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II. Nebraska. A. Synod of Nebraska.

This synod held its sixteenth convention in the Mission Church at Rising, Neb. Sept. 18th to 25th. It was preceded by the W. A. or. M. Soc's Convention which was largely attended and most efficiently conducted. Over 150 persons were present at these meetings as delegates, pastors and visitors, and all were comfortably cared for. The hospitality of the members of our Mission Church at Rising, as well as that of the citizens, was most remarkable.

From 120 to 170 persons were furnished dinner and supper every day, in the basement of the church and from 30 to 50 were furnished breakfast. The management of all this immense work was simply "superb" and no words can do justice to the noble woman and earnest men who gave themselves up to the work of entertaining the synod and W. A. or. M. Soc.

Rising deserves "the banner" for synodical entertainment. The synod itself was not so well managed or governed. The Past. Rev. G. W. Schmut Sr. was not born to preside, and therefore there was but little order in the proceedings. Having become weary by the action and discussion of the German Conference concerning a division of synod, he wrote letters here and there, and also visited and counseled Rev. Dr. Hanley, and induced him, in all his feebleness, to attend the synod of Nebraska. The President himself, in trying to prevent a division, did

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more to create one, than all the discussions of the German Conference. Two days were consumed in discussing the portion of his report concerning Missions, and then a conclusion was reached with great unanimity, that the Synod of Nebraska remain as it now is.

Some of the Germans behaved nobly - notably, Bros. Schuman, Shoel and Rosenstengel. ^{the} Friday, from three to four P.M., and Saturday evening service were devoted to Home Missions, or rather set apart for the Western Secy. of the Board.

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Having presented the facts for the past year, and emphasized the needs of the work - money, men, proper observance of Children's Home Mission Day, defacing Kearney interest, etc. etc. opportunity was given to "ask questions". And then the "Dove-heads", "failures" and "Smart Alexanders" improved their opportunity. The first question asked, was "Does the Board of B.M. make any difference in appropriations on account of language?"

I answered with emphasis, "No Sir!" Rev. W. P. Hansen of Denver - the man we have taken out of the mud, the man who has been a pensioner on the bounty of the Board ever since he has been in the ministry - undertook to gainsay my answer by telling how he was made to differ from Bro. Heilman etc. etc. He was, at times, impudent but I simply looked at him and smiled, though while

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I mused (and smiled) "the fire burned".
He was followed by Mrs. Sickle (?)
and Thompson. To Sickle I did not reply
at all - simply ignored him. Thompson
said "he guessed it was like this. A man
was buying horses, and one pair was
estimated at \$500.00, and the other at \$100,
and the Germans and Scandinavians, in
the estimation of the N. A. M. were "the other"
- the little \$50.00 "Ponchos" or Ponies, and
the Americans were the big \$500.00 fellows.

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I replied that there is a difference
not only in the value of horses, but also
in the value of Apes and Mules, and
the same difference in the value of the
services of men in every department of
work, whether the men were American,
German, Swede or Norwegian. Turning
the list, I showed the differences in our
appropriations - in no case on account
of language, but in every case on account
of merit and the circumstances of the
field. When I said we have appropriated
1/15 of all the money given us to German
and Scandinavian work, and that 1/9 of
all the missions here in these languages
and that we fare more than twice as much
as we receive from German & Scan. Churches,
there was no little consternation. Then
I appealed to Dr. Serenifhaus himself
and asked him for the results in the case
of Jeane de. de., how many churches
had gone off ^{to make} de. de. even when supposed
to be no bound as ^{it} impossible for

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them to break the legal contract. He made no reply, but a shake of the head which confirmed my statements.

On all hands it was agreed that the victory was to the Board of Home Missions.

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Several times during the questioning, Hansen, Sicule and Thompson were called to order by brethren on the floor, but I plead that they might be allowed to go on, and have all the liberty they wanted. The contributions for Home Missions, show a splendid increase, all things considered.

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1888 Home Missions	\$ 826.38
1887 Home Missions	\$ 666.22
Increase over 1887	\$ 160.16
New Mexico Special	167.50
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	\$ 327.66

Church Extension however, shows a decrease - the entire amt. raised being \$271.04.

