

Board of Home Missions General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in U. S.

To Meeting Held November 13th 1888II. KANSAS II. Kansas. A. The Kansas Synod.A. THE
KANSAS
SYNOD.

This body had a very pleasant and successful convention at Lawrence Ks, October 23rd to 29th. I was present at every session from the morning of the 24th to the close of the meetings, and found the business carefully considered and the interest in all the work of the General Synod very marked. The president's report was pronounced a very able document both as to literary merit and ministerial acts. The committee of which Mr. Dr. Byrness was Chairman - Reporting it as "meritorious alike to the head and heart of its author - Mr. J. M. Lemmer of Kansas City, Mo." The officers elected for coming year are as follows.

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Rev. W. M. Spahr, President, Aureka, Ks.

Rev. Geo. D. Gornall Secy, Kansas City, Mo.

A. S. Selig Presy, Treas, Lawrence, Ks.

1888 Foreign Missions increase \$ 115.73.

1888. Church. Retirum. increase \$ 169.61.

1888. Board of Education \$ 661.13.

The Women's W. & A. Society has also done a splendid work during the year. They have now assumed the entire support of Miss Kistler - one of their own number - for one year, the money having been raised at their Anniversary Meeting - October 25th - .

The whole amt. \$500.00, was subscribed in about one hour, through the splendid leading and management of Mrs. Esom - Mrs. Kramer, Althman, Dove, Hartsock, and notably Mrs. S. F. Dornbaser - Governors, and indeed every member, or nearly every member of the Synod of Kansas W. & A. Soc. and many members of the Church at Lawrence. This

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for the African Mission Steamboat & succeeded admirably - over \$110.00 having been subscribed. By the time we reached Home Mission - Friday night - the money "in sight and available" was too scarce for any special ^{public} effort, and therefore we took a basket collection, & I commended Bro. Hush and Jarger to ministers and laymen for private subscriptions to their needy building enterprises. The effect of the "Scrimper Memorial" effort was evidently very good upon the Sausenee Congregation. It

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brought Father T's friends to the front & opened their pocket-books, and enabled me to present "Decrease of Appropriation to Sausenee, and the support of their own pastor," as I could not otherwise have done. Father Scrimper's own son, who had not, I presume, given anything to the Lord's cause for many years, gave

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The stact report of committee which was unanimously adopted, is set forth paper marked A. Though the Conference pledged itself to the advice of a State Secy. the facts presented of the opening of the Mission at Antichism, the visitation of new Missions on their territory, and the appropriation of \$7000.00 to Kansas. Alse the amt they are giving to some Missions, rather settled the question.

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The report of the committee was not made until after the Home Mission facts were presented to Synod. and collected. The representatives of the Boards here accorded a most cordial welcome, and every possible favor given them, which could be expected or asked.

Looking over this splendid body of men, and taking a retrospect of my seven years. since my first general acquaintance with the Synod of Kansas. I could not but

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Seminary or to the pastorates served by them in the Past. They will, ere long be the leaders in the Kansas work. Messrs. Geo. D. Gotwald, W. J. Suttell, P. A. Heilman, J. D. Altman, H. S. Yarger and G. A. Cyler. The "turning up" of our work in this synod is largely due to this class of men.

Education and Beneficiary Education received considerable attention.

The young men are now at Midland College in preparation for the ministry, and every congregation is being awakened on this great subject.

Our teaching and our pleading for students for the ministry are bringing forth fruit right on the mission territory. The prayers to the "Lord of the harvest" for "labourers" are being heard, and the men who have been

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B. LAW-
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B. Sausence.

Harrip had a long interview with Mr. S. B. Hyman and heard his side of the trouble at Sausence. From his own lips I am prepared to report that he was very hasty and imprudent in his course and, to a great extent, brought upon himself the displeasure of the people. His own statements give evidence of this. He preached several sermons bringing in matters which had no business in the pulpit at that time, and which were calculated to create division and distrust. He has evidently been very tenacious about money, and has made this tenacity so prominent, as to cause it to be a matter of public talk.

LAW-
-RENCE

He took very kindly all I said to him, and admitted that he had made a mistake.

