

To Meeting Held April Fourteenth 1887II. KAN. II. Kansas. A. Wichita.-SAS.A. WICH.  
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According to arrangement I spent March 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> with our new Mission in the remarkable city of Wichita.

Saturday was spent in writing and completing arrangements for the Sunday services, which were full of interest, though the morning worship was held under some difficulties. "Garfield Hall" (Opera House, really) which had been engaged for the day was not open when congregation assembled, and a man had to be sent out to wake up the janitor. By the time the doors were opened it was half past eleven o'clock, a number of strangers had gone away, but fifty one (51) Sutherans remained, and though we had no fire, (i.e. from stoves or furnaces) they said "we will stand by you through the whole service, & try to have our hearts warmed, if even our bodies are cold." The choir (and quite a good one) had prepared the chants for the morning service which was fully rendered. The attention was close, and the feeling between members most cordial. Several new Sutherans appeared & handed in their names. A meeting for <sup>the</sup> Sunday School workers of the city was called for 2.30 P.M. "to be addressed by a Sutherland City Missionary". Whether an interest in the cause, or the "Sutherland" novelty brought out the workers, I cannot tell, but nearly three hundred (300) attended this meeting. At four P.M. there was "a meet-

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-ing for men". Under auspices of J. M. C. Johnson, to be addressed by a Sutheran Mission Secretary". Over 500 men were present and the meeting was one of peculiar fervor and interest. The night service was held in the Congregational Church by request of its pastor. Pulpit chair was occupied. At the close of the evening worship the Sutherans remained for consultation and meeting, and surprised the Congregationalists and themselves by their large numbers.

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"St Paul's Sutheran Church of Wichita." is certainly a very vigorous organization, and has in it much of promise for the future, even though the city should not reach the proportions its people anticipate.

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The great and immediate need is a pastor. There was much disappointment and chagrin on learning that Dr. Snigley would likely not accept their call.

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They had not a positive decline from him at the time of my leaving W. but from his first letter it was evident that he had little or no idea of accepting the call. It was very wrong in him to give assurances that he would leave Springfield, unless he meant to do so; and if he did not give such assurances, it was a fearful mistake on the part of Messrs. Comber and Belmer to hold up an enthusiasm for him at W. and tell the congregation that he would accept their call. Since leaving Wichita I have

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learned that "the Board is blamed for Dr. Snigley's declining, that they have appointed him to another Mission, even though Wichita first asked for him &c."

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If it is a fact that "the Board appointed him to another Mission," I am sorry that it was done while the Wichita matter was pending. He should have been made to bear the responsibility of declining, and not the Board held for it. The Mission now seems to feel that "Dr. S. was thought too good a man for W. and therefore was commingled for Springfield, Ohio". How they have gotten this idea, I do not know, and as yet have not answered them concerning it.

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The report of March Board Meeting has not yet reached me. I presume it is somewhere among the "lots of undistributed mail matter in the Wichita Office". All I know of the action concerning W. was conveyed in a few lines in a private letter from Bro. Geo. W. Rice, who said: "Rev. G. W. Orders of York Pa. has been written to for W. It was thought better that Dr. S. take charge at Springfield, O."

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I assured the congregation at Wichita, that we would do all in our power to secure a first class man for them, & that at once, that there <sup>are</sup> a number of men even more suitable for the field than Dr. Snigley, that we here as deeply interested in giving them a number one minister as they here in having one &c

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They then urged my taking charge of Wichita (Quite a compliment, after my telling them the kind of man we are trying to secure for them), though it is more important than the Western Secretaryship, and said they had authorized the Secy. of Church-Council to write to the Board. I told them "I was tied for the present and they must not allow themselves to think of such a thing as my leaving in W. that he would find them a more suitable man."

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They said: "We are not willing to go ahead unless we can have the right kind of a man." "Some of us have been members of churches in Illinois and other states, where things were a drag because of the kind of preachers we had, and we do want that story or history repeated here."

When I spoke of Bro. Kemmer of Louisville, several said, "Not, no!!"

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If Mr. G. W. Ordens will go to Wichita, he will make the mission a grand success. He has a combination of gifts suitable for the work & workers. With such a man "St. Paul's" will soon be a self-sustaining church.

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During my stay in W. I was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. M. S. Garner, formerly Sutherans, but now very prominent in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. G. Kemp an elder. They have been very active for our mission, and deeply interested in it, though I am not sure

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that they will unite with the Lutheran Church. Mr. Garner was really the instrument in getting up the Sunday afternoon meetings, as "he wanted a Lutheran to be heard". He placed his horse and buggy at my disposal and made a number of calls with me. His subscription to new church is \$500.00.

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Though it was Communion Day at the Presbyterian Church, and they had been having "Evangelists", he attended our service at Garfield Hall, and was more practically active than any of our own members. Bro. Garner and wife deserve some sort of recognition by the Board in the way of a resolution of thanks or appreciation. It will pay to send it to them.

