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LEGACY.II. Illinois. A. Polo legacy.

According to arrangement I visited Polo, Illinois, Jan. 1st and 2nd in the interests of Home Missions and the Catharine Good legacy. Also attended Court - Court at Oregon, Ills. appearing before the judge and making plea for an order to pay over the money to Board of Home Missions. I was only partially successful, though I have no doubt the \$1000.00 will come to Board sooner or later.

The Court decided that "as several parties interested had not received notice of final settlement, another date should be fixed - viz. January 30th 1888 - for final settlement of estate. The judge advised me he would if the order or decree pay the \$1000.00 to "General Synod Ev. Lutheran Church", and advise the Administrator to pay to Mr. Eschhart that the amt. was for Board of Home Missions. The Administrator and counsel for residuary legate seemed entirely satisfied with the decision, and the legate - Mrs. Benjamin Good, Aunt of Kate Good - signed request that the money be paid Board of Home Missions, and also signed release of Administrator, and exemption from any claim for that sum. The judge and attorney decided that my power of attorney was of no effect, that "an officer of a corporation could not delegate his authority to another, according to Illinois Statute etc.

They also decided that I could receive the money without power of attorney.

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being a representative of the Board of Home Missions, but as the will does not mention Home Missions at ^{all} and not even the full legal title of the General Synod, the money must go through the hands of Mr. Alexander Gebhart Treasurer, General Synod.

The Judge said he would "retain a point" and add "in the United States", after words "General Synod Evan. Lutheran Church".

I have written Mr. Gebhart quite fully, as you will see from copy enclosed, marked A-, and trust he will respond in the right spirit. The receipt or release for his signature will be sent me in a day or two. I will forward to him at once and if he will sign and return, will secure the money. Mr. Gebhart will be requested by the Administrator to pay over the money to Board of Home Missions.

He may incline to retain it for General Synod Treasury, but if he does, I think it will only be with the consent of General Synod, as that body will surely order it paid over to Board. But for our work in the matter, it is possible, and even probable that the money would have been lost to the Church and paid to the residuary legatee. As it is the request of the Judge, the Administrator and the Attorney for residuary legatee that I, or some other representative of the Church, be present - Jan'y. 30th - to receive the money, I have written Bro. Fisher of Sidney, Nev. to postpone dedication

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at that place, if possible, from Jan 29, to Feb. 5th. He has changed date three or four times, and I have changed my plans to suit him, so that there can be no impropriety in requesting another date from that now fixed upon. If date at Sidney is changed, and Mr. Geh-hart does not go in person to Oregon, I will spend the 29th at that place, and be on hand for settlement of estate on the 30th.

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The question of interest on the \$1000.00, was objected to by counsel and administrator, and as the judge was not decided as to Mr being entitled to it, I said he would not press any claim for interest, but gladly accept it if the court included it in decree. He will be ^{left} in the end not to get the interest than to urge payment of it. It will come off of Mrs. Benjamin Good - the residuary legatee, who will, I am sure, give us more than that sum if present settlement is satisfactory to her. She is a noble old lady, & has done much to prevent the contesting of this legacy. As she and her husband are now quite old, and their children "well to do", it is thought Mrs. Good will use most of the money received from Kate's estate, for the Master's work.

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The will was very loosely drawn, and but for the "living witnesses" of the intentions of the testatrix, it would be a very difficult matter to secure the legacy. It is important, very important

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that the "form of bequest" be widely published, and the attention of pastors and people frequently called to it.

Would it not be wise to have it constantly before the members of our churches, by publishing in all the papers and periodicals of the General Synod?

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Should there be no opposition to the payment of the legacy before Jan. 28th, the time will be past, in which a contest of the will can be made.

A brother of the testatrix has been making inquiry of Attorneys as to the probability of success in contesting the will, and has tried to induce a sister to co-operate with him in a suit. The sister has positively refused, saying she "wants the will carried out, and the Board of Home Missions to have the money," and intimating that part of her estate will be given in the same way.

