

II. WESTERN SECRETARY.

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With heartfelt appreciation, I acknowledge the official notice of re-election to the office of Western Secretary of the "Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Evan. Lutheran Church in the United States of America," and pray that in the years of work upon which we now enter, the fondest hopes and highest expectations of the Board and the Church may be fully realized.

Never before in the history of the General Synod have the demands of the work been so great, and never before the promise of large results so bright.

III. ILLINOIS.
A. CHICAGO.
I. GRACE CHURCH.

III. Illinois, A. Chicago, I. Grace Church.

Sunday, June 30th - was spent in Chicago, and was "a full day". The morning and evening here given to services in Grace Church and Sunday School, and the afternoon to the new German "Wazasetta" Mission on Fuller. An Avenue. As pastor Heilman had not yet returned from the East, and there was no announcement of an official visit, and indeed no certainty of services at all, the attendance was, no doubt, smaller than usual. The attendance at morning worship was less than one hundred, and at evening service less than fifty. Mrs. Heilman, Mr. Sessler and others accounted for the small attendance on the ground of "the people being uncertain about

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the church being open" "the fear on the part of some that Dr. Serwinghaus would preach" and "the presence in the city of the most prominent and eloquent of the Augustana Synod's ministers - Rev. Mr. Sherrison of Sindsborg, Kansas." It seems that a goodly number of Americanized Swedes from the large Augustana Church are now attending service at "Grace" and their absence during my visit was accounted for as above. The Sunday School Secy. reported 186 present - a beautiful school indeed - and full of promise.

The church property is most beautiful and all that can be desired as to location, architecture and conveniences - for effective and attractive work. A lack of success can no longer be attributed to a lack of "a beautiful and attractive church building." Mrs. Heilman spoke of being "much encouraged in their work" "happy in their new and comfortable parsonage" "very hopeful of the future &c. &c."

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2. NA-
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MISSION

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2. "Nazareth" Mission, German
By request of Rev. Dr. Serwinghaus, I visited this mission, and made the English address at the laying of the corner stone Sunday June 30th at 3 P. M. This is a

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new enterprise recently opened by Dr. Serenifhaus in one of the rapidly growing parts of Chicago. It is in charge of Rev. Prof. J. S. Nere - one of the professors in the German Seminary, recently from Pfullen, Germany.

I was well pleased with the appearance, address and spirit of this mission, and believe him to be in full accord with the General Synod. Dr. Serenifhaus introduced me with considerable "clat" as "an official representative of the Great Board of Home Missions of the Great General Synod of the Great Lutheran Church in the U.S. of America."

He told the people something of our Home Missions work, and really complimented the Board. In a conversation with Dr. S. afterwards, he said he was "very much ashamed of some things he said and some things he did at General Synod", that he "had lamented over them a great deal", that he was grateful to the Observer reporter for dealing gently with him etc. Indeed he seemed to be on the "apologetic", and expressed himself as deeply grateful for my presence and address at the Corner-stone laying. The location of the new "Nazareth" Mission seems to be a good one, a nice little congregation has been gathered, and the new edifice costing about \$1000.00. will be ready for dedication in a few months.

3. WEST
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3. West and South Chicago.

Without any delay Missions should be opened in West and South Chicago. That is, on the West and South side of the city. It is now the third, if not the second city in population in the United States, having as many, or nearly as many inhabitants as Philadelphia, Penn^a. If it is at all possible, two or three of the strongest Missionaries we can command should be placed in Chicago, during 1889 and 1890. They

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would strengthen and stimulate and help the work already on hand, and find new openings for Mission Sunday Schools &c. Such an addition to the Chicago field would be a power also in the great State of Illinois, where we have yet very much land to be possessed & where much of the work done years ago, must be strengthened or done over again. I call attention to these points or facts that they may be considered, and though the men or means may not now be on hand to enter this "open door great and effectual", that we may keep it before us, and at the earliest possible moment undertake several new Missions in this great city. "Hasten, Lord, the glorious time!"

CHICAGO.