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The make up of the congregation at W. is decidedly Churchly, having in it a number of persons from the Canton, O. Church and some also from Dr. B. W. Schmucker's congregation at Pittstown Pa. The best of the Germans of Joint Synod of Ohio congregation at W. have come over too.

Therefore the pastor must be a man who loves Church order and must be, at least, moderately "Churchly".

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Oh! it is a grand field for the right kind of a General Synod Lutheran minister. Our Heavenly Father grant that he may soon find the man He would have in charge of this important work! If the city of Wichita con-

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- times to prosper, the right kind of a Lutheran minister can build not only a handsome church, but also a Lutheran hospital and orphan's home.

I have never yet visited a city in which there is such a manifestation of faith as to future growth and future greatness. They manifest their faith by their works. They give most largely and liberally to every enterprise they believe will build up Wichita. They are now building four (4) colleges to which the town has given \$500,000.00.

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To manufacturing firms they make the same liberal offers of help in money and land. They believe Wichita has as great a future as Kansas City and are willing to risk their money on it.

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How long the present immense & intense "boom" will last I know not, nor can any man tell. My own opinion is that it cannot last, that there is not enough either in the manufacturing interest of the city, or the development of the surrounding country to keep real-estate at a price higher than Chicago or New York.

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You cannot say this in Wichita, without getting into trouble, nor can you publish it abroad. The busiest day on Madison St. or Broadway, does not manifest a greater "rush" or hustling crowd, than can now be found any week day on the busiest street of Wichita.

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Whether this "boom" continues or not, (and I don't think it possibly can continue) he want to get all out of it he can. The earlier he can put a man there, the sooner he will have a handsome church property. He ought to secure this before the Autumn of the present year.

From what I here report, you will see that "My head was not turned" even while wondering at, and enjoying "Winnipeg, Winsome, Wondrous Wichita!"

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Its growth and the spirit of its people are beyond the power of tongue or pen to describe, but to my mind the predictions of its merchants and real-estate men, that it will be a city of 100,000 souls in five years from this time, is by no means clear. It must however always be a good centre, a distributing point for the great country to be opened up beyond Kansas, and therefore he want a good man on the ground as soon as possible.

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The material in our Mission congregation, is of the very best. It is equal to that of the San-Francisco Mission. Having come from some of our strongest and best churches their ideas are "pretty well up". It is true, and it is therefore important that they have a good pastor, at a very early day. In order to encourage them, I have promised them services on Good Friday night and Easter. Receiving the new applicants for membership of

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Administering the Holy Communion.

Rev. J. M. Sommer spent last Sunday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) with them. I trust he did no harm, though he does manifest as little sense and judgment in some matters, as any man in our ministry. He is fearfully affected with the disease known as "Big Head", gets all wrought up and "goes off at a tangent". Such men do not make good synodical presidents.

How he and Bro. Belmer could have so "entrused" the Michita people on Dr. S. I cannot comprehend. Either they did not measure the congregation at W., or they do not know Dr. S.

From Mr. Saxe of Peabody, I learn that Rev. Wm. B. Glandorp of Steel-Haven Pa. "is about to make a visit to Kansas for a little change and rest". If Mr. Saxe can do so, he will secure him for a Sunday (perhaps April 17) at Michita. Mr. Saxe thinks Mr. Glandorp will "fill the bill" at W., though they would like to have him (Confidential) at Peabody, provided some Eastern Church will call Bro. Belmer.

The Good Friday and Easter services at Michita, will be held either in Mr. Garner's office rooms (holding twenty chairs) or in the Y. M. C. A. ~~hall~~ <sup>hall</sup>. Mr. Garner offers to fix up his office with chairs, desks, etc. to be used, without expense, until the new church building can be occupied. Noble man, the old Lutheran fire still burns

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mightly in his heart, and may yet consume all his Calvinistic love and bring him back home! I may possibly be able to send some report from W. on Sunday night, so as to reach Secy. in time for Board meeting. I have much more to say on W. but no time to put it in this report.

Oh! that our Kansas men had occupied W. and Southern Kansas ten years ago. We would now have \$5000.000.00 worth of property in that section.

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B. Wellington. I spent a night and part of a day in this town of 7000 people. Rev. G. M. Hursh now lives in W. and is looking up our Southern interests.

He will unite with the Synod of Kansas, though he has been in General Council, and identify himself with all our interests. He seems to have the right spirit, and says "the narrow and exclusive basis of the General Council can never do successful Missions work in the West."

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Rev. J. Garner is to be in Wellington this week - having so written to Bro. Hursh - but will be told that the field has already been occupied by the General Synod.

The town is a most beautiful and finely located one, thirtytwo (32) miles from Wichita. There is also a "real estate boom" here, many Eastern capitalists investing largely in lots and lands. The climate all through this section of Kansas is delightful.

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C. PERTH

C. Perth, nine miles from Wellington, was organized by Bro. Senler and the work well done. I had a refreshing visit to our faithful little flock there & arranged with Bro. Hunk for services this week and Easter. He will supply them regularly from his home in Wellington until such time as a charge can be formed. The Lutherans at Perth and vicinity are mostly from Gettysburg (St. James) and Emmitsburg churches and are of the right type. Their Lutheran Christianity is of the type which holds on. They spoke of Bro. Senler's sermon as "the best ever yet preached in that section of Kansas". Good!

