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Laying of the Corner-Stone The Memorial Chapel

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THIS BOULDER, WITH THE FOUR WHITE MARKERS, DESIGNATE THE SITE OF THE FIRST CHURCH ERECTED BY THE HOLLAND COLONISTS IN 1847, THE YEAR OF THE SETTLEMENT. IT WAS 35 X 60 FEET AND DID SERVICE UNTIL 1856.

ERECTED BY THE BOARD OF PARKS AND CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

1917.

THE FIRST CHURCH ERECTED IN HOLLAND

Memorial Plate from the
Community Monument on
the Highway East of the
City of Holland.

"This is none other than the House of God"

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From the Curse of Eden

THE VOICE OF
HOPE

Has Preached the Gospel of Glad Tidings
at least once
Each Sabbath Day

Thru the Cross of Calvary

Fearlessly and Constantly
On to this Year of Our Lord
Nineteen Hundred Twenty-seven
With Promise of Continuous Service
TO THE

Crisis of the Judgment

SERMONS PREACHED

by

HOPE COLLEGE GRADUATES
1866-1927

Over 675,000

or the equivalent of
Two Sermons Each Week
from B. C. 4004 to 1927 A. D.

Program

Laying of the Corner-Stone The Memorial Chapel Hope College

Wednesday, October Twelfth, 4 P. M.

THE CAMPUS



Processional:—from Winants Chapel

Hope Trumpeters

Miss Margaret Hondelink, Miss Julia A.
Hondelink, Miss Henrietta Kots, Miss Edith
McGilvra.

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Western Theological Seminary

The Preparatory School

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and Guests

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Doxology

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Invocation:—President Reverend John E. Kuizenga,
D. D., Western Theological Seminary

Music:—“Collegium” ----- Dosker-Nykerk

Scriptures:—Reverend Gerhard De Jonge, D. D.,
President of the Board of Trustees

Hymn:—“The Church’s One Foundation”

Address:—Reverend Henry J. Veldman, D. D.,
Muskegon, Mich.
President of the Board of Trustees,
'19-'20
Member of the Board of Trustees,
1927-28.

Laying of the Corner-Stone

Mr. C. M. McLean, Holland, Mich.
Vice-President of the Board of Trustees

Prayer:—Reverend Evert J. Blekkink, D. D.,
Western Theological Seminary

Music:—Glee Clubs

Benediction:—Reverend Gerhard De Jonge, D. D.

The President of the Board of Trustees and the
President of the College, Presiding

*The Corner-Stone is the gift of
Reverend John De Jongh, '97,
Rock Rapids, Iowa*

Address

*At the Laying of the Corner-Stone of
Hope's New Memorial Chapel*

REV. H. J. VELDMAN, D. D.

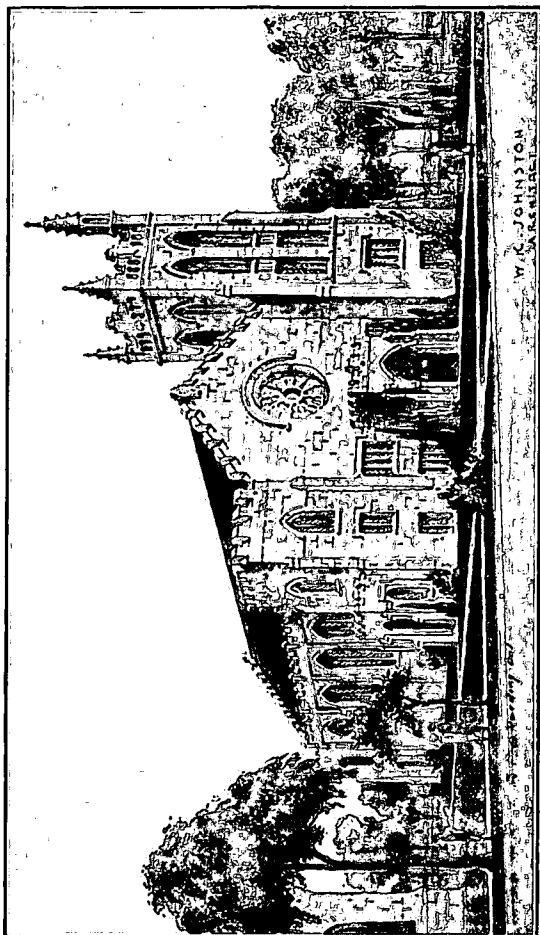
I would seem ungrateful, indeed, if I did not say that I deeply appreciate the honor which is mine this afternoon; and yet I would have been far happier if that honor had been bestowed on some one else. The only reason I consented to comply with the wishes of our honored President is because of a growing realization that I owe a tremendous debt to Hope College because of what that institution has done for me and my children, and because of what it has done for the churches which I have served. Hence, in order to pay just a bit of interest on that unpayable principal, I am here in this unsought capacity.

