Board of Education of the General Synod, Ev. Lutheran Church in the U.S." and promise very handsome gifts of land and money for a College or Academy. Bro. Albright and his Church Council are also very urgent & we therefore will look into this matter at time of dedication. See letter marked E.

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D. BOOR-
-HEEB.

D. Boorheeb. The Pastor - Rev. Schuman and also Rev. Mr. Wepner reports progress at this mission, and asks a small appropriation for the coming year. The Missionary is now on his way to New York to meet his bride, who will arrive from Europe in a few days. He asked me to secure for him, and his wife, reduced rates, which I did. I suggest a reduced appropriation. Pastor Schuman impressed me very favorably, and stands well with all the members of Nebraska Synod.

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E. KEARNEY.

E. Kearney. The Nebraska Synod will pay the interest on the money loaned by Board of Home Missions to Kearney, Neb., and has apportioned the amt. necessary to the Con-
 gregations. The Missionary - Mr. J. Star-
 mer - says his field is entirely too large for him to do justice to it, and asks for an additional laborer. The Nebraska Synod licensed a Swedish Min-
 ister, who may take part of this terri-
 tory. I have not received particulars of the proposed division, neither the plans of Advisory Board of Nebraska Synod con-
 cerning it. Pastor Starmer also asks for General Synod tracts in Swedish and English. I have applied to Publication Board for a donation for him & trust it will be granted. Would that we could begin English work at Kearney and Harting. See our work in the Scandinavian and German language must, in my judgment, be with a view to English in the future.

KEARNEY.

F. HARDY.

F. Hardy. Met Missionary Mauser, and also the delegate from Hardy, at synod. They report the work as prospering - not very rapid but of sure growth, and "teaching out into the country 'round about Hardy."
 I was pleased with the report of the delegate, and also with the good sense and admirable spirit the wife of the missionary.

HARDY.

G. LIN-
-COLN.

G. Lincoln. In conversation with Brother Sipe, I learned that he is encouraged, that they have been offered \$4500.00 for their property, but are holding it for \$5000.00 for the use of the old building until ready to enter the new. I will stop in Lincoln en-route to or from Beatrice - November 11-15.

LINCOLN.

H. NORTH
-PLATTE

H. North-Platte. The Dedication at North Platte has been fixed for Decem. 12th D.V. I am not sure that I can attend at that date, but will try. Dedications are preparing from all quarters, and other demands more so. I enclose letters from Bro. Stump, marked F.

NORTH
PLATTE

I. RISING

I. Rising City & David City.

DAVID
CITY.

Rev. J. J. Pugh reports his work at these places quite encouraging, but too laborious. He says he "will keep on with it, and do the best he can, just as long as he has the strength to keep up." He is a noble and faithful missionary. I advised him to drop some of the country points or not serve them so frequently - to save himself as much as possible and put his strength on the towns, urging the people - within four or six miles to attend the services at Rising or David City.

RISING

DAVID
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J. RE-
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J. Republican Valley Mission.

Ner. J. W. Kimmel reports very favorably of the work in his field, says "Franklin Church will be ready for dedication after Novem. 13th and says the field is too large and the labor too great for him. See letter, marked G. In another letter he speaks of Ner. Robt. Atkin for a part of the field. I advised him strongly against making any arrangement with Ner. Robt. Atkin or anybody else until he had the approval of the Board, told him of his former experiences in selecting men - as Ner. A. Martins, Ner. Stebbins, Ner. Gearhardt &c. He seems to have ignored the advice and invited Ner. Atkin to the field. I do not know Ner. Robt. Atkin, excepting as a farmer and plasterer. He may be a very good man, and earnest preacher and successful pastor, but if so, there was no need of his being out of the active work, for a number of years.

I also advised Bro. Kimmel to discourage anybody at ~~Stella~~ Auburn who talked of his return to that field, told him that "talk was cheap" and that the Church-Council expressed no such wish in my conference with them. I suggested that he stay away from Auburn, and attend exclusively to his own field. When in Omaha.

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next week, I will see Mr. Gustis, General Passenger Agt. of B & O N. N. N. in Feb. concerning renewal of Bro. Kimmel's Pass.

I doubt, however, whether it can be obtained. There has been a new Passenger Association formed, & the rules are very rigid. It looks as though 1887 would be a difficult year for transportation. I will do the best I can.

As I have said from the beginning, Bro. Kimmel has intense zeal, but it is not always according to knowledge.

He likes his own way, and chafes under restraint. His wife is like unto him. He is, however, devoted to the work & a great success in raising money for church-building. I will, D. V., attend the dedication at Franklin, and see as much of the field as possible, in the short time I can take from other work that is just as pressing.

REPUBLICAN

-LIAN

VALLEY

MISSION.

K. T. E.

-KAMAH

OAK-

-LAND.

GRACE.

K. Sellamah, Oakland, "Grace".

Pastor White reports the work at each of these points in his field, as cheering and "looking up". I secured half rates for his family, Kansas City to Oakland, and they are now settled there. "The class of catechumens at Oakland numbers fifteen, with more to follow." I have no word from the people at either Sellamah or Oakland, but presume they are satisfied or he would hear without delay.

L. WA-
-VERLY.

L. Warely. Prof. Oyster seems en-
-couraged in his work in
this field, though he seems to regard
himself as "only a supply until a
younger and better man can be had".
He is one of "the excellent of the
earth", and if satisfactory to the people
at Warely, we do not need any other
man.

WAVER-
-LY.M. WAYNE.

M. Wayne. Rev. M. S. Melick reports
the work at Wayne as
"hopeful" and cheering, but a "little
difficult because of the Germans."
This difficulty will be removed
in a short time, as one of the German
pastors will hold an occasional ser-
-vice at Wayne, and thus "hold off"
the Missional Synod man who prowls
around to entice and draw away our
members.

WAYNE.N. WEST
-POINT.

N. West Point. Brother Jacoby is
quite enthusiastic in
his work at West Point, and the new
point he has developed near by.
All the reports are good from
this field. The interest is growing.
Congregations and Sunday School
increasing, and benevolence being de-
-veloped. There was "a little breeze"
because of a temperance ^{by Jacoby} sermon believed it
necessary to preach, but the breeze
was soon over, and without having done
any injury.

WEST
POINT
etc.

O. YORK
COUNTY
NEB.

O. York County, Neb.

Rev. G. H. Schmur^{sr}, the missionary at this mission, complained less than at any time I have ever known him. His delegate also, a chronic fumbler, was in smiles. Perhaps if I had been at the synod of Nebraska a longer time, I would have heard complaints and murmuring from both, though from all accounts there is ground for neither. The Pres. of synod and neighboring pastors said: "Schmur is doing well in the York County field."

York
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P. SOUTH
SIoux
CITY
NEB.

P. South Sioux City, Neb.

See Letters and Hand-bill from Rev. E. Baird - Marked H - concerning the new openings in N. D. Nebraska.

These developments have an important bearing upon our work in Sioux City Iowa, Dakota &c. &c. Bros. Baird & Semler have already secured the promise of lots in the new town.

