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Dr. A. C. Van Raalte.

Some men are dead before they die; others live long after they are gone. To the latter class belonged the subject of this article.

In a brief article it is not easy to select just what to say with regard to the man, who, under God, gave birth and direction to this settlement, and to whom it, and all our Holland people in America, owe more than many seem to know or to appreciate. In connection with the dedication of Van Raalte Memorial Hall some points were presented. It will probably be better in this article to point out some features of his character and work, that may serve to stimulate the students of Hope College in their course of training, and after life. We therefore observe:—

1. That in Dr. Van Raalte we notice the result of a pious use of Christian privilege and training.

As the son of a godly minister he had a training, which confers priceless privileges. Such privileges are not always appreciated. But young Albertus Christian knew how to value and avail himself of the training, which Dominie Van Raalte gave to his son at home. With such frame of mind he left for the University, and knew how to appreciate and avail himself of the privileges, which Holland's foremost University at that time afforded. He proved himself to be a pious young man with an ardent love for knowledge and culture. That same love he showed throughout his after life. Ignorance he could not endure. He was always investigating as opportunities offered.
His advice to the writer was "always to have at least one book open on the desk." In his studious habits, even amid the great demands, which his position as accredited leader of the Colony, made upon his time and strength, he acquired a rich fund of information—not only in distinctively ministerial or theological lines, but as well in general—in various departments of literature, current history and practical life. With the eye and mind of an appreciative observer he kept in touch with the current of history—especially as it bore upon the developments of the Kingdom of Christ. The cause of mission was dear to his heart. Current events he studied in the light of Holy Scripture. An hour with Van Raalte in friendly and familiar conversation, brought out a rich fund of information in his possession, and brought one into contact with a great soul—all alive to the significance of providential movements. On one occasion, while Mrs. W. and myself were on a visit in Holland, he offered to take us out for a ride. We accepted, of course, most gladly. He took us all around by way of Drenthe and back by way of Zeeland. During that time he talked incessantly in an earnest and interesting strain about developments still in store for the Kingdom of Christ. My companion was delighted—not to say anything about myself. It was, indeed, almost impossible to come into personal contact with him, without an instructive conversation about matters pertaining to the Kingdom of God, if time permitted. Its future developments and its present state would furnish the material.

In all this Dr. Van Raalte was an inspiration, and is worthy of imitation.

2. In Dr. Van Raalte we notice an illustration of a noble purpose, with a corresponding devotion of spirit looking toward a realization of that purpose.

There are men without any great purpose. They live to little or no purpose. Van Raalte not only had a purpose—but a great purpose. This was not only in a general way to serve the Lord. It was more—it was specific. It was to benefit the Holland people in America. It was to lift them up to a higher level, not simply, or even chiefly, in external prosperity; but more particularly in intellectual and spiritual culture. He had a theory; but it was always in his mind connected with a practical aim. In this he was as well distinguished from those, who dream about practical life without sound theory, as from those, who amuse themselves with mere theory. With such a purpose he left his native land, and sought a home for himself and family and followers in the unbroken forests of Western Michigan. It was a gigantic undertaking. Only a resolute soul was equal to the task. But his purpose was nurtured by his faith in God. His was a consecrated life—a life of faith and prayer. With such a purpose he formed a nucleus, which became a center of influence. That influence was constantly widening, and is still developing.

As his purpose was a sanctified one, he showed a corresponding consecration of heart and life, tending to its realization. It is, indeed, no mean evidence of consecration for a man, used to the advantages of a respectable fortune, to be reduced to such pecuniary embarrassment, as to be at times in dire straits for the ordinary comforts of life. But Van Raalte could endure it all without a murmur, even though in addition he had not seldom to drain the bitter cup of slander and reproach. Even that could not swerve him from his course. Unweariedly he labored on through evil and through good report. In self-denying devotion to a noble purpose, Van Raalte left a bright example, which calls eloquently upon us to follow in his footsteps.