The greater part of one day was spent discussing the work of the State Secy. There was considerable dis-
satisfaction of a permanent office and a decided feeling that the vacant congregations served by Secy. Huler during the year, would make but little effort to secure permanent pastors. They had regular preaching at less than one fourth the cost of permanent pastors. The St. Committee having in charge this work offered a resolution asking authority to "erect a house in Omaha as a perma-

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new residence for State Secy, but it was voted down. Some wanted the house of brick at all - to be erected at Lincoln others at Grand Island and others still at North Platte etc.

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Bro. Huler has done most faithful and to my mind solid and efficient work. The saving and reclaiming of Nebraska City alone, was worth his salary for the year, while reclaiming the passmore property at Oakland influencing the good Germans to American ideas etc. etc. have been of incalculable advantage to the work in the state. I doubt however whether the office will be continued, unless Bro. Weidensall is able to give the raising of the salary his personal attention. The responses from the Synod for salary & expenses of State Secy have been very meagre and the tendency is to make them still less.

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Our District Missionary plan is generally advocated so strenuously, the State Secy. plan.

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One entire morning was consumed in the election of delegates to the General Synod, and some of the electioneering was on a par with that of the "pot-house politician".
Rev. H. P. Hansen - our Missionary at Denver - was perhaps the most

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active "operator" and succeeded in having himself elected an "alternate". One of the clerical and two of the lay delegates elected are in one "syndicate" and manage a few well their personal interests.

On the whole, however, a pretty good delegation was chosen.

There were a number of applications for admission into the Synod, but most of them were rejected. The Synod has "learned by experience" on this important subject and takes advice much more readily than 30 years ago. Every man who had not a clean and clear record and clean and clear papers was rejected.

The Synod now numbers over seventy pastors. When called to the position of Western Secy. in 1881, it had but thirtythree (33). The Board has reason to feel honestly proud of the men placed in the Nebraska field. As a rule they are good, solid men, and doing solid work. Few indeed of the men selected by the Board and Secretaries have failed. Many things of interest concerning this Synod might be written, but time will not allow.

Notwithstanding many anxieties and fears, the Convention was a great one, and must have a marked effect on the future of the work in Nebraska.

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B. Lincoln.

Up to the time of my leaving
synod Monday 2 P.M. Nothing had been
said concerning Lincoln. Mr. S. S. Sipe
thought Prof. D. H. M. Casterday would refer
to the trouble at S. in making report on
"vacancies" but I heard nothing of it.

Prof. D. asked me "what they ought to do?"
My reply was "go home like a Christian
man - reopen your place of worship &
S. school, secure supplies for regular
services and build a church on the cor-
ner of 14th & M. St." I told him "the
eyes of the church are upon Lincoln",
and "sooner or later he and his followers
will be held responsible for the failure
to build. He tried to reply, laying the blame
on the boards and W. H. or M. Soc. Pt. Com. In
his reply, he inadvertently admitted the state-
ment of Mr. Prust that they had used the rent
of property at 14th & M. St. to pay rent of J. M.
and had, we gave as a reason for not
holding services and S. school, that J. M. ch.
Pt. were now receiving the income from the
14th & M. property. At the prayer meeting

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-6 P.M. Sunday - Prof. D. asked "the prayers
of the meeting for Lincoln". I could not but
ask myself "to what good?" Our heavenly Father
answers no prayers we can answer ourselves,
neither hears prayers from those who have
not His spirit, but who seem to have the
spirit of resentment. Unwillingness to yield
to the matter at Lincoln.

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at a very good hotel. If the climate suits him, and he has success I believe he can be supported with but little outside help.

In culture and intelligence, Oberlin is very far in advance of many western towns, though we dare not publish this fact.

Though greatly burdened with the immensity and many trials of his work, Bro. Kimmel seems encouraged in it, and long to be able to open Missions at Holdrege Neb. Norton, Ks. and ⁱⁿ eastern Colorado.

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B. WEL-
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B. Wellington.

