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En Route *Nowhere* for awhile *Hope* ~~by the~~
~~CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY.~~

Des. Moines, Ia. Aug. 8, 1887

My Dear Sir.

Several matters seem to need some kind of attention, & lest the letters and work accumulate too much.

I will send some of them, and it, now.

II. Letter from Ralph Scofield concerning lot in "Hitchy". Is. How would it do to send Willingfor down there to spy out the ground or? Or, would Balthar Schauer or Jarger do better? If I am correct "Hitchy" is not very far from Hays City. When you have read letter send it to Ed. of Ch. Extension. If none of our concerns at all hand it over to I, with request to reply at once. He may want to consult Bro. Lemmer about it!

Letter marked A. III. How sad the burning of Bro. Seifer's church at Valley Falls, Ia. - Letters B & C; and

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him fearfully saw the face of "no insurance". I wrote him that they would have but little sympathy from the General Church, because they had neglected this most important matter, and I was fonder to think that his splendid reputation for good management would now be tarnished. His second letter is a reply to mine. Oh! but I do pity him. Would that Jd. Welch Sr. could say to them "go ahead". I told him I would send him \$10.00, so soon as needed for first payment.

~~IIII~~. Letters D & E. Oh! well! I answered the letter received on our trip, and also the one marked D, and told Bro. A. that we had nothing against him, but that in the matter of Long Island "authority" had to be maintained. ~~III~~. Letter from Gaucher F "takes me all aback". What next? What shall we do about it? You will likely see Bro. Gaucher at N. Pa. Synod, and can have a talk with him. I will write to him and ask for his author or authors, and we will look into matters. Better let Helman accept a call to the East, perhaps, though I cannot believe the reports, especially the one concerning visiting. What think you? V. Card from Sincoven G. Oh! my! this is evidently an "Easterday movement" and ought not to be allowed. The women should say no! Had there been time, I would have telegraphed H. Com. to protest, but I guess this is "Church Extension". VII. Letter from Macl. H - Poor Macl. He is right, but how can we get him the other \$2000.00. They dare not build anything less than \$6500.00 Church. VIII. Letter I from Cephas David. "Disappointments"

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Smile the heart of man, but the re-
newal of hope gives consolation. Can
you give him the renewal of hope?

VIII. Letter-J- from Bro. Maurer. Wish we had gotten there. I really could not go for next Sunday. Gladly would I do so, but he "too much is too much." The heart has been fearful, and we must take some little care of ourselves. IX. Letter-K- from John W. Rice. I met him in Atchison last Wednesday, and told him all I deemed it wise to tell him. I doubt whether he will be of my great service (unless more careful) to our work in the West. He says Lemmer is "cured and transformed." X. Am very sorry about appeal for Omaha House, not for my sake, but for the sake of the General work, and in view of Mr. K's plans. The "Western Head-Quarters idea" was a part - rather is a part of the whole plan he has devised for Nebraska. Who will inform him that he must fire it up?

I really do not want to write him, that he give it up. Would it not be well for Post. & yourself to go to see him, and show him clearly our necessities.

I am going on into the work outside of our own Ch. and with those who have already subscribed. If project falls through I can return the money. I have gone too far in these cases to withdraw now without injury. Did you tell A. of Mr. K's plans? You can, I think, tell him with safety.

~~XII~~ XI. Nichita. I have already written you, & sent you Bro. Miller's letter. It is simply deafening that I should have made us such positive promises, and thereby gotten us in this second tumble. Yes, yes - Men wanted, and not "female men" either. ~~XIII~~ XII. I too am doing pastoral work and it seems like old times, and comes quite natural to visit the sick, attend funerals &c. It makes me cross, however, to find so little of plan or arrangement for the care of this Church & and its work. We hear of Bro. H. and his wife, as "having a royal good time", "not coming home until all the hot weather is over" &c. &c. Bro. Graichen comes Saturday - preaches ^{one sermon} 20 to 30 minutes. goes back to Iowa City Monday A.M. It costs him about half of all he gets from N.A. fare, he is not satisfied and the people are not satisfied. No plan and no arrangement for his entertainment. I am expected to look after all pastoral work, Wednesday night service &c. and beside