3. Then, too, it is worthy of mention, that Van Raalte was a fore-seeing man.

At times some more sluggish souls considered him a visionary, who was building castles in the air, and dreaming out schemes, which never could be realized. Besides that, and above all—they involved too great demands upon the beloved treasury. It may be true that at times his plans were too far in advance of the then present opportunities. Such is often the case with men who have great purposes for humanity and the cause of Christ. As an illustration we might name the project of building a ship for carrying men to foreign lands to colonize, and thus Christianize the natives. The keel of that ship was laid with considerable ceremony. But the ship was never built, and the scheme, which was not all his own, never materialized. But in that whole project the noble heart spoke. Circumstances alone prevented the realization of the great plan.
There remains no doubt but that Van Raalte had the eye and soul of a prophet in a certain sense. He looked far ahead—outstripped all, and saw the future as if it loomed up into a present. And we are still in our most energetic endeavors scrambling up to the ideals, which he had in mind, and the realities, which seemed to loom up on the horizon to his devoted soul. His keen eye penetrated into future temporal conditions and developments. He saw both sides of Black Lake in his mind all lined with dwelling-houses. He saw in mind the educational developments, which we now prize, and which bless our people and our state. And with all his energy he labored to mark out a course that would, or might be expected to lead to such developments. He was not a visionary dreamer—but a sober minded and earnest thinker: not a mere enthusiast, but a calm, though enthusiastic architect, who laid solid foundations for coming days for his people and the cause of Christ. He looked far ahead of his time, and had the sober wisdom to shape activities in full harmony with his desires and expectations. And who would have courage to say, that even his greatest and boldest projects were unreliable?

In Van Raalte we see very plainly, that it does not require wealth, but noble purpose, and corresponding devotion of heart and soul.

4. Besides, Van Raalte left a noble example of staunch adherence to the truth.

His love for the truth was put to a severe test during his course of preparatory studies for the ministry. The Spirit of Rationalism and Modernism had already invaded the University to an alarming extent. Under the circumstances it required firmness of conviction and faith to stand by the old landmarks. But Van Raalte did as his older friends and fellow students Scholte, Van Velzen and Brummelkamp also did. On the eve of his entrance into the ministry demands were made upon him to surrender, or at least to compromise, principle and conviction, as a condition of his ordination. Scholte, Van Velzen and Brummelkamp were already out in the active work of the ministry. They testified boldly against the growing liberalism of the times, and could not in conscience submit to the law that compelled them to sing Hymns. It was not the Hymns themselves that caused their opposition, but the compulsion that they had to sing Hymns at religious service. It was demanded of Van Raalte that he should promise in advance, that he would not follow in the footsteps of his older brethren and friends. The young candidate proved equal to the trial, and proved himself a veritable hero, who could suffer for the cause of truth, and the God given liberty to come out boldly for it.

Persecution for the truth, and for fidelity to convictions of duty came to him. There were strong temptations. But he remained steadfast—staunch and unwavering in his adherence to the Bible and the doctrines of the Reformed Faith. There was in him, as in the Apostle Peter, something of the rocky nature of the truth itself. As truth is the rock, so he was in a manner cut out of that rock, and thus had spiritual firmness in his christian character.

As we enjoyed his catechetical instructions, and sat for some years under his weekly ministrations from the pulpit, we can say with fullest confidence, that he loved the truth. He did not merely hold it, but the truth had hold of him. And hence that peculiar unction and fervor which marked his preaching.

In our day especially such loyal devotion to Divine truth—such absorption of mind and heart in the Gospel, is a worthy example. And more especially so, it may be urged, to all who receive their mental training at the Institution of which Dr. Van Raalte was the chief founder. There was in him a moderation of views, which we deem most commendable and wise. He was as far removed from narrow-mindedness on the one hand, as from liberalism on the other. He never ran off on a sort of tangent with one class of Bible passages, construed without reference to others bearing on the same subject; and presenting other phases of it. He understood the relation of truths. This helped wonderfully to make his preaching so powerful as it was.

In this particular aspect of his character and work, Dr. Van Raalte set a noble example.

5. But still there is another phrase of Van Raalte’s work, which deserves special emphasis in the periodical of Hope College.

