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II. Tennessee. A. Middle Tenn. Synod.

This body held its convention at "Union Church" Moore Co. Tenn. Nov. 8-12th. The attendance was full, in so far as the ministers and lay delegates were concerned, and the interest of the people very marked. It is estimated that nearly nine hundred (900) people were present at the Sunday Morning service. To describe the "Synod of Middle Tennessee" either as to the personal appearance of the members, their brain power or their business methods is beyond the power of tongue or pen.

Words utterly fail to convey any idea of what is seen and felt at a convention of this body.

Here we have "New Measure" Sutheranism run to seed. Here Sutheran Christianity has consisted of "big meetings", long prayers, the singing of choruses, a little pay to the preacher, and "a collection once a year for Cynod" (Synod).

There is however improvement, very decided improvement in the Synod of Middle Tennessee, and a magnificent field for earnest and intelligent work. Improvement is very manifest in the erection of several new churches and the renovation of several old ones. We used the entire morning service, and the regular order for communion at "Union Church".

And though this was the first time in all the history of the congregation, we met with no opposition, but the decided approval of the young and pro-

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- Jesus element in the congregation.
 Rev. Charles E. Raymond of
 Nashville, Tenn. took particular pains
 to train a choir for the occasion,
 and had the chants well rendered.

True, the Pres. of Synod made a
 few mistakes, but the people and
 most of the pastors were not cogni-
 zant of them. He used a part of
 the Communion Service at "Preparatory"
 and "to make it all over" used part
 of the preparatory order at Communion.

One of the ministerial mem-
 bers said that "as for himself he did
 not know much about the Sederberg
 as he never used one of em". He said
 he "just only exhorted em to come up
 to the blessed feast". Another said:
 "Dad Jenkins never used a book to
 pray out of".

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Notwithstanding all
 these drawbacks, there is growth
 toward better things. The improvement
 in Church property is a cheering sign,
 and the demand for an intelligent
 ministry another good omen. There
 is also growth in giving, and though
 it has not yet manifested itself in
 giving to Missions and Education, that
 will soon follow, if the people are
 properly instructed. Reports of new
 and renovated Church-buildings have
 not reached the papers, because the
 pastors do not (and very likely cannot)

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write for the papers. The people, in large numbers attend Church services, and are a noble, warm-hearted people - susceptible of improvement and development in the Christian graces.

But few - very few Church periodicals are taken, few sermons on missions and education preached & hence we need not wonder that the Churches are not abounding in the grace of giving. I do not believe we have a better field for cultivation anywhere to be found. A missionary tour of a month, named, I believe accomplished much in the hands of the Synod of Middle Tennessee. An "August vacation" might be profitably employed by some of our pastors in securing "change of scene", rest and refreshment, among the hills of Tennessee, and, at the same time, teaching and instructing the people.

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"Union Church" is twentyone miles from the rail-road, and therefore not very "accessible". The Gethsen did all in their power, however, to make the journeying "back and forth" comfortable, and manifested great appreciation of the visit. They ordained me applicant - Mr. Waffner - to my mind the best candidate they have had for many years.

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B. NASH
-VILLE.

B. Nashville. Rev. Charles C. Ray-
mond continues to preach English
every Sunday evening, and once a
month in the morning. He reports
the field ready for an English mission
and talks of making "a beginning".

His fear is injury to the German
congregation, as an English organiza-
tion would draw very largely from
it. Nashville continues to grow with
great rapidity - hundreds of people
from the North buying property, en-
gaging in manufacturing &c.

For the sake of the city itself and
our Lutheran interests in the State,
the English work must be encouraged.

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C. Dick-
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C. Dickson. Monday night and
Tuesday - Novem. 12 & 13 here spent
at Dickson. On account of the ab-
sence of several members of the Church
Council, I could not have an official
meeting, but met with a few of
them and discussed "the situation".

They are very anxious to have a
"live and earnest pastor" and will do
their utmost to help support him.

"Their utmost", though liberal, will
not be very much, and yet they are
certainly deserving of our substantial
sympathy. Amid discouragements
that would have killed many a
congregation, a few faithful ones
have held on, and are willing to do

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their utmost to sustain the work. The wonder is not that we have so little, but that we have anything at Dickson Sem. Think of the pastor or leaders of that little flock - their surroundings, management, &c. and the question will come up "how could it live under such circumstances?"