I have chosen to speak for a few moments on the subject, "First Things First, or The Pre-eminence of The Christian Religion in the Life of Our Denominational Colleges." I have selected this theme for two reasons—first, because even when we seek to be as charitable in our judgment as we can, it has seemed to me that the religious institutions of our land, born out of the prayers and consecrated gifts of God's own people and founded upon his infallible Word have, in several cases, departed many a league from the ideal that was dominant in the earlier years of their existence; and that there is need therefore of calling

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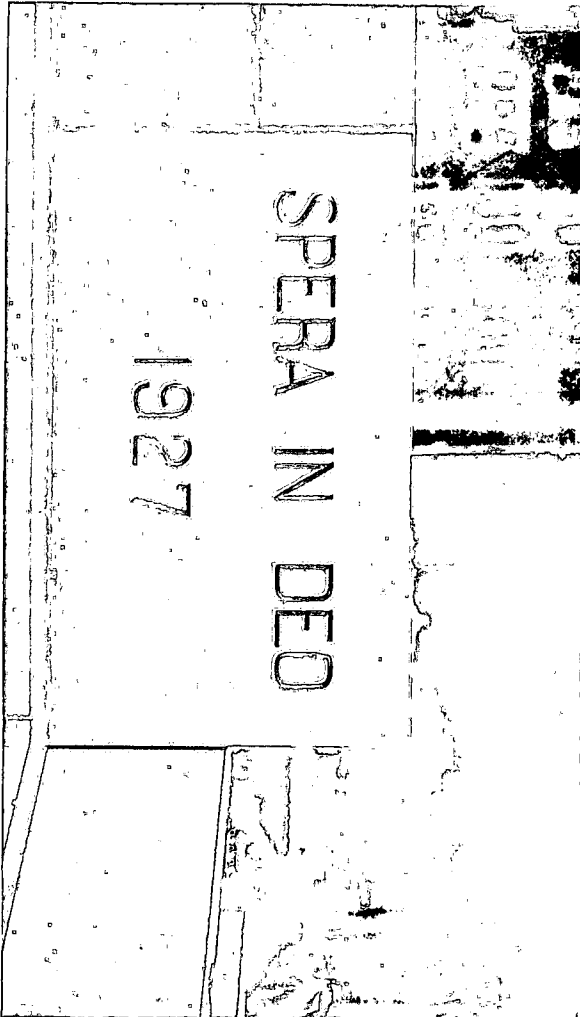
them back again to first things. And, secondly, I have chosen to dwell upon this theme because I am conscious of the fact and profoundly grateful for it that our own beloved school, with others, thank God, is still faithful to this trust committed to it by lips long silent in the grave. And I can give no better evidence for this, and need no better, than just to remind you of what is transpiring before our eyes today.

