

To Meeting Held February 14th 1888II. NE-
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In accordance with instructions by letter and telegram, from Secy. Blutz, I visited the Lincoln Mission, at the fixed time for congregational meeting - Jan. 12th 1888. - My presence was evidently not relished by the portion of the congregation favoring another change in location and they took no great pains to conceal their feelings. Deeming it unwise to be "entertained" at ^{any} private house of either party, I took a room at the hotel and remained there until ^{the} morning after congregational meeting. Being obliged to remain in Lincoln, because of the fearful "blizzard" and drifted ^{snow}. I accepted an invitation from Mrs. S. A. Rogers, one of the earlier members of the Mission, but now not active, to come to her house after the congregational meeting. I did this, not only to save expense to the Board, but also to learn from her all I could, concerning the work - her purposes &c. &c.

Thursday, January 12th - was the day of the great storm - the most severe ^{ever} known in the North-west. By five o'clock P.M. it looked as though it would be unsafe to venture out, even in a city like Lincoln. The wind was reported at fifty miles an hour, and whirling sleet and snow and powdered ice into every crack and crevice. It seemed as though it would be utterly vain to attempt to hold a meeting of any kind, and an ef-

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effort was made by the pastor and a member of the church who "had not taken sides" to have the meeting postponed to the next evening. The effort was not successful, the party favoring change of location being ready, and the evening being a better one for them, than a more pleasant one. The meeting was called to order by Pastor Sipe, and the devotional exercises conducted by the Western Secy.

The Scripture Selection was Philipians III: 7-21, suggested as appropriate by Secy. Zimmerman of Bd. of Church Extension.

The devotional exercises ended, Prof. S. J. W. Pasterday objected to Mr. S. S. Sipe presiding, saying he was "no longer pastor" and therefore had no right in the chair as such. He moved, as a matter of courtesy that Bro. Sipe - Mr. Sipe be requested to preside.

The pastor said he "intended to preside as pastor, and not by courtesy" ^{but} by right, that the Conf. meeting accepting his resignation was not a legal one i. e. the regular notice not having been given. After some discussion the question was referred to me, and I read to them the Discipline and also called for their own constitution, showing from both that the meeting so suddenly called and held was not in accordance with the law, and therefore its action not binding.

They yielded, and concluded that the work of that meeting must be done over, if it was to stand. I enclose the record of proceedings as furnished by the Secretary

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of Church-Council (called "clerk" according to Nebraska laws), marked A. The meeting was pronounced by Bros. Sipe and Brust, as "the most respectable and orderly congregational meeting held by them in a long time".

They felt confident that the presence of a representative of the Board had done much to keep order, and make the meeting respectable. And yet, I would not like to call that meeting "a heavenly place" by any means.

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Several times during the consideration of Mr. Sipe's resignation, there was manifest a most unchristian spirit. It was difficult for me to be calm, or to keep from shaking with sharpness and invective, some of those who were instrumental in calling Mr. Sipe to Lincoln, and so soon as they could not use him for their party, ready to denounce him. But, though "the fire burned" while I mused, grace was sufficient to keep calm and collected.

Bro. D. J. M. Casterday moved "that the resignation be accepted the next day at high noon". Another moved that "it be accepted at high noon on Monday, January 15th," giving chance to prepare (on Friday and Saturday) and preach farewell sermon, and say goodbye to S. School.

Finally, the question of "time for acceptance" was referred to me, and I said: "The Board of Home Missions fix the time at close of present quarter - Jan. 31st 1888. So it was ordered," provided Bro. Sipe would resign from all committees, that a new chairman might be appointed, and the work pushed during

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Remainder of Jan., and month of Feb. as N. A. or U. A. Committee only allowed them that time &c. &c."

The question of change of location for Church-building now came up, and the "protest" presented by Bro. Ernst, was handed to the Secy. Several of the friends of removal objected to its being received or going on record. I insisted that it must go on the record, as every one protesting had a right to vote, and a right to have their opinion recorded, the storm keeping them away from the meeting. At this juncture I, in the name of Bro. of Home Missions, protested against change in location or any further agitation of the subject, declaring it as my candid conviction that the sale of property first purchased was a mistake, and all the real-estate agitation a positive hindrance to the growth and up-building of the congregation. I said "You would have been better off to-day in every respect, had you remained in property first purchased, and stronger, as a congregation and S. School in every way." They agreed to this statement, but "as they had made a move, and found they could make a better one, they farmed 16th or R. St."

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The vote was a "peculiar one". They have inaugurated the "proxy" method, and one person can vote for ten, if he secures their proxies. A good thing for a stormy night, as all the male members of the Easterday family could easily get the proxies of the

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female members. The first vote taken resulted in the defeat of the proposition to change location. There was consternation. Prof. Castorday said "Nisely some mistake", "Somebody has not voted pro according to arrangement". The roll was called and every one brought to the test. Mr. Royer then voted the pro he had kept back, and the result was a majority of one to make the change - thirteen votes pro from one family, and that family interested in the sale of the property at 16th and R. Sts. Mr. Royer - a builder - was, I think, afraid to vote against removal, lest he would incur the displeasure of the majority. Though there were only five votes against the proposition at this meeting, it was because the people could not get to the meeting.

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Nearly, the proposition to change location was carried by only one of a majority.

I enclose map of Lincoln showing the different locations. It has been carefully prepared, and is positively accurate.

The heavy green lines show the parts of the city really inhabited. The parts outside the green lines, have been laid out in lots, but not yet built upon, and much of it not yet sold as building lots. Square 128, at corner of 10th & H Sts. is the property first purchased - Oct. 1881 - by Dr. Conrad, and by him transferred to Board of Church Extension ^{at} its cost \$2000.00. This was, to my mind, a good location.