Q. SALEM
DAKOTA
CO.
NEB.

Q. "Salem" Dakota Co. Neb.

The new "Salem" Church, to take the place of the one destroyed by lightning some months ago, is now being painted, and will be ready for dedication in a few weeks. The glory of the new will be greater than that of the former building. Thus the work of church building goes forward in the great State of Nebraska! Praise the Lord!!

SALEM

R. HOMER

R. "Homer" The new Church-Building and Academy, will soon be dedicated at this point. The "Sutheran Academy" has already been opened. Bro. David has organized a Congregation & the desire of his heart seems to be realized. His predictions also concerning Rail-Road extension through Homer, are about to be fulfilled, and he is happy.

Though not under the care or support of the Board, this Dakota County work is really Mission work, and therefore interests and concerns us. A word of encouragement always does Bro. David good, even though it cannot change his system of orthography.

HOMERS. OMAHA

S. Omaha. 1. The Missions

Bro. Detweiler asks for "at least a half day in Home Mission business with him at O." See Card marked I..

He reported to me at Synod that Bro. Schmur Jr. is popular with the people, preaches well, but is "a little slow".

Of course it must be understood that along side of Bro. Detweiler there are but few men who are not "slow". Schmur Jr. reported Bro. Detweiler as very kind and helpful to him, and their relations as very pleasant and harmonious. I think perhaps, the "half day" is wanted with reference to locating the second Church building, plans for the building, the South Omaha work &c. &c. &c.

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2. The Western Head-Quarters.

The letter enclosed - marked J. - which has just been received, shows the importance of our pushing the house project at Omaha, if we desire the advantage of the beautiful location & lots.

They have almost doubled in value since set aside for the Board of Home Missions. I replied to Mr. Countze that we hoped to commence the building as early in the Spring of 1887 as weather will permit, that I had from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 apured, and that I would see him S. by en-route from Beatrice on the 15th of Novem.

If some of the members of the Board would suggest plans for the house to the committee, and also names of such persons as will likely be interested and contribute, it will facilitate the work. We ought to report the money raised & the Head-Quarters well under way by the time of the General Synod's Convention at Q.

7. ILLI-

-NOIS.

A. SYNOD
of

S. ILLI-
-NOIS.

7. Illinois. A. Synod of S. Illinois.

From the Synod of Nebraska to the Synod of S. Illinois is a long distance. So also there is a vast difference between the two bodies. It is cheering, however, to note improvement in the churches of the Synod of Southern Illinois, and improvement in the manner of doing the synodical work, conducting the service &c. &c. When in 1882, the synod met in this same charge "Dempola" - such a thing as the "order of ser-

SYNOD
of
SOUTHERN
Illinois.

"-rice" was not known at any of the meet-
-ings. How different now! Every pub-
-lic service was opened according to the
book of worship, and the people joined
heartily in the various parts. Several
new churches will soon be built in
the bounds of the synod, an event which
has not taken place for a good many
years. There is need of a few good
and true pastors on the territory, and
also need of a regular visitation of the
congregations, with reference to the
benevolent work of the church. This
is greatly desired also by the pastors
who made an earnest plea "that the
board send the secretaries into the congre-
gations of the synod of Southern Illinois".

Synod
of
SOUTHERN
Illinois

The congregation at Anna having be-
-come vacant, through the resignation of
Rev. E. W. Sifford, weakened the synod
considerably, it being the best within
its bounds. For the sake of the synod,
as well as for its own sake, and the
work in that part of Illinois it should
have a pastor at the earliest possible
moment. I urged the appointment
of a commission to the Synod of Central
Illinois, with a view to uniting the
two bodies, and strengthening the working
force in S. Illinois. Such commission
was appointed, and a union will, I think,
be brought about. Thus a very weak synod
will be wiped out, and a weak one
will be strengthened by the addition

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SOUTHERN
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of 1020 Communicants and seven pas-
tors. I held five services with this
synod, three of them being Missionary
Services. I suggested "a collection" at
each service, but the pastor "feared it
might spoil the collection on Sunday
morning, for which he had been kind
of laying himself out." I told him the
way to make that Sunday morning col-
lection a success was to begin to teach
the people how to give on Friday & Satur-
day nights, and by Sunday they would
be in good condition. And so he did,
& the result was more on Saturday
than Friday, and twice as much, though
"a rainy morning" on Sunday.

Synod
of
Southern
Illinois

The contributions of the synod
for W. M. F. M. & Ch. H. amounted to
\$102.30 - or about 10 cents for the
three objects from each of the 1020 com-
municants. Surely this is a strong
argument for the need of visitation!

Could a series of Missionary Meetings
be arranged, I am sure a cordial wel-
come will be given the representatives
of the board.

B. MUR-
PHYBORO

B. Murphyboro. Rev. S. Carnhart re-
ports his work as encou-
-raging, especially in the line of the
development of "the grace of giving". He
says several of the members of the Mission
now devote at least "one tenth" of their
income to the Lord's cause. I urged
upon him to bring the congregation to self-support.

8. PENN-
-SYLVANIA

8. Pennsylvania. A. Synod of Pittsburgh.

A. Synod
of
PITTSBURGH

This Synod had a most excellent meeting, with earnest mission-ary services and good reports. It was pleasant and refreshing to me to meet again with this body, with the members of which I was accustomed to take great counsel for more than twenty years.

Synod of
Pittsburgh

There is much missionary territo-ry within its bounds, and a strong desire on the part of the members to have it de-veloped. The meeting of the N. A. M. Soc. Convention was also a success - increased interest, and increased giving being man-ifest in all the reports.

9. OHIO.

9. Ohio. A. Wittenberg Synod.

A. WIT-
-TENBERG
Synod.

By request of Secy. Clutz, I made a hard drive to meet him, while in at-tendance at this Synod. He will re-port concerning it. To me it was the poorest Synod visited - the uppermost question apparently being not "How shall we most honor our God and advance His Kingdom", but "Who shall be greatest?" "Who shall rule?" "Who shall go to General Synod?" "Who shall be a Director at Wit-tenberg College?" Of course the Synod was all behind on apportionment.

B. MIAMI
Synod.

B. Miami Synod. Leaving Jeffer-sontown, Kentucky, after speaking on Tuesday evening - October 5th - I reached P. School Convention of Miami Synod

MIAMI
SYNOD.

at "Hopeful Church" Kentucky at 10 A.M. Wednesday, Oct. 6, having had a night buggy ride of 12 miles, a Ry. ride of 136 miles, and a wagon ride of 10 miles. Though I could only remain long enough to speak an hour on Home Missions, I found the interest in the work of the Board very great, and the missionary spirit truly refreshing.

The Church was packed during the meeting, and the interest intense. Many of the brethren told me their contributions were far in excess of their apportionment, and their aim, by preaching on Missions, teaching Missions in S. School, circulating literature &c. to bring their people and children up to the stature of Gullnes. It was a great and blessed meeting of the Synod. Brethren cheerfully gave their places on the programme, so that the cause of Home Missions might be presented.

