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July 4, 1896

An editorial/article on Teunis Keppel in the Holland City News, July 4, 1896, Gerrit Van Schelven, editor. I assume that Van Schelven wrote the article. He makes comments about ACVR including the following: "Dr. Van Raalte was THE leader of his people. He felt his responsibility and never evinced any longing to share this with any one. Nevertheless he needed assistance. By reason of the newness of things, isolation of locality, foreign tongue, and absolute unacquaintance with everthing that pertained to their new condition..." Hence Teunis Keppel was a key person in the community also.

the Philip Phelps scrapbook, vol. II, ACVR file, Hope College Archives.

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description of Dr. Rattie ACVFC
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Holland City News, Sat. July 4/1896(?)
G. Van Schelven, Ed.

Death of Tecurus Keppel

[I assume Van Schelven wrote the art.]

"Dr. Van Rattie was THE leader
of his people. As such he stood
single and alone. He felt his
responsibility, and never evinced
→ any longing to share this with
any one. Nevertheless he needed
assistance. By reason of the
newness of things, isolation
of locality, foreign tongue, and
absolute inacquaintance with
everything that pertained to
their new condition - being
strangers in a strange land -
the early pioneers depended
entirely upon him for guidance
in everything, and it took
just about one generation
before along secular non-
ecclesiastical or church lines
the community was sufficiently
developed to take care of itself.

Nevertheless Van Rattie needed
assistance, not only as to details

2) Keppel, T. - Sac^d City, New July 4, 1896?

but to maintain his hold upon the masses, as their number kept increasing. His people "were a peculiar people," as Dr. Phelps used to say, and Van Raulte knew this, better than they, knew it themselves.

So far want of any other line of support, and undauntedly also actuated by a due respect for the office, Van Raulte resorted to the training of an efficient eldership. Of what service these men have been in the past, and how well they realized the importance of their position, the written and especially the unwritten history of the grand old Caloneal days can be made to tell ad infinitum.

Of this school of elders the deceased was one. As such he came down to our time from the early days of the settlement here. It was this, added to his energy and activity which gave him such a commanding position in the troublous days

3) Keppel. *San Francisco News*, 7-4-1896?

of '82, when he revolutionized
even the denominational
and historical relations and
morings of the Old First
church congregation. It is as
Elder Keppel that the deceased
was most potent. He was the
last survivor of that school
of elders in our midst, that
came to us from the Puritan
→ past. They leave us no suc-
cessors. Neither would they
be approved of. [!]

Twice-married, Gertruida
Bloemer, d. 1873

1876, married Mrs. Prof. P. J. Ogge
nee Van Raalte who survives him
-son, Bastiaan D-sheriff of the county,
and Albert C.

- 3 daughters: Mrs Isaac Marsilje
Mrs J. L. Rademaker and Mrs.
J. H. Stauthamer of N. Waukegan
- H. Keppel of Zealand his uncle
- 4 Bros. + 2 sisters in Iowa & Calif
- leaves a considerable estate: farming,
coal, oil, lime & salt business,
continued by his sons