

To Meeting Held December 9th 1886II. NE-
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From what I learned in Omaha on my way from Beatrice, I fear Rev. G. H. Schuur Jr. is not giving entire satisfaction. He seems to lack energy and "snap", and does not grasp the situation, neither the fact that every moment is important in the great work laid to his hands. There was no complaining of him exactly, but a wish that I "might see him and have a plain talk with him". He was absent, attending Conference at Wayne, and there was no opportunity to talk with him.

He does not, it is evident, care as he should neither seek the new people, nor the "outsiders" who have no Church connection. He "sits around a good deal, remaining at some places half the afternoon".

It was suggested that I try to find out ^{from him} his manner of conducting his meeting for S. School lesson study, and hint to him that it is not wise to use the Augsburg Teacher and read from it in the meeting.

He rather insists on members of the "County Memorial", living in the direction of the North Omaha Mission, attending his services, and offends some of them by his persistency. He was particularly instructed to move upon the many families who do not go to church, to father their children &c. &c. and to build up. In view of above facts, I suggest that the Secretary ask Bro. S. a number of questions, which may open the way for exhortation and instruction.

Questions like the following, might be asked, after receiving his next quarterly report.

1. How many hours ^{of each day} do you devote to study?
2. How many visits - outside of those to members of Sutherland Church, do you make each afternoon, or afternoon and evening?
3. How many S. School scholars, from families entirely outside of the Church, i.e. any church, do you gather each week?

Of course the questions must be carefully put, as Bro. Schuur is exceedingly sensitive, and gets the "blues" horribly.

4. How do you conduct your meetings for study of S. School lesson? etc. etc. etc.

Bro. S. is an excellent young man, and can probably be "stirred up" to do more successful work.

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New Work in Omaha. Bro. Detweiler has rented a building, now being erected - for S. School purposes, and will open a new Mission School in the west end, as soon as building is ready. Though "west end" was nearly all prairie at the time of the visit of Pres. & Secretary, it is now quite a large town, and valuable field for Sutherland Mission work.

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Western Head-Quarters. The sewerage has all been put in, water and gas pipes laid, and streets paved with granite blocks, in the neighborhood of ground promised for Western Head-Quarters. Several very fine residences have also been erected. Mr. Hermann

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I looked amazement, but said little.
"While I mused the fire burned".

The Board of Trade had sent an urgent invitation to Board of Education to come to Bg. and hear a proposition from the Citizens ~~for~~ for location of Sutherland College, and he thought so to work that matter as to insure a large crowd and special interest for dedication the following Sunday.

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Mr. Detweiler was to deliver one of his popular lectures at the Opera-house on Friday night, to be followed by Board of Trade Reception. Saturday he here to meet the Bankers, Merchants, Real-Estate Men &c. at one of the banks, and Saturday afternoon make calls, advertise dedication &c. &c. The Opera-house lecture was not intelligently, neither half worked up, and the dedication had been postponed.

He had however a good meeting with Board of Trade, and a proposition from the town of fifteen acres of ground and \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for building.

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I remained for Sunday and tried to get at the "true inwardness" of our affairs at Bg. Detweiler said to the Missionary, "Albright you must go to work now this Saturday A.M. and keep at it until tomorrow night, so as to get a big audience for Western Secy, and not allow the Methodist Evangelist to 'take the town'. Mr. D. wrote advertisements and hand-bills and 'painted with a big brush', and then returned to O. to keep open his own church and 'hold

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the fort against the Union services under the lead of Mr. Sam. Jones. See hand-bill A

Sunday was a charming day as to weather. The Sunday School ^{numbered} only 42, & this did not suit my ideas of growth and progress. There were 67 persons present at the morning service. At night the church was well filled, and the audience had in it a number of the representative people of the town. After the morning service I called a meeting of the church-council in order to question them and find out just how matters stand. Four members were present - one Mr. Metzgar - disgruntled because he could not control the choir left the church before the sermon, and did not come to the meeting. I sent for him, but he did not appear. Mr. M. has been disgruntled with Bro. A. and his management, and I wanted him present to state in the presence of the others, his objections news of the work etc. He is, I understand, a "chronic grumbler" not tempered & brooded as a ram's horn in disposition. He never agrees with anybody, so that he may be able to say "he differs from them".