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C. DELA-
-WARE

C. Delaware. Great was the day & great the joy at Delaware Ohio, Missin - Sunday, October 17th 1886. Bro. Shaffer must not have credit for the "Banner-Mission". He has worked very, very hard and as devotedly as hard. His life in Christ and the spirit of self sacrifice manifested by himself and wife have spoken untold power and influence for General Synod Sutheranism.

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in Delaware. His management of the new building also, entitles him to golden opinions. Wherever I went in Delaware, Bro S. and his wife and their work for Christ were spoken of with admiration and praise. The building is "a gem" of beauty, adaptation and economy, having only one defect - a great one to me - a communion table or altar. I urged that this be put in, and believe the Board of Church Extension should insist that every church they help build should be a Sutheran Church, and have Sutheran appointments.

DELA-
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OHIO

The new church is by far the neatest, brightest and most comfortable in Delaware. Over \$3000.00 were raised on day of dedication, though the people thought \$1500.00 would be an immense sum to raise. Drs. Ort & Helmig did the work - beginning on Saturday & keeping at it persistently. Never have these brethren preached better than at Delaware, and never were better impressions made for genuine Sutheranism in a community where it was not known favorably - than in Delaware, on Sunday, October 17-1886. I enclose account of dedication - marked K - from Delaware Gazette. "Observer" & "Angelist" also give accounts which have, no doubt, been read by members of the Board.

DELAWARE

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-CATION

I attended dedication at Delaware only because Miss Mary Shaffer plead

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so hard for some representative of the Board, and insisted that not to have a representative of the Board present would be a great disappointment to the people. It was a continuous journey of nearly 900 miles from Waterville Kansas (Synod of Kansas), but I believe it paid. Bro. Shaffer handed me amt. of expenses, but I thought best to turn it into the Home Missions Treasury, as a contribution from Delaware O., and charge up expenses in regular way, especially, as I would have had same expenses in going to Middle Tenn. Synod, had I not taken in Delaware en route. I am sure Board will approve my going to Delaware, and my disposition of expenses. Will have Delaware Mission!!

DELA-
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D. DAYTON

D. Dayton. I believe the interests of General Synod Sutheranism demand the establishment of a second English Sutheran Church in Dayton O., though I scarcely know how it can be brought about. It ought to be started by and from the First Church, but there is little to be expected from it. New life, more push, greater infathering & more liberal giving are needed in the growing and beautiful city of Dayton. No time is to be lost. Would correspondence with Council of First Church, with reference to a new mission enterprise have any effect. Many Sutherans in Dayton feel the need of it.

D. DAYTON

E. CIN.
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E. Cincinnati. By earnest request of Rev. Ezra K. Bell, pastor of the First Lutheran Church of this great city, I spent a day with him in the interests of new Missions in that part of the territory of the Miami Synod. Several localities were suggested - as "Walnut Hills", "Price's Hill" etc., at either or all of which most promising Missions can be established. So these localities prominent and active members of the First Church are moving who will take an interest and become efficient in Churches established near their homes. Bro. Bell is intensely interested in extending our influence in Cincinnati, and will do everything he can to aid in establishing a second Church, or Mission. He will gladly furnish data, or particular information and will co-operate with the Board, or Secretaries or Missionary, to the extent of his ability. Bro. Bell has, under God, done a noble work in developing the First Church of Cincinnati, and now longs to see the new life and energy mobilized for the extension of Lutheran Christianity in the new parts of the city where material is very abundant. I suggest the following action: Whereas, Cincinnati now offers special inducements for opening one or more Missions of the General Synod, be it therefore Resolved, that Rev. Dr. W. W. Hanna, member of the Board of Home Missions, now sojourning in

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Cincinnati, be requested to co-operate with Rev. Ezra K. Bell, in ascertaining what number of members can be enrolled for a mission on Walnut Hills, how much can be raised towards salary of missionary, and such other information as they deem necessary for the proper beginning of such mission.

* Resolved, that this Board appreciates the missionary spirit manifested by Rev. E. K. Bell, and his willingness to dismiss from the First Church, such members as have removed to Walnut Hills, or such as may be useful in establishing and building up a new Lutheran congregation.

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I know of no opening at this time superior to the one at Cincinnati.

He must occupy the larger towns of the older states, as well as of the new states and territories. I sincerely believe the General Synod has "come to the Kingdom for such a time as this": he may be "late" "too late" almost in some places, but in others it is "our time" just "our time". The children can now be reached in the English language, where a few years ago, he had no field in the English tongue. Wmed that our people - Yea our pastors also, as a rule - wmed see and realize what he may become as a General Synod, if he are faithful to home-mission, Church-extension and Education. Now, NOW! "On to Cincinnati, and let the whole church say AMEN!"

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10. IN-
-DIANA.

A. OLIVE
BRANCH
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SYNOD

of

INDIANA.

10. Indiana. A. Olive Branch Synod.

I was not able to be present at the convention of this synod, but a few hours. Three of the Synods of that week held their meetings from ten to fifteen miles distant from any Railroad station, and therefore required much time in getting to, and from them. The Olive Branch Synod met at Jeffersontown, Ky, ten miles from Louisville. The president being absent, because of sickness, "Home Missions" were presented instead of the Synodical sermon. The congregation was large, and the interest very gratifying.

It is cheering to note the improvement in this synod from year to year. A few years ago it was decidedly loose in many respects. Business was done in a "flip-shod" manner and Sutherland usage and literature were ignored. All is changed now. There is order in all the proceedings, and Sutherland usage at all the services. Being obliged to leave immediately after speaking Tuesday night in order to reach Miami Synod, I could take no part in the proceedings of this year's convention. From the reports, and from private correspondence, I learn that both Synod and W. B. & S. M. Society, had most excellent meetings, and that the Mission and Educational work of the Church received careful consideration.

OLIVE
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B. IN-
DIAN-
-APOLIS.

B. Indianapolis.

Brother John H. Orr, one of the devoted members of the church at Indianapolis, says: "The walls of our new church are going up beautifully, and the light begins to shine." "Gloria to God!"

II. KEN-
-TUCKY

II. Kentucky. A. Louisville, 2nd Ch.

A. LOUIS
-VILLE.

SECOND
CHURCH.

Bro. Kemmer reports growth and encouragement in every department of his work. As an evidence of his own growth I enclose a document - man-
-d - which he prepared, as delegate from the Olive Branch Synod, and sent to the Synod of Middle Tennessee. It shows advancement - with re-
-gard to Sutherland Literature & Usage - in Bro. Kemmer, which a few years ago would hardly have been dreamed of.

B. LOUIS
-VILLE,
KY.

THIRD
CHURCH

B. Third Church. Louisville, Ky.

See the reports of Bro. McDaniel's work are good - very good. I straightened him out on the report that "Western Secy assured the people of a loan for church building &c. &c." I asked him to whom or when the promise was made? He said the report or idea must have ~~been~~ grown out of my saying two years ago, that if they would go right forward & build, I could secure for them on first mortgage, at 5% per cent. \$1000.00 or probably \$1100.00. Bro. McDaniel says they are satisfied with his explanation, and will go along energetically & harmo-
-niously.

