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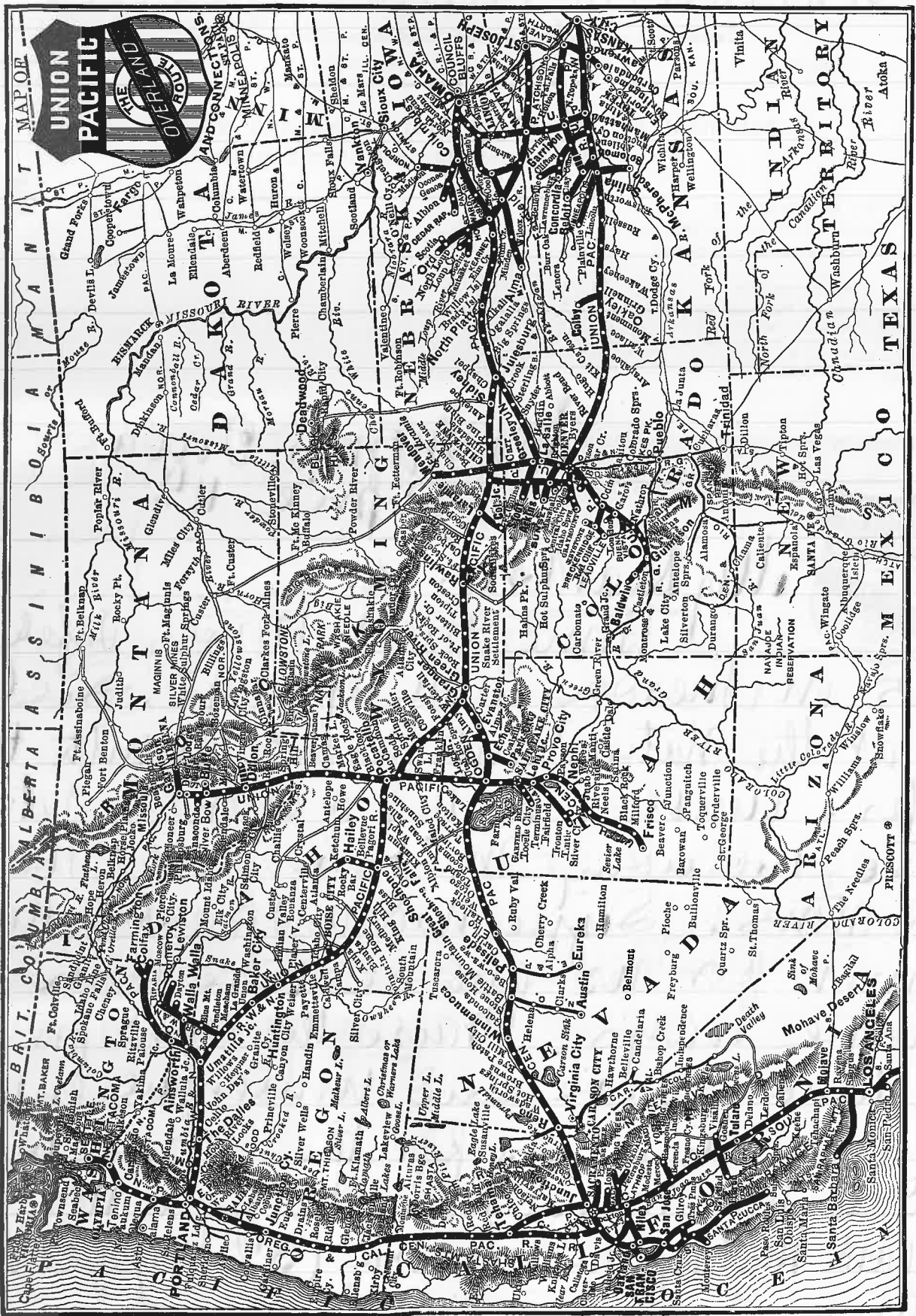
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My Dear Bro. C.

"Home Sweet Home" safely at 10.25 on Tuesday a. m. April 9th. Sued met us at the Station and helped us with the traps - bundles, basket of oranges, satchel etc. etc. including Mr. "Horned Toad" shells and stones. Suzzie had a splendid home dinner for us, and we were soon back to home ways. Praise the Lord for safety, kindly care and wonderful enjoyment as well as for the help we carried to the Missions! As you may have a Board Meeting next Tuesday (3rd day of the week) I think it well to send you the enclosed

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5 FACTS

ABOUT
Lutheran Home Missions.