In view of all these things the Judge, and also the executor, thought it wise to make day of final settlement a few days beyond the expiration of the three years allowed by the law of Illinois for contesting a will. The Judge - Hon. Geo. P. Jacobs, Oregon, Ill. - seems determined that the church shall have the money, and indeed the executor, the attorney for secondary legatee, and the legatee herself, seem to be of the same determination. Everything in connection with the visit was pleasant.

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So far as these persons were concerned. Rev. S. J. Reeser seemed also greatly interested on behalf of the Board, and did all in his power to aid me.

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B. POLO
SERVICES.B. Polo Services.

Sunday - January 1st - was spent at Polo, Ills. and though the day was one of storm and blizzard and bitter cold, the services were well attended. Indeed the congregations were a surprise to me the weather and icy side-walks being considered. A special Home Mission service was held at night, and the needs and demands and encouragements of the work presented. For several years, the congregation at Polo has been engaged in reducing and wiping out a debt, & the mission work has not received the attention it should have done. It is hoped the present and coming years will witness deeper interest in the work of missions and larger contributions for them. Rev. S. J. Reeser - pastor - appeared glad for the visit and did all he could by entertainment, announcement and otherwise to promote Home Mission interests.

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C. OREGON.

C. Oregon. Rev. L. A. Ford, pastor at Oregon, hearing of the probable visit to that town on Monday, Jan. 2nd, telephoned to Polo, requesting a Home Mission service for the evening. Finding that I could take

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a freight train at 11 P.M. and connect with C. & N. W. passenger at one A.M. I consented to hold the service and believe the decision was a wise one. Bro. Ford sent word to as many members of the church as he could reach, and by personal effort fathered a good congregation for so stormy a night. The interest was very marked, and as this church has never had a visit from the Secretaries, there were many expressions of satisfaction.

The congregation at Oregon is one of the oldest in Illinois, having been organized by Rev. Father Stroh, about forty years ago. It has had many lapses by removal, and also "many ups and downs" but has done a blessed work.

Bro. Ford seems highly esteemed, and is encouraged in his work. He had an addition of eight persons on Sunday, Jan 1st. He also preaches at Mt. Morris and another point, making three preaching services for each Sunday. The Oregon congregation has in it several persons of means who are liberally disposed & deeply interested in the general work of the church. I trust seed was sown on Monday night, which will bring one or more beacons to the board. Though it cost considerable discomfort to remain over at Oregon and hold this service, I felt repaid by the close attention^{to} and the manifest interest in all that was said concerning the work laid to our hands.

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After twenty miles of ride in a "Caboose car" with smoke of pipes and cigars fairly saturating me, so that on reaching home all my clothing had be hung out to air, I waded over a mile into heavy satchel, shovel and umbrella, through snow drifts, sometimes to my knees, to catch the train for Des-Moines. The wind howled, and the snow blew wild and white in the night, but the remembrance of the pleasant meeting at Polo and Oregon, and the hope of having a day or two at home, lightened the trials and burdens of the trip.

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D. FREE
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D. Report. Rev. J. S. Reiser, former pastor at Freeport, Des. says "he - the committee - made a mistake in fixing the cost of the church-building at that place". He says that \$1095.00 were counted twice, having been counted when paid to women oc, and counted again when paid back to German Bank of Freeport where it was borrowed." As I have not my report before me, I cannot tell whether he is correct or not. I hope his statement is true, as it will lessen the cost of building \$1095.00. He says "the money was borrowed to pay mechanic, material oc, which payments of course, go into cost of building, but when the money was paid back to German Bank, it did not figure in the building". As I desire to give

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Mr. Reiser every possible opportunity or advantage, I make this statement, requesting an examination of report, & if it is as he says, the necessary correction. Mr. Reiser says, "the money he received, with amts. due him on building fund, and amt. of principal borrowed from Germania Bank, must make the cost of building." As he was present at all the sessions of the committee, & tried to explain everything as he went through the accounts, it seems strange that he did not notice, and that he did not notice such a mistake. Mr. R. says the lot and building cost \$1095.00 less than he reports it. I will send a copy of this statement to Exec. Committee, W. H. & J. W. Soc. so that when my report reaches them, they will also have Mr. R's report.