THIRD
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-VILLE
KY.

12. IOWA
A. THE
SYNOD
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12. Iowa. A. The Synod of Iowa.

Taking a good horse and buggy, after speaking at "Hopeful Church" (Miami Synod) I reached Cornington (10 miles) in time for night train to Chicago, and reached Chicago next morning in time for train on C. & N. Ry. to Nevada, Iowa - the meeting place of "The Iowa Synod." The distance between these two synods - or rather the places at which they met, is 624 miles.

Synod
of
IOWA.

The Iowa Synod, though a small body, had a great meeting, as had also the Woman's Home and Foreign Missy. Society. There was entire harmony, much prayer, business sense and the spirit of missions. There is a longing desire on the part of the brethren of this synod to enlarge the influence of the General Synod in this great state, and to redeem some of the ground lost by the bad and un-Sutheran management of years ago. Synod renewed its promise of \$1000.00 for a lot in Sioux City, and raised nearly one fourth of this sum on the spot. The remainder will be raised by Jan'y, 1st 1857. An efficient committee having the matter in charge.

SYNOD
of
IOWA.

The growth of this synod, in the "race of giving" to Home Missions, since we have had western supervision, will be seen from the following figures.

For Home Missions	Sept. 1851	\$207.00
" " "	Aug 1852	175.16
" " "	Sept 1853	272.22

	For Home Missions. Oct. 1884	\$253.38
	" " " " 1885	374.02
	" " " " 1886	633.53.

SYNOD
of
IOWA

In 1882 & 1883, the Synod raised the \$1000.00 for Church Extension at Burlington, and its other contributions were somewhat effected by that effort. The Woman's W. & S. M. Society of Iowa Synod, doubled their contribution in 1886.

"There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" in Iowa.

B.N.E.
-VADA.

B. Nevada. Bro. Zeigler certainly has done, and is doing a good and blessed work in Nevada, and Storey Co. The congregation at Nevada is not likely, in the nature of things, to grow rapidly, but it is growing substantially. I found everywhere in the town, that our missionary is most highly esteemed for his work's sake, & that he has the confidence of everybody.

He has managed splendidly in the building of church and parsonage, as all must admit who look upon the beautiful property. His work is hard, because there is much unbelief in the town, and that worst of all isms - "perfect love" - the professors of which can hardly be trusted for freedom over night. The entire county of Storey is Lutheran (Norwegian) and in time the town will have large accessions from the country & the English Lutheran Church have a more rapid growth.

NEVADA

NEVADA.

C. IOWA
CITY.

C. Iowa City. The report of this Mission, notwithstanding it has no pastor, was most excellent, and made every one feel that it would be wrong to desert or abandon the faithful Lutherans at Iowa City. In this feeling I also share. Indeed I cannot bring myself to the point of abandoning Iowa City. The delegate from that congregation has no doubt that a union with North Liberty can be formed, provided a good man is found for Iowa City. Rev. D. J. Grenoble will likely visit the Mission at an early day with a view to accepting a call. He will preach at North Liberty. The contributions from the Iowa City Church here up to those of any congregation in the synod - i. e. the average per member, was as high. The Sunday School and prayer-meeting, W. B. S. M. Socy. &c. have been kept ^{up} and the interest not allowed to diminish. That congregation is a most faithful and worthy one!

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CITY.D. KNOX-
VILLE.

D. Knoxville. A touching letter, mailed M - from old Uncle Jimmie Young of Knoxville, speaks for itself. Oh, that we could secure a good man for this field. A wise man, with good common sense, would create a charge of Knoxville and "the regions round about." On receipt of Bro. Young's letter, I wrote him to

KNOX-
-VILLE

hold on and pray on.

"Oh, do not be discouraged
for Jesus is your friend."

I also at once arranged for services for
member 7th Decemr Rev. Geo. C. Henry
to visit Troutville, while I took his
pulpit and S. School in Des-Moines.

I had word sent to Country members hard-
bills sent through the town &c. &c. They
are very fond of Bro. Henry at Troutville
and always cheered by his visits. I know
they will have a precious & cheering Sun-
day. Bro. Henry consenting to go to Trout-
ville give them a service, and allows
me to spend Sunday at home, and also
Saturday afternoon and Monday morning
which I could not spare from my desk.

KNOX-
-VILLE

IOWA.

E. BUR-
-LINGTON.

E. Burlington. All reports from
this mission continue favorable &
indicate that our church and its pastor
are daily gaining in favor. Burlington
is improving - enlarging as much as
any city in Iowa, keeping perhaps
Des-Moines and Sioux-City. The transi-
tion from the German and Swedish to
the English will be slow but is sure to
come. The Burlington Mission is already
a valuable addition to the Synod of Iowa.

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E. SIOUX
-CITY

F. Sioux-City. The enclosed letter-
named N - from our faithful and
sorely tried missionary at Sioux-City,
makes me sad. Is there no relief

SIoux
-CITY

for him and his exceedingly important field from the Board of Church Extension. The Synod of Iowa have made arrangements to pay the \$1000.00 they promised toward lots in Sioux City, by January 1st 1887, whether it is collected or not. This is virtually a contribution of \$1000.00 to Church-Extension, in addition to Apportionment. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick". Bro. Mack-Kenzie and his wife have "faithfully endured," & to a greater extent, I think, than any missionaries on our list. I spent Sunday, September 19, at Sioux City, and took part in the organization of the Congregation. It was a day of gladness to missionary people. In visiting friends in Sioux City, I learned that our pastor and his wife have gained hosts of admirers by their faithful and consistent work & devotion to everything pertaining to the good of the city. He must, however, have a suitable Church-building so as to keep going forward, and so as not to lose the ground already gained. The relative importance of Sioux City to Dakota towns and cities, and to N. D. Nebraska, has often been set forth, and cannot be too strongly emphasized. Can our Board do anything (in a kindly, suggestive way) to have the Board of Church Extension see the importance of early & definite help for lots in Sioux City? To my mind Sioux City & San Francisco are the most important places before the Board of Church Extension.

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G. NEW

G. New Work in Iowa. Clinton.

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I. CLIN-

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The proper prosecution of our general synod Sutheran work in the great state of Iowa, means the establishment of new missions in the important centres - the cities and towns. Clinton was presented at the late meeting of the synod of Iowa as a rapidly growing and substantial city, and ready for occupancy.

A number of Sutherans are already there, and others are moving there from the country towns and villages. Can we encourage them to "go ahead!" Shall I visit Clinton, as they earnestly plead, spend a Sunday and look the field over? Some of our Sutherans are waiting to know whether they shall unite with other churches, or whether they can have a Sutheran church. I have promised them a Sunday, with the Board's approval. As the new openings come before me I "proan being burdened". Must we say No? How long, O Lord, how long?