The four members present expressed entire satisfaction with the pastor and the work. They said they had had some little difficulty because of their financial straits, but that now matters looked brighter. I told them that to my mind, they had not grown, neither gained as much as they should have done in comparison

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with the rapid and substantial growth of their city, neither had they kept pace with their early prosperity. They gave many reasons for their lack of growth - none of them very satisfactory to me - and said the pastor was working hard and had the co-operation of the members and the good will of the community. I talked plainly to Bro. Albright also. Told him I did not regard his work as successful, that his Sunday School was a very poor one, and his audiences not what they ought to be. I suggested that perhaps he had been giving too much attention to "Real Estate" &c. &c. but he thought not, thought his building a house helped his Church work &c. &c. He has recently sold his property at a profit of \$1500.00, and I advised him not to buy, neither build another, "as a minister's position is quite uncertain." Really, I think Bro. A. was out at "Sedge Pole" investing in lands, when he should have been at home working up his dedication interests.

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After my talk with Church-Council, several citizens and the pastor I felt that probably things were in better shape than they seemed and that, for the present, we better let them remain as they are. Sunday night however, I was taken to stop with one of the prominent families - a Mr. Atkinson from Deepport Penn^a - and before retiring they assured me that Bro. A. will never make a success

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of the Sutherland Church at Beatrice.
So my surprise they told me that he had only recently "offered his resignation" as a test. There was a small attendance at the congregational meeting & the resignation was rejected. Four - Among them Mr. A's brother - voted to accept the resignation, several voted blank tickets, and the remainder voted to reject. Bro. A. never told me a word concerning his having offered his resignation.

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Mr. Atkinson says: "With almost any other man in whom the membership & community have confidence, he would have our church paid for, and we would be much farther along. He ought to be far in advance of what we are!"

After seeing Mr. A's family sharing this conversation with them, I did not again see Bro. Albright, neither Prof. E. Albright else would have told them of the statements.

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When the dedication will take place I know not. Bro. A. said he "would go right to work, select a day and stick to it, secure ministers to attend, work up subscriptions &c. &c. He will need to watch closely his reports, statements &c. as he does seem to tell different stories to different persons and at different times. Though Mr. A. & family attend the church, contribute, do their duty &c. they say "Rev. Albright is not reliable."

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C. Republican Valley Mission.

When in Omaha I called at the office of "D & M. R. N. Co." and made inquiry concerning Paps for Rev. J. W. Kimmel. The Paps was declined, in connection with a number like unto it, because they "are obliged to curtail the Paps business" and not because of anything Bro. K. has done or not done, and not because of "a spite against him", as he imagined. He wrote quite a letter to General Manager Holdsege, who did not know what to make of the letter. He accused them of cutting off his Paps, because he worked against their man for Congress, but they showed him the folly of his accusation. He evidently from his letter, had been active in the political canvass, and though this did not enter into the Paps matter, he would better have kept his mouth shut on politics. A card-B-just received from Bro. K. says "Franklin Dedication cannot take place before Decem. 26th," and that "the new pastor, Bro. Keiffer - will be on hand by that time". Of "Bro. Keiffer" and this arrangement I know nothing. Perhaps Board has made the arrangement without my knowledge. The last I had from Bro. K. spoke of Rev. "Robt. Atkin" as his assistant.

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D. NORTH
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D. North Platte. Cards marked C.
tell of postponement of Dedication
at North Platte to January 2nd 1887.

E. State
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E. State Supt. for Nebraska.

As you have, no doubt, been informed, Rev. Leonard W. Baker of Stanton, Neb., has been elected State Secy. or Supt. for Nebraska. It is supposed that he will accept. I have no official information.

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III. Iowa, A. Sioux-City.