D. CALD

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D. Caldwell, eleven miles from Perth, has as yet, but few Lutherans. Bro. Senler secured church lots here, which will grow in value as the town grows in size. Like other towns in Southern Kansas, Caldwell is also growing, and hotels and streets are full of people.

It is on the border of the Indian territory, which will soon be opened for settlement, and quite thousands and tens of thousands of people from the old states. We have a field here without doubt, as we have in every one of these Southern Kansas cities and towns.

There is no time to be lost in occupying these openings. Oh! that our general synod churches, and especially our

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men and women of wealth could see these fields as the Board sees them.

Then would their hearts and purses open, then would there be a great awakening on the subject of education and missions - Men and Money!

E. WIN-  
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E. Winfield. This is one of the most beautiful and promising towns in Southern Kansas. We have a nice little beginning here in the way of Lutheran members, or rather we will have of Rev. J. Sauer of the Pittsburg synod by Dr. Paparant, does not spoil it. He has visited the field and now offers to "come over in two weeks, if they will raise him \$50.00 per year for expenses." Hon. John A. Eaton from the Gueyrus O. Church, who has more money than religion, says "No use to begin in that kind of a 'flippeny bit' sort of way." Bro. Sauer has kept in the back ground all the exclusiveness of the Council, and has not told what he is. I spoke well of him, urged the people to continue the service, and suggested to Pres. of Kansas Synod a letter to be sent their principal man, with Church-constitution of Kansas Synod and other documents. Hon. Mr. Eaton was "very clear", took me from hotel to his house, drove over the city with me, to look at lots &c. &c. He promised me, and also promised Bro. Sauer, to keep

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his eyes open for a choice location, and also to do a large part in securing it for a General Synod Church.

Mr. Caton is "kind of out with the st-  
-ting churches". He says they hold political caucuses in them, preach all manner of things, but the kind of fop-  
-pel he used to hear at home &c. &c.:

There is some truth in this state-  
-ment, but there is also the other angle  
truth that he has become absorbed in  
money getting and money making and  
politics. He has a nice family, and a  
good pastor might have great influence  
into him and them. We must keep our  
eyes on Winfield.

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F. Independence. Growth and im-  
-provement are manifest on every hand  
in this town also. This I noticed in  
going through to Cedar-Vale. Would it be  
wise to write Mr. S. Henry, and ask  
him for data concerning Lutheran  
prospects in Independence? He lives  
seven miles from the town.

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C. Cedar-Vale, Chautauqua County,  
Kansas, was visited Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>,  
and services held with our people. A  
fearful storm interfered with the at-  
-tendance, and yet we had a goodly num-  
-ber present at morning and evening  
services. Two rail-roads have just  
entered the town, and new buildings

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are being erected at a rapid rate.

New people too, are coming in & new business enterprises opened up. Bro. Koogle (formerly of Frederick Co. Md) has secured church-lots and is pushing a subscription for a building. He is a noble man of splendid record in the whole county, and deserves our heartiest encouragement. Indeed he is a sort of

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"a pastor", visiting the sick, conducting funerals and prayer-meetings, superintending the S. School &c. He was a student at Springfield O. for a number of years, and but for ill health would no doubt be in the ministry.

Though the Methodist Church (the only church-building in Cedar-vale) was open for service, there was no consecration - all the people who braved the storm on the 27<sup>th</sup> coming to "our school-house". The preaching and preachers are

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so poor a quality in that section that a good, true faithful Lutheran minister of the General Synod type, can, it seems to me, have great success. Rev. S. Henry has visited Cedar-vale and made a good impression. He preached there again on the third of April, and it was hoped an arrangement could then be effected by which he would visit them once a month.

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Bro. Henry can take the train seven miles from his present home, and have all rail - 55 miles - to Cedar-vale. This arrangement will give our people service

until such time as a charge can be formed, or a District Missionary appointed. To my mind Cedar Vale is a good point as there are no towns near it, and the material with which we can commence the work is excellent.

Some of our members seemed fairly over-come with joy because of the visit, and of Bro. Henry's coming a week later.

One family (splendid Nonnians) has been there for many, many years, having bought their farm from the Indians, before Kansas was a state. They have not forgotten the God, neither the Church of their fathers. I was entertained by a family from Maryland who keep a boarding-house. They were compelled to take in the <sup>R.R.</sup> boys because they could not get any other place. They had twenty three of the boys. Oh! my! I was the twenty-fourth in that house. I think some of the boys slept three in a bed. (I slept "more nor that", though I was supposed to have a bed to myself. this is for the Grand my.)

At time for retiring Mrs. West - the land-lady - had the boys understand that "worship" was the order of the hour, that pipes (ugh!) must be put aside or so.