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Our Lord's children, and the children of the Church of the Reformation, are asking for Bread, the Bread of Life. He says "Give ye them to eat". Will not the church hear their cry and the Master's command? Clinton presents as fine a field as Washington, and our opportunity is Now!

2. OT-
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2. Ottumwa. Growing rapidly and substantially, destined to be a large and important manufacturing town. A splendid opening!

3. EAST
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3. East Des Moines.

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DES-MOINES

In the Eastern Division of the Capital City of Iowa, we ought to open a mission. I believe the right kind of a man could have a S. School here, in less than six months, of 300 to 400. It would do the First Church good - provide that membership to better work. The Swedish Lutheran Church now going up will cost \$30,000. The children of the people building this handsome structure are already English, and cannot be held from English churches very long. The First Lutheran Church - "St. Johns" is not reaching them. It is too far away.

13. KAN-
-SAS.

A. THE
KANSAS
SYNOD.

13. Kansas. A. The Kansas Synod.

We have seen the synod of Kansas, in its convention of 1881 at "Punker Hill", and to compare the convention of 1886 at Waterville, with that one, almost caused me to cry out: "Can it be possible that it is the same body?" In 1881 looseness - general looseness was the rule and order the exception. At that time the "Book of Worship" was used in only one or two of the congregations, and the Sunday School literature of the General Synod

THE
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scarcely known in any Sunday School of the Synod. Other publications than Lutheran were openly advocated, and even the prominent Missions used the publications of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Almost anybody was received into the Synod as a minister without reference to "race, color, education or previous condition". How great the change in five years. Praise the Lord for it! There is scarcely a Sunday School on the territory that does not use our own publications and order of service, and scarcely a church that refuses Lutheran usage. In 1881 there was much "Big Meeting", "Big Donation", "Resignation", "Big" resolutions of repentance, and little, very little giving to Missions. Now there is faithful and steady preaching and teaching the word of God, with expectation of results every time the Gospel is faithfully preached. Now there is a deep interest in all the work of the General Synod. See the following figures, presented by the Treasurer! See and rejoice!!

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<u>Years.</u>	<u>Amt Apportioned.</u>	<u>Amt raised</u>
1883	\$612.74	\$620.91
1884	1037.61	1153.15
1885	1095.00	1163.48
1886	1332.00	2090.07

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Receipts of Apportionment in 1886 \$758.07.

The Synod also determined to complete its promise of \$500.00 for new church

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at Emporia. I greatly regretted that I had so short a time at this convention of the Synod of Kansas. Delayed by an accident in reaching Waterville, I could only give one evening and one morning to Synod. So many matters, pertaining to Home Missions work, come up at every session, that some representative of the Board must really be constantly present.

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Somebody is almost certain to offer some "fool thing", just after a Secretary has gone, and when the usually wide awake members are so worn out as to be paying but little attention. This Synod, like Nebraska and Iowa, complained a little of "a lack of attention to their great field."

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They were inclined to the idea that the "other parts of the Home Missions field were receiving more aid, visitation and attention than Kansas." I gave them all a fair chance to ask questions, & to manifest their zeal, and then took my little book, and kindly asked them to make notes while I read. I showed them that during 1885 & 1886, they had received more money than Nebraska, & had as many missions and as much visitation. Their argument was ended, but they very naturally said: "Oh the new fields, the good openings, the great need - cannot more be done to occupy and supply?" In all this feeling, with reference to the new and splendid and promising openings in Kansas, I dep-

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by sympathize. So also, as I told the synod, does every member of the Board. The question is not one of willingness to occupy, but one of ability to occupy. There are several fields, however, we should at once enter - just as soon as men of the right type can be secured for them.

B. NICHITA
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B. Nichita. This is really one of the most important mission points in the West. The Adv. Board of the Kansas Synod (consisting of the Officers of Synod) was instructed to co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in securing a man for Nichita. The names of Rev. Dr. Viles of Mansfield, and Rev. Dr. Singley of Bellefontaine, Ohio were suggested, and some of the members of Synod were quite enthusiastic with reference to either of them. Personally, I can hardly endorse Dr. Viles, though we are good friends, because of his management at Wooster, his "Bip Meeting" ideas, and his course at Mansfield & in the Synods of East Ohio & Wittenberg. Dr. V. has an inclination to speculate also - to "buy and sell and get fair", and it might be great unkindness to him to send him into the "booming" atmosphere of Nichita. Dr. Singley has, I think, done well at Bellefontaine in Church-Building, development of Benevolence &c. I enclose letter from President Cowner, named O. for

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information from Wichita, write Henry Blackwelder & Suther Garner. In the transmission of the latter however, I have not very much confidence. If it had been of the right type, he might have had a Sutheran Organization in Wichita, long ago. With him, or without him, the time has come, and cannot in safety be delayed, to begin at Wichita! I have consented to go with Garner and Suther if date of their going will not conflict with other engagements.

WICHITA

C. BANNER CITY

C. "Garner-city". This new place on a new line of Railroad, is urged for an appropriation of \$100.00, with Mr. B. D. Hills as Missionary. He has been preaching in the country near by, and when the town was started commenced preaching the town. We know him as a faithful man. His lay delegate made a good report of work done & prospects at Garner City. A lot has already been secured for church & parsonage.

BANNER

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I have sent blank application, so that the matter may come before the Board in regular form, but at same time have expressed my doubts as to ability of Board to grant the amt.

D. WINFIELD
WELLINGTON
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ARKANSAS CITY
INDEPENDENCE
CEDAR VALE

D. Winfield, Wellington, Arkansas City, Independence, Cedar-vale, &c. &c. are all pleading for ministers, are all important openings and should be occupied. Lots have already been secured in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{east named} ~~of~~ these places. The de-

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-sive of the Lutherans, at all these places, is to have a visit from the "Secretaries of the Board". How to get all this visitation in, and what to say to the people in case the visit can be made. I do not know. I cannot encourage them to hope for ministers in the near future. What can we, what shall we do?

E. OTTA-
-WA.

E. Ottawa. Concerning this mission, the Kansas Synod "requests the Board of Home Missions to send the Western Secy. to visit it, endeavor to harmonize the discordant elements & if possible secure a pastor soon". How easy to dispose of a troublesome matter by "resolution". I believe it would be wise to sell out at Ottawa to the Joint Synod of Ohio. If they will pay back all that B. H. M. and B. C. C. have invested at Ottawa, I do not know, but that it would be wise for us to sell out. The Joint Synod have a man on the ground who can preach English and German, and can perhaps do the work. The Kansas Synod will oppose any such idea. I presume, but really the work has been so botched at O., that I see but little hope for success. Hope would serve in my breast if a first-rate American-German preacher, pastor and manager could soon be found to take the field and stick to it. Alas! My Brethren what shall we do?

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F. AT-
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F. Atchison. Driven out of the Hall, by God's good providence, I verily believe. (As the Caffe stinks up her nest) the congregation have bought a very fine lot, splendidly located. They are now preparing a dwelling-house, that stands on the lot, for church purposes, and will soon have it in readiness.