And that in his influence upon Christian education—especially the higher education. As a thoroughly cultured gentleman it might be expected that he would favor a sound and liberal education. And as a christian minister, it might also be expected
that he would aim at a thoroughly christian education. To such education he looked forward for the people under his efficient leadership from the very day they set foot on Michigan soil. In fact, it was one of the leading motives that inspired him in his colonization schemes. Never could any man plead more fervently and persistently for such education than did Dominie Van Raalte. In the pulpit and out of it—ever and everywhere he sounded the cry for means and opportunities to educate both male and female. There were serious drawbacks. All could not at once see things as he saw them. Besides, means were scarce. But he persisted in his efforts to secure the needed means. He infused something of his own spirit into other minds and hearts. The Colony, as it was then called, became warm on the subject. Surrounding settlements or groups of Hollanders were also in a measure set on fire. And as outcome of such united effort, and by the aid of eastern hands, Holland Academy was organized and began its work. This developed into Hope College—and then the Theological Seminary was organized, which in the mind of Van Raalte and other leaders, was from the very beginning aimed at, and always as in inseparable connection with the literary departments. Whether right or wrong in this, they conceived of only one Institution with all these departments connected.

As an illustration, to show how he urged female education, a reference to a sermon preached on a week-day evening in the store of Mr. Pluggere on Eighth street, where now Hotel Holland is located, may not be amiss. He preached in regular course, explaining Scripture. That evening he spoke on the creation of Eve. He had an extemporized pulpit. All through the discourse, till near the close, he remained so quiet that not a gesture was made. His utterances, however, held his audience spell-bound. Then, at the close, he raised his arm, and brought his hand down on the desk with a clatter, as he said “En nu kan ik het nooit vergeven dat het vrouweyleke geslacht niet beter gekweekt wordt.” His efforts in behalf of a higher christian education were as well in behalf of the gentler sex as of the other. He aimed at institutions, and an education, that should reach all classes. He wanted them lifted up to a higher plane. The thought, that the Hollanders should remain the Gibeonites of the land, he could not endure. Although the main object was a thorough and adequate education for the ministry, his aim did not confine itself to that. He wanted to see all the people lifted up to higher level of intellectual culture and development. He knew the needs of the people. With the keen insight that was wellnigh prophetic, he also foresaw the great struggles for eternal truth, which would be forced upon the Church. He understood the nature of the truth—and as well the insidiousness of germinal error. The tendencies of our times, particularly in materialistic direction, were evident to his mind. He spoke of this to the writer when ready to enter the ministry. Knowing, as he did, that the ministry had chiefly to bear the responsibilities of the battle to be fought for precious truth, he wanted a well equipped, and thoroughly cultured ministry. Hence he labored to lay the foundations of an Institution, which was designed to subserve such a purpose. As his views were clear, his aims definite, and his heart in fullest sympathy with eternal truth, it can be easily understood how such a man as Dr. Van Raalte—reared and brought up as a Holland christian gentleman—could go away from home for weeks, and in a manner beg from house to house for means to help forward the cause of higher christian education here at Holland. Self denial he did not count too dear a price. Rebuffs and reproaches, and misrepresentations could never make him halt. His eye was fixed on a grand object. His heart reached out after its attainment. And every power of body and soul were enlisted in the noble work of a higher christian education. If Dr. Van Raalte had never done anything else, his would have been a useful life. And as we now have before our eyes the realization of his efforts and aims in a well-equipped College, and Theological Seminary, with buildings that are suitable and ornamental, we see in all this a sure pledge of still larger results to come. In view of this the name of ALBERTUS VAN RAALTE, which he ordered to be inserted in his death-notice without prefix or suffix, may well be inscribed in large letters on the beautiful and capacious Hall, so recently dedicated to his memory. The man, who gave such direction with regard to his death-notice, has prefixes and suffixes to his name and memory of nobler and grander significance, than any of mere official and titular character. Well-merited as were his official prefix, and honorary suffix, THE
WORK, which he accomplished, will live long, and prove a
lasting monument to his honor. His heart and soul, as inter-
preted by his whole career, would say in the beautiful words of
a Scotch poet.