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Rev. Geo. Swisabam, now in Heaven, I trust, but when at Dickson living in a hut and tramping for his meals, was first pastor and missionary. Going away from his family created "talk", "suspicion" and "surmises" and could not but hinder progress of the work. His successor was Rev. W. L. Garnett - his first wife in heaven - divorced from his second and his third in an asylum for the insane. His divorce was not at all on scriptural grounds, neither was his course such as to challenge the respect and admiration of a congregation or community. With all these hindrances there was lack of energy and sanctified presumption.

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How could a church or mission grow under such circumstances?

What Dickson needs is a vigorous preacher and pastor - clean, and free from all such causes for gossip.

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The town has grown, and is improving handsomely. New mines of iron-ore have been opened in the

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vicinity, new lines of rail-road are projected, and mills and factories are sure to be built in the near future. The congregation, as it now stands, cannot promise positively over \$150.00 in money, but Mr. Sybis, who has just built a very nice new house, will furnish a room free of charge to a young or unmarried minister. Comfortable boarding can be had at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per week. Should the pastor have a family, quite a good deal would be given him in provisions. The climate of that section of Tennessee is mild and pleasant, and in many respects superior to that of the best and healthiest. Fruit, fuel and good water are abundant. A true man of God can do a splendid work at Dickson and in adjacent parts, and have a great influence in developing the resources of the region of Middle Tennessee.

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The Church Property is now in very nice condition - by far the best church-property in Dickson. New carpet and curtains have recently been added to the furniture, and the debt reduced to less than \$50.00. So soon as this is paid, Christ Lutheran S. School of York Pa. will send the congregation a set of handsome pulpit and altar

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furniture. The church is now used once a month - by the Episcopalians, who also control and supply the Sunday School. They pay \$15.00 per year for use of building and have helped furnish the carpets etc.

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They are, of course, gaining an influence with the children - teaching the Episcopal Catechism and doing all in their power plant an Episcopal Church on our foundation.

The "Christians" (Campbellite) congregation - numbering about three (3) people - also have the use of the building once a month, they paying \$1.25 for each service.

The enclosed "Order for Morning Prayer" is used at the Episcopal Church and Sunday School services - distributed freely as before here.

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Order marked A. I heartily recommend that a suitable pastor be sought for Dickson. Sem. Missions, and an appropriation made which with what is raised on the field - will keep him above want. It will pay the Church to place a few good men in Tennessee. There is a great work to be done in the bounds of that Synod, and there is money in the hands of a few Sutherans, which ought to be secured for the Lord's cause. The work of development may be slow - very slow, but there is

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room for development, and a field to develop. Rev. W. C. Barnett preaches occasionally at Dickson, and I have arranged with Rev. Chas. C. Raymond, and Rev. Q. M. Anthony to make occasional visits to the field and hold services, thus cheering and encouraging our people.

III. ILLI-
-NOIS.A. ROCK-
-FORD.

III. Illinois. A. Rockford.

Members 22nd and 23rd were spent in Rockford, Ills. The Northern Conference of the N. Ills. Synod was in session, and Rev. J. W. Senter of Bd. of Church Extension and myself were urged to be present, to consult with reference to their church debt-outlook etc. Meetings were held with Church-Council and congregation, subscription books started and several business men visited. About \$500.00 were subscribed by members of the church, before I left and Bro. Senter will keep at it from day to day, for several weeks.

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The "outlook" for raising the amt. is not very flattering. Gladly would the people of Immanuel Church deed their property - worth at least \$12,000.00 - to Board of Church Extension, if said Board would assume the debt. I wish it could be done, and English work commenced at once. The people are not satisfied with Pastor Ross. They complain of him as "lazy" and "unclean".

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as not getting around "early in the morning", spending too much time nursing his wife and baby &c. &c.

He complains of them, says they "are not pious", do not attend service &c. "expect too much from pastor".

I feel both congregation and pastor have some reason for their complaints. Here is our usual trouble with Swedish work - first class pastors. "Augustana" has a great power at Rockford, having first class men in their pulpits. With frequent visits from professors and teachers. We are therefore somewhat over-shadowed. I believe that

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three-fourths of the people of Immanuel Church would vote for English service.

Would that we could place a live missionary at Rockford! If he did nothing but English Sutherland Sunday school work, for two years, it would be a good investment. The solution of many of these Scandinavian and German troubles, is English service.