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and a change from it was not needed to insure the success of the work. In a little while after Mr. Roseman entered upon his work, lack of marked success was attributed to "poor location" and the subject of "removal" opened up. Mr. Grant, Mrs. Rogers and others - the largest contributors - opposed change of location or any agitation of it, and attributed lack of success to defects in the work of the missionary. Dr. Hamma and myself were appointed a committee to visit Lincoln, investigate matters ~~re~~, and were not in the city two hours, until we were unanimous in the opinion that change of location was not essential to the advancement or success of the work. Since the sale of the original church property, it has greatly increased in value, and the neighborhood is one of the finest residence neighborhoods in Lincoln. Prof. S. D. M. Lasterday himself, at the time of our visit (visit of Rev. Dr. Hamma & myself), said "a change of location from 10th and W. 25th is not essential to success".

Square 91, corner of 14th & W. 25th, is the property now owned by the congregation, and the location on which there was a unanimous agreement, and on which a handsome church-building should ere this have been erected. Scarcely had it been purchased, however, until building was delayed in hope of "trading it ^{at} an advantage of one or two thousand dollars. This "deal" nar-

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-ing "fallen through" it was hoped there would be "an end of controversy" and a beginning of work. The Secretary of Board of Church Extension, and the Secretaries of Home Missions, looked over the entire city in July last, examined the different sites, decided against 16th & R. St., and urged the immediate erection of Church building at corner of 14th & N. St. The advice was not taken, but those personally interested in the 16th & R. St. property, in a little while opened up the subject of sale of 14th & N. St. lots, and the purchase of 16th & R. St. lots, claiming an advantage of \$2600.00 for the congregation by the "deal". The lots at 14th & N. St. are the only ones on which the congregation have been unanimous.

Square 32, corner of 16th & R. St. is the property voted for at the meeting Jan. 12th, and adopted by the majority as the place for the new church. It is owned by Rev. S. Groh, of the Penn^a Synod, Poyntown, Berks Co. Pa. and is for sale by "Yesterday Bros. Dealers in Real-Estate - Lincoln, Neb." Bro. Groh is a noble man, gives liberally to our general synod work, and would do nothing to hinder or injure the work at Lincoln. He has been quoted frequently in this matter, and I believe incorrectly quoted.

He proposes - if the lots owned by him, are entirely suitable - to give \$600.00 towards the erection of the church. This he can easily do, if the lots are sold at present price, and still have a very handsome margin of profit.

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He would scorn to have his lot purchased, unless entirely satisfactory to the Church, and for the best interests of the cause.

I enclose card and letter from Bro. Groh named B. In reply to card I refused him that our Board would not in any wise blame him, and told him his agents and special friends alone were responsible for his name being in any wise "mixed up" with lot matters at Lincoln.

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Herewith find also a statement from the Treasurer's books showing that the property at Lincoln has to this time, not cost the congregation a dollar, but on the other hand has paid over four hundred dollars of their pastor's salary and current expenses. There has evidently been too much "real estate" and not enough "personal property", in the management at Lincoln.

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The spirit manifest at the meeting - Jan'y. 12th - and I ^{understand} also at all the congregational meetings - was a very bad one, and far from the spirit of Christ. There seemed to be no disposition whatever on the part of the majority to show any kindness or quarter toward those who differed with them. Every possible advantage that could be taken by the majority was taken, and often in the most adroit manner. For example, a letter from Secy. Zimmerman had in it some very good and plain advice, a little wholesome exhortation. It also had a sentence something

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like the following, which suited the majority exactly: "The Board of Church Extension does not deem it necessary to send a representative to the meeting Jan'y. 12th." The advice and exhortation to unity of action were not read at all, nor even mentioned, but the above sentence was used - the "Clerk" saying: "The Board of Church Extension declined to send a Secy. or representative, though they are interested in the property".

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It was an effort to show that the Board of Church-Extension thought the congregation able to manage its own affairs, and refused to comply with Bro. Lips request or suggestion. It was also used as a reflection on the presence of a representative of the Board of Home Missions.

I enclose correspondence - D - between Bro. S. J. M. Easterday, and myself. His letter accompanied the report of congregational meeting, and my reply was in acknowledgment of the same.

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Conclusions reached. 1. That ^{the} Board of Home Missions should not consent to sale of property at 14th & M. Sts, and purchase of lots at 16th & R. Sts. Some, this is "Church-Extension" business more particularly, but our Board will, no doubt, be asked to give consent. 2. That Board of Church-Extension should pay off the mortgage on 14th & M. St. property, get clear title into its own hands, and hold the property. It would then be "master of the situation". 3. If it was possible to hold together, the

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Twenty (20) people composing the minority, I would suggest the temporary suspension of the work at Lincoln. I fear, however, that the minority would "scatter", and with this fear I am not ^{advised} ready to suspend.

I urged Bro. E. J. Crust to hold fast to the church he so dearly loves, and not allow himself to be driven away. What he will do, I cannot tell. He is the largest contributor and most generous soul in the mission. It was reported, and generally supposed that the defection of Mrs. P. W. Rogers (a sister of Rev. Saml. Hippe) who gave \$150.00 the first year, was on account of Rev. Mr. Roseman and Mr. Crust, but during the recent visit to Lincoln she told me there was "too much of the one family power to make it comfortable for her," and that "Mr. Crust was generally correct on every business item, and always ready with work and money to do his full share".

It is possible that a missionary of strong will, with abundance of grace, and good executive ability can go into Lincoln and make a success of the enterprise. It may require the martyrdom of some one man to accomplish the work, but if the man can be found, I believe there is in Lincoln a door open for great usefulness.

The latest I have from the mission is enclosed notice and result of it marked E. As Rev. Geo. A. Jones D.D. was mentioned in connection with Lincoln during the former vacancy, it is not improbable that his friends may again urge him as the man for pastor.