I expect to send Sunday, Feb. 18th at Wellington, and the week following at points in Bro. Hersh's territory. Expected to give Feb. 11th to that field, but the prostration in R. Road affairs, and the uncertainty of travel decided me to change date for Southern Kansas. I enclose "The Christian Reminder" ^{and letters} marked B.

WELLING-
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C. LEA-
-VEN-
-WORTH.

C. Seavernoth. Rev. A. M. Geifer of Valley Falls, had a ^{recent} visit from a company of Mr. Young Americanized Germans of Seavernoth Ks. asking for occasional English services at S. These Young people confirmed all that has already been written concerning this important city - one of the very best in Kansas. I suggest the following resolution, which will I think, be gratifying to Bro. Geifer. Resolved that we have heard with pleasure ^{through western eyes} of the visit of Young Germans to Rev. A. M. Geifer, requesting re-

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-casual English preaching at Seareworth
Ks. and hereby authorize Rev. W. M. Geifer
to give such attention to Seareworth as
he may deem wise, and as will not con-
flict with the progress of the work at Valley
Halls. Bro. Geifer may be called to a po-
sition at "Midland College" or in connection
with the work there, which will require his
entire time during the week, but even
should this be so, he can give occasional
Sundays to Seareworth, and keep an eye
on the work there until such time as
the mission can be opened.

D. AT-
CHISON.

D. Atchison. Have just had a con-
-versation with Prof. Glandrup
concerning Atchison, and learn that he will
have matter well in hand for Bro. Reutz by
April 1st. The Corporation will ^{this week} send Rev. Geo.
S. Diven another installment in amt. due
him, and likely clear up entire acct. by Easter.

One of the Council distributing envelopes &
securing subscriptions reports over fifty (50)
persons not now on communion list who
have been identified with Lutheran Churches,
and who Prof. G. thinks Bro. Reutz can bring
in at an early day. As one half of first in-
-stallment of \$50.00 for new College Building
is now ready to be paid over, the Committee on
building, was authorized to let contract for
so much of the work on first building, as
amt. will pay for. This makes the work of
the College more certain, and therefore al-
so the mission more important. Rev. D. Par-

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-part of General Council. May mean more than now appears by his work in another part of city (2 1/2 miles from our mission) but I am confident Bro. Nantz by prudent visitation and advice can upset any plan which means interference or opposition. Mr. D. Carhart is rather "shy" and fond of "luce" whether in large or small quantities and moreover is intimate with Mr. Dr. Paparant. So soon as I can confer with Mrs. A. C. Munroe - daughter of Mr. Carhart, I will have her inform her father that he must not, in any way, by word or suggestion interfere with the work of Saint Marks.

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E. CEDAR-
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E. Cedar-Vale & adjacent parts.

I have secured a Free Pass for Rev. Sam^l Henry on certain portions of Southern Kansas Ry, thus enabling him to supply Cedar-Vale and several other points without any expense of travel.

The money heretofore paid him for expenses from his home at Independence to Cedar-Vale & set, can now be used entirely for his support. The Pass secured will save Bro. Henry \$75.00 per year on trips to Cedar-Vale alone, and enable this work to be continued without aid from the Board. Bro. Henry will be glad of Cedar-Vale rejoice!

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F. OTTA-
-WA.

F. Ottawa. Unless strike and railroad complications continue will visit Ottawa ^{some date} during March. As Dr. Herbst only voices Bro. Lammers' opinion, and his preference

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-ment is only reliable about one time in ten, it will hardly be wise to act on his suggestion. Ottawa may be the one time. Under any circumstances the work at Ottawa will require much patience and wisdom.

G. WICHI-
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G. Wichita. The manner (if you can speak of "manner" in a letter) and matter of Pres. Bommer's letter to Bro. Belmer offended, if it did not incense him. The particulars I do not know, but have no idea that he will go to W. on suggestion or request of Pres. of Kansas synod. Will try to see Bro. Belmer en-route to S. Kansas.

H. DISTRICT

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H. District Missionaries for Kansas.