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I assured the Council at Rockford, that we would not desert them, and ^{that} though we want them to reach self-support at the earliest possible moment, so long as they were doing their utmost to reduce or pay off their debt, we would be lenient and generous with them. Their debt materially reduced, or out of the way, will bump self-support.

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B. FREE
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B. Freeport. Rev. W. O. Ott, the new missionary at Freeport, reports encouragement. I met him at Conference, and also spent an hour with him at Freeport. His field is not "a bed of roses," but he thinks the thorns are decreasing. Notwithstanding the promise of the Freeport congregation to pay the interest on their debt, meet all their current expenses etc. they have done no such thing. Over \$470.00 will be due on these things in Jan'y, 1889.

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An effort is now being made to raise this amt. Bro. Dentler spent Sunday, Dec. 2, at Freeport and secured thirty subscriptions of \$10.00 each toward the amt. These ^{were} from members only. Supt members took subscription books, and promised to do their utmost among friends and acquaintances to complete the sum needed. If the interest is raised the debt can be placed at a lower rate. Bro. Ott reports the Sunday School and Church attendance, as coming up handsomely.

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III. W's.
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III. Wisconsin. A. Sharon.

A. SHA-
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Sunday - Member 25th - was spent in Sharon, Wisconsin, in the interests of our Home Mission work. The welcome by the pastor - Rev. J. A. Heber - and people was most cordial and hearty. Bro. Heber is evidently deeply interested in the Mission work, and tries

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to have his ^{membership} interested. To this end he urged a visit. The day was one of great interest, three services being held - two with the congregation and one with the Sunday School. The neat Church was filled with listeners - the "Communion Service" beautifully presented and the attention to Home Missions facts and figures very close. The regular offering will be lifted Dec. 23, at which time Bro. W. expects a large increase in the gifts for Home Missions.

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The congregation at Sharon has now several young men in preparation for the ministry, and is therefore making an effort to do its part in furnishing men and money for the extension of the Kingdom.

There are a number of persons in the congregation with "considerable property and no children" who ought to be influenced to leave of their substance for the Lord's work.

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B. WA-
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B. Watertown. Through correspondence between Rev. Prof. J. M. Hantz of the North Western University and Rev. G. A. Heber of Sharon Wis. I arranged to spend an evening in this German Sutherland city of 9500 population. Two-thirds of the people are German and a large proportion of them German Sutherland. Young people are forming up to use the English tongue.

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and growing away from the church. Prof. Hunt, who is a member of the synod of Pennsylvania, feels a deep interest in the young people, and longs to see them saved to the church. To this end he wrote Bro. Weber, the "North-Western University" is under the control of the Wisconsin synod and of course "hyper-german" and "hyper-Sutheran". It is possible that Prof. H. may be asked to resign his position because of visiting and harboring ministers of the General Synod.

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Services were held in the Congregational Church and twentythree (23) persons present. But few of these were Sutherans, but we were assured by those who were Sutherans, that an English service held on Sunday, would bring together a goodly number of young people.

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Believing the field one of importance and worthy of being looked after, I have arranged for occasional English services in Y. M. C. A. hall. Rev. J. A. Weber, who is just fifty miles from Watertown, will preach occasionally, and other members of synod of N. Ills. will do likewise provided the attendance and interest justify.

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Several excellent young men signify a desire and willingness to help in this enterprise, and as the work can be done at present without an appropriation from the board, it seems the part of wisdom to give it a trial. It will likely

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have the opposition - the bitter opposition of the German pastors and professors. It may stir them up to establish English services. Watertown has not been growing much for several years, on account of a law-suit involving about \$1,000,000.00. The city voted bonds to one of the Railroads, for which bonds they were to have stock. In some way or other the bonds got into the hands of speculators, the stock was never issued and the city refused to pay. The matter has been in the courts for several years, decided in favor of the city by the "lower courts" and is now being argued by the Supreme Court of the U.S. The decision is likely to be in favor of the city, and should it be so an era of great prosperity is looked for. Natural advantages - as water-power, transportation facilities and fuel are very great and only the fear of the tax to pay the \$1,000,000.00, has kept manufacturing enterprise away.

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Bro. Niles will hold a service on the second or third Sunday of January 1889, and report results.

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IV. Iowa. A. Dubuque.

