

I. Kansas, A. Hutchinson.

Correspondence - marked A has just been received and though it gives information it is not very satisfactory as to results. Bro. Jones letter disappoints me. He is usually very explicit and very accurate in statement, but this report or letter is not at all definite.

My hope was that he would go to meet the people and then decide that he would take the mission. Possibly the best course to pursue is to call him to H and thus place the matter directly before him. There is no compulsion to call him, and the only way to begin at H, is to put a man there and tell him to go to work. This should be done at once, else we may have our Wichita trials repeated. I believe Bro. J. is the man to do the work at Hutchinson.

B. Wichita. "Well, well" another of Bro. Kemmer's unwise proceedings. Postal card - marked B tells of his plan for supplying Wichita. "Hartsock!"

Rev. A. J. Hartsock, if I am correctly informed has never yet made straight his accounts in connection with the Salina Church, and it seems to me that the experience of the Board of Church Extension with him, would prevent their endorsement.

I will answer his card <sup>simply</sup> saying that I have sent it to the Board of Home Missions. Why will the Pres. of Kansas Synod direct such men to fields without consulting the Board? I am sure he never consulted the members of his own advisory

Board, else he never would have written Mr. Hartsock making such a suggestion.

The difficulty about this kind of thing is that if Bd. W.M. does not appoint Hartsock to the place - and I certainly cannot endorse him - he creates antagonism to the work. He is a most bitter and relentless foe to those who in anywise oppose him.

If, at this time, the Bd. is in correspondence with any other person for Wichita, it will be a splendid & providential excuse for holding H. off.

C. Atchison. Had a great day for Sutheransin at Atchison. August 19<sup>th</sup>. It was the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of new chapel. Over 1000 people were present at the various services. "The Champion" account is, I understand, very correct and as this has been sent you, I need not enter into details. I enclose "Program" etc. marked C.

D. Wellington. Spent Friday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> at Wellington, going over church plans and discussing the field with Miss Mary Bush. The corner-stone for the new and very beautiful church-edifice will, I believe, be laid about Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. A competent architect has been engaged, and all the work is progressing nicely. Rev. Schobe - who is now assisting Bro

Hush is giving satisfaction, and will likely accept a part of the large field in Sumner Co. Nothing will be done however, towards a division until the meeting of Kansas Synod.

The outlook at Wellington is very promising.

E. Manchester - "Keystone Post-Office".

Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> was a great day for the new town of "Manchester" and the "country round about".

Rev. Jonas Root - licensed by the synod of Kansas last autumn, has amid many and peculiar trials, succeeded in the erection of a very churchly and beautiful church. Securing the plans and specifications from the Board of Church Extension, he held the workmen to them, and the result is a very satisfactory church edifice. The B. C. C. also granted a loan of \$300.00 for five years. The ground is 46 x 28, with deep pulpit 4 x 12 and vestry 8.6 x 6.6, and neat steeple 40 feet from ground. The furniture is of hard wood. The cost of the edifice was \$1700.00, a marvel of cheapness and good management. There remained \$600.00 to be raised on day of dedication which included the \$300.00 from G. of Ch. C. The "hot winds" and partial crop failure made this a very difficult task, but it was accomplished within one hundred dollars.

The work was commenced in July and the corner-stone laid July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The lots are 100 x 140 feet and very eligibly located. Bro. West has not had the advantage of a thorough education, but as a worker and builder has proven himself "a workman that need not be ashamed." Some little aid may be needed for this field for next year, but no application will be made until a thorough canvass is made, & the field arranged at Kansas. Synod.

### III. Nebraska. A. Lincoln

Setters E is the latest <sup>news</sup> I have from Lincoln and are sad enough.

I have written Miss Moser suggesting San Francisco, or Wellington as suitable for the Mann, widow.

B. Republican Valley. Setter F tells of <sup>the</sup> progress of Bro. Kimmels work.

C. Nebraska City. In this new (yet old) and promising field, Bro. Jacoby seems much encouraged. Setter G.

D. Omaha. 1. Skull Addition. Reard H says Rev. Suther Kuhns is on the ground and has commenced work.

E. Nebraska Synod. Sept. 15 to —  
Outline Program I enclosed.

III. Wifoni, A. Kansas City,  
 1 Children's Memorial.

Though July 29<sup>th</sup> was one of the hottest Sundays of the season, the attendance at Church and S. School at the Memorial Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo. was most excellent & cheering.

I spent the entire day with this mission, as I had not given them a service since the dedication of their chapel. I was greatly pleased with every department of the work of the Memorial, and regard the future as full of promise and hope. There is method in the work that is refreshing, and at the same time such earnestness as leaves its impress upon every attendant. The S. School is full of life and means a strong church for the future. Bro. Cromer of the 1st Ch. having <sup>three evenings</sup> no service announced attended the Memorial Home Mission meeting Sunday night, being a number of his people with him. Altogether the day was one long to be remembered.

Rev. W. D. Swell, our faithful & efficient missionary of Children's Memorial, will likely resign, <sup>at K.C.</sup> as he has been unanimously elected Secretary of Board of Education, and should enter upon the work of visiting the synods in that interest at once. His place will be difficult to fill, as he has stamped his impress upon the work, and fathered many

of the members, by his own personal magnetism. There are comparatively few in the congregation who have been brought up Sutherans. I have thought of Mr. Geo. D. Gotwald of Salmia Ks. as a very suitable person for the "Memorial", provided he can be secured.

Salmia can get a man much more easily than Kansas City. The "Memorial" is more hopeful than at any time in its history. They are accumulating a Building Fund, and with the main church-building expected, success is sure. The S. School even now far exceeds that of the First Church, in numbers and efficiency. I have not seen Bro. Tuttle since his election, but presume he will make full report to Board, and also suggestions as to his mission or the work's future.

IV. California. A. San Francisco.

Letters - marked J from Mr. D. C. Miller - full of encouragement and also of the need of activity on the part of the Woman's Societies.

B. Los Angeles. See letter K.

V. New Mexico. Letters - marked L give quite an insight into some of the work in New Mexico. There surely should be more care in making promises. I am now on my way to

New Mexico, and will be able to make a full report from the field, I do at the earnest request and pleasing of Bro. Rosenstengel.

VII. Semmes, A. Dickson - See letter marked N

VIII. Men. Note correspondence marked N. I know but little of the men mentioned, excepting Bro. Ward. He is a good man, with a nice family, but has not much "push".

I have found it difficult to write on train, where I have been obliged to complete report. Asking "our allowance" for all defects, & praying a blessing upon the meeting of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sam<sup>l</sup> J. Garnitz  
Western Sec.

Enroute to Santa Fe, New Mexico  
September 6<sup>th</sup> 1888.

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