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HOLLAND, MICHIGAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY.

"The Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America."

ADMISSION.

The Seminary is open for the admission of students from every denomination of Christians.

A Committee of the Board of Superintendents on the reception of students, meets on the first Tuesday in September, at 11 o’clock A. M.

Every applicant is required to present a certificate of church membership and one of literary qualifications. One who has not pursued a regular Collegiate course, must "give proof by testimonials or examination of such literary attainments as will enable him to enter upon the course of studies in the school."

The requirement of the Constitution in regard to students preparing for the ministry in the Reformed Church is as follows:

Every person contemplating the work of the ministry, before he commences his course of Theological studies, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his being a member in full communion and good standing of a Reformed Protestant Church; of his piety, ability and literary attainments; and thereupon shall be admitted into one of the Theological schools; and during the prosecution of his studies there, shall be subject to the rules and regulations thereof, and when he shall have completed the prescribed course and term of Theological studies, shall be admitted to an examination according to the regulations of the school as established by the General Synod; and if found qualified, shall receive a professorial certificate to that effect, which shall entitle him to an examination for licensure before the Classis to which he belongs.—Constitution, Art. II. Sec. 2.
### BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

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OFFICERS.


COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF STUDENTS.
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Rev. Chas. Scott, D. D.

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Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature. In charge of Sacred Geography, Antiquities, Church Government, and Hermeneutics.
STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

Peter Bauma, Holland City.
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Jacob J. Van Zanten, A. M., Holland City.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Foppe Klooster, A. B., Forest Grove.
John Lamar, A. B., Jennison.
Albertus Pieters, A. B., Holland City.
Henry Straks, Waupun, Wis.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Anthony M. Van Duine, A. B., Kalamazoo.

Total, 8.
COURSE OF STUDY.

JUNIOR YEAR.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS.—Elements of Hebrew; Selections from Pentateuch; Harmony and Exegesis of the Gospels; Reading Acts; Archaeology; Sacred Geography; Hermeneutics.

Text-books.—Harper’s Method and Manual; Green’s Hebrew Grammar; Robinson’s (Riddle’s) Harmony; Bissell’s Biblical Antiquities; Barrow’s Sacred Geography; Gesenius’s Lexicon; Winer’s N. T. Grammar.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Kurtz’s Sacred History.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Introduction; Encyclopedia; Symbols of the Church.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Theory of Preaching; Analysis of Sermons; Homiletical Exercises.

MIDDLE YEAR.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS.—Hebrew Etymology and Syntax; Studies in Prophetic Theology; Readings from Historical Books; Biblical Criticism, (O. T.); Keil’s Manual; Weiss’s Introduction to New Testament; Schaff’s Companion to the New Testament; Exegetical Study of Epistles; Reading Acts; Westcott and Hort’s Greek New Testament; Thayer’s Lexicon.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Kurtz’s Church History.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Theology proper; Anthropology; Christology; A. A. Hodge’s Outlines; Charles Hodge’s Systematic Theology.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.—Lectures on preaching; Homiletical Exercises; Church Government; Pastoral Theology; Lectures.
SENIOR YEAR.


**HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.**—Ecclesiastical History (continued)

**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.**—Soteriology; Ecclesiology; Eschatology; Apologetics; Ethics; Review of the entire System.

**PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.**—Homiletical Exercises; Pastoral Theology; Catechetics; Theory of Missions; Church Government; Lectures on Preaching.

**PREACHING.**

The Students preach regularly before the Faculty and Students, subject to such criticism as may be appropriate. They also preach in the churches, especially such as are vacant or weak, under the direction of the Faculty.

**LECTURES.**

A course of Lectures, on subjects bearing on Ministerial work, is delivered annually under the direction of the Board of Superintendents.

**MISSION WORK.**

The Students are organized as a Mission Band and hold themselves in readiness to attend any calls to address meetings where they can advocate the cause of Missions.

**ADELPHIC SOCIETY.**

This is a weekly gathering of the Professors and Students for the discussion of questions relating to the studies of the course, and to all matters bearing on the practical work of the ministry. The exercises embrace debates, essays, and general discussions.

**COMMENCEMENT.**

The Theological Commencement exercises take place on Wednesday evening, at the close of the year. Addresses are delivered by the Seniors, in English and Dutch, and by some member of the Board of Superintendents appointed for the purpose.
A Committee of the Board will meet on the first Tuesday in September, of each year, for the admission of students.

CALENDAR.

1890. April 29, Meeting of the Board of Superintendents
       April 30, Examinations.
       April 30, Graduating Exercises.

VACATION.

1890. Sept.  2, Entrance Examinations.
       Sept.  2, Term opens.
       Dec. 19, Christmas Recess begins.

1891. Jan.  6, Work resumed.
THEOLOGICAL ALUMNI.

NAMES.

1869.

Ale Buursma,
Gerrit Dangremont,
William B. Gillmore,
Peter Moerdyke,
William Moerdyk,
John W. Te Winkel,
Harm Woltman,

1870.

James De Pree,
Enne J. Heeren,
John Huizenga,
Balster van Ess,

1871.

John Broek,
Gerrit van de Kreeke,
William Visscher,

1872.

Harm Borgers,
Evert van der Hart,

1873.

Henry K. Boer,
Peter de Bruyn,
John A. de Spelder,
James F. Zwemer,

RESIDENCES.

Grand Rapids.
Hospers, Ia.
*April 24, 1884.
Grand Rapids.
Muskegon.
Fulton, Ill.
*April 30, 1870.

Sioux Centre, Ia.
*Oct. 15, 1878.
Holland, Neb.
Roseland, Ill.

Milwaukee, Wis.
Kalamazoo.
*Feb. 11, 1872.

Greenleafton, Minn.
*April 29, 1889.

Maurice, Ia.
Rochester, N. Y.
Orange City, Ia.
Holland City.

Grand Haven.

Frederick P. Bakker, Josias Meulendyck, Helenus E. Nies, 1876. Wayne, Neb. Fremont. Patterson, N. J.

Suspended till 1884.

Dirk Scholten, 1886. Luctor, Kas.


Total, - - - - - - - - - 39
Deceased, - - - - - - - - - 7
Others, not Graduates, - - - - - 9