On my way from Watertown, Wis. to Des. Moines, Ia. I spent four hours in this growing city of Iowa. But failed to find at home, Mr. Kis and the other gentlemen who have been corresponding with reference to an

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English Sutheran Church. The German Synod of Iowa has strengthened itself by the removal of its institution from Mendota, Ill., but nevertheless "the field is white to the harvest" for English work.

I think Rev. J. A. M. Leifler would undertake the mission there, if the Board is ready to begin. I am not sure that he is the man, even though he does think so himself. I wish he could occupy a few new and strong points in Iowa.

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-MADISON

B. Fort-Madison. Letter. Marked B- from Rev. J. H. Culler of Bushington, tells of the growth and importance of Fort Madison Ia. and urges an "immediate visit to secure Church-property". Make to make a visit this year. I wrote Rev. Geo. N. Senter. of B.C. of Ch. of, now in Illinois - to arrange with Bro. Culler for a visit and also wrote Bro. C. to correspond with Bro. S. to this end. The place is undoubtedly one of very great importance, and as the "lot business" is "Church-extension", and needs immediate attention. Bro. Senter can, no doubt, accomplish this part of the work during his present visit. Can he undertake any new work before the meeting of the General Synod? If so Fort-Madison will be one good Iowa point. As Bro. Culler is very near, I have urged him to keep his eyes wide open for developments there.

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is no season in the world, why Bro. Cullen should not visit Fort-Madison every few weeks and hold midweek services - provided the canvass justifies. It might be well for the Board so to advise him officially.

C. NEVADA.

C. Nevada. Letter - marked C - tells of the designation of Rev. J. A. W. Zeigler of Nevada, Iowa, to take effect Dec. 31st. Just what to do with him or for him, I do not know. I wish he could be called to some self-sustaining church, where he would be "reasonably well satisfied." My heart goes out towards him in deepest sympathy, but "he makes me weary" with complaining. He seems to think he ought to have better fields than those he has been called to serve. Am not sure that he would suit Sofansport Ind, neither that he would succeed at Fort-Madison or Dubuque. What is the judgment of the Board?

D. EAST
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D. East Des-Moines. Judge Hammer of East Des-Moines - has just called to plead for a Mission in the Eastern section of this city - near the Capitol. His arguments are all good and sound, but I am not sure that the First Church would think so. Judge H. offers the use of a part of his lot for the erection of a chapel, and says he thinks all the money for the building

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can be raised on the field. A live missionary would father a Sunday school twice or thrice as large as that of the first church, in less than a year. An East-side Mission would stir and wake up the first church, as well as do a great work in its own locality.

If the movement could be started in the confederation of the first church & have its endorsement, I would not hesitate to recommend the commissioning of a missionary at once. I advised Judge H. to try to help about a beginning in this way.

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IV. NE-
-BRASKA

A. OMAHA

I. ST. MARKS

IV. Nebraska. A. Omaha, I. St. Marks.

Sunday, December 2nd, was spent in Omaha, the morning with St. Marks Mission, and the afternoon and evening with the new Mission in skull addition.

Communion services were held at St. Marks and the occasion was one of much interest. The "Common Service" had been introduced the Sunday preceding, and the people seemed already quite familiar with it. The attendance was good, and a large proportion of the membership were in attendance at the Holy Supper. I found no dissatisfaction with Missionary Schurr, and no grounds for his fears that "some might want a change." He had me entertained at the house of one of his church-officers, where I was expected "to hear complaints," but I heard none.

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I made particular inquiry, and had a talk of an hour with this elder concerning the work. He reported the work "going forward as rapidly as can be expected." Had also a full and free talk with Bro. Wilhelm - the very best man in St. Marks - and a host. He says "a change would not be at all desirable, as it is entirely unnecessary." He reports Bro. Schnur as "very faithful and a hard worker, but lacking in little in prudence and judgment." One great trouble with Bro. Schnur is that "he talks too much", and "meddles too much with matters which do not concern him. He is a sort of "a male gossip", always ready to hear or tell some "new thing" or predict some calamity. He has rendered himself very obnoxious to some of Bro. Detweiler's friends in the Roubidoux Mission, by visiting Bro. D's enemies and detailing all manner of reports. I admonished him wisely on these various points, and called his attention to some advice I gave him when first he entered upon the work. He did not take that advice, but says he "has wished many times since that he had done so." There is no reason at this time for "alarm" on his part, and no reason for any change of Missionary. Bro. Wilhelm was "surprised" that Bro. Schnur had written of fears and anxiety.