I think it may be stated without fear of contradiction that the Christian church, at least in America, has been the Mother of Education. Somehow she has been back of every movement that has resulted in the establishment of public and private schools. At any rate this would be true of early colonial days. To the Dutch, who held the schoolmaster in equally high esteem with the minister, belongs the honor of having established the first free public school on American soil in 1633. That it was a school with the Bible cannot be doubted. Then, we are informed that every collegiate institution founded in the colonies prior to the Revolutionary war, with one exception, was established by some branch of the Christian church. The same thing, practically, holds true of the colleges east and west that have sprung up since that day. The Church, in some one of its branches, was their mother and long fostered them after giving them birth. Whether they all still gratefully recognize their mother and continue to be guided by her fostering care, or whether they have severed the tie that bound them to her and have turned their backs upon the first principles so nobly taught—this is a question of



THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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THE CORNER-STONE
The motto of the College, "Hope Thou in God"

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supreme importance. While we do not wish to be unduly critical, yet facts are not wanting in proof that not a few of these schools have not only cut loose from the church but have cut loose also from Evangelical Christianity, from the faith once delivered unto the saints.

Thank God this is not true of Hope. What we are witnessing today bears strong proof of this fact. First things are still given first place, the Christian religion is still holding the position of pre-eminence it had from the beginning.

But while the past has been radiant with glory, the future will be more glorious still. I lay no claim to the prophetic gift but I venture the assertion that what we are doing here today as friends of this institution in laying the corner-stone of this magnificent memorial chapel will prove to be the entering upon of a new epoch in the history of our College.

A wonderful spirit, called the spirit of Hope, which no man has yet been able to define or to resolve into its component parts, has hovered over this institution from its earliest history. It has been here from the day that Mr. Walter C. Taylor began Hope Academy in the district school just 76 years ago this month. Dr. A. C. Van Raalte, that far-visioned, dauntless man of God, found it here, when out of the largeness of his heart he donated the first five acres of the sixteen upon which these buildings have been erected. It was here through the years of struggle, incident to pioneer days, through which this institution passed. We, the

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older men of this generation, found it here when we came. We noticed it in the atmosphere we breathed, in the contacts that we made. It was discovered also by the sons and daughters that followed in our train. And the marvel of that indefinable spirit has always been that it was predominantly religious, as expressed for example in the motto of the College "Y"—Jesus Christ the King of the Campus; Will You Submit to Him?"

This spirit, so peculiarly characteristic of Hope throughout three quarters of a century, has never found tangible realization in a building beautifully expressive of this religious idea. That want is now to be supplied. We are in full accord with the thought that our immediate need is a well-equipped laboratory in which to carry on more efficiently the religious work of the school in all its departments, including both Bible study and practical religious activities; and to make it also a rallying point for the religious activities of the city and community, yea, of the denomination itself. And to that need this particular building is going to answer in a most wonderful way.

Here the college pastor will be able to meet his students and consider with them the great problems of life. Here will be rooms for the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., for the departments of Religious Education and Missionary Extension, for the Student Volunteer, and for other similar organizations. Here, too, all the students will be able to assemble for chapel exercises each morning, a thing impossible now because the present chapel is far too small.