I doubt the wisdom of doing over this old house, for purposes of worship. I fear it will delay the building of such a church, as we now need at Atchison, and probably belittle our work. Many members of the Synod of Kansas agree with me, but pastor & members at Atchison do not.

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The Officers of the Mission report the work "going right along," and so also do "the faithful women."

G. HAYS-
-CITY.

G. Hays-city. Rev. J. G. Graichen, was married in this city, by Western Secy, on Wednesday evening Novem. 3rd. The bride was Miss Ochs of Iowa-city, seventeen years of age - a very pretty & I think sensible girl. She was one of the best of our Lutheran workers at Iowa city. I had quite a long talk with Rev. G. about his work. He seems encouraged, and says "though the field is a difficult one, by perseverance and persistency success is sure. He means to persevere and persist. Bro. G. returned directly to his field, taking his bride with him."

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<u>H. ELLS-</u> <u>-WORTH.</u>	<u>H. Ellsworth.</u> Rev. & Mrs. Yarger re- port themselves as much encouraged - much more encouraged than six months ago.
<u>I. VAL-</u> <u>-LEY</u> <u>FALLS.</u>	<u>I. Valley Falls.</u> Good reports also from this Mission. Very good reports! The new Church-building is rapidly ap- proaching completion, and will be one of the neatest and best adapted in that part of Kansas. The town also is growing rapidly. Bro. Geifer seems to be much encouraged.
<u>J. LAW-</u> <u>-RENCE</u> LAWRENCE	<u>J. Lawrence.</u> I heard the report of the lay-delegate from this Mission, & from it gathered that the feeling is that Rev. G. J. DeLo. ought to remain. He said "a sort of earth-quake seemed necessary & we have had it" and now there is peace and prospects of prosperity. I trust this is all true. There was no opportunity to talk with Missionary DeLo, nor indeed with any of the Missionaries. They were busy on Committee &c. during most of the ten hours I was present.
<u>K. THE</u> <u>OTHER</u> <u>MISSIONS</u> <u>IN</u> <u>KANSAS.</u>	<u>K. The Other Missions</u> on the territory of the Synod of Kansas, were reported as doing well. All of them show prosper. I urged increase of salary on their part, and promised decrease on the part of the Board. I said they must grow nearer to self-support every year.

L. A.L. A. Disturbing Element.DISTURBING
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I regret very much to note the establishment of a Mission at Hazleton, Kansas. by the General Council, or rather by Rev. W. A. Paparant D.D. in the name of the General Council. (See "Workman" of Novem. 4. Page 816.)

Rev. J. Sauer - the Missionary appointed - has been one of the most ready of all Dr. Paparant's "Men Friday", to disturb and interfere. He was sent out in 1881 to follow the Western Secy. of Home Missions, and tried to hinder at Sim-corn and other points. The people at Hazleton are probably not posted as to Synodical relations &c. &c.

A DIS-
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I doubt whether Dr. Slip of the Gen^l Council W. U. Committee would approve of Missions in Kansas, connected with the Pittsburgh Synod of the General Council.

He can only await developments and meantime, watch! watch!!

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SEE.14. Tennessee. A. Synod of Middle Ten-

-nessee. This body met at "Genuin's Chapel", eight miles from Shelbyville Tenn. Oct. 20 to 25th 1886. Four Clerical and one lay member, one Commissioner and the Western Secy. composed the August body. We had, however, a good meeting - the people turning out to the services in large numbers, and showing considerable interest. Preaching services were held at 11 A. M. and Seven P. M. (Quirly Candle -

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-lighten") each day. Pastor Raymond of Nashville, and the Western Secy. of Home Missions did all the preaching, but the Synodical sermon, which was preached by Rev. W. C. Barnett. He tried his utmost to have one of us do it, but he persistently refused, and thus made him do it. Even in this synod there is improvement, especially in the order and decency of its services. He used the "Book of Worship" at every service, and did not sing

"Plunged in a gulf of dark despair

"Glorious Hallelujah"

at a night meeting. The church-building in which the meeting was held, is a new one - just finished. It was dedicated during the convention of synod - Oct. 24 - free of debt. It is nicely finished & furnished - painted, carpeted in aisles and pulpit, and a marked improvement on any church building ^{in the synod} - outside of Nashville and Dickson. The meeting was very superior to the one at Dickson, because the people filled the house & were interested. Bro. Raymond and myself urged a union with the Olive Branch synod, which I believe will be accomplished. Then may we hope to get a different class of ministers into the territory and as a result entirely different church work. We have some most excellent material in the hands of this synod, and a

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number of good members. There has however, been no training of the right kind. There was no improvement in "the grace of giving". The appropriation table made by Bro. Clutz and myself last year, was burned with Mr. Dr. Anthony's house and effects, and never reached the printer's hands.

A number of the congregations were without pastors all the year & are still vacant. The great need of this entire territory is Lutheran ministers of the right type. My hope is in a union with the Olive Branch of Indiana. This will cause the ministers of that synod to be interested in the territory and the churches upon it. We have a field in Tennessee, and if we can furnish laborers, we will reap a harvest - a large harvest.

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B. CHAT.

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B. Chattanooga. Parts of October 19, and October 20th were spent in the rapidly forming city of Chattanooga. I held a meeting with the "so-called" congregation and tried to show them their duty. There is little or no hope for success in this organization. They have a few good people, but the "head-men" are of but little account. They lack harmony, spirituality and common sense. I talked plainly and kindly to them, and urged them to duty and privilege. They

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Made many promises, but Stuedel writes that they broke them the day after I left. There is no question as to our having a field in this growing city. There are over 3000 Germans in the city, and over 1500 of them are Lutherans. By confirmation and training. There are 576 German voters in Chattanooga. The membership of the organization, as now "re-organized" is 34. They owe \$800.00 on the Church Building - the lot of which has increased in value 25 per cent during the past year. Five hundred dollars of the debt is in the shape of a mortgage to Rev. W. H. Guetner of Pittsburgh Penn^a. Rev. Pastor Stuedel has now a situation as Professor of German and French in Chattanooga University - a new U. S. institution just built, and opened with 130 students. In view of this - his living being now assured, and in view of the fact that the officers of the congregation promised me to raise some money for him at once, I advised him to continue preaching, visiting etc. etc. as pastor of the congregation. As the building is there, and an organization, I urged him to continue in the same place, suggesting that as new members are added, he can change the officers, and in time have an entirely different organization. He consented.

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but from letters - marked Q - since received, he has evidently changed his mind. Rev. Robert Stuedel is, I believe, a very worthy and excellent Christian minister. He is, however, like many Germans "quell as a flash", gets "mad" in a minute, is "touchy as a sensitive plant" and thinks he knows more than he really does know. I urged him to give the work in Chattanooga a careful and thorough trial, which he can now do, and suggested that, if he found it impossible to succeed in the old place, he open a Sunday School, and begin services in the lecture-room of the 1st Presbyterian Church, now kindly offered for the purpose. I had a conference with Rev. Dr. Bachman, ^{pastor} of the 1st Pres. Church, who is exceedingly anxious that he begin in Chattanooga, saying there is a large field which only the General Synod of the Lutheran Church can successfully cultivate.