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As to a pastor for Deepport, I know not what to say. Indeed have nothing to add to opinion given in December report. The field is proving in importance. Several Sutherland families having recently moved there, or being about to locate there. Bro. Barrett might be continued until he receives a call to some other field, if it be not too long a time. He is perhaps better than nobody, but cannot succeed as permanent pastor.

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Report says he "is looking toward the Presbyterian Church, if a field does not soon open to him in our Sutherland Lion". I hope this is not

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correct, though it is difficult to re-commend a man of Mr. Garrett's type to a vacant charge. He is a good preacher it is said, and lives right, and might do well in some established church where he would be free from everything but the preaching and pastoral work. I will send his name to Nokomis Ills, but can do no more than suggest that they invite him to visit them.

E. NA-
-CHUSA.

E. Nachusa. A new church was dedicated at this place Sunday December 11th (1877). The congregation was organized, and the building erected under pastoral care of Rev. W. S. Remsburg. Letter marked B, tells something of the work. It was not possible for me to attend the dedication, as I was engaged elsewhere. It is refreshing to hear of new church enterprises in the hands of N. Illinois Synod.

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III NE-
-BRASKA.

A. WAVER-
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III. Nebraska. A. Waverly.
I regret the action of the Board in declining further aid to Waverly Neb. as I had arranged with Young Peoples A. M. Society, of Philada. for another years aid, and had rather given assurance to the Mission and Rev. Prof. Cyster, that if they would raise their subscription, an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars for one year, would be made. The

Young Peoples W. M. Soc. of St. Matthews
 Philada. will send me a check for One
 Hundred and Fifty five Dollars. net
 net. I enclose letter from Prof. Lyster
 marked C - and also a letter from Mr.
 H. A. Hendon of the Church-Council, marked
 D. In reply to the latter, I sent a blank
 application, which will reach the Board
 for Jan'y Meeting, and also assurance of \$100.00
 appropriation. All this was done prior to
 my learning of the action of the Board declin-
 ing further aid to Waverly. As it is better
 to correct a mistake than to adhere to one,
 & as I believe it would be a great mistake
 to withdraw all support from Waverly at
 this time, I trust the Board will see its
 way clear to re-consider the action con-
 cerning Waverly, and make an appropriation
 of \$100.00. I doubt very much the wisdom
 of compelling a union with Roca. It
 did not work harmoniously in the early
 history of the Mission at Waverly, but rather
 to its disadvantage and I believe it would be
 the same at this time.

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I. ST. MARKS

B. Omaha. | St. Marks.

Respecting to
 visit Omaha on the 10th of Jan'y, and also
 to spend the 15th in that city. I will
 see Rev. G. A. Schur Jr. pastor of St. Marks,
 and inform him of action of Board releas-
 ing him from further services at the
 Mission Sunday School of St. Matthews.

2. SHULL
ADDITION

2. Shull Addition.

As yet, I have not been able to consult with the Shull heirs concerning a pastor for that former section of Omaha.

I am convinced however, that a consultation will help but little as to the choice of a man. The "Shull heirs" have but little knowledge of our preachers, and probably less judgment than knowledge.

They say they "want a good, live man" - a "nutter". Bro. Detweiler in his letter dated E. III, seems to favor Rev. J. G. Kauffman, but frankly says he knows but little of him. He was a missionary at Omaha, O. Will his record justify his appointment to Omaha? If so I will heartily endorse him for the "Shull Addition".

Personally I have a high regard for Bro. K. If his adaption and that of his wife, are equal to his character, I have no doubt he will succeed in Omaha. Those who donated the lot, and the other Lutheran residents of that section of Omaha, expect ^{the} work to be undertaken without delay.