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urged to help raise the ~~7000.00~~ \$7000.00 for new lot. I get tired doing that which is clearly the duty of others to people here cannot understand why Bro. Kraichen should be brought from Iowa city to preach, and I, at home all the month, a listener. It is sometimes good for us, I guess, to "sit still". You know how it is to be in a church, and not be its pastor. Here, in this capital city of Iowa, we might just as well have a new church-building by Pmas, as not but I fear we will not have it. This week I must arrange for securing the needed sum to pay funeral expenses of old Friedrich Weiser. Unless I do it, the doing of it will hang and hang, until nobody remembers the old man or his burial. Glad you are getting paid a little. I would gladly do the work, but chafe a little under the doing of it, and paying for the privilege beside. ~~XXXX~~ When you write Bro. Albert tell him not to forget to furnish me with the paper

to "Augustana" fellows, in time for Synod of Nebraska.
-11a. ~~XXXX~~. Letters from Dr. Rhodes. "L & M". He seems
to be "waxed up" considerably, as well as burdened
with the great responsibility upon us. He has
much personal sorrow too. He opened his heart
to me on Wednesday last, and told me of his fears
concerning his only remaining eye. There is danger
of his losing his sight. He asked me to pray for
him, that the calamity may be averted. His
daughter - Marion - (not the one who was lost) is also
quite delicate. She is from home under treatment, in
hope that she will be able to be married in October.

Dr. R. seems greatly changed towards me, and has
everything good and kind to say of you & Albert.
Perhaps Rice's criticism to Lermer, and our talk to
R. did good. do not speak of above to outsiders.

XXV. Board of Education, burdens me.

He must have some money at once. It was very
wrong for Genl Synod to impose upon us such a
work, and then refuse to apportion the amount he
need. You must write an article on our appeal.
It is not a sectional or local work, but a work
for the whole Church. No such opportunities were
ever given us. Everything is in readiness - the school
will be opened Sept. 15th, but the case and anxiety
are tremendous. I feel the burden more and more.
I believe you can have the Presidency of New College,
or Genl Secy. ship of Bd. of Education, by unanimous
vote of board if you want it, or if known that

you need at all. Consider it. We have several very fine offers for Academy, and want to press that work. The Church must give us the money.

XVI. Conclusion. See what a long letter I have written you. I feel like unburdening myself, and know you will help carry the burden. Yes you are carrying your share of "the case of all the churches". Our Heavenly Father give us wisdom for the carrying! The heat continues intense. We are really suffering - suffering, and threatened with a water-banish in the city. Our beloved well

keeps flowing, and though down from morning to night
supplying the neighborhood, seems never-fading.

I have just sent \$10.00 on my \$50.00 for Bd. of Education,
have paid "Nichols Mem." and all but five dollars of my
sub. to New Bitterberg. I must now, in justice to my own,
call a halt.

Have you secured the Communism set for
God-Church? Have you looked up the Anonymous letter
concerning S.?

Intell is supported by the Conrad. for Bd. of
Midland College. I thought of ruin for Secy. Bd. of Education,
what think you? Letter N- from Bro. Detweiler. Goodman
seems bent on "Downing D"; but think he will not succeed.
Senseless & Mercies level uncertain. Vote for Goodman for
Treasurer. Am anxious to hear result of to-night meeting.
With love to all. S. B. 03.

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August 25th 1887

My Dear Bro. C.

Concerning our Home
mission work. 1. Atchison.

I hardly think Denver strong enough. I am more favorably inclined to Bro. Bell given provided he can be secured, though I do think if all reports of his fine success at C. are true, that he might not be taken from that city. Nor am I quite sure about his being the man for Atchison. I would rather see him go to Wichita if he intends leaving here. My fear is that he will not come west at all, but that his eyes are on Baltimore. This was one of the matters "arranged", if I am correctly informed. Bro. Schell thinking him just the man for St. Pauls of Baltimore. 2. The Omaha House.

I will do what I can on this important mat-
ter without interfering with any special effort
he may want to make on some missions. You
need not write to or see Mr. K. as I think I
can fix up matters with him. 3. Melita,
I enclose a letter from Bro. Miller, marked A,
which I have answered very fully, expressing
regret at my inability to come at this time,
for a month's work, on account of the sprouts.
I offered to visit them Sept. 3rd to 9th and
15th to 22nd, or if I can be released from en-
gagement at Atchison, ^{will visit them} Sept. 3rd to 12th and
16th to 22nd. Also told them Board would give
them my services, during month of November,
if they will only hold on, and not be discouraged.
Told Bro. Miller to write me or you promptly the reply
of Bro. S. Miller. Also had enclosed marked A. 1 from
Bro. Sank. On receipt of yours of 19th I wrote
Bauskin, copy of letter A. 2, enclosed. I also
wrote Bro. Miller, that if they would excuse some
place, no matter how humble, for the holding
of our our services, he would see to it that they
had services by good preachers every two weeks or
so, and that they then could have visits from min-
isters who might want to examine the field
with a view to undertaking the work. Letter from
Rev. Sumner A. 3. What do you know of him?

would he do? I wrote him that at this time they
were in correspondence with others, and that if
he is doing so remarkably well at Seipsie, he had
better remain there &c. &c. Crans would be a
good man if "sprightly" enough. He seems to
have excellent financial or managing ability,
and a good deal of "stick to it". How soon could
he be moved? So soon as I hear from Gauslin
and Sumner, will write you, and then let us
make an effort for Crans. They will call
him to Cedar-Rapids Ia. if they can get rid of
Lipe, Wiley of Altona and Cook of Wbgh.
want to come west. Will either of them do for
Michita? See letter A. H. Zimmermann's per-
formance - accepting and declining "hobnobbing"
is dreadful and abominable. It has given Pinsky,
Commer and others a handle. It is too bad, but
I pray that the Master may over-rule for his glory.