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Sunday, January 15th was spent in Omaha, Neb. The day was one of intense and bitter cold, the mercury registering 38 degrees below zero. St-Marks Sunday School was visited in the afternoon, and one hundred scholars and teachers found present. St-Marks has had a successful year - having met all its obligations including payment on lot. The S. School, Jan. 15th was larger than the present school at "Kountze Memorial". I informed Bro. Schurr that he can confine his labors to St-Marks congregation & S. School, handing St-Matthews over to Kountze Memorial workers. He will have abundance of work in connection with Saint Marks.

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Though Bro. Detweiler with heroic manliness and very hard work, has succeeded in lifting the debt and raising sufficient money to put the church property in splendid condition, and though he has established St-Marks by aid of the Board, and opened St-Matthews Mission School, and set on foot the "Shull addition" movement, and done more to up-lift and advance the Lutheran Church than any pastor he have had in Omaha, he is nevertheless having a difficult time. Those whom he has antagonized are persecuting him beyond measure, are remaining away from church and keeping others away, and thus injuring both pastor and cause. How long he can endure the persecution remains to be seen. Though this

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is not a mission, its effect upon our mission work, and its relation to the State of Nebraska are such, as to make whatever pertains to it of interest to Board of Home Missions.

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Letter marked E. from Rev. J. S. Detweiler, gives his opinion of Rev. J. C. Jacoby for the "Shull Addition Memorial Church". The people themselves have little or no idea of what they want, and expect the Board to furnish the "right man". They "know a few ministers who were entertained in their homes during General Synod", but "cannot judge as to the minister for the field". Certain it is that the Board of Home Missions must begin this work,

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for though the lots were deeded to Board of Church Extension, and assurances given of "pushing the work", it is now manifest that no building work will be done "until a missionary of the Board of Home Missions is placed on the field." From a Board of Church Extension letter, received at Omaha Jan. 14th, I take the following: "I hope the Board of Home Missions will be able to send a man to begin work in the Southern part of your city early in the spring. Our Board are willing to render some help in starting the enterprise. J. C. Z. secy." This is a considerable "come down" from the first assurances.

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The under-scores are my own, but the sentences under-scored make it clear to my mind that Board of Home Missions will be obliged to bear the heaviest responsibility in this new work.

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It was not possible to get at the amt. which can be raised on the field for the support of a missionary, and I doubt whether this can be ascertained until the missionary is on the ground. In this case, as in several other cases, he will be obliged, I presume, to receive a certain salary, and have amt. raised on the field, deducted from appropriation. I am not surprised at the feeling of the members of the Board with reference to Mr. J. C. Kauffman, when the work at "Orville" looms up. It may have been his misfortune rather than his fault. But that does not alter the fact before the church, that the Orville work was, by somebody, very badly managed. If Mr. J. C. Jacoby has the ability for the field, his record for success has been a good one from the time of his entering the ministry.

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3. WEST
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I have not yet visited West-Point, neither made any definite arrangement for a visit, as I cannot see any special advantage in my presence there, unless the Board desire Bro. Jacoby to remain, and want me to go and tell the Council and congregation that fact. I have no doubt of the accuracy of Bro. Jacoby's statement, as he is in every way reliable, though, of course, sees things from his stand-point. As he has resigned to take effect March 31st, it may be well "to let things alone" at West Point for the present. If, however, the Board think it best that the mission be visited, and the

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Troubles discussed, I will arrange for the investigation. Oh! my. Report, Lincoln West-Point. What next? Rev. Dr. Jones has been spoken of for West Point. He is a fine preacher but not much of a pastor. It is likely that somebody will be obliged to make a fight at West-Point, perhaps somebody be martyred, before everything works smoothly.

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Sent blank application & assurance of aid, according to action of the Board, but have, as yet, had no reply.

The Young Peoples Missy. Soc. of St. Matthew's Philada. have not yet sent me the money, though it was promised several weeks ago. It is "just possible" that Rev. Dr. Baum has insisted on the Young People's giving it to as to help amt. needed for apportionment. I hope not.

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5. SIDNEY

5. Sidney. Letter of Jan. 23rd marked G. is the latest I have from Sidney.

Unless there is another delay, I will be on the ground Dec. 19th to dedicate new church.

6. POTTER

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Letter - H - from Rev. D. H. Shultz. Concerning a visit to Potter at time of Sidney dedication. I have promised to spend day and evening, according to request.

7. HAYS COUNTY.

7. Hays County. Letter I from Pastor Wm. Thole of Hays Co. Neb. Missin.

tells of the work at that Missin. I secured the lamp from Peabody Church, and food lot for pastor through W. A. F. M. Society.

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S. Benedict. The dedication at Benedict has not yet taken place, the "blizzard" of Jan. 12-14, having prevented Bro. Detweiler from reaching the town. He got within fifteen miles of Benedict, but there all trains were "abandoned", and to go by sleigh was to risk getting to Otemity rather than Benedict. As I had been to corner-stone laying and dedication in that neighborhood, I arranged with Bro. D. for an "exchange", he going to Benedict, and I spending the Sunday in Omaha.

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Arrangements were also made with him for "lectures" at different points in Republican Valley, Missin, to help pay pastor's salaries, so that he was "on the road" all that fearful week - Jan. 9th - 16th. It was a splendid week to get "experience", and Bro. Detweiler got it. It was a "specimen" week to act "secretary", though rather "an exaggerated specimen", and Bro. D. says "if he had ever had any aspirations in that direction, they have forever passed away."