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He will give the work every encouragement in his power. Dr. Bachman is a relative of Mr. Dr. Bachman, Decd, of Charleston S.C.

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Rev. Stuedel complains of "having been misled in coming to C." expected aid from Board &c. &c. He quotes Seren-rihaus, Snyder &c. as giving him encouragement. I told him Mr. Board was not responsible for the opinions of individual ministers out-

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-side the Board, and that he should have written the Board, before expecting to receive an appropriation.

The Synod of Middle Term, has appointed a Committee, consisting of Raymond and Bohn, to visit Chattanooga, investigate charges against Rev. C. Leib, &c. &c.

In view of all the facts, observations &c. I suggest the following action.

Resolved, that Rev. Robert Stuedel be encouraged to continue the work in Chattanooga Term, either in the Church-building already erected, or in such other place as may be secured, for English and German ^{Suthern} Church Service. Resolved that as soon as there are evidences or assurances of success, an appropriation will be made, and a Commission issued.

The Board can, no doubt, alter, amend and improve the above, or take action which may be wiser & better. I really do not know what else to suggest. There is much more to be said concerning Chattanooga & our work there - its difficulties and prospects - but enough has been written to give the Board the condition of the field. It is a large field, but will require patient and most persistent cultivation, in order to have it yield fruit unto holiness.

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C. DICK
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C. Dickson. There has been some progress at Dickson. The Church-Building has been plastered, painted &c. and a new roof put on. The Church at Nashville furnished pulpit, altar railing &c. and the house is about ready for Dedication. The Congregation have paid for the improvements, and reduced their debt about \$100.00. The Missionary needs to be stirred up, waked up to greater energy and efficiency. In his report to Synod, he talked about "re-opening the Sunday School next Spring" and I asked him why not at once? He said, "Well, the children are somewhat scattered and in other schools and it would be a pity to disturb them." I told him to "disturb them at once on his return, and open the Sunday School so soon as the building is ready." I suggest that he be questioned very closely by Secy. Club concerning S. School. Prayer Meetings, number of times he preaches, Catechization &c.

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D. NASH
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D. Nashville. I spent a part of a day in Nashville, visited Mr. Fred Kapham, of the Church Council, and took other observations. Bro. Raymond has somewhat of a temperance fight on hand, but seems to be "on top". Mr. Kapham is one of our best Lutherans people, and says pastor Raymond is right. The offence which started some of the "Dutchmen" was his preach-

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-ing of a Gospel sermon (Not a tem-
-perance sermon) in a hall where
temperance services had been held.
They have been fighting him also
on having English services. He has left
up English preaching every Sunday night,
and now asks for one English service
a month in the morning. Mr. Waph-
-am says the young people and the
professing people are all with pastor
Raymond. How the matter will
come out I know not. A Congregational
-al meeting was held Oct. 31, but I
have no report of the result.

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I found Mr. Raymond and his
work very highly spoken of by the
American people of Nashville, out-
-side the Southern Church.

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Of course the "Duelson" will cut Bro.
R. M. salary.

15. OB-
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15. Observations A. The Synods.

Perhaps no better convention of
synods - with one or two exceptions -
have ever been held, than the conven-
-tions of 1886. The improvement all
along the line is cheering, and in
some synods marvelous.

A. THE
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Something, however, should be done
to prevent so many meetings at the
same time. These were nine con-
-ventions in one week, and four
or five of them from eight to
twelve hours distant from a Ry. station.

OBSER-
-VATIONSTHE
Synods

I could not reach the Synod of Central Illinois at all, having had three other synods that week, and two of them requiring a night drive after speaking. I requested Rev. Dr. Rhoads to present the cause of Home Missions at Central Synod, wrote them a letter & sent an abundance of H.M. folders.

THE
Synods.

A united request on the part of the Boards might probably induce the synods to arrange their meetings for the highest good of the Church, rather than the convenience of members.

B. GEN-
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SYNOD

B. General Synod, will, I.V., meet at Omaha, according to announcement. Committee on Programme, Speaker &c. should be elected early. He must make it a great Home Mission occasion!!

C. BILL
of
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C. Bill of Expenses, from June 21st to October 27th has been sent to Bro. Huser - the Treasurer - and will be presented by him. Board will notice with favor from Pullman, Palace Car Co., American Express Co. &c. &c. Our influence is gradually growing, and I rejoice to know that in keeping down expenses, the Boards and Secretaries of sister Denominations cannot equal us.

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16. Conclusion. The Board will be glad to notice that this report is really coming to a close, so too, am I. Though it covers sixty-two pages, I may say "in all good conscience" there remains much more to be said of the field and its needs, of the Missions and their labors and sacrifices ^{and} of the cheer and encouragement all along the line. The report embraces 129 days of service, 16,327 miles of travel, 60 sermons and some Missions addresses ^{and} over 400 letters, postals and mail packages. The expense has been \$137.63 for travel, and \$21.60 for postage, telegrams, printing etc. Over \$50.00 were collected and sent to Synodical Treasurers which would not otherwise have been secured. God has kept his servant and your servant well & free from accident on land & sea.

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Very day of the hot season & very other season was a writing day. Praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy!

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With Christian greetings to every member of the Board -

Very fraternaly
Yours servant

Sam'l B. Hamitz
Western Secy

Des. Munsie Juno,
November 8th
1886.

[From the *Milton Argus*, October 22, 1886.]

AS AN AUTHOR.

An Industrious Pastor's Literary Work.

We had the pleasure of examining a bound volume of sermons and addresses published by Rev. W. H. Gotwald, of this place, the majority of which were printed at this office. Rev. Gotwald is not only a faithful and efficient pastor, but he is equally as industrious with his pen, and, so far as we know, is the only pastor in Milton who has ever published a volume of sermons. The sermons and addresses in the volume above referred to have received the most favorable notices from the press and individuals. In addition to the above he has also published the following works: "A Temperance Appeal," "A Tract to Awakened Sinners," sermons on "The Character of God's House," "The Coming of Christ," and "The Bad Tongue." Also the following books: "A Catechism, Practical and Historical," "Hans Egede, Missionary to Greenland," "Rich and Poor Man," "Pastor's Confirmation Gift, Nissen's explanation of Luther's Catechism," and "Luthardt's Compendium der Dogmatik." The last five are translations, two of which are yet in manuscript, not having been sent to the printers for publication.

ST. JOHN.

Dedicated to the Service of God Yesterday.

The New Church Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation.

The Services of the Day—The Exercises Conducted by Prominent Men of the Church—The Church Free From Debt.

Delaware is rapidly acquiring a reputation as a city of churches, and boasts of her interest in church affairs.

The events of the past few weeks indeed substantiate both the reputation and the claim. Several new sanctuaries have been planned and their erection made sure. Among the number none has awakened more interest, nor has any been more successful than the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church.