They obeyed <sup>and</sup> listened attentively though some of them seemed "dazed". The same was repeated morning and evening during the visit. Mrs. West telling her boarders that "it's our Sutheran way". The boys seemed to think it was "Mother West's way".

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at any rate," "Dem Minnis Day to rule".

The prospect of a Lutheran Church in Cedar-vale, caused the heart of this good woman and many others to leap for joy.

H. The whole of Southern and South-

-Western Kansas, is open to us for

some Missions work, and just as quickly

as the man can be secured, a district

missionary, for this section, should

be appointed. It seems to me the

boards of Home Missions and Church Exten-

sion might unite in placing a man

over this territory. He could secure lots

and lands for B. C. P. and Missions

for our Board. He could then have part

of the advantage of "one fourth of salary and

expenses, from Mr. Aug. Kuntze". It might

be well, in view of the scarcity of men to

consider this question of United work

in S. Kansas. The field, I believe, is

even a better one than that of the "Re-

-publican Valley Missions". There is

more intelligence and more American

material. Oh! Brethren my heart is

overwhelmed, and I am burdened, beyond

the power to express, with the vastness

and promise and responsibility of our

General Synod work. I have never felt

it so much as during this recent trip &

it so haunts me during these few days

at home, that I am, as my loved one

put it, "hardly myself". It is not right

to feel this way, I know, especially

when doing all that can be done, and

when doing more than physical strength justifies. And yet, how to avoid it, I know not. The day of opportunity is at hand and passing away, and, as another has said "much of our land is a desert place". There are hungry, perishing souls around us, and Christ is saying to the members of our General Synod Church "Come ye them to eat." It concerns us not to ask whence came they, who are they? - the fact grapples in its fierce strength, the heart that loves Christ.

They are our brothers and our sisters. Christ Jesus made them so by taking them into the same relation with himself into which He has taken us. He left for them as well as for us, the prayer that begins, "Our Father".

Our people cannot say - especially our men and women of <sup>cannot say</sup> health - we have nothing to give. Oh! that they would throw themselves upon God's work, see their ability to do it, and authorize the boards to "Advance, Advance!". "All the pillars of the Church are made out of what would only be needs in it, if there were no duties assumed above the ability in the present state of needs. He saves the pillars not the needs!"

There is almost no limit to the power we may exercise as a Church in this new land. Oh! that our people may fill their places, meet their opportunities and despair of nothing!

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## III. Illinois, A. Rockford.

At the earnest request of the Pastor and members of Swedish Emanuel Lutheran Church - Rev. C. Hansen Missionary - I spent Tuesday night, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Rockford, Ills. It was the desire of our people to have a sermon on temperance, by some official of the General Synod, in order to counteract influences used against them by the "independent" and other Swedish churches. There was a fine audience - the large church being two thirds full - though Dr. Salma~~pe~~ lectured in the Swedish Cathedral, and of course drew all outside people. Our people seemed deeply thankful for the visit, and said: "It did us great good, and it always does us good to have some of our American brothers visit us."

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I had a meeting with the council and trustees after the service, and a full discussion of their situation. They are really doing very well & deserve encouragement. They have secured a loan for all their <sup>present</sup> debt but about \$800.00 - having themselves reduced the original amt several thousand dollars. They ask help to pay the \$800.00, and want the Synod of Northern Illinois to allow collections in the congregations of that body to this end. I believe it would be a very wise thing for our Board of Church-Extension

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to give the Rockford Church \$400. to \$500.  
taking the usual provisional mortgage, or  
to allow special collections in the  
congregations of the Northern Ill. Synod  
to the amt. of the floating indebtedness.  
That Synod could, if worked up,  
raise the amt. in addition to appor-  
-tionment.

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As I have felt, ever since my  
first visit to Rockford in 1881, so now  
I am convinced, he ought to place an  
English Missionary in that great Lutheran  
field. The Council of Emmanuel Church  
heartily endorse this view, and though it  
might be several years before an exclu-  
sively English congregation could be  
organized, our young people could  
be led to their own church, the Eng-  
lish S. School - already in existence in  
our General Synod Church - enlarged and  
made more efficient, and a great  
preparatory work done. There are now  
probably 5000 Lutheran Church members  
in Rockford, and as yet, no English  
preaching among or for them. Our  
"Emmanuel" congregation has an English  
S. School, but the Superintendent is a Con-  
-fessionalist - a prominent citizen of R.,  
and you know where our young people  
will be led under that kind of super-  
intendency. An English pastor could  
take that S. School and increase its  
membership to 500 or 600 in a short  
time, could teach our own doctrine, and

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preach<sup>m</sup> English regularly once a Sunday.  
Oh! it is a fine field for a good English pastor. He could also be very helpful to Pastor Hansen, who needs sympathy, guidance, advice and the encouragement word. A suitable man should really and speedily be sought for the English work in Rockford.

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The congregation seems satisfied with pastor Hansen, say he is doing well, but is not as active a pastor, that is in visiting, hunting up people or, as he should be.