He really suffered, as he was on a train "ditched" during that severe Friday. His trip was to little purpose, as the weather prevented people from attending either lectures or dedication. I enclose letters J - from Rev. G. H. Schaur, Missionary at Benedict, and Pres. of Nebraska Synod. They are "characteristic" of the man who wrote them. He gives some information concerning his work, and a good deal of advice in matters with which he has no business. He, no doubt, means it well, but often "spoils things" by being "a little too previous". I think he must be told

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to keep hands and pen off of South Omaha, & that the Board of Home Missions and people at O. will attend to that work. He "jumps" at the policy of the Board etc; and writes his "jumps" to a man like Dr. Geo. A. Rogers. He will make trouble, sure. And think of him repeating that "Anderson received so many votes" when he is the fault of all the disorder that has occurred in the "got" matter this season.

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Letter - K - from Rev. C. Baird. Tells of trouble brewing in Dakota Co. Nebraska. I have written him to go on his way and do his work, regardless of what he calls "the persecutions of his brethren", and have plead with him to "keep out of the newspapers". He replies that he will wait until the meeting of the Nebraska Synod, and then "uncover his accusers".

He may "cool down" by that time, especially if they have much weather such as he describes.
Reply, marked KX.

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Monday, January 30th was spent at Oregon, Ill. - the County Seat of Ogle Co. - in the interest of the Catharine Good Legacy.

For nearly three hours, I answered questions, and found I knew more about the "General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the U.S. of A." than I ever supposed I knew. At the end of the questioning, and after "affirming" the signature of Alexander Gebhart, I received a draft for One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) payable to the order of Alexander Gebhart

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Treasurer of General Synod, Evan. Lutheran Church in the U.S. of America." The draft was at once forwarded to Mr. Gebhart, accompanied by a letter from the Administrator, which I dictated, as follows.

Office Judge of County Court,
Oregon, Clatsop Co. Ills. Jan. 30th 1888

Alexander Gebhart Esq.

Treasurer, General Synod

Evan. Lutheran Church in U.S. of A.

Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Though the will of Catharine Good was not as explicit with reference to the corporate title of the Board of Home Missions, as she evidently desired it to be, the residuary legatee - Mrs. Benjamin Good - knowing the intention of the testatrix - has not only consented to its payment but has urged it for the purpose intended. In view of this, and the testimony of the attorney who drew the will, the judge ordered payment to be made through you, as the representative of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. At the time of the writing of the will, Catharine Good - the testatrix - called for "The Lutheran Missionary Journal" to give the attorney the corporate title of the Board of Home Missions, but in the excitement incident to the serious sickness of Catharine Good the book was not found, and the words "Board of Home Missions" were omitted. After the death of the testatrix, the Journal was found and a copy handed to me as administrator, and one handed to the attorney who drew the will.

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Fortunately, the persons acquainted with the facts are living witnesses, and their testimony being given to the Judge payment has been ordered. I therefore enclose draft for One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00), having received receipt and release from Rev. S. B. Barnitz. I also enclose the part of Missionary Journal which was called for when will was written.

Respectfully yours.

Ambrose Sanborn.

Administrator.

Polo, Ogle Co. Illinois.

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Telegram and letters marked L - from Alex. Gehart Secy. are in reply to my letters, enclosing to him receipt and release for signature and acknowledgment, and notice of "service" for presence at final settlement.

You will notice that Mr. Gehart says (in the lines which I have under-lined with red)

"The Home Missionary Board can get it then by obtaining an order from the Gen. Synod, signed by the Pres. & Secy." Whether Mr. G. means we must wait for meeting of General Synod, or that he will pay it over at once on order of Dr. Ort. and Mr. Deas, I know not.

It might be well to secure order from Secy. Deas. and Dr. Ort. and try Mr. G.

From also letter of Administrator & all the testimony, Mr. Gehart is simply under the circumstances, the agent to hand over the money to our treasurer. I trust he will so regard himself, and not ask the Board to wait until June 1889. If he does, he should pay or secure interest on the money.

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The question of interest on the legacy, has not yet been decided by the judge, though it is very probable he will decide that interest for two years at six per cent must be added to the \$1000.00. In case he does so decide, and the estate must pay the \$120.00, I suggest that it be returned to Mrs. Benjamin Good the residuary legatee. I was glad enough to secure the One thousand Dollars, and assured Mrs. Good that the Board of Home Missions would not demand the interest.

The Board will get much more than the \$120.00 by not accepting the interest, or by ordering an offer of its return, than it will by taking the money. So soon as I hear from Judge Jacobs, I will report on the matter can be fully considered. If Mr. G. pays over to our Treasurer promptly, he can easily arrange with Mrs. Good, but if he must act for us, it may not be so easy a matter. I suggest that the following resolutions be adopted by the Board & forwarded. Resolved that the thanks of the Board of Home Missions are hereby tendered to Mrs Benjamin Good of Polo, Ogle Co. Illinois - Residuary legatee of the Estate of Catharine Good, late of Polo, Ogle Co. Ills. for her unselfish interest in securing to the Board of Home Missions the \$1000.00 devised by Catharine Good for Home Missions purposes. Resolved, that the thanks of the Board of Home Missions are due and hereby tendered to Rev. S. Ford, of Oregon Ogle Co. Ills. for furnishing documents and information to the Court, in the matter of

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the Catharine Good legacy, and for kindly attention to Western Secy. During visits to Oregon in the interests of the Board."

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The wording in these resolutions can be improved, but I believe the sentiments expressed will do good. I am sure the Board will lose nothing by such recognition.

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But for attention to this legacy in person, and closely following it up, he would not have secured it without a suit.

The will was very loosely drawn and the uncertainty concerning the rights of the General Synod made the payment exceedingly doubtful. I greatly rejoice and am thankful that the money has been secured.

