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### Letter from A. C. Van Raalte to Phillip Phelps

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August 26, 1857

A letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps of Hastings, New York,  
about fund raising for the Academy and the building of Van Vleck.

ACVR is writing in English and apologizes to Phelps for his errors.

Original in the Hope College Archives.

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Revd Ph Phelps.  
Hastings.

Holland Ottawa Mich:  
August 26, 1857

Dear Brother.

Your kindness is often in my remembrance and causes sweet reflections, and a desire to express my thanks. It was very welcome for me that the collection of the \$100.-- was made so easy. When I was at yours I was exhausted very much.

Leaving yours it was very well that you did not go with me because Brother Ten Eyk was not at home. The house was empty. I did collect with Dr. Garretson about \$60-- at Paterson. At Sagerties and Plattekill I did receive promises and In Utica only \$28.--. My Strenght did fail and on advise of the Doctor I did hurry homeward. I found all well at home, and the gathered dark clouds were scattered by my safe arrival. Now we thank the Lord that we are so far. Realy, I want rest, a flood of cares and duties goes over my head. I am not tired of the Bussiness but my feeble body makes it rather onerous. My strength however by good nursing and slow hasting begins to gain. I have however a suspicion that I soon will be used up, looking upon the circumstances. I know however that we have our existence in God's will.

I enclose \$5.--. Please be so kind and Buy and send me that Spout, horse-hair mittens and strap by American Express Company" A C Van Raalte care of Mr. Hoedemaker Kalamazoo by Mich. Central railroad. I don't know the cost if too schort please let us know.

(V. Vleck Hall)

Our Buildings operations are going on notwithstanding we meet with the usual disappointments and Difficulties. I fear however the cost can not be covered yet. There is danger that the loose promised Church collections will not amount to much. I rejoice however for the Lord's doings and trust Him. Please say thank to me weldoers at yours especially Miss Few.

How is it with your wife? The mine is suffering very much on a sore finger and an uneasy teething Baby but my presence sweetens the cup. What a <sup>na</sup>singling of sweet and bitter is life. My life's cup is very well sweetened by a great delight in my work. I am glad that I am allowed again to preach to my people. I feel richer than a Prince or a King.

Our love to you and your wife also of my companion.

Be God with you and bless you and make you full of glory in our infinite reach  
Head and Mediator. Be strong in the Lord our Strength. Please pray for me.

Your thankfull Brother and Friend

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