A. SIOUX-
-CITY

The lot for new Church Building at Sioux-City has been negotiated for, and the Iowa Synods Committee to raise \$1000.00 towards the payment for lot, will have their work nearly completed by the opening of 1887. They are preparing the matter vigorously.

B. NEW
-TON.

B. Newton. According to request in letter - marked D - I spent Sunday Nov. 21st at Newton, aided in the work for Sioux-City, and secured a Commission set for one of our Nebraska Churches. He had a good day, with precious results. Two hundred Dollars from that little congregation is a splendid comment on their missionary training.

C. KNOX
-VILLE.

C. Knoxville. At my request Rev. George E. Berry of Des-Moines, spent Sunday, November 7 - at Knoxville, to the great delight of our "waiting and watching" little flock at that place. They paid his expenses, and made a little contribution for Home Missions. Rev. A. Beall of Newton and Mr. John Spellman of Fairfield, will take Sioux City Mission at Knoxville, Dec. 6th.

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D. Iowa. City & North Liberty.
E. Clinton. Letter marked E -
from Rev. J. A. M. Reifler, President
of Synod of Iowa, and Chairman of
Advisory Board, tells of his visits
to these different fields.

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A. VINE-
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III. Kansas. A. Vineland.
Letter of Rev. J. M. Cosomer
Past. of Kansas Synod, and my reply,
concerning "Vineland". Letter marked F!
Brothers Dornlagner & DeLo, would
letter have advised a reunion with Lawrence.

IV. WY-
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A. CHEY-
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IV. Wyoming. A. Cheyenne.
The Synod of Nebraska did
a silly and foolish thing in appoint-
ing a committee to visit Cheyenne.
It was done at the request and
manipulation of Hansen, & done
when neither Deltreiler nor myself
were present. What the committee have
done I know not, but do know they
could do nothing but make trouble.
It is however, a Church Extension mat-
ter, and perhaps we "need not bother
with it". It would grieve me, however,
to see those handsome lots built upon
by the Scandinavians, even though they
be in the General Synod.

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A. NASH-
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V. Tennessee. A. Nashville. Letter
marked G. From Rev. Charles Raymond
urge my presence at the dedication

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at Dickson, and also for a few days at Nashville. I will, D.V., spend the evening of Decem. 2nd at Nashville Tenn, and preach for pastor Raymond. How to help him, amid the opposition of the Salvationists etc, I know not. I cannot reach them, but can see how much of an English audience he can get out on a hell night.

B. Dick-
-SON.

B. Dickson. As a number of the Nebraska Dedication have been postponed, I will go to the Dedication at Dickson, Tenn. December 5th, and see whether they have "proceeded" as "they proposed to proceed." Cards from Rev. W. C. Barnett, marked H.

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I trust the Dedication will be a success in every particular, & the mission be awakened to new life. From Dickson, I will come, D.V., to Grand Meeting, and make full report.

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VI. Pennsylvania, A. Philadelphia.
I. Financier. A. Letter marked II from Rev. W. M. Baum D.D. telling that he had just sent \$180.00 to Treas of Synod of last Penn. for support of Missionary at Waverly Neb. from "Young People's Home Missionary Society" of St. Matthews. Heretofore St. Matthews had to raise their apportionment without the aid of the Young People's Society, but this time, I judge Dr. B. was too much for

them. I wrote him that this ^{amb} was intended to be in addition to apportionment, and wrote the Society to persist in this idea.

C. Trinity, Germantown.

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At the 50th Anniversary of the S. School - Easter 1886 - I suggested that they support a Home Missionary in the West. Nearly eight months have passed, and in letter marked J the efficient Supt. says the Committee appointed are "considering it".

I enclose my reply, also marked J, and trust favorable action will soon be taken.

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VIII. I think it will be wise for the Secretaries of Home Missions to have their printed matter - Cards, Letter-Heads, Bolders &c. &c. copyrighted to prevent imitation. See cards marked K.

Saml M. Barnitz
Western Secy.

Des. Moines, Iowa
December 6th 1886.

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