The history of the church, since its birth in the unhappy differences in the Lutheran church, eleven months ago, has been narrated from time to time in the GAZETTE, and is too well known to require any repetition now.

The people of the city have watched its movements with deep interest; the formation of the new congregation, the determination to build a new edifice, and the rapid construction of that building. The handsome substantial brick church, with its tall and graceful spire, is well known and highly praised on all sides, and in and out of the membership there was rejoicing when the labors were completed and the structure stood perfect.

To those who have not seen the interior, it might be described in a word—beautiful. The auditorium is forty-five by sixty feet in dimensions, with lofty ceiling. The pulpit, at the east end of the church, is large and being about thirty inches high, is reached by three steps from the floor. The floor itself is raised at the west end, opposite the pulpit, twenty-nine inches higher than at the other end, so that the vision of no one in the congregation is obstructed. The aisles extend from the pulpit diagonally to the doors, being connected with one extending north and south at the front. The seats are arranged in arcs and vary somewhat in length. The plans adopted by the architect, Mr. F. F. Schnitzer, in the arrangement of seats, and elevating the floor are comparatively new in church architecture and entirely new in this city. Both are pronounced successful, and the acoustic properties of the room

welcome news to the congregation, and the day looked forward to with pleasure. The result of the day's services was full of satisfaction.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The first occupancy of the church was by the Sabbath School, which assembled at 9.30 o'clock. Besides the usual exercises, the school had the pleasure of hearing Drs. Helwig and Barnitz, who delivered interesting addresses, congratulating the children on having such a beautiful church home, and offering wholesome advice.

MORNING SERVICE.

As the members of the congregation assembled for the first service in their new edifice, there was evident satisfaction and pardonable pride depicted upon every countenance. The beloved pastor, Rev. J. F. Shaffer, to whom more than any other person, the result of the labors of this people is due, looked supremely happy. He has a right, assuredly, to look and feel so.

The pulpit was occupied by Revs. J. F. Shaffer, Drs. Ort, Helwig and Barnitz, Dr. C. H. Payne and Dr. W. F. Whitlock. The music was very fine, rendered by a select choir, composed of Misses Lena and Flora Zimmerman, Jennie Platt and Alice Dangler, Mrs. Charles Rubrecht, Messrs. Louie Culmer, Elmer Heller, D. W. Clark, W. H. Wohleater and George Carder.

Before the sermon the Rev. Shaffer baptized Carrie Eliza, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shively, of Ostrander. An eloquent sermon was delivered by Dr. Ort, President of Wittenberg College, his text being taken from Hebrew II-9; his theme, "The Divinity of Christ, and man exalted through Christ."

After the sermon Dr. Ort announced that it was necessary before the dedication of the church to raise the amount of the debt which stood upon it. That amount he said was \$3000, and he urged prompt and generous aid in liquidating the debt. Subscriptions were called for, and the first response was from Louis Smith, Esq., who subscribed \$500. This generous donation was followed by the announcement that the Sunday School pledged \$200; then nine subscriptions of \$100 each, and so on in smaller amounts, until the sum reached \$2500. It was then quite late and the morning services were concluded with the singing of the doxology.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the church was again filled to its utmost seating capacity, and the services were of a most interesting character. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Helwig, of Springfield, his theme being the duties and responsibilities of a christian life.

Again the people were called upon to increase the fund for the payment of the church debt, and that amount subscribed in the morning was raised to \$2940, when the services concluded.

THE DEDICATION.

are perfect. The church is handsomely frescoed in many tints, blue being the dominating color. The windows are well proportioned, furnishing ample light. The handsome stained glass was the gift of members and friends of the church, as follows: On the east the first window was the offering of the Lutheran Sunday School of Cincinnati, the design at the top being the significant bee hive; the next was the offering of Mr. Louis Smith, in memory of his wife, Sebelia Smith, the design a crown; next the offering of Rev. J. F. Shaffer, the pastor, in memory of his son, Ralph Boggs Shaffer, the design the lamb of peace; next an offering in memory of Rev. Ezra Keller, D. D., the founder of Wittenberg College, the design an all-seeing eye. On the north side the first window was the offering of five classes of the Sunday School, the Philosphian, the Excelsior, the Coronation, the Little Gleaners and the Busy Bee classes, the design being a sheaf of grain; next an offering of Mrs. Anna R. Lasher, in memory of her sister, Susan Morgan, design a dove; next the offering of the Banner class of St. John's church, taught by Matt H. Wagner, design the open Bible; and last a window, with the tablets of the commandments as the design, an offering in memory of Rev. Samuel Sprecher, D. D., L. L. D., the second president of Wittenberg College, which office he held for a quarter of a century. In the front of the church are five large and five small windows of stained glass, the latter being the offering of the Sabbath School. Of the larger windows the central one was presented by Charles Fox, in memory of Ada Ethel Fox; the four being the offering of the Ever Loyal class, the Earnest Workers class, the Senior Bible class, and the Young Men's Bible class. All of them are very handsome. The furnishing of the church is in conformity with the structure itself, substantial and beautiful. The vestibules are covered with heavy cocoa matting, while the floor of the church is laid with a very neat carpet, in which red is the predominating color. The comfortable pews are of ash and walnut, with a capacity of seating four hundred and fifty persons. The reading desk in the pulpit is one of the finest in the city, being of solid walnut, magnificently carved. It is the handiwork of Mr. Nicholas Wagner. The furniture of the pulpit consists of three handsome chairs, walnut with scarlet velvet cushions. This describes the several parts of the church, which taken in view at once is pleasing and comfortable. At the services of yesterday the pulpit was further beautified by three handsome floral crosses and a quantity of cut flower.

THE SERVICES.

The announcement some days ago that the church would be occupied and dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 17th, was

At seven o'clock in the evening every seat in the church was occupied and the aisles were filled with chairs to accommodate the large congregation. The church, lighted by a carbon burner with twenty-four jets, looked even more beautiful than in the sunlight.

The choir was strenghtened by the addition of several voices, among them Miss Della Wentz, whose solo was very fine.

The regular services were conducted by the ministers present, including Rev. Father Lynch, who offered an earnest prayer for the new congregation.

One of the most eloquent sermons ever heard in this city was then delivered by Rev. Dr. Barnitz, the Western Secretary of Foreign and Home Missions of the church. His text was from Isaiah XXXV, 8th, 9th and 10th verses. The pathway of faith; its peace, safety and happiness were presented in language beautiful but simple, and proof plain and convincing.

When Dr. Barnitz had concluded it was announced that the \$3000 had been raised, with a small surplus, and free from debt the church was about to be dedicated. The services were then performed by the pastor, assisted by Drs. Ort, Barnitz and Helwig. The keys of the church were presented by Mr. P. T. Courter, of the Church Council, and received by Rev. J. F. Shaffer, who consecrated the house to the service of God.

The first day of the Evangelical Lutheran church was thus closed. It was a pleasant and interesting one—fraught with good.

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