LAW-
-RENCE

He seems to desire success in the ministry, and longs for a field of useful-

HAW-
-RENCE

After my interview with Bro. Hyman, I spent two hours with the Secy. of the Ch. Council and the "Records", and must say that I have never met with more carefully made records, neither with written statements so full and clear. All of Bro. Hyman's letters are on file, as well as copies of all communications sent to him. Every vote is recorded, and all resolutions and motions fully written out.

HAW-
-RENCE

Bro. Selig, Secy. Ch. Council gave me the story from his stand-point, which differed but little from Bro. Hyman's own account save that Bro. Hyman made some personal charges against Mr. Selig. I send herewith several communications - marked B - which have not heretofore been sent to the Board. They were given me by Bro. Hyman, who desiring them returned to him.

LAW-
-RENCE

to "give them just the very man for them"
e. e. Rev. W. M. Geiser suggested Rev.
Josephus Sponseller, formerly of Belle
ville, Ohio, who has been down at Wagon
City, Kansas, buying land for his health.

Rev. Killinger also seemed anxious
to have Rev. S. recommended to the con-
-gregation at S. His health has ~~now~~
health improved, and permanent loca-
-tion at Lawrence might entirely re-
-store him. I gave no encouragement

LAW-
-RENCE

to any of these schemes and was really
rejoiced to learn that Bro. Yarger had
been selected as Rev. W. B. Hyman's suc-
-cessor. I told the members of Church
Council and congregation at Lawrence,
that "they must soon stand alone &
~~but~~ also reduce their indebtedness to
Bo. of Church Extension". I used the ar-
-gument of their contributions to the
"Trimmer Memorial Fund" for support
of Miss Kister, and said that "a con-
-servation also in the Memorial to give

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-RENCE

State Secy. of Neb. in hope that they may have some suitable field for him. I will also send his name to Sena. Ill. I know of no field in Kansas suitable for him. He needs work at Mel, and I will rejoice if he can soon secure it. It will be better for him, and better for Sausence Ch. and his successor at S. if he can get away at an early day.

LAW-
-RENCE

Ks.

Synod was admirably entertained at Sausence, the Church Council and Committee having done all the work in the absence and without the aid of a pastor.

LAWRENCE

C. SOUTH
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KANSAS
MISSION.

C. Southern Kansas Mission.

Concerning this Mission field, the "Committee on Communication" reported as follows: "A communication from Perth, Sumner Co. Ks. and a conference

PERTH.PORT-
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and I am sure, if he gets a proper hearing, will be acceptable to that congregation. Mr. Shanks pleased me very much indeed, and made an excellent impression on the Examining Committee, and also upon the entire synod. By boarding with Bro. Hursh at W. on the very liberal terms he will make him, and by having the use of his books, he will be able to supply Perth and Portland, and at the same time continue his studies, for about the salary these points can raise for him.

Some of "the leaders" at Perth may object to him, because he is "a friend of Bro. Hursh" or because he boards in his house, but these prejudices - wicked and unjust as they are - can be overcome if Mr. S. can get a hearing at Perth, and an opportunity to visit, as a pastor - among the people. The Pres. of Synod will write the Perth and Portland people, and tell them of Synod's action, and urge upon

PERTH

WEL.
-LINGTON

at Wellington. c.e. cost of building when completed. amt. of subscriptions &c. &c. It has not yet come to hand, but will be forwarded so soon as it reaches me.

Mr. Mr. Scholl, who has recently visited Perth, Portland, Wellington &c. gave me some "complaints" against Bro. Hursh mostly in the nature of "gossip" and "small talk", but implying defects financial management with regard to the new building at Wellington. Though the "building business" is an extension, and not particularly our concern, I am anxious to get the exact statement if possible, when in Wellington, and looking over subscriptions, plans &c. and having a full talk with Bro. Hursh, everything seemed in good shape, and his arrangements for meeting payments &c. entirely business-like. It might be well to suggest to Bro. Zimmerman, that he also

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and said "with Church-building, pastor's support &c. &c. they were unable to bring up the "apportionment". As other "burnt districts" had brought up full apportionment, the explanation was not entirely satisfactory. Though I did not say so on the floor of synod, I felt that Bro. W. had good excuse as I knew that many of his people had absolutely no crops at all and were borrowing money, on which to live and paying interest at the rate of ten per cent a month.

SUMNER
COUNTY
MISSION.