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The Church-Council seems to "fret" over the fact that "they have not been able to make their apportionment". They were so "strained and pressed to raise the amt. needed for reduction of debt, that they could not do it. They have a large list of members, but little money." I told them they could present their excuse to synod of N. Illinois, and no doubt, favorable action would be taken.

My heart goes out in sympathy for this congregation, because they do try to help themselves, and I long to see their financial burden made lighter.

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They have great faith in, and much love for "The Guard of Home Missions".

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III. Nebraska, A. Beatrice.

I enclose <sup>copy of</sup> a letter of complaint from the Missionary at Beatrice, with copy of my reply. I may have made

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a mistake in complying with his request to send his letter and my reply to Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson. As I look at it now, and since receiving a letter from State Secy. Huber, I fear it was a mistake. I thought about it a great deal, wrote my reply carefully, hesitated about sending the correspondence to the parties he urged should have it, but finally decided to write Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson a letter, and with it, send the letter of Bro. Albright and my reply to it. As I read over my reply, it seems an arraignment that will not elevate the Missions in the estimation of this complaining family. Mr. Albright deserves all and much more than I have written to him. His course has been anything but a straight one, yet I would not willfully do or say anything to array ~~at~~ his members against him or alienate them from him.

If I made a mistake in sending the correspondence to the Atkinson family, I pray that it may be over-ruled for the good of the Missions. Mr. Albright has not yet replied to my letter. He treats it with "silent contempt." Correspondence marked A. Letter of State Secy. Huber, marked B.

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In my letter to Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson, I urged their faithfulness to the Church, to the pastors, as well as members are only human, &c. &c.

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B. South Sioux City.

I enclose letters - marked C - concerning this new town, from Rev. E. Baird of Homer, Neb. What to suggest I do not know. Will look at the field when at Salem Church dedication. The place is having a "regular boom" and is likely to be something of a town. I am glad that lots have already been secured.

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C. Central City. A letter from Rev. A. R. Shradet of Grand Island, says: "he would like to re-open and dedicate the church at Central City about Easter. Could you not get us two dozen copies of the Book of Worship by that time?"

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I will try to get the "Books of Worship, but cannot secure them for next Sunday.

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D. Grand-Island. The same letter says

"Our work in Grand-Island is progressing. Several catechumens to be confirmed at Easter. Sunday School reached 136 on a recent Sunday at ordinary regular session. Town is in a ferment. Beer, business and religion. The old battle of the ages - light with darkness - good with evil - wicked men making noise, mens hearts trembling with fear - in short the Gospel has not brought peace to Grand-Island, but a sword. They

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curse the preachers and the church people to the lowest depths, but we all go on returning blessing for cursing, and we point to the burning Sodom for a warning to them. A man needs "Iron tonic" not only in the spring but through all the year. We are happy in our work.

Your wheeling members are bending well to the work in church and S. School.

The above is a true picture. The wisdom of the visit of Presb. and Secy. to Grand-Island, becomes more and more manifest. Through it came the building of the handsome new church which is as "a city set on a hill" and the pulpit of which sends forth no uncertain sound.

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IV. Iowa. A. Sioux-city.

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A letter - marked D - from Mr. J. N. Deuler of M. of Church Extension, gives some interesting news concerning Sioux-city. I cannot make it and Mr. C. Baird's letter "fit together", but presume Mr. Deuler's letter is the latest. I will, D.V., visit Sioux-city about the 18<sup>th</sup> of the present month, and try to add to the "cheer and encouragement" of the Missionary. Will go there from the dedication of "Salem" Dakota Co. Church.

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B. NEVA-  
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B. Nevada. Cards from Missionary Pfeiffer marked E - indicate some trouble or anxiety about Nevada or other Iowa points. I have written Bro. B. to come to see me next week.

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V. Colorado. A. Pueblo.

Some time ago, a "Dutch Reformed" friend, who married a Lutheran wife, sent me "a little money for needy missionaries", of which amt. I sent \$50<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars to Bro. Roos. He acknowledges the same in letter - marked F - and seems very grate-  
-ful for it. He also acknowledges the "got" accused for him at Harrisburg while spending a few hours there in Del. en-route to Allentown. "A word fitly spoken, how good is it."

POEBLO.

What a blessing to the churches the sending of the notes of clothing! Bro. Roos seems determined to stand by the work.

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B. Denver. I. English.

I should not be surprised at news of a resignation from Bro. Heilman at almost any time. I judge this from a letter recently received from friends in Denver, and also from a few sentences in a letter from Mrs. Heilman. Bro. H. seems discouraged with the slow growth at Denver and with the constant "chan-  
-ges" and removals. I have nothing posi-  
-tive from him as to his leaving, and mention the matter that he may be prepared for it, if it should come.

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Bro. H. will (I.V.) be at General Synod, and the officers and members of the Board present can have a full consultation with him concerning the mission.

VII. CALIFORNIA.

VII. California. A. San Francisco.

A. SAN-FRANCISCO.

Letter from Miss Mary Miller - named G - is the latest news I have from San Francisco. Bro. M. seems encouraged, and seems to have entered up-  
on his work with vim and enthusiasm.

