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CATALOGUE

OF THE

WESTERN

Theological Seminary

OF THE

Reformed Church in America.

HOLLAND, MICH.

1902-1903.

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## Calendar.

1902.

- Sept. 16. Entrance Examinations.  
Sept. 17. Term Begins.  
Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Recess.  
Dec. 20. Beginning of Christmas Recess.

1903.

- Jan. 6. Work Resumed.  
Jan. 29. Prayer for Colleges.  
May 7-8. Written Examinations.  
May 12-13. Meeting of Board of Superintendents.  
May 12-13. Oral Examinations.  
May 13. Commencement Exercises in Evening.

### Vacation.

- Sept. 15. Entrance Examinations.  
Sept. 16. Term Begins.  
Nov. 26. Thanksgiving Recess.  
Dec. 18. Beginning of Christmas Recess.

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

REVS. A. VAN DEN BERG, J. F. ZWEMER, R. BLOEMENDAL,  
J. P. DE JONG, PROFS. BEARDSLEE, DOSKER AND  
WINTER, PRES. G. J. KOLLEN.

# Board of Superintendents.

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FROM THE CLASSES.

CLASSES.	NAME.	TERM EXPIRES.
Dakota,	REV. HENRY STRAKS,	1907.
Grand River,	" JACOB VAN HOUTE,	1906.
Holland,	" A. VAN DEN BERG,	1903.
Illinois,	" GEORGE NIEMEYER,	1907.
Iowa,	" D. J. DE BEY,	1904.
Michigan,	" R. BLOEMENDAL,	1904.
Pleasant Prairie,	" J. MULLER,	1903.
Wisconsin,	" G. J. HEKHUIS,	1904.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

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## Faculty.

REV. JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, D. D.,

President of the Faculty and Professor of Biblical Languages and Literatures.

26 East Twelfth Street.

REV. HENRY E. DOSKER, D. D.,

Secretary of the Faculty and Professor of Historical Theology. In charge of Hermeneutics and Harmony of the Gospels.

80 West Thirteenth Street.

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Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology. In charge of Practical Theology.

47 East Thirteenth Street.

REV. J. TALLMADGE BERGEN,

Instructor in Elocution.

18 East Twelfth Street.

### Special Lectures.

The Minister's Use of the Bible.

REV. G. H. DUBBINK.

How to Interest the Young in the Bible.

REV. J. T. BERGEN.

The Literary Value of the Bible.

REV. H. J. VELDMAN.

The Bible in our Social Life.

REV. S. VAN DER WERF.

The Bible as a Law-Book.

HON. G. J. DIEKEMA.

## Students.

### Senior Class.

JOHN W. BEARDSLEE, JR.,	Holland.
Hope College, 1898.	
HARRY P. BOOT,	Fulton, Ill.
Hope College, 1900.	
ABRAHAM DE YOUNG,	Chicago, Ill.
Hope College, 1900.	
HENRY HUENEMAN,	Waukon, Ia.
Hope College, 1900.	
SIEBE C. NETTINGA,	Perkins, Ia.
Hope College, 1900.	
SIERT F. RIEPMA,	Benton Harbor.
Hope College, 1900.	
JOHN H. STRAKS,	Harrison, S. Dak.
Hope College, 1900.	
AART B. VAN ZANTE,	Pella, Ia.
Hope College, 1900.	

### Middle Class.

GEORGE H. DOUWSTRA,	Kalamazoo.
Central College, 1901.	
RICHARD D. DOUWSTRA,	Pella, Ia.
Central College, 1901.	
WILLIAM BECKERING,	Leota, Minn.
Macalester College, 1901.	
JOHN STEUNENBERG,	Grand Rapids.
Hope College, 1901.	
JAMES VAN DER HEIDE,	Atwood.
Hope College, 1901.	
JAMES WAYER,	Muskegon.
Hope College, 1901.	



### Junior Class.

CORNELIUS W. DEELSNYDER,

Fulton, Ill.

Northern Illinois College, 1901.

MARTIN E. KOSTER,

Kalamazoo.

Kalamazoo College, 1902.

JOHN VANDERBEEK,

Adams, Neb.

Hope College, 1902.