I consulted with Pres. of Kansas synod, concerning a special effort, among well-to-do Lutheran lay-men in Kansas, to raise sufficient funds for placing in the field two or three District Missionaries.

My idea was that this effort be made after special "Cry" is out of the way, especially if responses to it are not what they ought to be from Kansas. Bro. Bommer answered that "everything is very flat now and business matters growing worse, the boom is off etc. etc."

At the meeting of Kansas synod he said "\$1500.00 can be raised as easy as the turning of a hand" for state work, and synod told him to get at it, raise the money and ask the board to use it for District Mission work in the state. He has made no effort, neither called together the Adv. Board of the synod. I believe the thing can be done, will see result of "Cry".

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IV. Nebraska. A. Sidney.

Great was the joy at Sidney, Cheyenne Co. on Sunday March 4th 1888.

The beautiful church-edifice, complete in all its parts - erected through the energy and good management of Mr. C. S. S. Fisher, was dedicated entirely free of debt. It is the most complete and tasteful church I have yet dedicated in Nebraska, and was entirely paid for, the day before dedication, with a balance of thirty (30) cents in the treasury.

The building is "Gothic Memorial" in style. 37.4 by 37.4. With deep pulpit and choir gallery, and extensive vestibule, with tower and bell. The preserving was done by two young Sutherans, as a donation, and is a splendid and chaste piece of work. "Christianity Brothers" the young Sutheran Swedish artists, deserve great credit for their gift of time and labor, as well as for the style and manner of the work.

Though hard working boys, their donation amounts to \$250.00. Mr. Curtis' Organ ordered and made himself responsible for the 16 stop Mason & Hamlin Organ. Payment is already provided for on the installment plan, and will be met by select concerts or a benefit to the community, as well as an advantage to the orphan fund.

Mr. Adam DeKes, has of course, stood by Bro. Fisher and nobly sustained him in the trying and at times discouraging work committed to him. If all our Sutherans

from the Churches in the East, would bring with them the piety and Church-love manifested by Mr. Jones, we would not have so much difficulty in the Western Mission work.

Some who his Master and the Church of his father, he has been a recognized power for good, and more respected by the other denominations, than if he had accepted the honorable positions offered him by them, and thus deserted his "Mother dear Jerusalem".

Though the weather was very inclement, the attendance was most excellent, and the attention close and gratifying at all the ^{three} services. The Missionary is greatly encouraged in his work, and with the finest Church-edifice in the town, and the good will of the entire community, his earnest labors will, without doubt, be crowned with continued success.

As the ground - 132 x 132 feet, and the building were entirely paid for before the day of dedication, and the people promised that there would be "no begging for a debt", we took only a voluntary offering for the building of a new side-walk along the entire property, and prepared the way for a special effort on the "Cry".

The Church at Sidney is another of the ^{speaking} results of the visit of Past. & General Secy. in the summer of 1855.

I found in my flip with the people, that the Missionary is of "good report" everywhere, and having marked influence for the Sutheran Church.

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B. Waverly.

Card C from Rev. R. A. White, is the latest I have from Waverly.

C. NORTH
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C. North Platte. Having written Bro. Stump that I would spend Friday P.M. March 2nd with him and his people, and thinking such an appointment had been made, I drove sixty-five miles from Oberlin Ks. to Grainfield Ks. to get a train on R. P. Div. N. P. Ry. so as to connect at Denver for North Platte & Sidney.

It was a severe journey through sleet and snow - the drive requiring twelve hours.

Reaching N. Platte, Friday P.M. at 6.30, after 65 miles of stage and nineteen hours of rail-road riding, I found no appointment had been made in account of a "Chicken and Waffle Supper" previously arranged for. I had a pleasant visit with Bro. Stump, and met a large number of the members in a social way. The Ministry and membership report the work as prospering, the church debt being reduced and everything pertaining to the work encouraging.

The Germans having now their own organization and minister, and no part in the ownership of the church property, they go their own way, to the decided advantage of the English work.

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D. KIM.
-BALL.