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2. NORTH-
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2. North Western Mission "Shull Addition".

The dedication of the near new Chapel of the second Mission was an occasion of great interest and evident joy. I have forwarded the account, as given by the "Omaha Daily Republican" to the General Secy. for use of Board, and for "Journal" notice. The seating capacity of the Chapel is about one hundred and fifty, but nearly 400 persons were crowded inside and "round and about the outside". The new "Common Service" was introduced, and well rendered by the Mission's Choir and the members of "Kountze Memorial" and St. Mark's Churches who were present. The location of the Chapel is a commanding and beautiful one, and the outlook for the Mission very promising. The Missionary is quite popular, and forming in part each day. For a number of seasons I advised against immediate, or very early, organization. The members of Kountze Memorial Ch. who will go into the new organization, will not leave the Mother Church until present troubles are settled. They want to vote at congregational meetings, and will do nothing to forfeit their rights. Some gifts of the members of the Kountze Memorial, have asked the Council for a congregational meeting, but the Council refuse to grant request, meaning that it means the ousting of Mr. Goodman

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and his party, the Council controlled by him refuses to grant the petition.

Though there is no question about many of the "Shull Addition" Lutherans joining into the new organization, they will not leave "Kumtze Memorial" during present trouble and to urge them to do so now will not be productive of good. Then a fair, immediate organization will require the adoption of a name, and at this time the "Shull heirs" would expect the organization to be called "Shull Memorial", a name which will not be popular. Perhaps delay will bring change, and another name can be agreed upon. The Bd. of Ch. Attention

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have I fear, promised this name, and it may be difficult to change it & hold the lots. In view of these things, I believe it will be wise to pass a resolution advising or endorsing delay in organization until after Jan. 15, 1889.

Up to this time nothing has been done on the field, for salary of pastor. He has been at work for one quarter, but as there have been no regular services and no organization, he has had no opportunity to get subscriptions or gather money. I told him to inaugurate some plan at prayer-meeting Decem. 5th or services, Decem. 9th, and he will, no doubt, do so.

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For the first quarter of his labors, he will likely ask the Board to

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furnish the salary, even though he a-
-sented to go to Omaha at a certain
sum from the Board, and the re-
-mainder to be "raised on the field."

I promised Bro. Kuhns to report the
facts as they exist. Sure it is that
he has received nothing from the ter-
-ritory of his name - the name being
mostly preliminary. If the Board can
see its way clear to make the grant of
entire salary for first quarter, I be-
-lieve the effect will be wholesome.

The field Bro. Kuhns occupies is
rich in promise.

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B. LIN-
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B. Lincoln. There are no new
developments at Lincoln that I
have heard of, but it is clearly evident
that something should be done to revive
the services, whether the present mac-
-tice congregation approve or disapprove.
What would the Board and H. Com.
think of securing J. M. C. A. Hall (the
place heretofore used) and announcing
regular services every two weeks? Rev. Dr.
Kuhns, Rev. C. Auler, Rev. Prof. Dyster
Rev. Robt. White and others could take
turns and attend to the preaching visit
sick &c. If Bd. of Ch. Sp. would be re-
-sponsible for rent of hall, and H. Com.
for any expenses over and above col-
-lections, we might possibly keep up
services, and wake up the present
congregation. What is the Board's judgment?

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C. South Sioux City.
Letter from Rev. G. H. Schuur, Pres. Synod of Nebraska, tells of the arrangement of work in Dakota Co. Neb. by which Rev. C. Baird takes charge of "Salem only", leaving S. Sioux City, Dakota City and Homer to constitute the "S. Sioux City Missions". Letter marked D.
I trust the time is near at hand when all these points will be added to "Salem" and the "Salem charge" constituted. One vigorous man, at peace with each congregation, could serve all four congregations and make a success of it. The "Conference" has no doubt, done its very best "under the circumstances", but the hope is that "the circumstances" may change.

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D. Sellamah & Arizona. E. DAVID
CITY. The same letter refers to these various points, and tells of the supply of Sellamah and Arizona by the election of Rev. B. D. Pugh as pastor. "David City" should be supplied, as soon as a suitable man can be secured. A new church can be built the coming year, under the right kind of a missionary, and several points in the neighborhood developed.

