

To Meeting Held Thursday May 12th 1887II. KAN-
-SAS.A. WICHITA.
-TA.II. Kansas. A. Wichita.

At the earnest solicitation of M. S. Garver Esq. and several of our own members, I spent Sunday, May 1st and the four following days in this really remarkable and phenomenal city. Bro. Geo. W. Rice rather opposed my going & told the members at W. that I would not come unless they arranged for a distinctive Lutheran service in a hall or in Mr. Garver's office. He wrote me to this effect and asked me to meet him in Kansas City for a consultation & comparison of views.

I telegraphed him that I would do so en-route to Wichita, as letters and telegrams from Bros. Garver and Saxe, and a note from Rev. Mr. Glanville made it clear to me that a few days in Wichita would be well spent in the interests of Lutheranism. Meeting Bro. Rice in Kansas City, he expressed some surprise at my going to W. for May 1st, but soon felt satisfied that it was the thing to do. He called together

to see Rev. J. M. Lemmer, Pres. Kansas Synod, and found ^{him} somewhat "cooled off". In fact there was but little of him left, after the "scalping" given him by Secy. Clutz and Prof. J. W. Richard, and the nausea created by the conduct of Rev. H. W. Single D.D.

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Mr. Sommer read three or four letters from Wichita, urging him to see Mr. Rice, and plead with him not to interfere with my being in Wichita on the first of May.

He said "the conduct of Mr. Single ^{deceased} has completely taken me off my feet," that he had not been able to sleep ^{at all}. He really seems quite penitent, but whether he will profit by the lesson or not remains to be seen.

Sunday, May 1st, was a great day at Wichita. Though intensely hot and the dust flying thick and fast, every spot in the First Presbyterian Ch. was occupied - even galleries and aisles being crowded. One Sutheran, who could be reached, was present. Though I could not make the service a distinctly Sutheran one - having probably only thirty Sutherans and 870 other people (they claimed that 900 persons were present) yet I announced the hymns from Book of Worship, as well as from Presbyterian Hymnal, and was introduced as a Sutheran Secy. of Missions. At four P.M. Bro. Baird Secy. Y.M.C.A. and W.S. Garner Presbyterian Elder, and ardent lover of his Sutheran "Mother dear Jerusalem" had over 500 men present for another Sutheran Y.M.C.A. service. It was a great meeting. At the close of the sermon quite a number arose for

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prayer. As at the morning service, so also at night, the Church was crowded, and nearly all our people were on hand. Bros. Garner, Cicholz, Miller, Johney and others seem to have determined to make the day a great one for Lutheran interests, and I believe they succeeded. I remained in Wichita for the Kansas State Sunday-School Convention, speaking twice each day, and visiting our people between services.

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I did not have a congregational meeting, and did not attend the meeting of the Church-Council. Though in constant consultation with the Secy. of the Ch. Council, and with several of the brethren, I thought it best to have them manage their own affairs until they are through with Dr. Single. On the 29th of April he wrote his acceptance, provided they would raise \$1000.00 in addition to the \$1000.00 appropriated by the Board - making his "salary \$2000.00 and parsonage." He promises to come either before or directly after the General Synod, bring Church plans and parsonage plans with him, for our vote then soliciting etc. Their reply was, that they "would not give him \$2000.00 and parsonage, and were not now prepared to give him a call." What he will

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Answer I know not, but presume, as he is out at Springfield and out at Bellefontaine, he will try to get to Wichita. I felt it was better for me not to be present at the meeting of the Church-Council, when they acted on his \$2000.00 proposition, as my absence left them free to act as they thought best, and will present his (i.e. Dr. Singley) never saying that my presence influenced their action. The Board of Home Missions has been completely vindicated in the estimation of the Church-Council at Wichita, and whatever the future may develop, this is sure that not only the people at W., but also Mess. Comer and Belmer now justify the Board in all that it has done.

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I am encouraged to believe that a temporary structure will at once be erected at Wichita, and the permanent building commenced, a Sunday School and women's ~~at~~ of Miss. organized, and all the practical movements of the church put in operation. Nothing can be done with reference to a pastor until Mr. Singley replies to the letter of the Church-Council, mailed to him May 4th. Many things remain to be said of Wichita, and many good things, which cannot be said within the limits of this report.

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Whether the city will ever be what its every citizen claims for it - a city of 100,000 souls - no man can now tell. It is never-the-less "a wonder" and marvel in its growth, and in the solid character of its buildings. In this also it differs from any place I have ever visited - viz. that the citizens are a unit - Every man, woman and child believes in Wichita, and combine to make it all they believe it will be. The religious sentiment is most excellent, and the churches and Sunday schools are as wide awake as are the dealers in real-estate. Some idea of the growth can be had from the fact that one year ago - the return of assessments of personal property was \$800,000.00, and last week the return was \$5,000,000.00 - an increase of \$4,200,000.00 in one year. Oh! for a man after God's own heart, to work in that field, & to work at once.