III. NE.
BRASKA.
A. OMAHA.
1 ST. MARK'S.

III. Nebraska. A. Omaha. 1 St. Mark's.

Letters of June 26th and July 5th - marked A - pertain to St. Mark's Mis-

OMAHA

-sion at Omaha, Neb. The first con-
-tains notice of resignation, and the
-second gives date of congregational
-meeting - July 17th

ST. MARKS

I have promised
- to attend and conduct the meeting,
- and will probably remain over the
- following Sunday. Notwithstanding
- what Bro. Schurr says concerning
- the news of Mr. Michelmey, the
- resignation did not come any too
- soon. Mr. Michelmey is a most kind-
- hearted man, noble and sympathetic,
- rather inclined to suffer than appear
- antagonistic. He has strong sympathy for
- him, though he knows a change will
- be of advantage. Bro. Bro. Schurr and
- his "sweet-heart" have erred exceedingly

SAINTMARKS

On the evening of the day of which
- he resigned, she also resigned her po-
- sition as organist, teacher &c. &c.

Then both got into "a sort of alterca-
- tion" with one of the members of the
- Church opposed to Bro. S. and Mr. Mic-
- helmey led the member out of the
- house and dispersed the trio. It
- seems to have been a performance
- something like the one at the third
- Church in Louisville, Ky. I hope it
- can be as easily "settled". Secy. Blutz
- suggested the Rev. Albert Schroder of Grand-
- Island, as suitable for St-Marks. Settle-
- ment B - gives Mr. Michelmey's opin-
- ion, which is rather adverse. St-Marks
- really needs a stronger man than

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ST. MARKSOMAHA.

it has had, and a stronger man than
 Bro. Shrader. The competition in that
 section of the city is now very great.
 The field needs a fairly good preach-
 -er and a live, intensely wide awake
 and indefatigable visitor and carver.
 The man who will spend his morn-
 -ing in preparation for the pulpit,
 and his afternoons in "beating out
 his shoes" visiting families and in-
 -viting them to the mission, will have
 a great success at St. Marks.

ST. MARKS

Letter - marked C from State Secy,
 Auler also refers to St. Marks. I have
 written him that Rev. Bro. Arine will
 not answer. that the Bd. of M. know
 that St. Marks of Omaha is one their
 missions, and that they were giving
 it the most careful attention.

OMAHA.

Also that he would be glad for names
 of ministers he would deem suitable
 for St. Marks.

J. SHULLADDITION

J. Shull Addition. Letter and Program
 -marked D - indicate encouragement
 at the Shull Addition mission. From
 other sources also I learn that the
 missionary is in "good report" and
 that audiences and interest are grow-
 -ing. I will, I. V. visit the mission
 in some one of its services. July 21st.

B. KIM--BALL,POTTERANDDIX.

B. Kimball, Potter and Dix.

Letters - marked E - relate to this
 field, being the declaration of Rev. J. J.

Heibertshausen, and my reply to it.

The Young man has no earthly reason for writing in any such way, either as to the Board or the Secretaries.

This case is but another illustration of the evil effects of our Young men going to outside Seminaries for their theological instruction. There are it is true, noble exceptions, but as a rule there is demoralization and dissatisfaction with the Church of their fathers, and an unwillingness to make any kind of sacrifice for her welfare. To enter upon Missions or Pastoral work in a disappointed and sensitive and suspicious condition betokens no hope of success.

It might, perhaps, be well to assign Mr. G. W. Schmur Jr. to this field.

Postal card and Newspaper clipping marked F, relate to this same field.

C. Sidney. Letter marked G from Rev. C. S. S. Fisher, expresses a desire or intention to leave Sidney by August first. He approves the suggestion of having Rev. Mr. Fleck succeed him, and I have written him to invite Mr. F. to visit with him, preach for him &c. before he leaves. As Rev. A. B. Shrader has returned to his post at Grand Island, Bro. Fleck is now, no doubt, relieved from duty there, and can make the visit to Sidney.

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DIX

C. SID
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SIDNEY

D. NORTH
PLATTE.D. North Platte.

It is currently rumored in Nebraska, that Rev. Adam Stump - our faithful and successful Missionary at North Platte Neb. does not intend to return to his field. I cannot think this possible, as he has not intimated anything of the kind in any correspondence or conversation with me.

E. THE
REPUBLICAN
VALLEY
MISSION.E. The Republican Valley Mission.

According to instructions from the Board, I will visit all the points in the territory of the Republican Valley Mission, at as early a day as I can arrange the details. The file of reports will show how frequently I have noted defects in Bro. Kimmel's work, and my letters to him will show him very often he has been advised against harshness. Fear without counsel ~~is~~ ^{is} the same can be said of both letters and conversation of Bro. Kimm. The visit will not, by any means, be a pleasant one.

The fact that Mr. Stummey does not want to be quoted - seems like unwillingness to stand up for what he writes, when the test comes.

Neither Bro. K. nor his wife take kindly to any sort of investigation or interference with their chosen method of work. The heat is now terrific and intense, and the visita-

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-tion can be more successfully made when the "hot spell" is broken.