VIII. TEXAS.

VIII. Texas. This great state (almost an empire) is opening up wonder-fully this spring, and thousands of settlers are going in and securing homes.

The towns and cities are forming at a rapid rate, and the opportunity for some Missions work is found beyond the power of human mind to convey.

Especially is this true of the Pan-handle country. Rich in soil and magnificent in climate it will soon have a trem-  
-ing population. What can we do for it? Scarcely anything, without more men and more money. "Arm of the Lord, awake! awake!!" Oh! for a dis-  
-trict Missionary for the Pan-handle of Texas.

VIII. INDIAN TERRITORY.

VIII. Indian Territory. This garden spot of America, having in it some of the choicest lands on the continent, is also to be opened up for settlement. The white man is bound to go in. It is the inevitable. Seventy six miles of railway are already completed, and track-laying through the territory is going forward at the rate of twenty (20) miles per day.



INDIAN

TERRITORY

There are fifty tents on the outskirts of Arkansas-City, Kansas, filled with people, awaiting permission from the U. S. Government to enter the territory, or awaiting opportunity to purchase land from the Indians. In a little while great missionary operations must be set on foot where now only the "red-man teams" who is sufficient for these things?"

IX. NO-MAN'S LAND:

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IX. "No-Man's Land." Over this part of "our common country" has become "Some Man's Land", and an immense "sum" at that, i. e. a great future "problem". Towns and cities are being laid out - rail-ways being built, and settlers pouring in by the thousand. Oh! what work, what work for the Christian Church!

These thousands must be followed, yea rather accompanied with the gospel. May our great Church be so awakened to missionary zeal, as to share a glorious part in this evangelization!

X. MISCELLANEOUS. A. WOMAN'S CONVENTION.

X. Miscellaneous. A. Woman's Convention. Letter marked H. - Requesting Attendance and Address at Convention of N. W. & P. M. Societies, I answered by referring them to the Board, and suggesting, that as Pres. & Secy, and other members of Board would be coming next to attend General Synod, their services can be secured. I proposed

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willingness and readiness to comply with request, but told them the item of expense must now be considered, and as the members of the Board would like pass through Wooster, or as near as Mansfield. I could see no reason for my making the long journey, as I would be obliged to return at once to General Synod. I know the Board will say Amen!

B. TRANS-  
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B. Transportation, "Inter-State Com-  
-merce": Expenses.

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The circular marked I- is one of nearly fifty received, and speaks for itself. "My nice fat pocket-book" is thin and slim indeed. The R. Roads have, no doubt, placed a very rigid construction upon the bill, and have combined to make it as "odious" as possible. It will make a marked difference in my bills of expense, which I regret, but cannot help. I still hope for an interpretation of the qualifying clause of the bill, which will enable me to secure papers as heretofore, but am by no means certain of success. I have sent our letters like enclosed marked J- to the various Boards asking concert of action. Should a committee be appointed to visit the Commission at Washington, the Pres. or Secy. of the Board, or both of them will likely be requested to take a place on the committee, and will, I am sure, gladly do so. I am

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Also making an effort to secure the aid of Senator Calquitt and others, for an Amendment to the bill, so soon as Congress assembles. The Amendment will be specially favorable to Home Mission interests. Permit me to suggest that if any of the members of the Board personally know members of the next Congress, that the matter be discussed with them, and their influence be secured to secure an Amendment giving Railway Officers the right to issue free transportation to Secretaries or Officers of Boards of Missions, Benevolent Institutions &c. &c. Some of the officials say they "will issue me free trip papers," but unfortunately they are officials of lines seldom used.

INTER-STATECOM-MERCEVAGUE-NESS.

I have written "Observer" and "Crusader", asking how much Adv. or "Special Notice" space they can afford to give me, for "G. W. M." in case I can make contract with the leading and needed lines, for papers on acct. of Advertising. With "Observer", "Crusader", "Missy Journal", "Angling Teacher" and "S. School Herald", I ought to accomplish something to keep down expenses. Even "Clerical Permits" are somewhat uncertain, as letter from "Well-Island Route" - marked K - indicates. Some "Permits" have, however, already been sent me, and I guess

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Others will follow.

I am sure the Board will make "all due allowance" for the increase in expenses in future bills.

While we will all regret the increase, we at the same time, will be very thankful for the favors and very small expenses of travel in the past, and also hopeful for the future.

I had just completed plans for securing Annual Paps on Pullman sleeping cars, Western Union Telegraph &c, but alas! "Inter-State Commerce" thy name is "Disappointment".

C. Home for a few weeks. Having been constantly absent from Des. Moins since January 1<sup>st</sup> I must have some time at home, and will therefore, on my return from Kansas, remain at home, most of the time up to the meeting of the General Synod.

I have several reports to prepare, articles to write &c. and my family also need a little of my presence and attention.

This decision, will, I trust, meet the approval of the Board, especially as I have not heretofore had, and cannot the coming summer have, such a thing as a vacation. All the days at home will be used in the interests of the Church.