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D. LIN-
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C. Lincoln.

The letters and other documents concerning Lincoln are now in my hands, as also the enclosed telegram from Bro. Ernst, dated F. I. I have written Bro. Sipe that I will D.V. spend Tuesday P.M. Jan. 10th in Lincoln.

I repeat that he signed the paper sent to H. Com. W. H. & J. M. Soc. en-

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D. SIDNEY

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E. OAK-
-LAND.

-Dorsing, virtually, the change of location, and also regret that he did not write to me concerning the new outbreak. It is possible that I might have been present at the former meeting, and re-iterating the views of the Secretaries as expressed in July last, have prevented the manipulating of a base majority". I will follow the suggestion of Secy. Clutz, being the views of Bd. of Church-Attention and Woman's H. Com., and oppose any change in the location agreed upon last summer. Should there be new developments of sufficient importance, on Tuesday night, I will telegraph night message to the Board.

D. Sidney. Letters of various dates marked G - all of changes in time of dedication at Sidney, and also other matters of interest. The day now fixed is Jan'y. 29th, but I have asked a change to Feb'y. 5th, in order to allow me to go to Oregon Ills. if necessary. As they have been so frequently delayed at Sidney, a week later for dedication, may be helpful, ^{rather} than otherwise.

E. Oakland. Letter marked H from Oakland, Neb. tells of rather a sad state of affairs at that point. I answered that engagements for weeks ahead would prevent my visiting Oakland at this time, and that I see but little use in "a visit" without a man. If the

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"Conference", the "State Secy. of Nebraska" & "A special committee" and "A special committee" cannot get matters straight, how can I do it by "a visit?" Oakland needs a man, and I wish we could place a good man right in the town and tell him to go to work on the town church, and build it up. This is the solution of the trouble.

F. WEST
-POINT.

F. West Point. On my return from Polo. Ills. I found on my desk the letter marked I. from Rev. J. C. Jacoby, Missionary at West Point. Neb. I tried to figure how to get to West Point, after visit to Sioux City, but could not get it in and reach Fenwick by Jan. 10th. Wrote Bro. Jacoby, rather chiding him for not telling me why a visit was necessary, and asking him for particulars. Also told him that my engagements here usually made up and left weeks ahead, and expressed my regret to hear of trouble at West Point.

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Before receiving my letter, he must have written enclosed, marked J, in which he says a full account has been sent to the Board.

G. BEN
-EDICT.

G. Benedict. Rev. G. H. Schuur, Jr. seems really able, at long last to fix a date for the dedication of the new church at Benedict. Letter marked K. I have arranged

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with Bro. Detweiler to fire Sunday, Jan. 15th to Omaha enabling him to go to Benedict for Dedication. Rev. G. H. Schnur, Pastor at Benedict, and Pres. Synod of Nebraska, proposes several changes of fields and pastors. He is good at "proposing" but has very poor judgment in many matters. He becomes, as the Prma. German would say "Phar-hoodled" or as Western "rustler" would put it "rattled". He has "zeal without knowledge".

These have been times when his letters and portals, with propositions of all sorts, so overwhelmed me, that I feel a good change would be his translation to the Church Triumphant.

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This however, as well as the making of climate, is beyond our control. It was wise in the Pres. Secy. to tell him to make no changes involving the Board.

H. HARDY

H. Hardy. In response to request of Rev. J. C. Maurer, pastor at Hardy, Neb - cards marked L - I spent the evening and night of December 16th at that mission. The field is a difficult one, on account of the indifference to religion in the town, but Bro. Maurer has wrought faithfully and well and deserves commendation.

His "right living" and sound faith-ful preaching, have won for him the esteem and regard ~~for~~ the entire community. His estimable wife shares in this esteem and there are constant evidences, even on the part of non-professors, of the power of these lives in that section of Nebraska.