“My name and my place and my tomb, all forgotten,
The brief race of time well and patiently run,
So let me pass away, peacefully, silently,
Only remembered by what I have done.

I need not be missed, if another succeed me,
To reap down those fields which in spring I have sown:
He who ploughed and who sowed is not missed by the
Reaper,
He is only remembered by what he has done.
Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken,
Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown,
Shall pass on to ages,—all about me forgotten,
Save the truth I have spoken, the things I have done.

So let my living be, so be my dying;
So let my name lie, unblazoned, unknown:
Unpraised and unmissed, I shall still be remembered;
Yes,—but remembered by what I have done.

And some of those things stand out vividly and prominent-
ly before us. And they are evidence and pledge, that the name
and memory of that noble and godly and useful servant of God
and His cause can never be forgotten, so long as a true historic
spirit shall animate our Holland people and their descendants in
America.

REV. EGHERT WINTER, D. D.

Van Raalte Memorial Hall.

On the evening of September 16th, Van Raalte Memorial
Hall was dedicated to the cause of Christian education. The
exercises were impressive, as befitted the occasion. They were
opened by the singing of the Doxology. Dr. Dosker’s prayer
which followed, was an eloquent thanksgiving to Him from
whom all blessings flow, for Van Raalte Hall, for the forefathers
whom it commemorates, and for the friends who made its erec-
tion possible.

In a brief introduction Dr. Kollen told the history of the
building of the new Hall. He was modest, and did not tell his
audience that he, himself, had in reality been the moving spirit in
this great work. Yet to him, we feel certain, belongs the hon-
ored name, “Founder of Van Raalte Hall.” And in name of
the students, the Anchor congratulates the President on this
crowning triumph, and thanks him for the beautiful building,
the splendid facilities and advantages that he has obtained for
them.

The next speaker was Dr. E. Winter of the Seminary. Van
Raalte’s work and the sound religious and educational prin-
ciples underlying it, was his theme. He portrayed Dr. Van
Raalte’s early struggles, and the new Hall, as the latest cul-
mination of these struggles.

Mrs. G. J. Dickema, Miss Jean Steffens, Prof. J. B. Ny-
kerk and Dr. A. C. V. R. Gilmore rendered a musical selec-
tion.

In place of Prof. Van der Meulen, Dr. Bergen delivered
the next address. His wit reconciled the audience to Rev. Van
der Meulen’s absence. Dr. Bergen predicted a mighty future
for Hope College and the American-Dutch people, if they will
but continue to build on the old foundations.

After Dr. Gilmore’s solo, Congressman Wm. Alden Smith
spoke. He lavishly praised Hope’s graduates, her co-educa-
tional system and her new Hall.

At last we have the new building. May we prove worthy
of it! May the spirit of Van Raalte live again in us through
this building dedicated to his memory, that the cause of Chris-
tian education may still prosper, that the Dutch of America may
fulfill their God-appointed mission.

Fraternal Society.

After the vacation, F. S, again resumes her duties. The first
meeting was held Sept. 18, and although our new hall is not yet
in readiness, we hope in the near future to dedicate it to renewed
energy and untiring zeal.

With a larger nucleus of old members than ever before, the
society looks forward to a year of unequalled progress. This
term we intend to make a specialty of debating and sow the
seed, which we hope in time may fructify in a College Debating Club. There is no reason why, besides looking forward to one laurel in oratory, Hope should not look forward to three in debating. All we need is to make a specialty of this one art which seems a second-rate duty only to those who forget that the greatest orations have been the greatest debates.

Aside from giving to her members, by friendly criticism, an easy delivery and graceful appearance, together with a clear and fluent style, the F. S. tries to develop the social side of her members and make college life more homelike.

The newly elected officers are:
- President—Jacob Brouwer.
- Vice President—Edward Kruizenga.
- Secretary and Treasurer—B. J. Bush.
- Marshal—John Van Zomeren.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. begins this year under favorable circumstances. A goodly number of old members has returned and they are all enthusiastic and eager for religious work. And the five men who attended the Lake Geneva Convention, will surely be an influence that will be felt in the association work of the year.