D. OT-
-TAWA.

D. Ottawa. Document marked D shows the action of synod concerning Ottawa. On this we had quite a little discussion, as a few of the brethren were inclined to "pitch in" on the abandoning of the work at O. Bro. Frank Altman - stimulated no doubt, by his father, asserted that it was a shame to abandon such a field.

OTTAWA

the property, was to get it into the hands of the Board of Church Extension, that whenever there is any prospect for a Church in Ottawa, either on account of the growth of the City, or Lutherans moving in, the Board of Home Missions will gladly resume the work.

OT-TA-WA.

As the resolution requesting "a suitable man at the earliest possible date" seemed to please some of the brethren, and could do us no harm, I did not at all oppose it.

There were some petty severe reflections on Bro. Seidel, and his course in granting certificates to members after he had ceased to be pastor &c. &c. but the Presb. of Synod decided that Bro. Seidel was not under discussion, and thus ended the speeches.

OTTAWA

With the exception of the Ottawa matter, and a hasty remark by a lay

E. BARNES
AND
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LEAF.

E. Barnes and Greenleaf.

Concerning these points Synod took the following action.

Resolved that the Congregations at Barnes and Greenleaf remain united in one pastorate and be called "The Greenleaf and Barnes pastorate".

This action came about through the Committee on Correspondence. A communication from Barnes requested separation from Greenleaf, which by a like resolution was denied, and an additional standing resolution adopted, making it a matter of discipline for any minister of the Synod to divide a charge without the consent of Synod, or to preach for one congregation in a charge, and refuse to preach for the other or others. The license of Rev. Norton - who has been preaching at Barnes, was not renewed, and the hope now is to secure a pastor for

BARNES

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LEAF.

F. WA-
-TER-
-VILLE.

F. Waterville. Rev. Mr. Sponseller
late of Bellville, Ohio,
preached at Waterville, October 28th, but
I have not heard the result.

G. WI-
-CHITA.

G. Wichita. Nothing was said at the
Synod of Kansas in either
report or speech or question concern-
ing Wichita. Rev. A. J. Hartsock is
evidently very anxious to go there and
begin work "just as he did at Salina".

WICHI-
-TA.

He says "the Board told him to go to
Salina and go to work", and the result
was the splendid church at S. O. O. O."
Just how much salary he wants
he does not say. He has considerable
property now, and no doubt secured it
through going to Kansas as a missionary.

He might be willing to undertake the
work at quite a low salary, as "his
health is entirely restored, and he does

WICHITA

under Bro. H. Correspondence might be opened with him. Will the Board of Church Extension endorse him, after their Salina experience? It might be well to ascertain the views of present Adv. Board of the Synod of Kansas, & some of the people of W. Suther Garner knows Rev. H. Is he Sutheran enough to give a correct opinion?

WICHI-
-ITA.

It is evident that Rev. J. M. Lesmer - & president of Synod of Kansas did not discourage Rev. H. with reference to his going to W. In a conversation with Bro. C. I learned that he would encourage Rev. H. if the Wichita work is placed in his hands. That the Mission at W. should be speedily commenced there can be no doubt. We surely have already a large number of Subscribers in that city, and more are daily coming in.

WICHITA

HUTCHIN-
-SON.

I have on hand, \$5.00 towards the purchase of these supplies, and have written a friend, requesting the purchase of the "Augsburg Soap". Who else can help? Where can we find other friends to aid in giving the new work a start?

II. BUN-
-KER,
HILL.

II. Bunker Hill.

Bro. Schauer was not present at synod, having been called to Ohio on account of the death of his father.

His wife was in attendance, and gave gloomy reports concerning affairs at B.H. Long failures for three years have so discouraged the people that many are moving away, and others would go, if they had the means. Bro. Schauer "does not want to leave Kansas, and does not want to retire from the active work".

He has no home mission field in Kansas to which he would be adapted, and

BUNKER

K. VALLEY
FALLS.

K. Valley Falls. I could get no special information concerning this Mission, except from the Missionary. He reported "everything going on well". I asked him how his people felt about the amt. of time he was obliged to give the building - none at Midland College?

He replied "Oh, that is all right with them, they get no less service and no less work, and are satisfied."

L. AT-
CHISON.

L. Atchison. The Missionary at this point, the lay delegate to Synod, and representative to W. W. M. U. Soc. Convention, all report continued progress at Atchison, and all seem greatly encouraged. They say "our new Chapel is rapidly approaching completion, and will be a real gem."

