

and was followed by a lively discussion in which all the pastors took part. On Saturday evening Pastor Bernson preached on "The Great Commission." This was also followed by a general discussion in which we all took part. Rev. Bernson is an excellent preacher. I regard him as one of the best we have. On Sunday we had three sermons by pastors Brewer, Bernson and myself. I had had practically no time for preparation and was on pins and needles, as it were, but happily I got through all right. While cruising around Rose Bay I discovered a gold lead. I told Rev. Behrens that I had found a gold mine and borrowed an axe, and accompanied by him and one or two other doubting Thomases, I braced up the quartz and found evidence of gold in it. Since then I submitted some sample stones to our jeweller here. He examined them under the microscope and found some gold in them. It was in very small quantities, but was there all the same. It was hardly rich enough, however, to warrant spending 10 or 15 dollars, the amount necessary for taking up a claim. Still there might be a lot of gold there. The lead had never been opened before though it was plainly exposed and right near the road. We had rather poor weather for our Synod. It was either raining or threatening rain nearly all of the time. The attendance was small and the collections amounted to only about \$25. It was to be a time, right in the midst of planting.

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Mrs. Zwick, Matron of the Orphans' Home, has
tendered her resignation to take effect Sept. 1, 1910.

I think she intends to get married. We may possibly
be able to get Mr. Wm. Bailey of Lumburg to take charge
of the Home. He is the foremost layman in our Synod
and would make a success of the Home. It would set it
on its feet again and put it in better position than it has
been since Herbert retired as superintendent.

You are right about Halley and the Comet. I was well
aware of the circumstances, but wrote only in a general
way without regard to scientific accuracy, not thinking
that I would be picked up on the subject. I should have
been more exact. I returned home from Synod Monday
noon. Tuesday I finished my gardening. I put out
20 hills of Cantaloupes, 20 hills of cucumbers besides
beans, turnips, sweet corn, beets and pop corn. I
will have quite a garden if all goes well. Already some
of my Lima beans are up and the lettuce is up and
doing fine, so also the onions. I think I have 12
different things in the garden. I have been working
pretty hard in a manual sort of way for the last
two or three days. I have the lawn all mowed down
and trimmed up nicely. It looks quite fine now. I
planted some phlox and nasturtiums to-day. I had
to make several sick visits yesterday and to-day and
have had hardly any time for study this week. I will
go to Chester Sunday. My horse is well again and I
will return my little pony Saturday. We had our

first dish of ripe strawberries for tea this evening. They were not native berries, however, but imported. Ours will not be ripe until the middle or last of this month. The wild berries here ripen first and are also the sweetest. I think this is the opposite of the way of the berry with you. I was glad to hear that your Graunstein grapes were growing. If you had grafted on the limbs of grown trees you would have had the fruit much earlier I think. But in the long run the latter way is perhaps the best. Bonnie and the baby both had quite a siege of the grippe, but both are coming around again. I think Cora also missed me while I was away. Bonnie says he was troublesome and didn't sleep well, but ever since I came back he has slept all night and till eight o'clock or after in the morning. He is beginning to feel like himself again, which has not been the case since he took his cold. Bonnie says Many thanks for the ages sent. She wants to put them down in our Birth-day book. We are waiting expectantly to hear more definite news concerning Walter and Jennie Lee. Tell them to come up to see us on their honey moon trip. Well, I must close. With love to you all, I am

Most affectionately yours
Corraet Little.