F. SID-
-NEY.

F. Sidney. Enclosed find note, marked E - from our missionary at Sidney Neb. I secured for him a suit of clothes, through Young Peoples W. M. Soc. of St. Matthews, Phil. Pa.

G. NE-
BRASKA
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G. Nebraska City. Leard. named F. from Rev. J. C. Jacoby of this young city, asks for a visit Dec. 23rd, and tells of the "work going forward splendidly." Though it requires considerable sacrifice for me to be from home the Sunday before Christmas, having had scarcely any days with my family during 1888, I have decided to go to Nebraska City, Dec. 23, and leave there at 3 A.M. on the 24th - reaching home "the night before Christmas". I will find out what Bro. Jacoby means by the sentence, "It will be profitable for the Board, also where you come".

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H. Mc-
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H. McCook. Rev. J. W. Kimmel writes: "we want a man for McCook, that I may devote all my time to general work". How is this?

I. BEAT-
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I. Beatrice. I have nothing from this mission, but enclosed letter named G. - from Rev. W. S. Remsburg.

VII. KAN-
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A. ATCH-
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VII. Kansas. A. Atchison. Letter, named H. - tells of plans for dedication of new chapel at Atchison, Decem. 16th, and asks me to be present. As "Norcatur" dedication has been fixed for same day, and as Atchison will have a "great and grand sufficiency" in Rev. M. Rhodes D.D., Rev. A. M. Geisler, A.M., Rev. Prof. W. H.

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Wynn, Ph.D. Rev. Prof. Wm. N. Glandorp
 A.M. Rev. J. Howard Stough Ph.D.
 and Rev. W. G. Neuh^{A.M.} with probably
 Rev. W. M. Sparr^{A.M.} Post. Kans. Synod,
 the local pastors of A. My services
 will scarcely be needed. Will therefore
 go to "Norcatur" and help the work.

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B. VALLEY

FALLS.

B. Valley Falls. I cannot exactly
 understand how Rev. A. M. Geifer
 can write that he "does not hold sala-
 ried position at Midland, and would not
 think of taking one without informing
 the board." The record shows that he
 has received several hundred dollars,
 and that he was engaged by the Guild-
 ing Com. at \$100.00 per month, as "Supt
 of Construction." Perhaps he does not
 regard "Supt. of Construction, appointed by
 building Com. as "a salaried position at
 Midland." As the first building is now
 finished, and the second will not be
 undertaken for several months, or per-
 haps for a year - his salary will likely
 soon cease.

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C. WEL-

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C. Wellington. Letter - marked II -
 from Rev. J. E. M. Hursh, tells some-
 thing of the work at Wellington, and asks
 me to come to W. to set up a big meet-
 -ing in the Opera House, deliver a
 lecture and raise all the money needed
 to complete the church edifice and
 pay all the bills. Of course I declined,
 as I have no such power, and be-

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-sides. It is his business to attend to securing subscriptions. I asked Bro. H. to send me a detailed statement of building fund - cost of church, amt. paid on it, amt. yet due or, but he has not yet done so.

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D. Oberlin and Norcatur.

Letter marked J - tells of Rev. G. W. Maffart having accepted a call to Oberlin, and makes a few very modest(?) requests. The "sublimity of request" possessed by some people is truly wonderful, and their estimate of the ability of other people is just as great. Bro. Maffart knows more now than he did before receiving my reply to his first letter. I however did ask all the favors for him that were reasonable, and his letter marked K - makes due acknowledgment, and says he will use the favors received as a basis on which to get more. If assurance is a necessary requisite to success, Rev. G. W. Maffart will succeed.

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KS.

The dedication at Norcatur has been fixed for December 16th, and I have promised Bro. Kimmel to attend and give him all the help I can. Several days preceding, I will give to Hardy, Neb assisting Bro. Mauser to work up the church-council and cooperation in the matter of pastors support.

E. ELLS
-WORTH.

E. Ellsworth heard - mailed E. from
Rev. A. S. Yarger of Ellsworth, tells
of people at that mission.

F. HUT
-CHIN.
-SON.

F. Hutchinson Letter - mailed M -
is a good letter from this important
mission, and shows that our missionary
has a level-head and right views of
organization.

G. WI.
-CHITA

G. Wichita. "The Workman" of Nov. 29th
contains the following: "We learn that
Rev. S. M. Zheizig, whose excellent
work in the English mission at Scran-
ton and his year's trip to Europe for
study and travel Workman readers are
acquainted with, has gone to Wichita Ks.
under appointment of the Home-Mission
Committee of the General Council. The
prospects for building up an English
Sutheran Church there are represented
as specially promising!"