ATCHISON.

III. MIS-
-SOURI.

III. Missouri. A. Kansas-City.
The members of the Memos-

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III. New Mexico.

My visit to New Mexico was one of very great interest, and I am sure also one of encouragement to Rev. William Rosenstengel, the faithful and only Sutheran missionary or pastor in all that territory. Having visited all his present preaching places, and carefully examined the work, I am prepared to endorse it, and recommend an appropriation for the support of Rev. Wm Rosenstengel as missionary. The work will be slow - must needs be slow, on account of circumstances and surroundings, but nowhere in all our land is the pure gospel needed more than it is in New Mexico, and nowhere, perhaps, are our Sutheran people more actively without it. All protestant work in New Mexico is slow, as the territory is cursed with Romanism and is

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the 13th of November.

It is due both to Bros. Rosenstengel and Senker to say that their statement concerning "the necessity for immediate occupancy of New Mexico because of the Utopians" was not correctly understood or interpreted. So soon as Bro. Senker, by request or suggestion of Mr. Kuntze, I think, visited the territory for securing church property, and had secured several lots & found people ready to organize congregations, a relative of some Missions' Sutheran preacher, wrote this preacher of Mr. Senker's visit, and he was about to follow the "special representative of the Bd. of Ch. Rp." and "enter into his labors" by creating discord, abusing the General Synod &c. &c. No Sutheran Missions or otherwise - had ever before attempted any work in New Mexico, and Bro. Senker's idea was to occupy

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and this must be taken into consideration. We have, however, one of the best and purest German pastors of the synod of Nebraska in charge and can more easily secure good German pastors, than we can secure good Scandinavian pastors. Bro. R. preaches in English occasionally, and "holds up" Lutheranism to good advantage wherever he goes.

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MEXICO.

A. SANTA
FE.

A. Santa Fe.

The Sunday services at Santa Fe will not soon be forgotten. At the morning service (German) which was held in the neatly furnished Odd-fellows Hall, there were twenty-eight present, who seemed greatly interested in every part of the worship. A more cultured German congregation it would be difficult to find. At the close of Bro. R's

B. ALBU-

-QUERQUE

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N. M.

B. Albuquerque.

This city is the residence of the Missionary, and here it is proposed to erect the parsonage. Rev. Mr. Gronmiller of the Synod of Nebraska will advance the money as a loan, taking a mortgage ^{a part of} on the property. Rents are very high in Albuquerque, and houses difficult to obtain. The erection of the parsonage will strengthen our work, and add to its permanency. Albuquerque is a "Division town" of the great "Santa Fe Route" Railway line and is growing rapidly. Here Bro. R. preaches on alternate Sundays - the Presbyterian House of worship being granted for the use of our people.

C. BLEN

C. Bellen. This is a city of 2000 inhabitants, thirty miles west of Albuquerque on the Texas Div. A. S. & P. R. R. The city has not a

BELLEN

then leaves for his appointment at Albuquerque or Santa Fe. The preaching is held in an abandoned adobe house, very primitive, he assured, but yet a place where "the Lord's name has been recorded".

A Subscription has been started for a church-edifice, which will, I trust, be speedily built. As at Santa Fe, so here the services were intensely interesting, the little company drinking in every utterance of the faithful preacher. One person here will give \$5.00 per month to the support of Bro. R. and the least able among them, will give sums which would put to the blush some of the subscriptions to pastor's support in other places.

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LEN.

All these things being considered, and the synod of Nebraska, strongly ad-
vocating Bro. Rosenstengel's commision,
I give it my endorsement. The field

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greatly reduce his expenses, and perhaps enable him to work without an appropriation from the Board. Mr. Kuntze of New York will do this for me if it can be done.

IV. COL.
-ORADO.

IV. Colorado. The new Church-Buildings at Leadville, Aspen and Idaho Springs, started by Rev. J. V. Senker will be ready for dedication in December 1890. He is giving his special attention to these points now, and as long as he can do so, there will be evidences of success. If however, the present Pastor - Rev. Waage - should resign, and a long vacancy take place - or if Bro. Senker should withdraw his management, we will have Church-Buildings, with perhaps no congregations, or congregations served by "Hufintana pastors" or "independent hoodlums". We can do Scandinavian work, with good Scan-

COLO.
-RADO.

