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A. Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Starting Baltimore - May 14.

A visit was made to the Seminary at Gettysburg, and an hour spent in conference with the Senior Class. All the members of the class, with, I think, four exceptions are already engaged or are considering calls. Rev. Odgar Miller - one of the brightest of the class - a prospective son-in-law of Rev. Dr. Valentine, is as yet, without a call. I have thought of him for Shull addition at Omaha, but have feared that his delicate "bring-up" might be a fanst him for such a field. Besides talent, a very essential requisite for that work will be the "wearing out of shoes." The Seniors who have not, as yet, received or accepted calls, will correspond with Secy. Schultz.

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B. ADAMS
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B. Adams County Conference.

By invitation, Tuesday P.M. May 15th was spent at Adams Co. Conference of W. Penn. Synod - twenty miles from Gettysburg. There was a large congregation present, and the people evidently interested in the Missionary addresses.

Rev. Dr. Koller - member of Board - was present, and will probably report concerning the service. The regular speaker very kindly gave way, so as to have a presentation of our Home Missions work.

Without exception such courtesy has been extended all along the line.

C. YORK
PENNA.

C. York, Penna.

Wednesday Evening May 16th was spent in York Pa. and Home Missions presented at Zion's Lutheran Church - Rev. Dr. Sully Pastor. Though Dr. Sully was a member of Bd. of Home Missions for many years, and is at present Pres. of Bd. of Ch. H. he told his people after the talk, that "he really found that his knowledge and presentation of the work of Home Missions and Church Extension were very feeble in comparison to facts from the field."

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Thursday Evening May 17th was spent with congregation of Rev. W. G. Allerman - "Preystown" - but being preparatory service. Home Missions were not presented. As Bro. Allerman and his son had said some very unkind things of Board & Secys. a few years ago, I accepted his earnest invitation to preach for him, though it was at a good deal of personal sacrifice, as I took my only evening in the old home - York, Penna.

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D. PHILADELPHIA
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D. Philadelphia Pa. Sunday May 20th was spent in this city, and five services held in the interests of Home Missions. Four of these were with St. Matthews Cong. P. School and Young People's Missy. Society, and one with the Memorial Missin P. School. The Young people will continue to support a Missionary, at such point as Board may

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Designate, and also voted to furnish a Commission set to one of our new Missions. The "Children's Band" of St. Matthew followed suit, and voted a Commission set to such place as I may designate.

The Memorial S. School was well attended and seems quite promising & efficient. The School is well spoken of, but the other labors of Missions are not so highly commended.

To my mind he has worked hard & has had much with which to contend, beside failing, for some season or other, to enlist the full and hearty sympathy of the Philadelphia Pastors.

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My plan was to spend the 20th at Germantown, the Supt. of S. School of Trinity Church having frequently written and urged a visit, through which he hoped the School would support a Home Mission.

A letter from Rev. Suther D. Albert D.D. Pastor of Trinity, telling me of the request of General Assembly Com. Pres. Ch. to furnish them preachers for the 20th, changed my plans, and as Dr. Gaun had accepted a Commissioner for the morning only, he urged Home Mission address for the evening.

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For some season or other our Presbyterian Brethren for "Mifed" failed to furnish the men, and Drs. Albert and Auler found themselves without supplies for the morning or evening service. Dr. Gaun congratulated his people and himself, that they had not been disappointed & told them that "Sutheran Home Mission

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ness better for them than Presbyterian
Theology." You know Dr. G. can say some
very nice and smooth things. He did
endorse our work and my presentation
of it most heartily, and says he will get
more money on the "cry".

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E. The Philadelphia Conference.
White-Marsh Pa.

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By request of Dr. Gamm
and others, I spent Tuesday evening May
22nd at the Philada. Conference White Marsh
Pa. Rev. M. Shelligh pastor. The preacher
of the evening - Rev. J. R. Williams insisted
on giving up the entire evening to Home
Missions, and it was so ordered. He had
a fine congregation, and very close
attention. There is, it seems to me,
a good deal of money in that section,
among Lutherans that ought to be given
to the Board or College. There are rich
people without children, and with but
"few poor relations". I had opportunity to
talk privately to but one person on this
important matter, and trust the conversa-
-tion will bring forth fruit.