This grieves me, not alone that
he will lose Wichita, but that "a disturb-
ing element" is introduced into Kansas.

Under all the circumstances, would
it not be wise, and about the best thing
we could do, to tell Rev. J. A. Hartsock
to go to W. and father and hold our peo-
ple? With "the great demands for Eng-
lish work of the General Council in the
North-west," which field we have regarded
as theirs, it is a little strange that men
like Dr. Seif would countenance sending
a man to territory we have already occupied.

H. LEA-
-VEN-
-WORTH

H. Searenworth

At the meeting of the Synod of Kansas, Rev. Geo. W. Senker told me he "had an evening or two to spare" and asked where he might the time to advantage. I suggested Searenworth, Ks. to spare him several names I had secured.

He made the visit - was cordially received^{and} arranged to spend a Sunday in Mainer. He has just reported the results of the services and visit & says "the field is very promising."

The City-Hall was secured for services, an organ rented the order of worship used, and the attendance good.

The following names are reported as those of persons "ready for work".

A. R. Barthell wife and three confirmed children. Mrs. A. D. Rush. Mr and Mrs. W. S. Huber. Philip A. Smith and wife. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kepler. Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Jaas. Henry Barnett M. D. & wife. Alvin Barthell and wife. Capt. Jerry Shuride (at the Post) Mrs. Stuhlinger. Mrs. Alfreds. Mrs. Herman and daughter. Henry Holmeren. John Wahlstrom. Martin Olupson. Ole Olson. P. O. Johnson. and others. The Board will remember that after the visit of the Secys. in 1887, Searenworth was placed in the hands of Rev. A. M. Geifer, with request that he make an occasional visit, hold services at Mr Barthells oc. He however, did not visit S. As

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I. LAW-
-RENCE

the field is a very important one - the second city in Kansas - it must not be longer neglected. The City-Hall can be secured for services, with little or no expense, and preaching can be maintained by supplies, for a number of months. The Professors at Midland College, with the Pastors at Valley Falls, Topeka, Kansas City, Atchison and Emporia, with occasional visits from the Secretaries, can keep that work going until the way is open for the appointment of a settled missionary. To this end, I will write Mr. W. M. Sparr, Pres. Synod of Kansas & Chairman Adv. Board, & suggest that a list of appointments be made out by Nov. Jan., Feb., and March. Thus preaching can be kept up and our people held and encouraged. The collections will surely pay the expenses of the work. I trust the Board will approve this plan.

I. Sausence. Letters and card - marked N - give some information concerning Sausence. The card is "another revelation", which I cannot understand. It may now well have Bro. Hyman take charge again, but I doubt it, as the beach seems too great for early or successful healing.

J. ABI-
-LENE.

J. Abilene. The Church-Council at this important Sutheran City, have placed the raising of the appropriation and funds for the boards, in the hands of S. P. Desev Bey, who has gone at the work with vigor. See letter marked O. I have promised to help make Home Missions Day, a great day - the date being sometime in early part of 1889. "Education Day" will be next Sunday, when Secy. J. D. G. will be in charge. Many congregations might go and do likewise and thus report larger contributions.

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VIII.
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A. KAN-
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CITY.

VIII. Missouri. A. Kansas City.
Rev. George D. Ostwald has had a very cordial reception by the members and friends of Memorial Sutheran Church at Kansas City. The public reception, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, is reported as "quite an event" and "one which promises great things for the future of the work". See letter of Mrs. G. marked P.

VIII.
WYO-
-NING.
A. CHEY-
-ENNE.
B. LAR-
-AMIE.

VIII. Wyoming. A. Cheyenne.
B. Laramie. Letter marked Q from Rev. A. O. Opsal relate to these places. From Rev. J. N. Decker I learn that Rev. Bro. Opsal has been most warmly received at Cheyenne, and that his prospects of success are very good, provided the property can be released from me.

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charities liens. The amt. required is about \$400.00. Bro. Senter has applied to Bd. of Ch. Rp. to loan the congregation the amt. needed, as the people cannot borrow it elsewhere, the Bd. of Ch. Rp. holding the title to all the property.