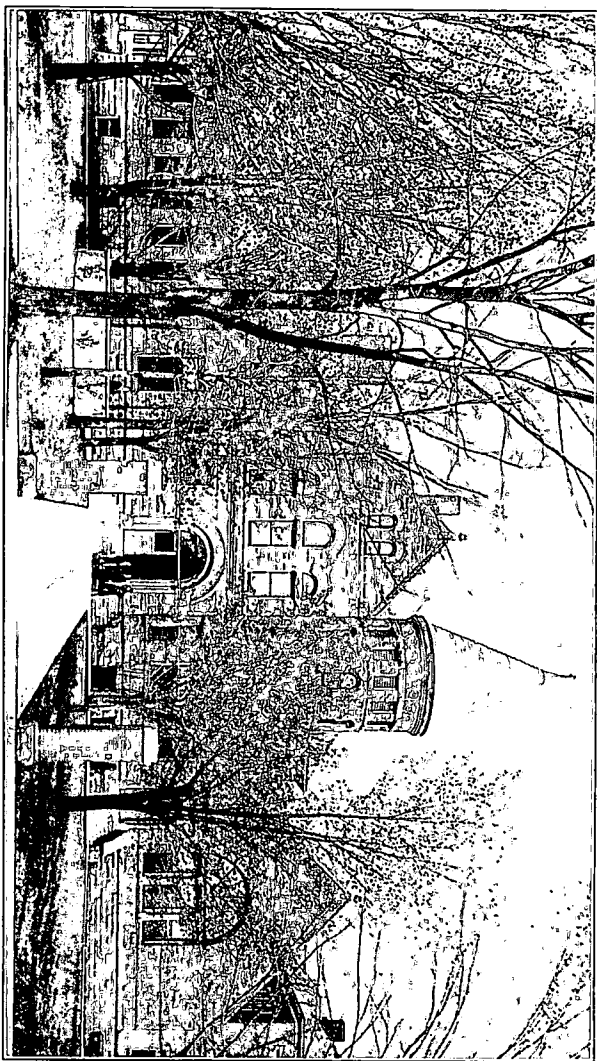
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No one is able to estimate today how great an asset this building, once it is complete and equipped, we fondly trust, with a pipe organ in harmony with its stately beauty and with the tower chimes already provided by Mr. Charles M. McLean of Holland, is going to be in the religious, social and aesthetic life of the students, and of the people of Holland and its environs. If Holland is a city beautiful for situation, then this Memorial Chapel will be the gem sparkling in her crown. Here all may "worship Him in the beauty of holiness."

I am proud of my Alma Mater; proud that she is to have the rare distinction of erecting upon her campus a building of this type; proud that she is honoring the men who laid her foundation deep and strong in the Word of God; proud that she is lifting this Word and the Church which is the bearer thereof to a higher level than ever before.

And as it has been our privilege to be participants in these solemn exercises today, so may it be our privilege to participate in the still more solemn exercises that will be held, as we trust, a few months hence, and on that day may the administration with joyful hearts be able to turn over to the proper authorities a building complete in all its appointments and free from debt. That will be easily possible providing we, and the friends of Hope, east and west, will contribute in proportion that we have been blessed.

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WINANTS CHAPEL

Corner-Stone Laid October 12, 1892

The College Motto is engraved in this stone also

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A PURPOSEFUL CHRISTIANITY
 A STRONG, LOYAL AMERICANISM
 A VIGOROUS, CULTURED PERSONALITY



*What Hope College has accomplished for the
 Reformed Church in America*

Number of Graduates, 1866-1927

Men	944
Women	393
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Total	1,337
Still living	1,216

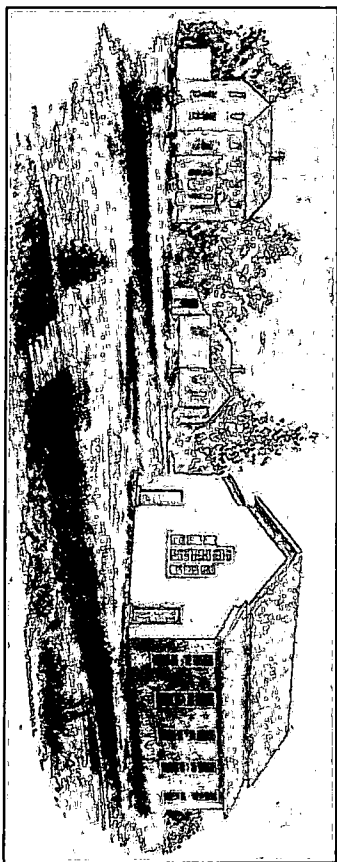
Vocations of the Graduates*

Ministers at home.....	335
Ministers' wives	49
Missionaries	114
Professors of Theology.....	18
College Presidents	6
Principals and Teachers.....	366
Professors	66
Doctors of Medicine.....	57
Lawyers	31
Theological Students	34
Others	334

The class of 1928 numbers 91 candidates for the Bachelor's Degree.

* Some of these are listed twice.

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THE FIRST BUILDINGS OF HOPE COLLEGE

Right Foreground—The Old Chapel.

Left Background—Recitation Hall and Professors' Home.

Center—Recitation Building.