F. HAR-
RISBURG
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F. Harrisburg Penna. Zion's Church - Rev.
D. M. Gilbert D.D. Pastor. Reached
Harrisburg at 7.30 P.M. Wednesday May 23rd.
to spend the night with friends. Went
to the prayer-meeting at Zion's Church,
and though Dr. Gilbert had already em-
-menced his lecture, he changed the or-

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der and had Home Missions. I thanked the people for their Easter offering & for the nice gifts to our missionaries, and told them how much more they can do than they are doing, if they will only believe it and do it. Many of them said, "Yes, it's a fact, we might do much more". Dr. Gilbert was most cordial, and is certainly deeply interested in the work of the boards.

G. Altoona Pa.

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Had expected to hold a Home Mission service at the new H^{ly} Church (Fountain) in this place, but on account of one of the conferences of Allegheny synod, the pastors were all absent, and the arrangements could not be made. Had, however, a pleasant visit of a few hours, and tried to plant some seed among the laity. I trust will bring us a golden harvest.

ALTOONA

Mr. D. R. P. Barry has certainly labored most faithfully and successfully. He has now reduced the debt to \$100.00 and "is at it continually". With proper encouragement he will build up a very strong church in that section of Altoona.

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III. NEBRASKA.

A. OMAHA.

I. WESTERN HEAD QUARTERS.

III. Nebraska. A. Omaha, Western Head-Quarters. Mr. Aug. Courtze was visited May 21st, and our Home Mission work, and Western Head-Quarters at Omaha, pretty thoroughly discussed. He hopes the project will not be abandoned, and is willing to hold the lot any season.

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-able length of time. He thinks the plan of general western supervision is gaining in favor with intelligent laymen every day, and that a permanent Head-Quarters with suitable office etc. would add greatly to the efficiency and stability of the work. He believes a committee of laymen, as Namery, Schieser, Prof Graeff, Appold etc. could by correspondence secure the needed amt. and meet the building. Such plan might be considered by the Board, and if deemed wise, such committee might be secured to enter upon the work at the close of the summer vacation.

2. SHULL ADDITION.

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I enclose letter marked A. - from ^{Mr} J. S. Detweiler, which is all I have on this subject. Had hoped for some word from Mr. Keyser of Elkhart Ind, that would justify my going to see him, but I have not a line from him direct, neither through anybody else. Am inclined to suggest Mr. Ed. Far Miller of Theol. Sem. or at least correspondence with Dr. Valentine concerning him. Mr. & Mrs. H. referred to by Bro. D. will not be much help unless they behave very differently from their course at Emporia & Simp. City.

B. KEARNEY.

B. Kearney. An interesting letter marked B. concerning this mission, from Mr. A. J. Schrader, who has been preaching at K. several evenings. English is the solution of the problem.

C. BEN-
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C. Benedict, Lincoln, German Defection.
Concerning these points the letter - marked C - from Rev. G. H. Schmur is characteristic. I submit it for all it is worth. Bro. Schmur is president of Neb. Synod, has good mind heart, but not a very level head. To carry out some of his suggestions would be to "play smash".

D. WEST
POINT.

D. West-Point. Letter - marked D - from Rev. J. E. Jacoby is the latest from West-Point. I know not who to suggest for this field. I fear a student will not answer.

E. SUR-
-PRISE.

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E. Rising - Surprise.
The latest from these places is letter - marked E - from Rev. J. P. Pugh. I will try to make the visit he desires.

F. AUBURN

STELLA.

F. Auburn and Stella.
Letter - marked F - from Rev. J. G. Griffith, tells of "falling off" in subscriptions at Auburn, and asks a visit. Will try to give him a Sunday in July.

III. KAN-
-SAS.

A. HUT-
-CHIN-
-SON.

III. Kansas. A. Hutchinson.
Letter - marked G - from Rev. H. B. Belmer of Peabody, Mo. Concerning Hutchinson contains good suggestions. My plan was to visit H. in July in order to encourage our people to "hold on" and not write elsewhere. If we can secure a man. Bro. B's suggestion is a letter one.