No. 3 of Bro. Opsal's letters is another modest request. Some of our foreign brethren do indeed feel as in asking favors. They would accept the whole earth and then ask for more. I will try to secure him a suit of clothing, but not from my "friend John Wanamaker".

The future of Cheyenne will depend very much on the action of the Board of Church Extension.

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MEXICO.

IX. New Mexico. A card from Bro. Rosenstengel manifests joy and gratitude, and says: "Our lot from St. Mark's church at St. Louis is here already. It is not only nice, but also good and valuable. Just what we need. Of course our hearts rejoice with thankfulness. I have a notion to write something before long for the 'Observer'."

Was in Helen last Sunday. They had a touch of small pox there and Fred Becker's children were quite sick. They are all well again, but the marks are on the little face. For the first time the weather interfered with our services. It rained all day. Matters more or in the usual way.

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X. CALIFORNIA. A. San Diego.

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A. SAN
DIEGO.

Our missionary to San Diego, wrote a card asking me to secure for him reduced rates to his new field, and now writes another card, telling of his thanks and success. He also reports "progress" at the new mission, and has, no doubt, reported the same more in detail to the Board. Card R.

B. OAK-
LAND.

B. Oakland. Rev. J. A. M. Leigler of Nevada, Ia, wants to go to Oakland Cal. See his letter. If even he were ready to begin work in that splendid city, I am not clear that he would be the man to undertake it.

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A more suitable man would be Rev. J. A. Harpster of Canton, Ohio, who recently expressed a willingness to enter upon work in the Golden State.

OAKLAND

He probably would not like his compensation at Canton to know this, but asked that we correspond with him in case of new work in California, and in case we consider him as adapted to it. Oakland and San Jose ought to be occupied at an early day - a very early day, provided we can command "the men and the money."

XI. MIS-
-CELLANEOUS.

A. Boyes

XI. Miscellaneous. A. Boyes

The cheer and genuine comfort and help afforded by the "Boyes" to our needy missionaries and pastors are

BOXES.

already manifest in the letters of gratitude and thanksgiving. I enclose one marked S - from Rev. W. May Smith of Fairfield Iowa, who is laboring at a salary of \$450⁰⁰ per year.

He, at first, declined a lot, because he "feared others - more needy - might be deprived of me, if he accepted."

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Knowing his absolute need, I told him it was his duty to accept the offer of the ladies of Kanajoharie - not as a charity, but as a reward for self-denying service for his and their Master. He consented, sent the measures, and the result is great joy.

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Bro. Rosenstengel's acknowledgment adds to the testimony of the helpers of the "Boxes".

B. LEGACYBLANKS.

B. Legacy Blanks. The "Form of Bequest" in "A Year's Work" was indeed very wise, and I marked and sent many of them to persons who intend to honor the Lord in their "last will and testament". The inquiry in last report, however, was for a separate and special blank. It

might be well to have some of these, even though we print the form on reports, letter-heads etc. I had the "Form of Bequest" inserted in or on all the minutes of the Western Synod.

LEGACYBLANKS.

It will do no hurt if our people commit it to memory.

THE
OUTLOOK

The Outlook.

However men may have differed as to the choice of candidates for President of the U. S. at the recent election, or however much they may differ now, as to the effect upon the country, one thing is very certain, and that is that four or five new States will be admitted to the Union before the close of 1889. This will give an impetus to immigration, such as has heretofore been unknown. The old States will send thousands and tens of thousands into the new, and the old world will pour in millions of "Sutheran Materiae" whose children must be fathered with patient care and taught of Jesus, and held to the Mrs. made for them, when they were given to God. Already, the sound of their coming is heard, in the preparations being made by Railway and Steamship Companies, and the sending forth of hundreds of agents to tell of the wonders of the new States.

Some, very some. Some of the finest lands in all our domain will be opened up for settlement - negotiations and treaties with the Indians being now in progress. On the borders of these lands - in tents and cabins, "god-houses" and "dug-outs" thousands of people are even now

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wanting to enter. With them should
go the Sutheran Home Missionary.

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength,
O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city."

Should our Sutheran Zion "a-
wake" as the call of the hour de-
mands, "All the ends of the earth
shall see the salvation of our God,"
for "upon us the ends of the earth
have come."

Oh, what a call, what
an emergency! Oh, what a heritage
- what an opportunity, what a
responsibility!

That the General Synod may
be equal to it, is the prayer of

Your servant

~~Sam^l J. Barnitz~~
Western Secy.

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