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2. ROCK-
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2. ROCKFORD. I enclose correspondence marked -M- from Rev. E. Hansen and Mr. Olin of this city. Concerning the \$50⁰⁰ complained of I know nothing, and therefore simply said to Mr. Olin that if the statement of pastor Hansen is correct, they must pay the money, and under any and all circumstances must act honorably and right by their pastor. I have heard nothing directly from Rev. Chas Roos, who seems to be on the ground at R, but trust information has been sent directly to the Board.

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3. FREE-
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3. Seepport. I fear it was a mistake in the H. Com. W. A. O. H. M. Soc. to re-consider resignation of Rev. A. M. Garrett, and a mistake in him to remain at Seepport. Why did he not find out long ago that his council were not "attending to the finances" and him-
self push things? The Lord give him courage & judgment!

4. OREGON

4. Oregon. Held a delightful service at Oregon, Ill. on the night of Jan. 30th. Every part of the Church was filled & the interest was very marked. Among the Auditors was the father of Rev. A. W. Sully, D.D. who is now eighty-eight years of age, but whose "natural force" is "not abated". He speaks by services in the progress of the Church, and knows that "those who come after him will see still greater things". I also visited a faithful old gentleman and wife, who have considerable property and no children, and talked to them of the work of the Boards, the blessing of having one's means preaching and teaching and establishing churches, those who have fathered them have entered in rest.

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I know the visit did good, and that a will carefully drawn, will contain a bequest for Board of Home Missions. Of course, this information is for ourselves alone.

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5. Anna. Letter marked N- from Mr. James M. Shipley, of Anna Ills. telling of the good work they have done in raising subscription for pastor's support, & asking for suggestions as to a good man whom can we send? The field is a good one in its relation to S. Illinois Synod and territory, and a man of the right spirit can do a blessed work. Anna has a good church and pleasant community, and the offer of the congregation, considering their ability, is a noble one. There is improvement in S. Illinois territory, and a good man at Anna, can greatly enhance it.

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Letter marked - O - contains ^{copy of} description of Rev. G. P. Openole, comments on the same and request for a visit. I replied that I would spend a Sunday with the congregation at an early day, or would send Rev. Geo. C. Henry to preach for them.

Letter marked - P - is the reply to my letter, in response to part of which I have promised them services for next Sunday - July 12th - either by Bro. Henry or myself. I regret some things in the designation of Bro. Openole, as they cannot do any good, and are likely to do harm. I wish he had placed the salary season last instead of first. Bro. Openole has, thus far, not had great or even limited success in the ministry. He is "unstable". True, he has had rather poor fields, but not so poor but they might have been enriched & improved. He reported "Opford Junction" as dead, and suggested that it be abandoned, and yet the present pastor - regarded as very weak - is doing a splendid work there. Letter - Q - is from Mr. W. Zellers of North Liberty, Ia, the other part of Iowa City Mission. It is, no doubt, a very interesting letter to those who can understand it. I will try to visit North Liberty when at Iowa City, provided the weather is not too severe. At this writing - Sunday, July 9th - the mercury registers 22 degrees below zero. The congregation at Iowa City, and the Presb. Iowa Synod, are in correspondence with Rev. J. W. Oleser, Minneapolis Minn. with reference to undertaking the work. He has no family and some means of his own.

IOWA

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2. NEVADA.

2. Nevada. Letter, marked R. followed by a personal visit from Rev. J. A. M. Zeigler took me to Nevada for Sunday Jan. 29th. The attendance at church and Sunday School was very good, and the interest in the services quite marked. The country congregation - called "The Grove Church", is in admirable condition, and the town church doing as well, no doubt, as can be expected.

NEVADA.

The field is a very different one, because of the peculiar elements composing the Nevada population. Bro. & Mrs. Zeigler become, at times, very much discouraged with the town work, and express a desire for "a change". I urge them to "hold on! hold on!" because I do not know that we can get anyone to do better or more conscientious work, and know a vacancy would be detrimental. I think Bro. Z. should remain until church and parsonage are paid for, and the work to this extent put upon its feet.

NEVADA

The "special services" to which he makes reference are still in progress, and the meetings well attended. Rev. A. J. Kipzell of Sipton, Iowa, is rendering assistance. I endorsed application for same appropriation as last year, because the congregation cannot, with the crop failures of last season raise more, and the missionary & family ^{possibly} cannot do with less. I will also write Mr. Hill of Indiana Co. Pa. for some of the clothing of which he writes, as Mrs. Z. will be grateful for them. Later report of meetings
made @ RX.

NEVADA.

3. DEMAR
OR
EAST
WATERLOO.

3. Demar, or East Waterloo.

Letter marked S - from Rev. S. C. Wiley is, I think, a repetition of what you had at last meeting from "Demar".

A "District Missionary" might take this point, with others, and probably make something out of it.

H. DU-
BUQUE.

4 Dubuque. On the second of Feb. I

received enclosed letter marked T - from Mr. J. P. Ris of Dubuque, one of the largest and most flourishing cities of IOWA.

I replied that the General Synod had never taken any action with reference to secret societies, believing that to be a matter of Christian liberty, that it required faithfulness in the membership of its churches, that if church duties were neglected on account of secret societies or any other cause, members were called to account.

I furthermore said that individual members belonging to the District Synods composing the General Synod, believed secret societies an evil rather than a blessing, and a hindrance to the church and true Christianity, rather than in any wise helpful.

His letter of Feb. 3, marked U is the reply, and to my mind shows "an open door feat and effective" in one of the largest cities of Iowa, and one of the most prosperous. It is the old story of trying to enforce Germany in America, and the resistance of the young people. With careful management a mission like that at Delaware, Ohio & Richmond Ind. may be the result. I will promise Mr. Ris a visit at an early day.