With love to all the Brethren

Des. Moins Iowa  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1887

Saml B. Darnitt  
Western Secy.

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A. DICKSON

II. Tennessee. A. Dickson.

Rev. W. C. Barnett writes, asking me to "have pulpit furniture promised by Rev. G. W. Ender's sent on at once, as they have raised most all the money for the debt, and propose to proceed to raise the balance". He thinks I "might as well have it sent, as they will no doubt, soon have it all raised".

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TENN.

My reply is "No Sir!" "not until you have raised every dollar". You must comply with all the conditions."

III. KAN-  
-SAS.  
A. HORTON

III. Kansas. A. Horton.

Though the circular-headed A- may state matters strongly "Horton" is destined to be a first class town - the "Setona" of "Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway". A good missionary can without doubt have a great success at H.

B. WICHITA

B. Wichita. From telegrams enclosed named B - You will see that I did not get to Wichita for Good Friday and Easter. Rev. J. M. Lermer, Pres. Kansas Synod, having preached for them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, was to make all arrangements and arrangements, and I presume thought he had done so.

I prepared a special notice to be sent each member of the church on my arrival in W. packed my satchel for a "two Sundays" visit, and awaited word from Bro. Lermer. Receiving no

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wrote up to Wednesday noon (April 6<sup>th</sup>)  
 I telegraphed Bro. Lerner, and on the  
 7<sup>th</sup> received answer B.1. On receipt  
 of this, I telegraphed Wichita and had  
 reply B.2. Leaving home for Atchison  
 shortly after receiving telegrams from  
 Mr. Blackwelder, I have had nothing  
 additional from either Wichita or Bro.  
 Lerner. I do not like the excuse given  
 by Mr. Blackwelder, and fear they (the  
 Committee on supplies & services) were so  
 absorbed in real-estate, that they forgot  
 to secure a place in which to worship.

Mr. Garner offered his office for Sepu-  
 lar Sutherland services, offered to have  
 chairs (the office will hold 70 chairs) placed  
 in it, have it cleaned up Saturday P.M.  
 and all things in readiness for Sunday.  
 He also (as a director) advised the  
 Committee that they could have the  
 use of Y.M.C.A. rooms. These things  
 being so, I cannot understand the lack  
 of arrangement for Easter services.

It is evident that a regular pastor  
 should be on the ground at as early a  
 date as possible, and also that the Com-  
 mittee at Wichita, be urged - kindly urged  
 to secure a hall or room, and hold  
 services once in two weeks as supplies  
 can be had from the pastors in Kansas.

There is danger of the new confe-  
 -ration losing interest and some of the  
 members going back to the churches  
 from which they came, unless they

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are held by occasional services. I will write the Committee, and try to arrange to spend a Sunday or two at W. between this and the General Synod.

I have been afraid of re-action at W. because of Dr. Finley not accepting their call, and because he had been so boomed by Bros. Kemmer & Gelmer.

There is a zeal that is not according to knowledge.

C. AT-  
-CHISON

C. Atchison. On account of several urgent appeals to spend Easter Sunday at Atchison, I selected it as the place, so soon as receiving the message from Wichita. I was somewhat annoyed by Pastor Diven announcing that I would be here, before he had any authority for so doing. I concluded from some things I learned, that it would be wise to give Atchison attention. The day was a very beautiful one, the audiences and Sunday School quite large, and the services full of interest. Nineteen (19) persons were received into the church by confirmation and renewal. Some twenty more were expected, but on account of "measles" and various causes they were not present.

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The reception of members and the conducting of the communion service were much more orderly and solemn than last year, as I told Bro. Diven they must be. One year ago he rushed through these im-

-portant and precious services, as though he was running after a railway train. Having told <sup>him</sup> such manner of procedure must not be repeated, he <sup>embodied</sup> it. He is a noble and pious missionary, but has yet a great deal to learn. I often wonder how some brethren possibly manage to know so little about "how to do things". They seem to have no trouble about knowing "how not to do them". At the close of the S. School a congregational meeting was held - called by Bro. D. "that the Western Secy. might talk to the people about pushing for a new building". During the year they have allowed several good opportunities to "ship away", for which I censured the pastor. He is so "spiritual" that he "starts" faith in God" to the extent of expecting God to do what he and his people must do, if they expect to build a church. Bro. Diven "declined" to do the "secular work of asking for money &c. &c."

I told him he was losing, losing time and opportunity, and must at once change his views and ways. He needs more vim and "git up" and religious sumption & common sense. I "labored" with him and told him he must start out on Monday (to-day, April 11<sup>th</sup>) and "push things". He has promised so to do, and has already made engagements with several of his most prominent members to go <sup>out</sup> with him.

On Saturday evening, by invitation, I met with "the Big Sydicate", as it is called, - a company of capitalists who are placing a great



deal of money in Atchison. They wanted to know about "the establishment of a Suther-  
-an College in Kansas, and what it will  
require to secure it for Atchison."

