1899-1900. Catalog

Western Theological Seminary
CATALOGUE

OF THE

WESTERN

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OF THE

Reformed Church in America,

HOLLAND, MICH.

1899-1900.
CALENDAR.

1899.

Sept.  5. Entrance Examinations.
Sept.  7. Term Begins.
Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Recess.

1900.

Jan. 10. Work Resumed.
Apr. 19-20. Written Examinations.
Apr. 23. Meeting of Board of Superintendents.
Apr. 25. Commencement Exercises in Evening.

VACATION.

Sept.  4. Entrance Examinations.
Sept.  5. Term Begins.
Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Recess.

Committee for Reception of Students and for Special and Written Examinations.

Board of Superintendents.

Ex officio.

Gerrit J. Kollen, LL. D., President of Hope College.

From the Synod of New York.


From the Synod of Albany.


From the Synod of New Brunswick.

1902. Rev. A. Paige Peeke, - East Millstone, N. J.

From the Synod of Chicago.

1903. Elder John H. Nichols, - - Roseland, Ill.

From the Classes.

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Officers of the Board.

Rev. A. Bursma, President.
FACULTY.

REV. JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, D. D.,
President of the Faculty and Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature.

REV. HENRY E. DOSKER, D. D.,
Secretary of the Faculty and Professor of Historical Theology. In charge of Hermeneutics and Harmony of the Gospels.

REV. EGBERT WINTER, D. D.,
Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology. In charge of Practical Theology.

REV. J. TALLMADGE BERGEN.
Instructor in Elocution.

SPECIAL LECTURERS.

Dr. Philip Schaff and his Influence on American Theology.

John Huss, the Reformer.

Rev. G. J. Hekhuis, - - Chicago, Ill.
Some Methods of Bible Study.

The Relation between Philosophy and Theology.
STUDENTS.

SENIOR 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 Kooiker, Hope College, 1897.
Henry P. Schuurmans, Hope College, (special), 1897.
Jacob Van der Meulen, Hope College, 1897.

MIDDLE CLASS.

John J Banninga, Hope College, 1898.
Abraham Klerk, Hope College, 1898.
Cornelius Kuyper, Hope College, 1898.
Anthony Van der Werf, Christian Reformed Seminary, 1895.
Jurry E. Winter, Hope College, 1898.
JUNIOR CLASS.

Peter Braak, Hope College, 1899. Grand Rapids.
Folkert B. Mansens, Hope College, 1899. Holland.
Garret Te Kolste, Hope College, 1899. Holland, Neb.
Fedde Wiersma, Hope College, 1899. Chicago, Ill.

SPECIAL STUDENTS.

WITH SENIOR CLASS.

Gerrit J. Huizinga, Hope College, 1897. Holland.

WITH JUNIOR CLASS.

John Verwey, Hope College (special). Holland.

Marinus Van Sweden, Free University, Amsterdam.

SUMMARY.

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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.


PROF. DOSKER.


HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. WINTER.

Introduction, embracing general Theological Encyclopedia, Apologetics—Theistic Religious and Bibliographical, Revelation and Inspiration, Dogmatic Principles and Encyclopedia, Methodology, its Principles, erroneous and true method.
MIDDLE YEAR.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.


In Greek.—Exegetical Study of the Epistles to the Hebrews, and Galatians. Pastoral and Catholic Epistles—Revelation.

PROF. DOSKER.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.


ETHICS.

Christian Ethics, Text-book and Lectures.

Practical Theology embracing Homiletics, Liturgics, Church Government, Constitution of our Church, Pastoral Theology, Catechetics and Homiletics.

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

PROF. BEARDSLEE.


PROF. DOSKER.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.


PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.


In Ethics and Practical Theology Seniors recite with Middles. See previous page. Besides this the 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 professoral 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 twice 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.

A Mission Band of six members holds itself ready to address meetings, to organize mission study classes, and to supply C. E. Societies with mission literature. The students and Faculty together support a native worker in India. A monthly prayer meeting does much to stimulate a deep interest in 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.

SEMEENLJNK 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 19, at 9 o'clock A. M., and this is followed by an oral examination before the full Board on the Monday and Tuesday of Commencement 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.

ENDOWMENT.

An endowment of $50,000 is already secured. The balance of salaries is provided for by our Western churches and friends East and West. General Synod has appointed an agent, Rev. James F. Zwemer, to complete the endowment.

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 Reformed Church in America .................... Dollars for ...................... in, or in connection with the Theological Seminary of said Church located at Holland, Mich.
Theological Alumni.

1869.

NAMES

ALE BURSMA
GERRIT DANGERMOND
WILLIAM B. GILLMORE
PETER MOERDYKE
WILLIAM MOERDYK
JOHN W. TE WINKEL
HARM WOLTMAN

RESIDENCES.

Grand Rapids.
Newark, N. J.
Chicago, Ill.
Milwaukee, Wis.
Muscatine, Iowa.
*April 30, 1870.

1870.

JAMES DE PREE
ENNE J. HEEREN
JOHN HUIZINGA
BALSTER VAN ESS

Sioux Centre, Iowa.
*Oct. 15, 1878.
Rock Valley, Iowa.

1871.

JOHN BROEK
GERRIT VAN DE KREEKE
WILLIAM VISSCHER

South Holland, Ill.
Kalamazoo.
*Feb. 11, 1872.

1872.

HARM BORGERS
EVERT VAN DER HART

Hamilton, Minn.
*April 29, 1889.

1873.

HENRY K. BOER
PETER DE BRUYN
JOHN A. DE SPELDER
JAMES F. Zwemer

Hamilton, Mich.
*May 18, 1897.
Tecumseh.
Grand Rapids.

1874.

JOHN HOFFMAN
NICHOLAS NEERKEN

West Sayville, N. Y.
*Jan. 3, 1887.

1875.

WILLIAM P. HAZENBERG
ANDREW WORMSER

Johannesburg, Transvaal.
Wormser City, Mon.

1876.

FREDERICK P. BAKER
JOSIAS MEULENDYK
HELENUS E. NIES

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