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The pulpit of Wichita is not a strong one. A good preacher who will live right, be wide awake, and ready to every good work, will have a great success in Wichita. We have a noble band of people there, and under a good and wise leader, success is assured.

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B. AT-
CHISON.

B. Atchison. Bro. Rice came to de-
-pot at Kansas City last night, hav-
-ing just returned from a visit of
-nearly a week to Atchison - to con-
-sult with me about Missionary Diven.

Bro. R. is disgusted with him as
a Missionary, and thinks he ought
to make a change at Atchison very,
very soon. As I have several times
reported Bro. Diven's peculiarities, and
very strange ways, I am not surprised
at the statements of Bro. Rice, and though
it is possible that many in the Confe-
-gation will not agree with those from
whom Bro. Rice got his ideas, I believe
a change at Atchison would be a good
thing, if it can be brought about.

It is said Bro. Diven would
possibly accept a call to the Foreign Field.

I believe he would be adapted to
the foreign work, as he is a devoted
man, and his manner well suit
the foreign mission work. It is how-
-ever much easier to create a vacancy
than to fill one. Where can we get
a suitable man for such a fine field?

Now is the time for solid, effective
work at Atchison. The Church and
Sunday School and ideas of the Suther-
-an people at Atchison, must be eleva-
-ted. Where can we find the man
to lift them up, push the work and
keep pace with the growth and pros-
-perity of the city?

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C. HAYS-
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C. Hays City.

From reports, I feel confident that the congregation at Hays City would declare itself self-supporting and call Rev. J. A. Bright as pastor. The enclosed letter marked A says nothing of this, but asks a visit and a conference. It will not be possible for me to go to Hays City, nor to any other place, but Omaha, between this and General Synod.

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The work for General Synod will require every moment of every day and night, and then will not satisfy the brethren who want to "visit their cousins and aunts." From many things I know, I cannot endorse Rev. Mr. Killinger for any mission, and would rather not be at Hays City while he is there.

I will arrange for a visit to Hays for Secretary Olutz and myself after General Synod.

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D. TOPE-
-KA.

D. Topeka.

It is said a change of missionary at Topeka will also be a speak. Oh, my! Oh, my!!

III. NE-
-BRASKA.

III. Nebraska. A. South-Sioux City.

A. SOUTH
SIoux-CITY

I enclose a plat of South-Sioux City, and several letters marked B - from Rev. Cephas Baird. I believe it would be wise to "go in at once". Can any assurance be given Bro. Baird, that \$250.00 will be

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Appropriated after General Synod. He really ought to know something definite before he begins work, as he cannot do the work at South-Sioux City, without an appropriation.

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III. Iowa. A. Sioux City.

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I spent Sunday night April 17th and Monday A.M. April 18th at Sioux City - preaching Sunday night, looking over new lots etc. Monday morning.

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The city was so full of excitement over the Adcock trial, that little else was talked of, and church-services very thinly attended. My audience at the Court-house numbered just seventeen.

The Mifsiman and his wife are now much more encouraged, but still weighed down with the anxiety of the work.

They must be helped to a house of worship. The only possible way to insure success, is for the church to give Sioux City a house of worship.

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I have promised a visit by Eastern General Secy, and probably one also by the President of the Board.

B. NEVA-
-DA.

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B. Nevada & Storey Co. Enclosed letter - d. dated March 17, only reached me at Michita, last week. Card with same mark to hand this morning. Between the dates I had a long visit from the Mifsiman at Nevada, who "has the blues" somewhat, and says something

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must be done to enlarge our work in Storey County. He seems willing to do additional service in developing new fields, until such time as another laborer can be secured. His plan for enlargement is a good and wise one, if he can command the man.

Oh! the man, the man.

It will not be possible for me to make that kind of a tour before the meeting of the General Synod. I will express Bro. B. of our sympathy, and a probable visit from Pres. and General Secy, or other members of the Board.

It will be well for General Secy. to do the same.

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The prospects indicate a large attendance, and a good meeting, provided the impracticable delegates can be squeezed. The arrangements will be very complete, and those for Home Mission Day will, I think, be entirely satisfactory to the Board.

From certain rumors and developments, the attitude of Hansen of Denver and Sorensonhouse, of Cheyenne, as well as the positions of Robert Widenhall, I think it eminently important that President Albert be urged to be in attendance at Omaha. There will be a

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great deal to claim the attention of every member of the Board who can attend.

VI. NEXT
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IV. The next meeting of the Board.

This should be held in the West - viz at Des-Moines, Iowa - Monday May 30th or Tuesday A.M. May 31st!

The Board of Home Missions is hereby most cordially invited to assemble at 722. 18th St. Des-Moines Iowa on above dates, or any other date to suit their convenience.

Hoping soon to bid you welcome.

Truly Yours
Saml B. Garnitz
M. Secy.

Des-Moines, Iowa.
May 10th 1887. 2 P.M.

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