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Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided and also served as clerk, various pastoral concerns were dealt with. The meeting does not appear to have been a long one even though there was apparently no consistory meeting since May.

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Meeting Held on August 25, 1885

Present were Elders Hekhuis, Apeldoorn, Broek, and Keppel; Deacons P. de Vries; as well as Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – Dirk Klein and his wife Jannetje Karsten present themselves in order to be received as members via transfer. The consistory questions him and he is asked to make his profession of faith, whereupon, after encouragement, he does so. Since his wife was not present, Brothers Apeldoorn and Hekhuis were delegated to speak with her.

ARTICLE 3 – In the matter of Jaantje Sloter, it was reported that she has contemptuously rejected all admonition from her parents and shows no respect. Her parents are not aware that she is married. It was decided to once more speak with her before she can be considered to be separated from the congregation. (Illegible words)

ARTICLE 4 – After many warnings over a long period of time, Wiersma and his wife continue to live in domestic discord. They have for a long time been under silent censure, and it is now decided to proceed further with public censure.

ARTICLE 5 – Mr. K. Schaddelee is present in order to be reconciled with Mr. Vinke. Vinke had promised to be present but he did not appear, and consequently the matter was postponed.

ARTICLE 6 – Mr. Euterwijk requests membership, which is heartily granted to him, but he is required to restore the broken relationship of love in Zeeland as it concerns him.

ARTICLE 7 – The meeting was closed by Elder Hekhuis.

A. C. van Raalte