Our hope for continued growth, however, rests upon the new students. And permit us to say to you, new students—do not be backward when the committee approaches you with a request to join our association and assist us in its work; but please and benefit both yourself and us by uniting with us as soon as possible. If you are a Christian, here is a good way to live up to your profession.

The first meeting of the year, held Sept. 22, was led by E. R. Kruizenga, ’04. It was enthusiastic and successful. Trusting in God’s blessing and the hearty support of all our members, we hope for many more such meetings during the year.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has again entered upon a year of work. On the first Thursday of the term a general reception was given at the house of Mrs. Gilmore to all the young ladies of the college. At this meeting the Geneva delegates gave their reports, and much enthusiasm was aroused. Dr. Otman conducted our first missionary meeting and spoke on the subject of mission study. We are looking forward to and praying for a prosperous and pleasant year in our efforts to extend our work.

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The Cosmopolitan Literary Society.

As the Cosmopolitan Literary Society enters upon its work for the year, it fully realizes that theory and practice are two very different things and that unless theory is reduced to practice it has little value. To accomplish the latter, to make the theoretical practical, is the principal aim of our society. Here is where we learn to wield the weapons with which we arm ourselves in our daily college studies.

Looking back, the society looks back upon a year of thorough, conscientious effort, looking forward with the motto “Excelsior” in mind, the society is determined not to lower its standard in the least, but to strive onward to achieve still greater things.

Subject as it is to human contingencies, the society was forced to move. However, the new room is being nicely fitted up, and, after all things are again in order, will prove, we hope, even a more suitable meeting place than the old.

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The Ulfiwas Club.

The Ulfiwas club has again commenced work in earnest. The members were very much encouraged by the cordial reception with which the public program was received last June. It has shown them that they do not stand alone in their endeavor to cultivate their mother tongue. Hence a new impetus has been given to the work which will show itself in a closer application to the work during the ensuing year. Besides this, the Club is encouraged by the increased interest shown in Dutch in the college itself.

The Club has recently been provided with a room of its own, which, after it has been fitted, up will prove an excellent place for the meetings of the society.
'99. After an absence of two years, Mr. Cornelius Spaan has again returned to Princeton, N. J. to complete his seminary course. This summer he has worked among the Indians in Oklahoma.

'00. Rev. G. Honderlink and Rev. and Mrs. Harry Boot will enter the foreign field. They intend to leave San Francisco on Oct. 23, to arrive at Nagaski, Japan, on Nov. 13 or 14 where Rev. and Mrs. Boot will immediately leave for Amoy, China.

'99. John E. Kuizenga has entered the senior class in the Western Theological seminary.

'00. A recent number of DeVolksvriend announced the engagement of Rev. John H. Straks to Miss Bessie Vis of Harrison, S. Dak.

'01. Henry Telman has made himself at home in Van Vleck, and is attending the Seminary.

'01. Wolbert Denekas, who has attended the Dubuque seminary for two years, is now attending the seminary in this place.

'01. John Wesselink is pursuing a divinity course in the University of Chicago.

'01. Prof. John G. Winter has left Hope college to take up the study of languages in the University of Michigan.

'02. Miss Minnie De Feyter has gone to Wisconsin to teach in the Wisconsin Memorial Academy.

