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HOLLAND, MICH.

1898-'99.

OTTAWA COUNTY TIMES PRESSES,
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CALENDAR.

1898.

Sept. 6. Entrance Examinations.
Sept. 7. Term Begins.
Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Recess.

1899.

Jan. 10. Work Resumed.
Apr. 25. Meeting of Board of Superintendents.

VACATION.

Sept. 5. Entrance Examinations.
Sept. 6. Term Begins.
Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Recess.

COMMITTEE FOR RECEPTION OF STUDENTS AND FOR SPECIAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

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Pres. Kollen and Profs. Beardslee,
Dosker and Winter.
BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

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GERRIT J. KOLLEN, LL. D., President of Hope College.

FROM THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1903. Rev. F. S. Schenck, D. D., New York City. FROM THE SYNOD OF ALBANY.


FROM THE CLASSES.

CLASSIS. NAME. TERM EXPIRES.

Dakota, Rev. S. J. Harmeling. 1902.
Grand River, " D. Broek. 1901.
Holland, " A. Van den Berg. 1903.
Illinois, " P. F. Schuelke. 1902.
Iowa, " J. F. Zwemer.* 1899.
Michigan, " J. A. De Spelder.* 1899.
Pleasant Prairie, " J. Muller. 1903.
Wisconsin, " J. Broek. 1899.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

Rev. D. Broek, President.
Rev. Peter Moerdyke, D. D., Stated Clerk.

*Removed from Classes.
FACULTY.

REV. JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, D. D.,
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REV. J. TALLMADGE BERGEN,
Instructor in Elocution.

SPECIAL LECTURES.

"The Somaj Movement and its Bearing on Foreign Missionary Work in India."
Rev. Dr. Jesse W. Brooks.

"Jonathan Edwards and his place in American Theology."
Rev. G. H. Dubbink.

"Andover Seminary. Its Past and Present."
Rev. G. De Jonge.

"Savonarola. The Italian Reformer."
Rev. John Van der Meulen, Jr.

"The Brethren of the Common Life."
Rev. James F. Zwemer.

"John Huss. The Bohemian Reformer."
Rev. E. W. Stapelkamp.

"Phillip Schaff and his place in American Theology.
Rev. D. J. De Rey.
STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

Edward Kelder, Hope College, 1896.
J. William Kots, Hope College (special), 1896.
Frederic Lubbers, Hope College, 1896.
John G. Theilken, Hope College (special), 1896.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Eerko Aeilts, Hope College, 1898.
Nicholas Boer, Hope College, 1897.
Jacob Brummel, Hope College, 1897.
George E. Cook, Hope College (special), 1897.
B. De Jonge, National Educational Diploma, Netherlands.
John De Jongh, Hope College, 1897.
B. D. Dykstra, Hope College, 1896.
Gerrit J. Huizinga, Hope College, 1897.
Gerrit Kooiker, Hope College, 1897.
Tony Rozendal, Hope College, 1897.
Henry P. Schuurmans, Hope College (special), 1897.
Jacob Van der Meulen, Hope College, 1897.
Henry L. Jonker, Hope College, 1897.

Grandville.
Maurice, Ia.
Orange City, Ia.
German Valley, Ill.

Holland, Mich.
Drenthe.
Overisel.
Holland.

Grand Haven.
Sioux Centre, Ia.
Holland.
Overisel.
Chicago, Ill.
Holland, Mich.
Graafschap, Mich.
Vriesland.
JUNIOR CLASS.

John J. Banninga, Hope College, 1898.
Abraham Klerk, Hope College, 1898.
Cornelius Kuyper, Hope College, 1898.
Anthony Van der Werp, Christian Reformed Seminary, 1896.
Jurry E. Winter, Hope College, 1898.

SUMMARY.

Senior Class....................... 4
Middle Class....................... 13
Junior Class....................... 5

Total.............................. 22
COURSE OF STUDY.

Junior Year.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.

Elements of Hebrew. Grammatical Forms, Inductive Study, based on reading of the text. Selections from the Pentateuch.

In Greek.—Acts of the Apostles.

PROF. DOSKER.


HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.


PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Introduction to Practical Theology—Homiletics, Analysis of Sermons and other Homiletical exercises.
MIDDLE YEAR.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. DOSKER.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.


ETHICS AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

Homiletics, Liturgics, Church Government, Constitution of Reformed Church, Pastoral Theology, Catechetics and Halienetics.

N. B.—These branches are distributed for a two years' course. Middles and Seniors recite together.
SENIOR YEAR.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.


PROF. DOSKER.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.


ETHICS AND PRACTICAL THEOLOGY.

On these Seniors and Middles recite together. See Middle Year's course. Besides, Seniors have Homiletical exercises throughout the year.
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 Tuesday before the first Wednesday 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.

THE YEAR.

The Seminary opens on the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in September, when the Committee meets for the reception of students, and closes on the last Wednesday in April, with the annual Commencement.

PREACHING.

The Middle and Senior Classes preach regularly three times each year before the Faculty and Students, subject to such criticism as may be appropriate. They also preach in
the churches, especially such as are vacant, under the direction of the Faculty. The Junior Class preach in turn before the Professor of Homiletics.

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.

Mr. Peter Semelink has established a Scholarship of $2,000, the income of which is to be paid to a student in the Seminary, preference being given to one looking forward to the Foreign Missionary Work.

LIBRARY.

The Chambers Library, in the Semelink Family Hall is now an efficient working Theological Library, of about 6,000 volumes. For general literature the students have free use of the Graves Library of Hope College.

ADELPHIC SOCIETY.

This is a weekly gathering of the Professors and Students for the discussion of questions relating to 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 Vleck Hall, and board can be obtained in the city or at the Students' Clubs at from $1.75 to $2.50 per week.
SEMELINK FAMILY HALL.

This building erected by Mr. Peter Semelink, contains Recitation Rooms, Library and Chapel; is located on one of the most desirable lots in the city, just south of the College Campus; and contains every convenience for Seminary work.

EXAMINATIONS.

At the close of the year a written examination of all the Classes, and on all the branches of study, is held before a Committee of the Board of Superintendents, beginning Monday, April 25, at 11 o'clock A.M., and this is followed by an oral examination before the full Board on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week. Special written examinations are held during the year as the work requires.

LOCATION.

Holland is situated at the head of Macatawa Bay, which opens into Lake Michigan, giving it all the attraction of boating, with daily steamers for Chicago and other points. It has good railroad facilities, and offers many attractions as a place of residence.
FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give unto the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America ................. Dollars, for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary of said Church, located at Holland, Mich., and they are to invest the principal and apply the income to said purpose.

OR

I give unto the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America ................. Dollars, for the establishment of a Professorship in the Theological Seminary of said Church, located at Holland, Mich., to be named ..................................

OR

I give unto the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America ................. Dollars, for ................ in, or in connection with the Theological Seminary of said Church, located at Holland, Mich.