D. Kimball. Thirty-seven miles west of Sidney, should have more regular services, and a new church building. Bro. Fisher is looking after this point, and

<u>KIMBALL</u>	thinks, with a little help from D.D. of Ch. P., a neat and suitable Church-Building can be erected the coming summer.
<u>E. POTTER</u>	<u>E. Potter</u> , Rev. D. A. Shultz is preaching at Potter, and holding the position.
<u>AND</u>	He cannot, however, have much success, as he lives eight miles from the town & has 160 or 320 acres of land to manage.
<u>ADJACENT</u>	He ought to have a wise and active District Missionary along the line of the Union Pacific R.R., taking "Ogalala",
<u>PARTS</u>	Julesburg, Dodge-Pole, Potter, Dyer and Kimball. If the "Cry" receives the proper response, it will be wise to re-inforce Bro. Stump and Fisher, with such a man.
<u>POTTER</u>	The immigration to this section, from the Old States - has already commenced & promises to be large. <u>Now is our time!</u>
<u>F. SOUTH</u>	<u>F. South Sioux City</u> , Characteristic letter from Rev. C. Gaird. I will try to get him books etc. but Oh! my, there seems to be no end to my asking favors for our missionaries.
<u>ADDITION</u>	<u>G. Shull</u> , Addition, Omaha.
<u>OMAHA</u>	In a consultation with Bro. Detweiler this week, I learn that he fears Bro. Jacoby will not answer for that important field. The Presbyterians have one of their best Omaha men in that field - a fine preacher and very active pastor. They are about to build a \$30,000.00 Church.
	Bro. Detweiler asks concerning <u>Rev. Mr. Stuppelbeen</u> , who made a good impression

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at General Synod. Has correspondence ever been had with him? The field should indeed be occupied by Aprie first. We are losing every day we delay, but what can we do without the right kind of a man? I do not know of any man in the West, c. e. West of Illinois, suited to the field. "Shull Addition", and several places of equal importance, burden my very soul, and I know not how to supply them. Where is the man for Shull Addition, Omaha?

H. WESTPOINT.H. West Point.

I have no additional word from the Mission. Have tried to get impressions of Rev. C. Auler, who has been on the ground but have not succeeded in reaching him.

Bro. Detweiler thinks Mr. Jacoby will be obliged to leave - that matter here fine too far for reconciliation.

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SECY.I. Nebraska State Secretary.

Rev. G. A. Schurr Jr. reports that Bro. Auler, (and more especially Mrs. Auler) is tired of the work, and "a good deal discouraged". Bro. Robt. W. and the Committee of Neb. Synod are somewhat discouraged in raising the funds for support and Nebraska pastors see but little in it, excepting to keep the Germans in good humor.

IV. IOWA.A. IOWA
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IV. Iowa. A. Iowa City. Rev. Mr. Olsen is now on the ground at Iowa City, looking over the field. I enclose letter from him marked E. I have not heard from Ch. Council or members of Ch. since Mr. R's presence.

B. DU-
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B. Dubuque. Will keep up correspondence with Mr. Ris, and visit Dubuque between this time and July 1st.

C. Sioux
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C. Sioux City.

Mr. McKenzie, in a note to Mrs. Garnitz, says: "Several of our windows have been taken, the walls are going up, and we are more encouraged."

VI. ILLI-
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VI. Illinois, A. Rockford.

A. Rockford

The enclosed marked F is the latest and all I have from Rockford. It is neither creditable to them nor cheering to us. Pastor Hansen must have been very bitter and imprudent and insulting, else Mr. Nelson could not have gotten so aroused.

Pastor Roos seems to be on the ground. No suggestions, excepting to introduce the English language at earliest possible moment.

B. CAR-
-THAGE.

B. Carthage.

I favor an appropriation to Carthage, as I believe, taking all things into consideration, it will be wise policy to grant it. Our people there have done, and are doing well, the College will be sustained, and the symbol of Central Illinois stimulated and cheered. I trust we will be able to grant request.

C. POLO
LEGACY.

C. Polo, I. Katie Good Legacy.

I have received from the attorney at Polo, a receipt for \$120.00 interest ^{to} signed by Mr. Gebhart and returned to Administrator.

