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HOLLAND, MICHIGAN.
1891-1892.

HOLLAND, MICH.
THE TIMES STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.
1892.
CALENDAR.

        " 2. Term opens.
Apr. 26. Meeting of Board of Superintendents.
        " 27. Examinations.
        " 27. Commencement exercises in evening.

VACATION.

Sept. 6. Entrance Examinations.
        " 7. Term begins.
BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

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Rev. Chas. Scott, D. D., - President of Hope College.

FROM THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

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FROM THE CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

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1894. Rev. J. Broek, Milwaukee, Wis.

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FROM THE CLASSIS OF DAKOTA.

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†Nominated for vacancy.
FACULTY.

REV. NICHOLAS M. STEFFENS, D. D.,
Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology. In charge of Historical Theology, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Catechetics.

REV. JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, D. D.,
Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature. In charge of Sacred Geography, Antiquities, and Hermeneutics.

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STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

Anthony M. Van Duine, Kalamazoo.
Hope College, 1889.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Seine J. Menning, Alton, Ia.
Henry J. Pietenpol, Holland City.
Peter Siegers, Flushing, Netherlands.
Gymnasium, Middleburgh.

JUNIOR CLASS.

John Sietsema, Coopersville.
Hope College, 1891.
Jerry P. Winter, Holland City.
Hope College, 1891.
COURSE OF STUDY.

JUNIOR YEAR.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS.—Elements of Hebrew; Selections from Pentateuch; Harmony and Exegesis of the Gospels; Reading Acts of the Apostles; Archæology; 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; Westcott & Hort’s Greek Testament; Thayer’s N. T. Lexicon; Immer’s Hermeneutics.

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; Messianic Prophecy; Readings from Historical Books; Old Testament Introduction; Exegetical Study of Hebrews; Reading Acts of the Apostles.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.—Kurtz’s Church History.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Lectures; 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.

Exegetical Theology and Hermeneutics. — Hebrew Prophecy and Poetry; O. T. Theology; Historical Reading; Aramaic Selections; Exegetical Study of Romans; Introduction to New Testament.

Historical Theology.—Ecclesiastical History (continued).

Systematic Theology.—Lectures; 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.
GENERAL INFORMATION.

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."

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.

BENEFICIARY AID.

Instruction is entirely gratuitous. Young men are aided by the Board of Education as their circumstances require and the funds admit, not only while in the Seminary, but in the studies preparatory to entering it. Rooms are provided in Van Vleek Hall and charges for board are very moderate.

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.
THEOLOGICAL ALUMNI.

NAMES. 1869. RESIDENCES.

ALE BUURSMA..........................Grand Rapids.
GERRIT DANGRMEOND........................Holland, Minn.
WILLIAM B. GILMORE........................*April 24, 1884.
PETER MOERDYKE..........................Chicago, Ill.
WILLIAM MOERDYK..........................Muskégon.
JOHN W. TE WINKEL........................Fulton, Ill.
HARM WOLTMAN..........................*April 30, 1870.

1870.

JAMES DE PREE..........................Sioux Centre, Ia.
ENNE J. HEEREN..........................*Oct. 15, 1878.
JOHN HUIZENGA..........................Rock Valley, Ia.
BALSTER VAN ESS..........................Roseland, Ill.

1871.

JOHN BROEK..........................Milwaukee, Wis.
GERRIT VAN DE KREEKE........................Kalamazoo.
WILLIAM VISSCHER..........................*Feb. 11, 1872.

1872.

HARM BORGERS..........................Greenleafston, Minn.
EVERT VAN DER HART........................*April 29, 1889.

1873.

HENRY K. BOER..........................Coopersville, Mich.
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JAMES F. ZWEMER..........................Orange City, Ia.

1874.

JOHN HOFFMAN..........................Clymer, N. Y.
NICHOLAS NEERKEN........................*Jan. 3, 1887.
1875.
WILLIAM P. HAZENBERG ............... Johannesburg, Transvaal.
ANDREW WORMSER ........................ Montana.

1876.
FREDERICK P. BAKKER ........................ Constantine.
JOSIAS MEULENDYK ........................ Grand Rapids.
HELENUS E. NIES .............................. Paterson, N. J.

1877.
HARM VAN DER PLOEG ........................ Orange City, Ia.
CORNELIUS WABEKE ........................... *Feb. 22, 1880.

SUSPENDED UNTIL 1884.

1886.
DIRK SCHOLTEN ............................... Muscatine, Ia.

1887.
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PETER IHRMAN ............................... Marion, N. Y.

1888.
GERRIT J. HEKHUIS .......................... Roseland, Ill.
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PETER WAYENBERG ............................ Maurice, Ia.

1889.
RALPH BLOEMENDAAL ........................ Chicago, Ill.
ALBERT H. STRABBING ........................ Hamilton.

1890.
PETER J. A. BOUMA .......................... Grand Rapids.
JOHN M. LUMKES ............................. Grand Rapids.
J. J. VAN ZANTEN ............................. Grand Haven.

1891.
FOPPE KLOOSTER ............................. Galesburg, Iowa.
JOHN LAMAR ................................. Grand Rapids.
ALBERTUS PIETERS ............................ Nagasaki, Japan.
HENRY STRAKS ............................... Cleveland, O.