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Bro. Mauser was in the midst of special services, and ably assisted by Rev. G. W. Albright of Beatrice Neb. The attendance at the meeting was good, and there were many encouraging signs of interest on the part of those who had been indifferent. The Hardy pastorate, in common with many others in Kansas and Nebraska, is suffering with financial distress on account of the great drought and short crops - almost total failure - of last season. The faithful missionary takes his full share in the self-denial required for the work, and nobly stands by his people.

I. DAVENPORT
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I. Davenport, Neb. This is a new town of 800 inhabitants and only one church building. We have already twenty (20) members in the town. Rev. J. C. Mauser is looking after them, and will give them all the attention he can. He will organize a church, at the earliest moment practicable.

J. MILFORD

J. Milford, Another good ^{Nebraska} town, ten miles from Lincoln, Kansas. Here we have six families. Bro. Mauser is looking after these as time from home or Hardy and Davenport will permit. Oh! the field!

K. REPUBLICAN VALLEY

K. Republican Valley. Having written to Rev. J. W. Keimmel to meet at McBook station, en-route to Denver. I had a consultation with him regarding the work - old and new - in

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that important section of Nebraska. He promised to report fully to the Board his disposition of pastor Orsted, the reception and work of Rev. Prazer &c. &c. He has no doubt, done this, and his report will be before you on the 12th of January. Bro. R. has arranged a lecture and concert course for raising money for support of ^{the} pastor on that field in order to ask as little as possible from the Board. Rev. J. S. Detweiler of Omaha, Neb. gives him four evenings this week - an evening at each one of "four points". I have promised a survey of the field and visit to new points, so soon as other engagements will permit.

L. SOUTH
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L. South-Sioux-City.

Letter marked M. from Rev. C. Baird of South-Sioux-City, m. creates some trouble at that point. The trouble grows out of old difficulties in the charge when it was called the "Dakota City Charge", and also out of the removal of the "Homer Academy", which Bro. Baird had planted. What the result will be, I cannot tell, but presume a resignation in the autumn of 1885. On receipt of Bro. B's letter, I wrote him of the offer of books from Brooksville, Ohio, which he accepted.

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The organization at S. Sioux City was to have been effected yesterday (Jan. 8th 1885) but as the cold was intense (therm. 28 below zero) I presume it was not accomplished. I hope to see Bro. Baird to-day, and if in time, will add whatever report he may have to make.

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A. DENVER

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III. Colorado. A. Denver. I. Scandinavian.

Sunday, December. 15th 1887

was spent in Denver. Col, the new Scandinavian Lutheran Church having been dedicated on that day. The occasion was one of great joy to Pastor Hansen and his little flock. The day itself was one of rare beauty, or rather, would have been so considered outside of a Denver climate.

The attendance at all the (three) services was large - the new edifice being filled with interested sons and daughters of the "North-land", many of whom had been longing for the glad day when they could worship in a church of their own according to the faith and customs of their fathers.

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The church-building is a neat and pretty one, costing between \$3250.00 and \$3500.00. It is a marvel of cheapness & shows good management on the part of the building committee. The debt on the building - deducting amt. raised on dedication day, will not exceed \$500.00. A donation of this sum by Bd. of Ch. Sp. would entirely relieve the congregation so far as the amt. due on building is concerned. The lots, however, are not paid for, and this is the feature that troubles me. Indeed I think it troubles me more than it does pastor Hansen, as he seems entirely confident that "in some way or other" provision will be made to pay for the ground. His hope, when I left Denver, was to secure a loan on the lots, and make the payment. If he suc-