DUBUQUE

DUBUQUE

5. IOWA
STATE
SECRETARY

5. Iowa State Secy.

The Advisory Board of the Synod of Iowa have issued circular letter & pledge - marked V - requesting contributions for the support of a State Secy. according to action of Synod - page 15 of minutes. The President informs me that the responses are not very encouraging, and that if raising the salary depends upon the churches of Iowa, the project cannot succeed. He pleads for "District Missionary Service", which I heartily endorse, provided the responses to the Board's appeal be so liberal as to justify such an appointment. It is evident that something must be done for Iowa, not alone for the sake of "the things which remain", but in order to occupy new territory.

IOWA
STATE
SECY.

IV. KAN-

IV. Kansas. & Atchison.

-SAS.
I. ATCHI-
-SON.

There is very general satisfaction with the election of Bro. Rantz for Atchison, especially by those who know him. Rev. Mr. Carhart's work, whatever his motive may be in it, can easily be absorbed by Bro. Rantz when he reaches and occupies the field. There is room for a Mission S. School, and occasional preaching at the point where Mr. C. has opened the S. School, but there must be no draining of members from the regular Mission, and no division of forces. I think all will come right when Bro. Rantz takes charge. As one of the new College buildings will likely be erected the coming summer, our Mission ought to receive additional impetus.

ATCHI-
-SON.

2. EFFING-
-HAM

2. Effingham. Having learned from the Gen^l Secy. that aid had been asked for this point, I wrote Rev. Henry Weigard now living near Effingham, for any facts he could obtain. His reply, herewith enclosed, is marked W-. If he have now a field at Effingham, there is no reason why it cannot be supplied from Atchinson. Pastor and Professors together can surely look after it.

EFFING-
-HAM.

3. EMPORIA-
-PORIA.

3. Emporia. Contracts for the remainder of foundation, and also for the superstructure of new church at Emporia, have been let, and the work will be pushed to completion as soon as the spring opens. Bro. Altman is solid work both materially and spiritually.

EMPORIA.

4. WASH-
-INGTON.

4. Washington. Letter from Rev. M. F. Rincker, marked X- is the latest and all I have from this point. I trust the great and "most blessed work of grace now in progress", may have more peaceful results than the one of last winter at Greenleaf.

5. GREEN-
-LEAF
AND
BARNES

5. Greenleaf and Barnes.

I have nothing from these points, and it seems difficult to get information.

Rev. J. A. Jone, having written me of his intention to resign his present charge at

6. WATER-
-VILLE.

6. Waterville - letter marked Y- I thought he might probably form a new charge of these various points, and immediately wrote Bro. Jone. His reply is herewith sent - marked Z- but does not give any information on these points.

7. KAN-
-SAS CITY
KANSAS.

7. Kansas City, Kansas, the "Brooklyn" of Kansas City, Mo. offers a great field for a new Mission. See letter Z. Would that we could occupy it speedily.

8. HAYS
CITY.

HAYS CITY.

8. Hays City. A great "work of grace" is reported to be in progress at this Mission, over twenty (20) persons having already united with the Church. My prayer is that the Lord may establish them in His Word, and in every good work. The Mission will surely become self-sustaining. After so great an ingathering.

9. TOPEKA

TOPEKA.

9. TOPEKA, Self-sustaining from Feb. 1st

"Good news come to Zion. Hallelujah!"
I am not sure that the Pastor did a wise thing in offering "to take what falls", though it was a noble proposition. The contributions for pastor's support, as made at Annual Meeting, are surely very liberal on the part of the few.

10. OTTA
-WA.

10. Ottawa. Setters married A.A. from Mr. W. C. Seidel, in reply to which I have said I will visit Ottawa en-route to Southern Kansas.

11. OBER-
-LIN.

11. Oberlin. New Church-Building to be Dedicated, Feb. 26th. This Kansas Point is in the "Republican Valley" Neb. Mission. I have promised to be present.

12. CEDAR
-VALE.

12. Cedar Vale. Setters named B.B. - from Mr. A. A. Royle of Cedar Vale, and Mr. S. Henry of Independence, Ks. plead for this point. If possible, something must be done for Cedar Vale, as it will be a sin to lose our present opportunity.

CEDAR
VALE.

at this place, and places near by. I have hope of securing the Paps for Bro. Henry, which will solve the problem for the present, but as soon as it can be done, he must place a District Missiary on this line of road.

13. WEL-
LINGTON,
WINFIELD
PERTH
oe.

13. Wellington & Winfield., Perth oe.

An interesting letter from Rev. J. G. M. Aurch, marked D.C., gives some account of the work in that section of Kansas. Hon. Bro. Eaton is mistaken with reference to Winfield. The Methodists cannot do the work in that beautiful city, as it must be English and American. Mr. Eaton has lost interest in Church-matters, though at one time "a bright light" in the Sutheran Church at Quincy, O. He has become rich and worldly, and must be brought back.

Winfield is one of the prettiest and most solid towns in Southern Kansas, and he must try to occupy and hold it. My hope is to give Bro. Aurch's territory a week or two in March.

14. HUT-
CHINSON.

14. Hutchinson. It is a great pity that he cannot take up this most prominent and important point. It is destined to be one of the largest cities of Kansas - a great manufacturing centre & distributing point. Scarcely second to Merita.

Oh! that the appeal for \$10,000.00 may be promptly responded to, that this and other places like unto it, may be occupied. Every day's delay is a loss, from which it is difficult to recover.

HUT-
CHIN-
-SON.

15. SOL-
-OMON
CITY.

15. Solomon City. I wonder whether Rev. Geo. S. Gotwaert, Rev. P. W. Poreh and others in the neighborhood could keep the work at Solomon City going, until an appropriation can be made for a missionary? He must, if at all possible, hold on to our people at Solomon and not allow them to be scattered or taken by others. I fear they will be discouraged, and that Hartsock will use "no appropriation on account of lack of funds", a faint to the Board.

