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Container List

Bond and Mortgage, Parsonage, Sheboygan Falls, 1899
Correspondence
   Call from Albany, New York, 1892
   Call from Charles Mix, Iowa, 1885
   Call from Gibbsville, Wisconsin, 1890 (in Dutch)
   Call from Graafschap, 1890, 1892 (in Dutch)
   Call from Grand Haven, Michigan, 1888 (partially in Dutch)
   Call from Grand View, Iowa, 1887
   Call from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, 1889, 1898 (in Dutch)
   Call from Waupun, Wisconsin, 1892
   Call from Westfield, North Dakota, 1897 (partially in Dutch)
National Newspaper Club, 1897
Zwemer, Samuel, Asia, 1890, 1900, 1902
W. A. Alexander, Insurance Agent, 1891