Des Moines, Iowa,

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1 **THAT** our Home Mission work is of vital importance to every phase of Church life and activity. To push Home Missions is to stimulate and advance every other form of beneficence. To neglect Home Missions is to let every Christian activity wither and die. So true is this that it has been said recently, that if the present generation of Americans would thoroughly evangelize America, they would be doing their full share towards the saving of the world.

2 **THAT** no other Protestant denomination in America has so large, and so important and promising a Home Mission field as we have. Many of our old churches need Mission help to nurse them into vigorous life and strength. Tens of thousands of our people, both east and west, are still without churches or pastors of their own faith. On an average, enough Lutheran immigrants come to America, every day of the year, to make a congregation of 500 souls.

3 **THAT** owing to the extent of our field and the abundance of our material, we secure from two to five times the results, for the same money and labor, secured by most of the other great denominations. This is not a cause for boasting, but for devout gratitude to God, and increased consecration and activity in the work. It gives a new and louder emphasis to the many calls for help that come to us from all over the land.

4 **THAT** the sum of \$35,000 a year, called for by the General Synod's apportionment for Home Missions, is wholly inadequate for the doing of our share of this great work. And the fact that this is only an average of about twenty-five cents per member, or less than half a cent a week, shows that it is very far below the ability of our people to give. Yet, sad to say, even this amount is not raised by about \$10,000.

5 **THAT** if we are to do our duty as a church, to our own scattered and needy people, and to our country and the world, and meet our responsibility to God, we must labor and pray for more consecration and enlarged liberality. More information among the people, more system in making collections, and a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost, would swell our regular contributions, multiply and enlarge our special gifts and greatly increase the number and amount of our legacies

Correspondence, and also to make a few notes on the work.

II. Dickson, Tenn. Did I give you the letter of Mr. Sylvie, received when he here in So. Angeles? He pleads for a young man for Dickson, or for some attention. Is there not a young man at Gettysburg - willing to make some little sacrifice and go into this field? It would do him good, and he could accomplish a great work.

III. Perth, Kansas. Letter marked A from Bro. Schauer, speaks for itself. I do not know him to answer the Home Missions part of it. He never told Bro. S. to go to Perth, and are not responsible. It might be just as well for him to "go on his farm".

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III. Wellington, Ks. Bro. Hursh's letter of
July 22 - marked B - may be of interest to the
Board. IV. Bro. Gotwals' letter - marked C -
concerning Selma and Sausene. V. You re-
call Mr. G. H. Schmitt's letter concerning
his son Genfo & truck at St. Marks at
Omaha. The truck comes from Geo being
about to marry one of the young ladies of the
mission. I do not send the letter, as I
will need it. Should I find it necessary to
run over to Omaha to see St. Marks Ch. Council.
VI. Bro. Detweiler's letters - marked D - will
be of interest, showing the feeling of himself &
people concerning organization of Shull Abbe-
tin Church. VII. Union Pacific Pass Permits.
Please distribute to members of the B. H. U.
with request that they acknowledge direct to
Mr. L. S. Somat, G. P. c/o Omaha Neb. signing
receipts etc. even though they may never use
the permits. It will do good. VIII. Scip. City
Inda. Letter - marked E - tells of arrangements
for dedication. May 5th. I will arrange to
keep Bro. Mackenzie at that date. IX. Do you
know Rev. A. R. Glaze of Martins Creek, Penn^a?
Dr. Web asks that we help secure a place

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Since more than one-half of the immigrants are Germans and Scandinavians; and two-thirds of the former and ninety-five per cent. of the latter are Lutherans, the work to be done in and for the Lutheran church of America is of INDESCRIBABLE MAGNITUDE.

for him. What place can he file?
 X. Watertown, Wisconsin. Letter marked F from Mrs. Weber, & my Aunt, tell of a preliminary service at Watertown, Wis, the importance and difficulties of the field &c. They are interesting as information, if ever nothing more at this time. ~~XII~~. Card. ~~de~~ from Rev. G. H. Gerlending. Express "thanks" Ha! Ha!!
 XIII. Letter H. from Futeell pleads hard for the \$200.00 from Mrs. Stone to help him out on his furniture payments. He first pleads for it for salaries &c. &c. I adhere to my original plan to secure a set of surveying instruments with it. What think you?

VIII. Journal Matter. 1. As you noted my election to Midland, might it not be well in a line or two, to note declination?

2. Ry. notes. I enclose what I think most useful for May no.

Will write you further by next mail.

Hastily, with love

Yrs.

~~Saml. J. Gamble~~
W. Secy.