SOLOMON
CITY.

16. DIS-
-TRICT
MISSION
WORK
IN
KANSAS.

16. District Mission Work in Kansas.
With an "empty treasury", it may seem mockery to write of new work or "District Mission Work for Kansas", but as the Board has announced this as its policy, and as the General Synod heartily endorsed the suggestions of the Board, we must make strong efforts to place one or two District Missionaries in the field in Kansas, the Cornucopia Spring. The Adv. Board of Kansas Synod can I am sure raise from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 for this work on the territory if it will but get at it.

What can we do to get them at it? Should Rev. Angus Dove resign at Waterville, he would make an admirable District Missionary. He has all the energy and tact of Bro. Kimmel, and much better judgment. He is a man of deep piety and self-sacrifice, a good preacher and builder, & in every way just the kind of a man for a successful District Missionary.

DISTRICT
MISSION
WORK

17. THE
KANSAS
LUTHER-
-AN.

17. The "Kansas Lutheran". Has made its ap-
-pearance, as the "State Organ,"
or Synodical Organ of the Synod of Kansas.
I notice in list of correspondents my name,
"without my knowledge or consent" not even
knowing that such a paper was in contem-
-plation. The object, no doubt, is to advocate
Lutheranism in Kansas from a strictly
"Kansas" stand-point. We shall see what we
shall see."

V. DAKOTA

V. Dakota. I Rapid City.

I RAPID
CITY.

Though my sympathies
have gone out to Rev. Anderson, and though
I have tried to help him as much as was
meet in a private way, I am glad the
Board continues to refuse to lette Rapid
City, with him as missionary, on
the funds. It is far better that he should
not carry him as one of our missionaries,
as there are many evidences of imprudence
on his part. Among the Danish-Norwegians
his record is not all that it ought to be.

RAPID
CITY

I am glad that he has been relieved of
suffering and distress in his family, but
also glad that he does not hold a commission
from Board of Home Missions. I enclose a
very grateful letter from him, marked DD.

VI. COL-
-ORADO.
I. DENVER
A. SCAN-
-DINAVI-
-AN.

VI. Colorado. I DENVER, A. Scandinavian.

Letter-marked EE - from
Rev. H. P. Hansen, tells of present condition
of things at Scandinavian Mission in Denver.
Oh! that the Bd. of Ch. of, or some liberal & able indi-
-vidual could believe them of the best on the
building. I believe, with this done, they could
manage the lots and be established.

VIII. WY-

-OMING

I CHEY-

-ENNE.

2. LARA-

-MIE

CITY

AND

ADJACENT

POINTS.

LARA-

-MIE

CITY.

AND

ADJACENT

PARTS

VIII.

OUR

SCANDI-

-NAVIAN

WORK.

VIII. Wyoming. 1 Cheyenne.

Letters marked FF, from Rev. C. J. Beckman tell of the progress of the work at Cheyenne. My expectation is to hold a service at Cheyenne, at time of Sidney dedication.

2. Saranac City and adjacent parts.

Rev. H. O. Opsal, has written a very sensible and pleading letter, on behalf of his countrymen, to Charles Francis Adams Pres. Union Pacific Ry, asking for Pap in Wyoming territory, so as to be able to visit them with the Gospel. He sent the letter to me to forward to Board for endorsement, but as Mr. Adams takes no part in the management of transportation, I presented the matter directly to head-quarters at Omaha.

As they wrote me, asking whether they should grant Rev. Jno. W. Senker a Pap, I impressed their manifestation of confidence and asked for the Wyoming Pap for Pastor Opsal.

I have not had reply, as yet, but believe the favor will be granted. This will enable Mr. Opsal to preach at a number of settlements along the line - become "a District Missionary, without Missionary aid. The more I see of Pastor Opsal, the more favorably he impresses me. He is certainly the best, most discreet and conscientious of all our Scandinavian workers. I will visit Saranac at time of Sidney dedication.

VIII. Our Scandinavian work, in the General Synod, is likely to have a new impulse from the publication of the paper referred to in the letters of Revs.

OUR
SCANDI-
-NAVIAN
WORK

Opsal and Roerms. These gentlemen have already done good work for the General Synod, in giving information through the secular Scandinavian press.

I have furnished the documents for information, and they have carefully used them. Would it not be well to make official reply to the statement referred to by Pastor Opsal? It is an unjust charge against Board of Church Extension.

IX. WASH-
-INGTON
TERRI-
-TORY.

IX. Washington Territory.

Letter marked H.H. concerning work in this territory. I told him no, on account of lack of funds, but if he is ^{the} brother I used to know - poor fellow - I would have told him "no" under any circumstances.

X. NEW
MEXICO.

X. New Mexico.

Letters, marked II tell of Bro. Jensen's work in New Mexico, and are full of interest. I submit as information to show how the field opens up everywhere, and how it enlarges as we begin work in new portions of it.

Oh, for consecrated laborers, and means to send them forth!

NEW
MEXICO

XI. TEN-
-NESSEE

I. DICKSON.

XI. Tennessee. I. Dickson.

What of Dickson? I cannot hear from Pastor, whether he has raised the \$125.00 debt, or not. Pulpit furniture promised by Bro. ^{S. Schuel} ~~Orders~~ of York Pa, on condition of payment of debt, has never been called for. Oh! for new and live men for that territory.