DENVER
PASTOR
HANSEN
DENVER

Both." My suggestion is that if Rev. H. P. Hansen's designation comes to the Board again - no matter on what grounds - that it be promptly accepted.

I do not believe it would be any great loss to us, if pastor Hansen should be taken to heaven tomorrow. I agree with Bro. Senter when he says "Hansen seems like a very ungrateful person".

See also Pastor Opsal's reference to Rev. H. P. Hansen, on page 4 of Best. Schuur's letter, marked G. Item IIII.

W. W. Y.
AMINO
A. LAR-
AMIE

IV. Wyoming. A. Saramie.

The letter of President G. H. Schuur Sr. marked G. is the latest I have from Saramie, or Rev. Opsal, accepting a letter from Rev. H. C. Roer-naes of Norway, Kansas, saying that Rev. Opsal wanted him to accept a call to Saramie, that he would be

CHEY-ENNE.WYO.

thinks he is) supplying the Scandinavians Sutherans at Cheyenne. Rev. J. N. Senner has recently been on the ground, and is now making an effort to save the church-building, by raising the money to remove the mechanics' liens. I think he expects G. of Ch. R. to help out on this.

At present we can do no better than to have Rev. Opsal look after our people at Cheyenne.

VII. NE-BRASKAA. OMAHA1. ST. MARKS

VII. Nebraska. A. Omaha. 1. St. Marks.

Just what the latter part of pastor Schurr's letter-marked H- may mean, I do not know. I have promised first Sunday in December to Omaha, and will know more about it by time of December meeting.

2. THIRDCHURCH

2. Third Church. Letter-marked I-
from Rev. Suther Kuhns, till

well posted as to what State Secy Huber is doing with reference to "men" for the Nebraska field, and advised Bro. Huber to keep himself posted as to Pres. Schmur's movement, else they "may make a mep of it". "Too many cooks etc." especially when one of them frequently becomes "pher-hooded".

BEAT.
REF.

SOUTH
SIoux
CITY.

C. South Sioux City, Nev. Co. Gaio.

Postscript of Rev. G. H. Schmur on letter G - deprecates his being recalled to Salem. I enclose letter - named K - from Bro. Gaio, in which he gives his side of the story. If it is as Pres. Schmur says, that Bro. Gaio has of his own motion divided the charge, and accepted a call to only a part of it, then we must be very careful in making an appropriate

SIDNEY
KIMBALL

Kimball, to take charge of that point.
Potter co. by the Spring of 1889.
I have asked the Young Peoples
Society of St. Matthews Ch. Philadelphia,
to furnish Bro. D. the suit of clothing,
and I think they will do so.

E. POT.
-TER.

E. Potter. Rev. D. W. Schuetz has la-
-bored most faithfully at
Potter, and deserves commendation
for it. He has been giving the peo-
-ple the Gospel, driving many miles
through all kinds of weather, thinking
no amt. of sacrifice and no amt. of
opposuse too great, if thereby a church
can be established at Potter. I was
present at a communion service
on a Thursday night, held in the school
house. It was indeed a precious sea-
-son. Bro. Schuetz is very anxious
that a pastor be placed on this field
with head-quarters at Kimball. From

POTTER

F. HOME
MISSIONS
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OF N.E.B.

F. Home Missions in Synod of Neb.

See letter of treasurer, marked N.

VIII. IN-
-DIANA.

A. SYNOD

OF
N. INDIANA.

VIII. Indiana. A. Synod of N. Indiana.

This synod had a good conven-
-tion at North Manchester. Every op-
-portunity to present the work was freely
-accorded, and there seemed to be a
deep interest in missions and education.

Being obliged to leave before the
treasurer made his report, I asked
him to send me a copy, and enclose
the same marked N. In order to reach
Miami and East Ohio Synods same
week, I was obliged to come four
miles after night service, walk one
half mile through a field of weeds
up to my shoulders, and travel
all night, with changes of cars &c.
&c. The points were reached, however
without loss of any time.

NORTHERN
INDIANA.

VIII.
SYNOD
OF
CENTRAL
ILLINOIS

VIII. Illinois. A. Synod of Central Illinois. The improvement in this synod is very marked. The recent convention at Hillshoro was a delight, as was also that of the W. A. or U. Soc. The "royal hospitality", the splendid arrangements by the pastor - Rev. A. J. Sumler, and the people of H., the good work done during the year, the harmony and Christ spirit at all the sessions, made the convention one never to be forgotten. The statement from the treasurer - marked P - shows a handsome increase all along the line, that of Home Missions being \$212.96.