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-cedo in securing this loan, I truly believe the future of the work (and a good future, is assured. - I earnestly pray that he may succeed in getting a loan. The lots are worth in the estimation of careful business men \$2500.00 more than when they were purchased. The money is due Jan. 10th, but I have not heard whether he has secured it. He promised to write promptly to me, and also to Secy. Clutz, the result of his effort. Pastor Hansen has worked hard and accomplished wonders, really, all things considered. He is "peculiar" perhaps in some respects (who is not?) but has shown "fort" and self-denial, and hard work which every fair-minded person must commend. The dedication was, in my way, a success. Accepting perhaps in the raising of money. Pastor H. undertook this part of the work - being full of faith and zeal & anxiety - and did not make the success which should have been made of it. At night Bro. Herleman and myself undertook that part of the work (though no money effort was to be made at night) and raised over \$100.00 from the young men and maidens (about 100) who were present. Rev. H. O. Opsal of Saramie, Mo., and Rev. H. E. Roermaes of Norway, Kansas, assisted Pastor Hansen, in the Danish, Norwegian language, and Rev. P. A. Herleman, and the Western Secy. in the English. The outlook for this work is certainly very hopeful, provided the lot payments can be made.

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It is now confidently expected that

the "Missouri Norwegian Church" which has neither pastor nor church-building, will unite with our congregation in Denver.

2. WOMEN'S
MEMORIAL

2. Women's Memorial. Sunday Morning Decem. 18th, was given to this mission. The attendance was fair at church service, and the Sunday school rooms well filled at the Sunday school hour. Bro. Heileman seems encouraged though the work at times, because of so many changes by removal, seems very trying and difficult. A number of former members have returned, and a few new families have recently moved to Denver. Bro. A. was expecting some excellent additions yesterday - Jan. 8th. I ministered considerably with the people, and with a trifling exception, Dr. A. line, heard only praise and commendation^{or} and satisfaction with Bro. Heileman and his work. Where the reports of dissatisfaction come from, I know not, unless from the doctor - as he mentioned. His opposition and conduct can be easily explained. So me the outlook is more hopeful and favorable for the work at Denver, than at any time since it was opened.

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WOMEN'S
MEMORIAL

Bro. Heileman stands well in the city, and has "an excellent report of them that are without". The work may be slow, must needs be slow - but I have no doubt of a great and blessed future for the work of the General Synod in Denver.

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B. PUEBLO

B. Pueblo. Pastor Hansen thinks this city can still be saved to us. I suggested correspondence, on part of emigration, with Rev. Pastor Hansen of Rockford, Ill. but made no promise of aid. He might not abandon the work in Pueblo, even though he do nothing else than open a Sunday School at present.

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A. WASH.

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Kansas. A. Washington Greenleaf.

The latest I have from this field are letters marked N. My visit to Washington was a very satisfactory one, so far as ascertaining number of members, settling language question etc. was concerned.

The outlook is certainly most hopeful if the field is properly worked. At least thirty (30) good, substantial people will go into the organization. Some of these are prominent and influential and will from the start give character and strength to the organization. The "language question" I think I settled in favor of English. Having been posted as to the views of some of the members, I parlayed them in the sermon and address of the evening, thus avoiding argument, and having a unanimous decision. The organization was to have been effected in the latter part of December, but I have heard nothing from Pastor Rinker since December 15.

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At Greenleaf, matters are in bad shape, and will require considerable care. Without any permission or emigration, Greenleaf was cut off from the

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Charge and Barnes advised to seek aid for that congregation alone. I asked Rev. Angus Stone to supply at Greenleaf but he does not deem it wise. His reply is herewith sent. I wrote Rev. Mr. Rinker to arrange for a service at Greenleaf on the evening of Decem. 7th, but it was not done. He said he had not received the word in time to make announcement. I tried to see several members of the Church-council - taking a horse & buggy in the early morning, and driving from Washington - amid frost and sleet. But on arrival at Greenleaf, found they did not live in town, but somewhere in the country.

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Called on the woman who had been "disciplined for talking too much" - a weak, nervous creature and "Oh! My". Between Bro. Rinker's unwise and unlaudable procedure in this matter & Bro. Bommer's trying to straighten it out (and conscientiously trying at that) there is a very unpleasant state of affairs at Greenleaf.