F. WAYNE

F. Wayne. Letter marked H - from Rev. W. S. Ulick, Missionary at Wayne, Neb., asks for an early visit and also asks that we use Rev. Mr. Frazer at some Mission point.

Of course we cannot use him as he does not succeed in either Mission or educational work. He failed at Franklin as a Missionary, and at Wayne, as an educator. Bro. Kimmel "hired him off" on the Academy Com. of Neb. Synod as "a splendid teacher" and now they want us to take him "for any people that will be satisfied with a good man".

WAYNE

I am sorry that Bro. F. was ever brought to the West. He is a most excellent man - pure and upright and true and good, but not at all adapted to Nebraska work. The new "Board of Supply and Demand" at Springfield O. may be able to find a field for him. Such cases touch my heart and heavily burden me, because they prey on my sympathy, but we dare not either place such men in the Mission work, or keep them in it, when somebody else places them, as they have not the elements of success.

WAYNE

I will try to visit Wayne next week and look at adjacent points of which Bro. Ulick wrote in a former letter.

WAYNE

G. STELLA
-LA.

G. Stella. I have unofficial information that Rev. P. Ewald has been called to Stella, Neb. and has accepted the call.

H. MISCELLANEOUS
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H. Miscellaneous. Letters - Marked I - from Pres. G. H. Schurr, and Rev. Lephas Baird refer to various points and items which may interest the Board.

III. KANSAS
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III. Kansas. A. Valley Falls.

A. VALLEY FALLS
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As yet I have had no reply to my letter written to Secy. of Church Council, and believe it will be wise for Board to order Genl. Secy to send copy of the complaints of "Secy and Trustees" directly to Bro. Geifer.

If he does not voluntarily (after such statements as those made by "Secy of Ch. Council") resign, he might be requested to do so, as the work at Valley Falls is evidently suffering under present management.

B. WICHITA
-CHITA

B. Wichita. Rev. W. S. Seabrook writes with gratitude for Railway favors, and with hope and enthusiasm concerning his prospective field.

He knows not all that is before him, but with faith and courage he will surely have success.

He manifests a spirit that betokens earnest work.

C. LEA-
-VEN-
-WORTH

C. Searenuth.

According to instructions by June Board-Meeting, I will arrange to spend a Sunday and several week days at Searenuth, taking a subscription for support of Missionary, and also taking a survey of the field. This will be done as soon as arrangements can be made consistent with present engagements. If our plans had not been interfered with, Searenuth would to-day be in better shape for work than it is. We must now, however, make the best of it, and try to secure a suitable Missionary, as the field is one of the most important in Kansas.

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D. ELLS
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D. Ellsworth. Hase, as yet, had no word from Rev. Mr. Kribbs as to his acceptance. Would have taken this for granted and sent him orders for half-Bare, but do not know his present post-office address.

E. OT-
-TAWA.

E. Ottawa. The redeeming feature of the extract from Bro. Senter's report on page 141 of July Journal, is that the name of the city is not mentioned. There is an implied reflection on the Missionary, and on the Bd. of W. M. for temporarily abandoning the Ottawa field. Such statements are entirely misleading and should

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be taken only in view of all the facts. If there has been failure at Ottawa on account of location the fault must be laid at the door of Bd. of Ch. Extension. I wrote that Board directly from the field & asked them to send Secy. Richards at once with authority to stop the work of building on the lot selected by the congregation. It must be remembered also that Miss Mary Seidel took the course he did by advice and consent of Bd. of Ch. of Bd. of H. U. & Adv. Bd. of Kansas Synod, in order to secure and save the property. To base the outlook for a mission in a city of 10,000, already well churched and not growing and having already two Sutheran churches - one of them German and English, on the fact of an audience of fifty (50) in the morning and one hundred (100) in the evening is not by any means sound logic. At the time of my first visit to Ottawa "Father Altman" had worked up three audiences for me ranging from 150 to 600 persons, but it was a different matter for the Missionary to get "audiences" when it meant to the people work and pay to build up a Sutheran church. If Bd. of Ch. of H. U. will put from \$4500.00 to \$8000.00 in Ottawa in church property, perhaps the work there can be re-opened.

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IV. IOWAA. DAN--ENPORTIV. Iowa. A. Davenport.

Letter - marked J - from Mr. G. W. Snyder reports the results of my visit as very beneficial and satisfactory. He seems gratified, and more encouraged than for some time.