I presume there will also be a paper covering this amt. to offset it. I think

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HERACY.

it unwise for me to write Post, Ort. & Secy
Pres. for order on Mr. Gebhart. The persons
to do that are Post, and Genl Secy. of the G. M.
A letter from me to Dr. Ort. might be
the very means of having matter delayed.

VIII. NEW
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VIII. New Mexico.

Letters marked G & H, are
the latest from or concerning New Mexico,
excepting the report that the "Uyforman"
have gone in, and are following Rev.
Wm Rosenstengel and trying to create
dissension. "Was ever thus" in the German
work. On receipt of New Mexico Appeal, I
immediately wrote Mess. Schrader and Senter,
protesting against such disorder, and
had several members of Nebraska Synod do
likewise. They have been "waked up" con-
siderably this time.

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VIII.
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A. LARA-
-NIE.

B. CHEY.
-ENNE.

VIII. Wyoming. A. Saranie, B. Cheyenne.

On account of "Burlington
strike" and being isolated from outside
world for five days, I was prevented from
reaching these points during recent trip.
Letter H, from Rev. J. N. Senter gives some
information concerning Saranie, and a
letter from Pastor Beckman says "the build-
-up is progressing" at Cheyenne. His letter
manifests jealousy of Bro. Opsal because of
his going out to Carbon co. There are times
when the devil with all his powers of jealousy
hate, envy &c. takes hold of some of these fel-
-lows. I will try to settle Beckman when
I see him.

X. TEN-
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A. DICK-
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X. Tennessee. A. Dickson.

Glad for the good news of resignation of Rev. W. C. Garnett. Rev. Mr. Anthony is anxious to return to Tenn, and is a most excellent and conscientious man. He organized the Church at Dickson. His ad. exp. at present is "Howlands", Indiana.

XI. CALI-
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A. SAN-
-DIEGO.

XI. California. A. San Diego.

I am very sorry to learn that Dr. Mrs. Hamma will not go to San Diego for a visit. I had hoped for much from his good preaching and work, until such time as a permanent missionary can be secured. "What next?" or "Who for San Diego?" asks the Genl Secy. I really do not know.

XII. NEW
YORK.

A. BROOK-
-LYN.

XII. New York. A. Brooklyn.

The language of the Sitar, i.e. the sentence or prayer most frequently used in it is very applicable to Rev. Mr. Sharp as missionary at Grace Church. If they can stand it for one year, I have no doubt the Board can afford to make an appropriation. I fought this man out of Kansas and Nebraska, and now he turns up in New York. He is an ecclesiastical sponge and "sharp-er". Perhaps I do him injustice, as conversion may be instantaneous. I will therefore change sentence and say he was a miserable ecclesiastical sponge, miser and sharper, utterly unfit for the ministry, and from all such. "Good Lord deliver us!"

SHARP.

XIII. CON-
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XIII. Conclusion. The report for March

is not as full and complete as it would be, if a number of letters sent after me to various points had reached me. Letters ^{from} ten to twenty different points were forwarded, that as yet, have not reached me, and cannot now arrive in time for forwarding to board.

Mails and travel have been greatly disordered by the strike of engineers & there is uncertainty on all the western lines. So he isolated from the outside world for five days. with no mails, no newspapers, and very poor telegraph service gives me a peculiar feeling of loneliness and uncertainty. I could not but wish that all the anti-railroad legislators, and all the agitators who scream "monopoly", but who inaugurate monopolies equal to slavery itself, had been caught at some off point, and "cut off" for a few weeks from home & business.

They would soon be ready to promise ^{again} never to legislate against rail-roads. Unless the strike extends, I will spend March 16. to 26th in Southern Kansas, though I do not want another 65 mile drive through sleet and snow to ~~make~~ ^{meet} engagements.

That the "Cry" of the Master, ^{and} the multitude, as issued by their servants the Bd. of Home Missions may be everywhere heard and heeded, is the prayer of

Yours very gratefully,

Sam'l J. Darnitz
W. Secy.

Des. Moines Ia,
March 3rd 1878