B. SOUTH
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KANSAS.

B. Southern Kansas.

Letter marked H. from Rev. J. G. M. Hersh of Wellington, Kas. gives interesting account of work in that field, and also indicates a little trouble being at Perth. Perhaps the many kind words said and written of Bro. Jacobs of Perth have "spoiled him", and made him "think of himself more highly than he ought to think". He seems to have "waxed fat" in Sutheranism and un-like.

SOUTHERN
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IV.
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IV. New Mexico.

I - from Revs. Fenter and Rosenstengel tell of the work in this territory, or rather express their personal feelings concerning the New Mexico Circular of Bro. D. seems especially grieved over the action of the Bd. W. M. I have no suggestions.

V. WEST
VIRGINIA
A. WHEELING
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V. West Virginia. A. Wheeling.

Had a right royal day - May 27th with the Church and S. School at Wheeling W. Va. The work there, which the Board so nobly sustained, is in excellent condition, and never fails to respond to the calls of the Church. It continues to have some one of its number as a student for the ministry, & is now ^{as heretofore} receiving large accessions from the young people joining up in the Sunday School. It was most refreshing to see results of seed planted years ago in prayers and tears.

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VII. Miscellaneous. A. Letter from Rev. C. Hansen, formerly of Newford Ill. I ad-
vise him to go to Augustana Synod, or
anywhere else he can get work. Letter J

B. Letter from Rev. August Westberg of
Theocritum Mo. named K. - Have
written "No use for such workers in
the general synod. Lutheran Church."

C. The trip to Board Meeting and
the last, embraced twenty five days,
and in those days twenty services or
addresses in the interests of Home Missions,
and a number of visits to individuals
concerning funds for Home Missions, Bd.
of Education &c.

The trip was a refreshing
one because of great kindness on the
part of the brethren, and many ap-
pearances of satisfaction with the
work of the Board of Home Missions.
Praying and hoping for continued
success.

Very truly & gratefully,
Saml. G. Gamitz
W. Secy.

Des Moines, Iowa.
May 31st 1888.

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A. QUINCY.

I. Illinois. A. Quincy.

There is a great desire on the part of the Adv. Committee of Synod of Central Illinois to occupy this important city with an English Mission. The field is one of great promise - a city gaily and full of rapidly Anglicizing young people who are tired of the German pastors and their narrow and hierarchical demands. Secy. Schultz has had a communication from Missions Post. of Synod, and all the wide-awake men of the body feel that the only way to hold our own or advance our work in Illinois is to occupy the larger places. I have several times promised a visit to Quincy, but have feared to make it, lest expectations might be aroused, the Board could not meet.

I assure the members of Synod of our sympathy and readiness to open a mission, so soon as funds will allow, but this does not satisfy the urging.

If there is any reasonable hope of ability to begin work at Quincy at an early day, I will arrange for a Sunday visit between this and Sept. 1st.

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III. IOWA

A. DU-
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III. Iowa. A. Dubuque.

Have made plans to spend Sunday June 17th at Dubuque, by request of English members and young people of the German Churches. This field also looks to be a most promising one.

B. EAST
WATERLOO

B. East Waterloo.

I am not now prepared to endorse the application of Mr. L. S. Finley for aid at East Waterloo, neither do I think the Adv. Com. of Synod of Iowa will do so. My sympathies are with Bro. Finley, but there is not much of promise in the work, as it is in the country, and has but little material to work upon. I have promised to visit him as soon as convenient & try to bring the people up on support of pastor. If they get a good crop this year they will give him a better support. Bro. Finley "farms and preaches" and in some cases the farm receives more attention than the vineyard of the Lord.

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III. NE
BRASKA.

III. Nebraska. A. South Sioux City.

The enclosed characteristic letter from Mr. Cephas Baird, has just reached me, and I submit it for information. Bro. Baird's letters are of their kind - complete in themselves and need no comment.

~~Sam~~ J. Barnitz
M Secy.

Wm. Morris, Iowa,
May 21st 1888.

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