Have a long letter from Suther Garner,
which I will not send you, until I have answered
it, and can send my answer with it. I will not
answer it either, for a little while. I have
written Gauslin, as I note above, hoping that he
will use his manuscript, or read it up closely,
well. I have said all I can now say on "Michita".

4. Reply to Augustana. Do not allow Bro.
Selert to forget that, as it will be needed.

5. Keep up the search for anonymous letter-burners!

6. Deeser, Mistake! See DeS' letter - named B.
Sumner be just as bad for Omaha, as for Co.

7. Have recommended Smith to Olivia. They can
secure part of same name as their former
one. that rare name "Smith". See Zeigler's letter
C. 8. Wack Mackin's letter. See here, Old Salem.

We must give credit where it is due. I am
sure you will agree that it would be most unwise
to boycott the "Crangelist". Indeed you do agree
that Bro. Z. should have furnished the letters
right along. They seem "stale" to Observer readers,
but there are some people who take "Crangelist"
who do not see "Observer". Wack and the Crangelist
have shown a great deal more sense with regard
to our College matter than the Co's. "Patent inside".
Are they really going back to that? Oh, my.

9. Am very sorry that Z. happened to see
his letter in my batch to you, of my sending
it displeased him. Why I sent it because I
was fond of it and rejoiced in it. I sent it
to you as honorable to his head and heart.
Am surprised that he was "mad".

Indeed C. I have done and am doing everything
I can to help him and his Board. I have been
more than just in all my notices of him.

Our management of Home Missions Day, and my very
active part with Rev. in Gen'l Synod management
did not entirely please either Foreign Board or G. B. C.

Cannot help it. We must look after our own side,
as they will not do it for us. 10. Reports, Communion
or safe to hand. Thank you! 11. Sunday School Mission
Day envelopes - all right! Will push the matter!
11. I think Bro. Ch. W. should have taken Schofield's

letter, and made some inquiry about it. I must do something with it, & think I will send it to Miller. It is clearly Church Extension interests.

12. Bro. Geiger's Church is being re-built, but I agree with you that "the loan fund" is being made too much of, and the donation too little. They cannot pay \$1000.00 back to the Board, and it ought not be asked of them. Where ^{are} the \$12.00 per year subscriptions on appeal for these new churches?

13. Gaughen's letter on Denver. All right for you to keep it for Board. I have not written B, as yet. I will do my utmost to investigate Denver, though I cannot credit the reports in B's letter. Still you I have been somewhat disappointed in H's success at Denver, but knowing as his few know, the difficulties of that field, I have made all allowance.

14. South Sioux City. I am glad we have kept South all along the line, and have made good our promises. Letter from Board - D -. You need not return to me, as I will not be "imbalanced" without it.

15. Sioux City. I agree with you that we have done about all we can do. I will keep at it through Iowa Synod's committee of which I am not a member.

16. Southern Kansas. I enclose recent letters from Bros. Hush and Henry. Oh, b. must I write Cedarvale: "no hope for help" - no money. Have not done so as yet. You know we promised help to Cedarvale as one of the S. Kansas points, and calculated on \$800.00 to \$1000.00 for the general or District Missionary for Southern Kansas. I do not agree

with Hursh about Rev. Warton, but will write to
him to give me names at Winton, prospects at
Winfield &c. &c. From what you saw of Warton's
appearance, I guess there is not much hope of our
being able to use him. Yes, they have had a terri-
-ble hard season in Sumner Co! It is really
distressing. It is the same in a large portion
of Iowa & Illinois, and a small part of Nebraska.
It will have its effect on our Home Missions work.
Letters marked E. 17. Oakland, Selmanah &c.