CENTRAL
ILLIS

B. MUR-
PHYS.
BORO.

B. Murphysboro. Letter and clipping - marked Q - bring good news from "Egypt's Camp", and show fruit from the visit to

OHIOA. MIAMISYNOD.X. Ohio. A. Miami Synod.

A very cordial reception was given to the representatives of the Board, at the Convention of this body, held at Delaware, Ohio, Oct. 10-16.

On arrival at Delaware, I learned that one of the ministers - Rev. Matthis - intended to ask many questions concerning the home mission work, and possibly advocate synodical management etc. Every opportunity was given to draw him out or to open the door for any others who desired to ask questions or make criticisms. None were made however, but on the other hand as strong commendations as I have ever heard. Indeed the praise of the Board and Secretaries was fulsome and far beyond anything that could have been asked

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-closed statement of the treasurer showing an increase for Home Missions of \$585.20 or nearly one hundred per cent. Mr. Kahler's statement is marked I. The W. A. & S. M. Soc. of this Synod. also had a splendid meeting - all the reports showing increased interest and efficiency.

B. EASTOHIOSYNOD

B. East Ohio Synod.

The convention of this body was held at Millersburg, O. in the charge of Rev. W. W. Hall, Oct. 10 - 16th and that of the W. A. & S. M. Soc. Oct 17th and 18th. Both conventions were well attended and royally entertained, and in both there are signs of improvement. Synod again wrestled with the "Arnold's viculus" which has been a bone of contention and a hin-

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All the time needed or desired, and a good deal more - was given to present Home-Missions, Stewardship of the Synod, and large congregations, listened patiently and attentively to give different addresses on these subjects by your representative, and many pastors plead for visitation to the presentation of Home Missions to their congregations. I have promised if possible, to arrange a tour-talking in Canton, Ashland, Akron &c.

In these congregations are persons of great wealth who ought to give large sums for our Home Missions work.

The work of the Board seems to be entirely satisfactory to the Synod of East Ohio, as no questions were asked and no criticisms offered.

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SPRINGFIELD.

and to find the institution so prosperous. Every member of the General Synod must rejoice in this. "Glorious indeed in the highest," I said, as I looked at the large number of young men in the Theological department, and the splendid company of students in the beautiful Chapel.

SPRINGFIELD.

The meeting at the Second Church, Wednesday night was also a good one and the interest, if it may be judged by close attention, very marked.

D. DAYTON.

D. Dayton. A part of a day was spent in this city consulting with Mrs. Jennie Simpson concerning Bibles for our missionaries and self-denying pastors. The list was gone over and notes made by Mrs. S. on the needs of each one.

XII. TEN
-NESSEE

A. DICK
SON.

XII. Tennessee. A. Dickson. Letter
marked V - from Rev. C. W. Anthony,
is the latest I have from this point.

My intention is to spend next
Monday and Monday night, Nov. 12th
in Dickson, looking into matters and
advising with the Church-Council.

Am now en-route to synod of
Middle Tenn. and will go to Dickson
from "Union Church".

XIII.

A. BLANK
FORMS
OF
REQUEST

XIII. Miscellanems. A. Have we or
have any of the boards such
forms or blanks as are asked for
in letter of Mr. A. S. Crozier of Tenn
Iles. marked W-? If not should not
such forms or blanks be prepared?

I believe we ought to prep the mat-
ter of legacies in speech and pub-
lication, so that they may come to
us "thick and fast."

OBSER
VATIONS

along the line, the cordial receptions given your Secretaries, the large congregations coming to some Missions Services, the intensity with which the people listen to Mission addresses - all these things indicate a growth and confidence which must be refreshing to the Board of Home Missions. With the exception of our pensioner - Mr. W. P. Hansen of Denver - and a few of the Germans of Synod of Nebraska, I have not met with one single word of unkind criticism. These may be "schemers" - who have been foiled by the Board or Secretaries - preparing an attack for next General Synod, but if so these are, at this time, "no surface indications." Surely, we have reason to "thank God and take courage".

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The preaching and teaching and writing concerning men for the ministry,