XIII. OUR
MISSIONARIES
AND
THE
BOXES.

OUR
MISSIONARIES

COAL

XIII. Our Missionaries & the Boxes.

It is very difficult to picture the trials of some of our Western Missionaries and pastors, or to give the Eastern Church and Pastors a clear conception of the difference between living in the older states and serving established congregations, and living in the New States and Territories & forming congregations. Especially severe have the trials been during the months of Decem. 1887, and Jan. & Feb. 1888. I know that pastors in the East, who receive \$1000.00 or \$800.00 salary, often question why some of our Missionaries in Western Cities and towns should need \$1000.00 and \$1200.00; and congregations giving money for some Missions, often no doubt, argue in the same way. Oh! that I could bring these pastors and congregations into the homes of some of our Western Missionaries at this season of the year, and have them for themselves, note the difference. The visits should be made now, rather than in the pleasant summer or golden Autumn, to get a true insight. There are Missionaries now on our list, who as pastors in Eastern Churches on salaries of \$550.00 to \$700.00, were enabled to "lay by a little", who now find themselves "fearfully pinched" to make ends meet on \$800.00 to \$1000.00. The other day I heard a letter read from a pastor, in the Schuylkill coal region, who complained of the strike, and said: "on account of this, he must now pay \$3.10 per ton for coal".

The same week I was in the home

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Of one of our western pastors, where there had been sickness, and where stoves had to be kept going day and night. Coal was \$14.00 per ton, and the mercury registering 38 degrees below zero. It required three times as much coal at \$14.00 per ton, to keep the rooms of the western pastor warm, as it required at \$3.10 per ton to keep the house of the Schuyler Co. pastor warm. I know one of our missionaries who lived in a most beautiful and comfortable house in the East, at \$10. per month, who is now obliged to pay \$30.00 per month for a very ordinary, and in many respects inferior house. And thus I might enumerate many articles coming into the daily living of the missionaries.

It must also be remembered that perquisites are "few and far between". Not many wedding fees, which so often help out, come to the wives of our western missionaries. One of them wrote me the other week that he had had his third wedding, and he has been in his present field three years. No old fashioned "lutchings" with yards of sausage and cans of lard and quarters of beef set aside "for the minister". No dried fruits, or rolls of butter and baskets of eggs unloaded at the door of the faithful pastor.

All these things, and not merely the amt. of salary in money, must be considered, and should be carefully and prayerfully ^{considered} ~~made~~, when comparisons are instituted. See Notes. from the

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Different Societies have been a wonderful help and blessing. Would that the faithful women who prepared the articles and the faithful men who contributed money to buy the goods could have been or could be present to see them opened.

They would feel repaid a thousand fold. Tears of gratitude fill the eyes and the prayer of thanksgiving goes up from heart and lips, while children's voices make the little home vocal with delight over some book or toy, or tiny garment some thoughtful one with "mother love" has put in the lot. I have tried to give personal attention to every Missionary and every needy pastor, so that "none lacked", and have been in correspondence constantly, with Mrs. Hipson of the W. A. S. M. Soc. of Conn. so that the work could be done with as much system as possible. "Glory to God in the highest" for the organization of the "Woman's Home and S. Miss. Soc. of the General Synod, Trans. Lutheran Church in the U. S. of A." In that great day, when the books are opened and the dead small and great stand before God, many, very many, will rise up to call these societies blessed, and he who sitteth upon the throne, before whom the heavens and the earth will flee away, will say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." And among "the many" will be our Missionary pastors and their families who have been made comfortable during the bitter winters of 1847 and 1848.

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Boxes

Notes.

XIII. A gift.

XIII. A gift.

Some months ago, a faithful Lutheran Soldier wrote me that he desired to deed his farm to the Board of Education, for the benefit of Midland College. I answered urging him to divide between Board of Education, and Board of Home Missions, but he does not see his way clear to do this. He has however consented to deed the farm to Board of Education, possession given the 1st. of his death, and to devote one half the income each year to Home Missions, and one half to Foreign Missions. I will have the deed written at once, as he has authorized me to do & he will sign it, and here it recorded.

A gift

The minimum value of the farm is \$3000.00. The "dear" of legacy and bequest is surely working, and if our people were preached to about it, and talked to about it, many miles would remember the work of the Master.

GIFT

XIV. CONCLUSION.

XIV. Conclusion. This is "a long report", perhaps "too long" for the patience and strength of my dear brethren of the Board, and yet it might be true its present proportions and the half not told. Never in the history of the work, have I spent such a winter, never has "the case of the churches" seemed so highly responsible, never has the field seemed so overwhelmingly immense! But strength has abounded, and grace has been given, and "So I am with you always", and "As thy days shall thy strength be", have been very precious. With ardent hope and strong desire to see you "face to face" in March or some or May. Gratefully yours. Saml. D. Barnett

Des Moines, Ia. Dec. 10. 1888

Saml. D. Barnett W. Secy

To Meeting Held February 14th 1888

I. NE-
BRASKA.
1. LINCOLN

II. Nebraska. 1. Lincoln.

Since writing report on Lincoln. I have received the enclosed - named JJ - from Prof. S. D. M. Casterday in reply to my answer to his letter. As I desire to give all parties the advantage of statement and hearing, I send this to Board. All his points can be easily answered, and his sarcasm and insinuation about "not being paid for correspondence", kindly passed by. He insinuates, and no doubt, has said that my visit was in response to request of Mr. Brust. I trust the Board, through Secy. Relutz will have him understand that I was ordered to Lincoln, and that my visit was not of my own motion.

LIN-
-COLN.

2. WAVER-
-LY.

2. Waverly.
Application enclosed.

3. SIDNEY

3. Sidney. Dedication fixed for March 4th. Letter named K.K.

III. IOWA
1. NEVADA

III. IOWA. 1. Nevada. The latest from Bro. 2.

I fear I cannot go. "Who is sufficient" for all "these things?" Letter named L.H.

IV. ILLINOIS
1. ROCKFORD.

IV. Illinois. 1. Rockford. Letter named

MM from Rev. C. Brown Pastor. Synod of N. Illinois. I presume the "truce" is the same as reported by pastor Hansen.

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

Des. Moines Ia,
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