B. NE--VADA.

B. Nevada. Rev. G. A. M. Zeigler PhD, has been elected to the chair of Mathematics in Washoe College. But I have not learned whether he has accepted.

VI. COLA. DENVERI. WOMANSMEMO--RIAL.VI. Colorado. A. Denver. I Woman's Memorial.

Document marked K - from Miss Mary Heilman given. Her speak for themselves. The statement to the Board is a clear and manly one, and indicates excellent management and magnificent work. I think we should say this to him, not that he has done more than his duty, but because "a word fitly spoken" will cheer him. It is evident from his letter, that he does not regard Rev. G. Kiefer as a strong enough man. All Bro. W. says concerning this we do well to consider, as the Denver presbit is a very strong one, and the competition great. He is also correct when he says "there must not be any vacancy".

DENVER

B. Pu.
-EBLO.

B. Pueblo. I enclose a very full and carefully prepared sketch of this great and promising manufacturing city of Colorado. Oh! that we had an English Mission in Pueblo. If the property selected by Secy. Zimmerman in 1855, had been purchased, it would now be worth \$6500.00 to \$7000.00. An American Mission in Pueblo would be worth a score of such Scandinavian Missions as are now vacant at Aspen, Leadville &c. Oh! for men and money to occupy these promising cities.

PUEBLO

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C. Col.

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SPRINGS

C. Colorado Springs. A number of our people have been moving to this beautiful city. Some of them ask for a visit and a service, but it is hardly worth-while to visit them, unless some little hope of organization and a missionary can be held out to them.

VIII. THE

SYNODS

of

1859

VIII. Visitation of Synods.

The following is the list of Synods for 1859, the date and respective places of meeting. I have marked those I will (D.V.) be able to visit, subject to any changes the Board may deem wise. If thought best to omit those

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heretofore visited by Western Secy. or turn them over to members of the Board, and have me visit those never visited by Western Secy. It will of course be my pleasure to do so. Should Bro. Bell accept the position of Secy. and enter upon his duties in time, he will be able to attend quite a number of Synods.

September, 1889.

Synod of Nebraska, Grand Island, Neb
Septem. 3rd. Rev. J. A. Banta, D.D.

Allegheny, Pa. Everett, Pa. Sept. 4th

Southern Illinois "Sargeant's Chapel"
Bollinger Co. Mo. Sept. 5th

New York and New Jersey, Ashep N.Y.
Sept. 4th.
Rev. S. B. B. W. Secy.

East Pennsylvania, Steelton Pa.
September 18th.
Dr. Evans

Wittenberg, Ohio, Mansfield, O. Sept. 24th

Central Pennsylvania, Jopville Pa.
Sept. 26th.
W. Secy.

October, 1889.

Synod of Maryland, Martinsburg, W. Va. Oct. 2

Hartwick, West Camp, N.Y. Oct. 2nd.

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Pittsburgh Pa. Venango Pa. Oct. 2nd

Central Illinois: Carthage, Ill. Oct. 2nd
Western Secy.

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Kansas, Atchison, Kas. Oct. 2nd
Rev. J. A. Clark D.D.

Northern Indiana, Auburn Ind. Oct. 2nd
Western Secy.

of

Miami, Springfield O. Oct. 9th
Western Secy.

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Iowa, Sipton, Ia. October 9th
Western Secy.

East Ohio, New Phil. O. October 9th
Western Secy.

West Pennsylvania, York Pa. October 16th
Member of W. Secy.

Ohio Branch, Louisville Ky. October 30th
W. Secy.

Middle Tenn. Shoffner's Ch. Member. 6th
W. Secy.

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Northern Illinois, Sharn Wis. not fixed.
W. Secy.

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VIII.
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A. DICK-
-SON.

VIII. Tennessee. A. Dickson. Care - names N. - and letter names N. indicate that possibly one of these young men might be had for a mission as humble as Dickson, Tenn. Bro. Drien has probably learned a good deal since his experience at Atchison, and might now be useful in some less important field. He seems very

DICK-
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TENN.

anxious to get to work again.
Does any member of the Board know Mr. Whelger? What is his record? Our experience with men from the South has not been such as to make us sell them, and yet if this young man has a good Seminary record - is energetic and ready to work anywhere, we might use him in some one of the vacant fields.

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-SION.

That the Board may have all needed wisdom for the work, and the church furnish money and men to sustain and enlarge it, is the prayer of

Your servant
Sam^l B. Garnitz
W. Secy. 3

Mrs. Morris, Iowa
July 12th 1882.

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