I told them we were "open for propo-  
-sitions", and glad to have one from them  
by April 30<sup>th</sup>. I then asked them for two (2)  
Church lots, which I think they will grant.

If they do, we ought to build a \$20,000.00  
church in Atchison this year. It can be  
done, if Bro. Diven makes up to the push-  
ing of it. Atchison is growing solidly  
as well as rapidly, and we dare not  
wait long for to "rise and build." Now is the  
time. Large manufacturing establishments  
are being located and built, and these will  
bring hundreds of workmen. Among them  
many of our people.

Brother Diven is of "good report", ex-  
-cellent report - both in and out of the  
congregation. The only complaints made  
were "a lack of energy", "not enough of push",  
"too slow", "ought to make up" etc. etc.

I told him he "must make up", man-  
-ifest more energy and push things. He  
quoted Isaiah: "He that believeth shall not make  
waste" wresting that scripture from its proper  
meaning. I answered he better add to his  
bank works, or he will would surely fail.  
He starts out to say!

Saml B. Barnitz  
Western Secy.

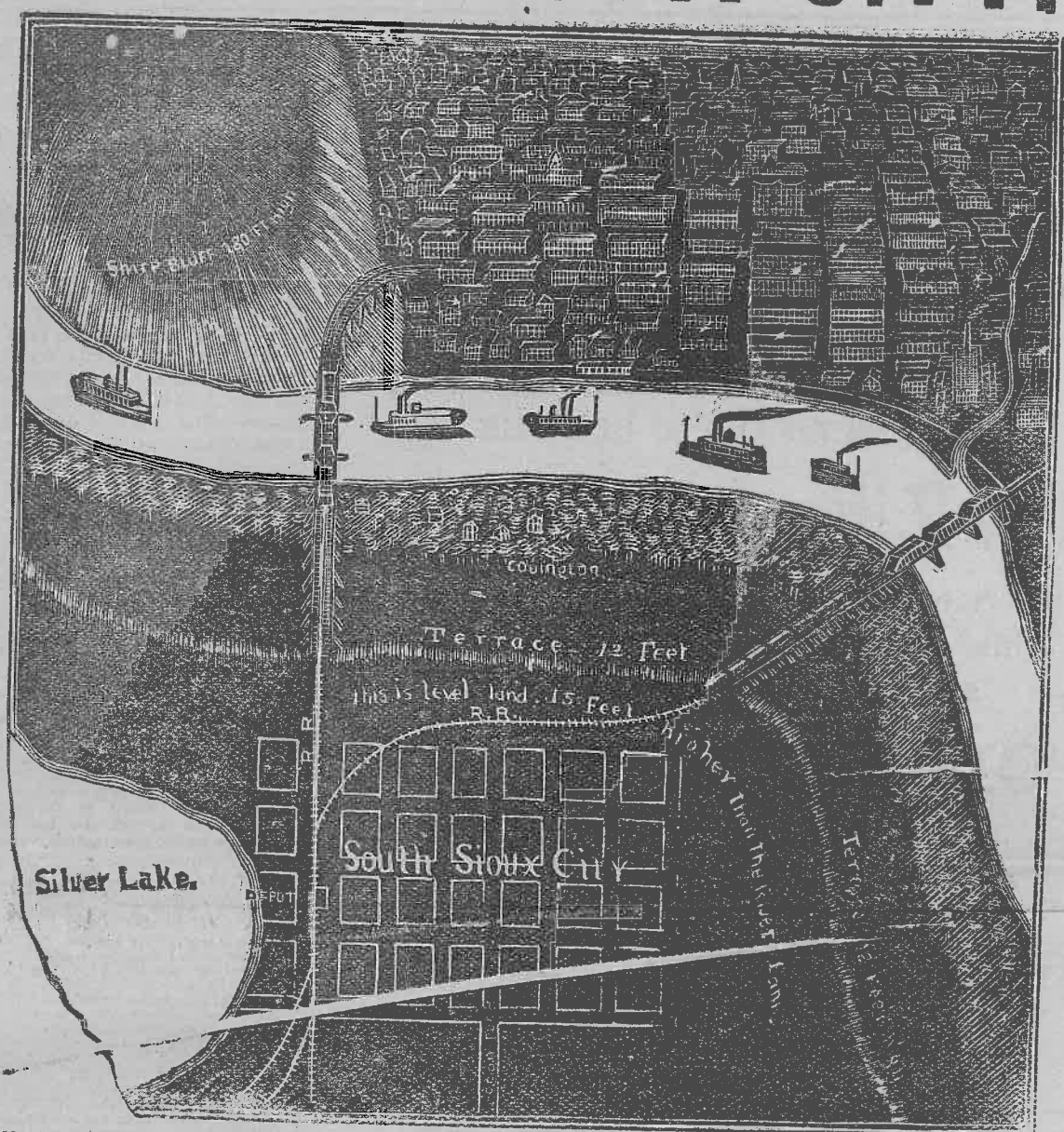
Atchison, Kansas,  
and on train to  
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