Though we cannot but
be interested in these places, they are no longer
missions, and we perhaps, better hand them
over to Nebraska Synod. I have written Secy.
Huler, and enclose his reply marked F. As to
Bro. Gearhart, I fear only Robt. Hansen, and no
others, want him back. If Robt. H. could be
paid what is due him on parsonage, and he get
his hand or grip off the people, which is on them
because of the debt Gearhart made, there would
be no trouble at Oakland. If they want him back
at Oakland, and will pay him, I have no objec-
-tions. Yes. G's letter is a good one, that is shows
a good spirit, but I do not believe any charge
in Nebraska Synod would call him, excepting
Robt. Hansen. With you, I am willing to try him,
but with some "doubts and fears." I do not believe
"I will" will write with Oakland in calling him.
W. Rapid City, Dak. Yes. Poor Anderson.
All that Jacoby says of the field is true,
and even more is true concerning its impor-

tance. If we could at all do it, I would favor helping Anson, and yet when I think of all the trouble he has had at Kearney & Saramie, I almost wish he was in the church triumphant. What shall we do? Alas! Alas!! I know not.

19. Saramie, Wyo. See Huber's letter F. "The German work". 20. The Synods, very miserable work for us, have the brethren made by changing synodical date.

Northern Ills.	Sept.	27 ^b
Iowa.	Sept.	27 ^y
Nebraska	Sept	27 ^b
Wittenberg	"	28
Maine	"	"
Pittsburgh	"	29
Hartwick	"	28
Central Pa	"	"

Right synod in one week, and five of them put down to me. Three of the most important western synods. N. Ills, Iowa (my own) & Nebraska, Iowa

What can we do? Can you take Wittenberg, Maine and N. Ills, and have other members of Board take P. Ph. Hartwick & Central Penn^a. Nebraska troubles me more than any other, as I expected to, and wanted to put in the entire week there. It will not do to be absent from either Nebraska or Iowa. N. Ills. is also important this year, because of Deepport & Rockford. Consult Bro. A. on Board, and see what arrangement we better make. I will give Bro. Huber a piece of my mind on changing Neb. synod. Now comes Bro. Porch, with change for Kansas, making it impossible to be there all the time.

even after date was arranged to make it possible for me of the Secys to be constantly on hand during the meeting. I have protested against a change and thus kept the old date. Seeומר's card & Selman's letter. G. 21. Crookcup, Card H. Note

him I had no vacancy in any better climate that he letter into West Virginia Synod of South.

22. Genl Synod Minutes. By food. quell! I note Ores. & Omer's empathization. "A word fully spoken &c". They were pleased. Cards. I.

22. Respect Intell here to-night. Card I.

23. "Midland College". I enclose another batch of letters which may interest you - marked K - As all are answered you need not return to me. You see Bro. Myron says "stick to the name" and I fear the editorial in Observer will make us all "stick to the name more closely than ever. I fear now Conrad may "pitch in" on the Theol. Seminary and spoil thing for us. See what Myron says of Diven. Was he notified you of his leaving? Stetson. I am amazed - (No. not much either) that he runs off just before the College opening.

24. Letter L. from Rev. "David Handed Sunden", on Southern Ills. work. He may be wise, but is "all off" when he advises against a union with Central Ills. Synod. 25. Racemads. A. Letter M.

from Union Pacific Tr. appreciating your best article. B. A letter from W. H. Stennett, Auditor of Expenditures. C & N. W. Ry. says: "Your report on transportation was so admirable that I have

handed it to Mr. Miss⁹, our General Passenger Agent, and have asked him to have it copied into the Chicago papers. If delegates to other religious bodies could be impressed as you were, with the sacredness of the reduced rate given them, I am very sure those religious bodies would have much less trouble in getting reduced rates than heretofore. As you say in your ~~Journal~~ Journal, "Some think it their bounden duty to beat a railroad every time a chance offers." Mr. Stennett was formerly General Passenger Agt. and then Agt. to General Manager. 26. Memorial Card and envelope. Got all I asked for and \$20.00 per.

27. Stetison Affairs. Yes, \$1500.00 will be a good salary at A. Prof. Wynn gets \$1500.00, Eslandung is offered \$1200.00 as Prof. Mathematics, speak to Zell of Lewis, but would rather have him go to Michita. 28. Heat broken, General fine rain, much more comfortable, Praise the Lord! 28. Studie is well a fair. Indeed all are well, and I am very thankful. Sorry he have no "Fair", and no men now to which to take the boys. I have enjoyed being at home "more than tongue can tell", but have been busy every minute for nine hours a day at the desk. Unless I go to Michita will be home until Sept. 8th, then to Stetison. 29. Synods Affairs. Well, well. St. Indiana is also announced for Sept. 27th. He cannot reach all

unless he prep into the service the members of the Board.

See, what a letter I have written you. It seemed needful to write you this much in acct. of the work

I will likely not write as much for some time. Portions of this will answer our report to next Board Meeting.

Mrs. G. & Miss & Sup. join me in love to all of you.

As ever, yrs.

Saml. J. Garbutt
W. Secy.