I met an officer of the Church at Barnes, and told him it would be useless to expect any appropriation from the Board for that point - cut off from Greenleaf, and furthermore that the Board would not consent to have Greenleaf cut in the cold.

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Washington can, I think, support Rinker without any aid from the Board. The Materie is excellent, and some of the members have the spirit of independence, and will do their utmost to be self-sustaining from the beginning. Mr. Rinker seems to be popular at Washington and Barnes, but unpopular at Greenleaf. He is not as well balanced as he should be, nor as well posted in Sutheran doctrine and usage. My fear is that

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Another visit will have to be made to this field, and some "laboring" done with the Greenleaf Congregation. They ought to have preaching at Greenleaf regularly and without delay.

B. VALLEY
FALLS.

B. Valley Falls. The dedication of the Re-buirt Church at Valley Falls, Ks. took place Decem. 11th and from reports was an occasion of great joy. On account of engagement at Dehrer, I could not attend. Letter marked O. Clippings sent to Missionary Journal editor B. W. M. Dept.

C. OTTA
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C. Ottawa. Letter marked P. I was unable to "stop off" but promised a visit at as early a day as I can get in.

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D. Southern Kansas. I. Greensburg.

The entire Southern Kansas Section is again open to us, the representatives of the General Council having folded their tents & packed away. Vigorous and immediate work should be inaugurated all along the Southern tier of counties. Oh! Brethren we dare not delay putting a District Missionary on this territory to divide the work with Rev. J. G. Bunch.

I believe, if we have the hearty co-operation of the officers of the Kansas Synod, the money can be raised in that State. All the important towns mentioned in the article of Bro. Souder in Observer of Jan. 6th should be taken and held. I enclose letter marked Q from Greensburg, Kansa Co. which speaks for itself. I

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could only answer, urging them to "hold on" and "hope on", and promising a visit early in the Spring.

2. CEDAR.
-VALE.

2. Cedar-Vale. Letter marked R interesting and full of pleading. What can we do for Cedar-Vale? Will not the appointment of a District Missionary solve the question?

E. ATCHI.
-SON.

E. Atchison. The selection of Bro. Reutz for this field, is without doubt an excellent one, and will give very general satisfaction.

V. IOWA.
A. SIOUX
CITY.

V. Iowa. A. Sioux-City. When the roll of the Army of Martyrs, and those who endure is called, I am very confident the names of Rev. D. S. Mackenzie and wife will be upon it. Convinced of the importance and promise of this field with nothing else but the promises of God and the sympathy of the Board to sustain them, they have held on and held on when scores of others would long ago have abandoned the difficult and trying work. Reached here Saturday night, Jan. 7th. Amid intense cold.

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The service on Sunday morning was but thinly attended, as also was the Sunday school, it being too cold for children to venture the distance many of them live from the Court-house. The thermometer marked 32 degrees below zero at one point in the city, and 28 degrees below at another.

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Several persons attended our service, and seven the Sunday School. One of the largest and most prominent congregations in the city had but fifty (50) persons present.

Those who do not live or travel in such a climate can have no conception of its severity, neither of the expense of keeping warm. Bro. Mackenzie now pays \$12.50 per ton per coal, and must consume a great deal of it. The Mission is showing signs of new life, and securing a good class of attendants and members. The newly elected trustees are a great improvement upon the former board. The foundations for the new church-building have been commenced, and will be completed as soon as the spring opens. I think a brighter day is dawning, and that with the completion of the new edifice, there will be many excellent additions. Bro. Mackenzie is rapidly regaining his strength, and hopes to preach and conduct P. School next Sunday morning, Jan. 15th. He has had a great deal of sympathy in his affliction, and considerable attention and notice from some of the best citizens, showing that he has made an impression and a record in Sioux City.

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VI. Wyoming. A. Cheyenne. Selter and Caro married S. will try to attend corner-stone laying on the 22nd of Jan. It will be a hard trip, but I desire to encourage the work at C. as much as is in my power.

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