The class of 1903 is well scattered. At Princeton are H. Van der Naald, Sidney Zandstra and Thomas Welmers. Lucas Boeve and C. Van der Mel have gone to New Brunswick. Cornelius Baarman takes a course in mathematics at Ann Arbor, and G. J. Stuart, a course in medicine at Iowa City, Iowa. Edward Strick has secured the chair of English and Greek at the Northwestern Classical Academy, and Ned E. Hessenius that of English in the Pleasant Prairie Academy. E. Van Landegend is teaching school at Hudsonville, Mich. At the Western Theological seminary are Peter Grooters and Anthony Karremans. Wm. H. Cooper will attend the Soper School of Oratory of Chicago. Miss Alice Kollen is teaching at the Wisconsin Memorial Academy. During the month of October Miss Grace Hooekje speaks in various places in New York. Henry Pelgrim will remain at home keeping books for his father.
In the college world, as well as out of it, success often depends upon getting acquainted. But, how get acquainted? At Hope the Christian Associations have always stood ready to help old and new students in forming college friendships. As an aid in realizing this purpose, they give an annual reception to new students. The reception of October 8th was long looked forward to, and much enjoyed. In the preliminary program, members of the faculty had an opportunity to show that they are entertainers, as well without as within the class room. Their efforts were heartily applauded. The new feature of a Dutch reading proved attractive to the lovers of the mother-tongue. But the “getting acquainted” remarks of Rev. Prof. Van der Meulen struck the keynote of the evening. He brought to our attention the necessity and the privilege of getting acquainted with our professors, our fellow-students, and our God. This modern Samson brought down the house, not by physical strength, but by the physical power of wit and wisdom. In his wanderings into the field of reminiscence, he forgot not even the janitor of his early college days. And who was not desirous of becoming acquainted after that address? The social spirit manifested in putting those remarks into immediate practice bespakes another year of pleasant associations at Hope.

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Jottings.

Subscribe for the Anchor.

Only the brave go to the Fair.
The “D” class numbers 28.
The Freshies number 19.
The girls are A number 1.
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Hoekje IV has arrived.
Seely has joined the football squad. Who is Seely? Cousin to the baseball magnate, 41 removes.
Douma—“I saw that readily, professor.”

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Prof.—“That’s good. The author meant it to be ambiguous.

Take a brace and join a Dutch club.
The Van Raalte Letterkundige Vereeniging. Officers:
President—J. Kregel.
Vice President—A. T. Laman.
Treasurer—Henry Vreuink.
Secretary—Andrew Vos.
Pedel—N. Zichterman.
The Musty Bush Dutch club, No. 24, V. V. Hall. Correction of speech impediments a specialty.
The Juniors enjoy their Dutch immensely.
 Hope College Council.—“Of a truth and what have we here? Forsooth, a mighty petition from the “C” class for extra work in Dutch Proza and Poezie.”
The Minerva Society contemplates becoming bi-lingual.
There are still five unoccupied rooms in V. V. Hall. Fine openings for Dutch clubs.
Whence this Dutch Renascence? Why Bloemendahl has returned from the old country.
Hooray for the Dutch.
Subscribe for the Anchor. It’s of Dutch descent.

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Have you ever noticed that Poppen's room opens to the outside. It couldn't open on the inside 'cause that's where Poppen is himself.

"Oh no, little Freshies, there are no bears on the campus.

Only professorial Bugbears.

8:00 A. M. DeZeeuw misses chapel.
8:35 " " " enters English.
9:44 " " " Latin.
9:46 " " " falls asleep.
11:25 " " " enters Chemistry.
11:30 " " getsexcused. Exit for dinner.
1:30 P. M. Takes a nap,—ad libitum.

"Crow not in the corridors, creep not into the crypts if you would become a successful teacher."

Wynia says "no pumpkins ever came from Dakota(?) The vines grow so fast that the pumpkins are ground off."

"Again," says he, "the flies out there sit on the trees and bark."

Even Seely couldn't beat that.

Here's a plum from the N. W. C. A. A student there has committed 41 of Braak's sermons.

Hooray for the Dutch.

Subscribe for the Anchor.

Study at leisure and flunk galore.

Freshmen Department.

Do not run, little boy. Do not run. That big man will not hurt you. It is Visscher.

Oh, see the barn. Oh no, that is a gym-na-sium. You may go there too when you get big.

Is that a pro-fes-sor? No, even though he asks many questions. It is only Dou ma.

I see the big room. The big room is the Mu-seum. Can you see the ta-ble and the hen's nest up on it? Find some stones, lit-tle boy, and place them up on the ta ble.

Hear the man talking about horses and cows. Go to him lit-tle boy. He will tell you how to make a nice lit-tle wind-mill.

See the tall girl. She is lone-some. She has just re-turned from a vis-it in New Jersey.

We extend our sympathy to Aunt May who has been troubled for some time with a felon on her finger. Surely a felon on the string ought to be trouble enough.

"What' dye bid?"

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