### Summary.

Seniors..... 8

Middles ..... 6

Juniors..... 3

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Total.....17

# RECITATIONS FOR SPRING TERM, 1903.

## JUNIOR CLASS.

A. M.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.
8	Elocution. Bergen.		Preaching.		
9	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Int. to Theol. Winter.	Hermeneutics. Dosker.
10	Antiquities. Dosker.	Har. of Gospels. Dosker.	Hermeneutics. Dosker.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.
11	Homiletics. Winter.	Sac. Hist. Dosker.	Homiletics. Winter.	Sac. Hist. Dosker.	Int. to Theol. Winter.

## MIDDLE CLASS.

9	Ch. Hist. Dosker.	Dogm. Theol. Winter.	Ch. Hist. Dosker.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.
10	Prac. Theol. Winter.	Prac. Theol. Winter.	Greek. Beardslee.	Dogm. Theol. Winter.	Dogm. Theol. Winter.
11	Greek. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Int. to O. T. Beardslee.	Studies in John. Beardslee.	Int. to N. T. Beardslee.

## SENIOR CLASS.

8		Elocution. Bergen.			
9	Dogm. Theol. Winter.	Ch. Hist. Dosker.	Dogm. Theol. Winter.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.
10	Prac. Theol. Winter.	Prac. Theol. Winter.	Greek. Beardslee.	Ch. Hist. Dosker.	Ch. Hist. Dosker.
11	Greek. Beardslee.	Hebrew. Beardslee.	Int. to O. T. Beardslee.	Dogm. Theol. Winter.	Int. to N. T. Beardslee.

Preaching of Juniors with Prof. Winter.

Chapel exercises, 8:45 a.m.



## 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. Philippians, Colossians and I-II Thessalonians.

PROF. DOSKER.

\* Greek Harmony, and Exegesis of the Gospels. Archæology. Sacred Geography. Hermeneutics (Terry's). Organic unity of the Sacred Scriptures. Biblical Symbolism.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

Sacred History (Kurtz). General Scope of Revelation. Contrast between Judæism and Paganism. Rise and Development of the Kingdom of God. Comparative Data of Sacred and Profane History.

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. Also Symbolics, and introduction to Practical Theology.

PROF. BERGEN.

Vocalics, Articulation and Expression with Bible Readings.

Middle Year.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.

EXEGETICAL THEOLOGY.

Hebrew Etymology and Syntax. Old Testament Introduction. Messianic Prophecy. Readings from Historical Books.

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

PROF. DOSKER.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

Primitive History of the church. Christ and His Apostles. Ancient and Mediæval Church History. Struggle between the Roman Empire and the Church. Victory of the latter. Contact between Philosophy and Theology. Life and Morals of the Church. Sects. Schools and Heresies. Asceticism and Fanaticism. The Dawn of the Reformation.

PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

Theology Proper. Doctrine of God, Attributes, Trinity, Decrees and Divine Economy, Creation, Providence, Anthropology, Angelology, Hamartiology, Christology, Soterology and Objective Soteriology. Lectures accompanied by Hodge.

ETHICS.

Christian Ethics, Text-book and Lectures.

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

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

PROF. BERGEN.

Continued Vocal Drill with Bible and Hymn Reading.

Senior Year.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.

In Hebrew. Prophetical and Poetical Books. Selections from Historical Books. Aramaic.

In Greek—Introduction to New Testament. Exegetical Study of Romans. Ephesians, I and II Corinthians.

PROF. DOSKER.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY.

The Reformation. The Age of Symbols. Doctrinal Struggle in the Protestant Church. Catholic Reaction. Deformation and Protestant Scholasticism. Rise and development of Rationalism. Deism and Atheism. Secularism. Missions. The Church of Christ and Christian Society in the 19th Century.

PROF. WINTER.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

Subjective Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Sacramentology and Eschatology. Review of whole System. Lectures.

In Ethics and Practical Theology, Seniors recite with Middles. See previous page. Besides this the Seniors have Homiletical exercises throughout the year.

PROF. BERGEN.

Reading of Liturgy, covering all the required Liturgy of our Church, continuing their Vocal Culture. Ten Lectures on Public Speaking with the delivery of original Compositions.

## 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 third Wednesday in September, at 10 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 of this School.

The requirements of the Constitution in regard to students preparing for the ministry in the Reformed Church, are 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 third Wednesday in September, when the Committee meets for the reception of students, and closes on the second Wednesday in May, with the annual Commencement.

### Preaching.

The Middle and Senior Classes preach regularly 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 Mission Band 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 weekly 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.

### 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, on Thursday and Friday before Commencement, at 9 o'clock A. M., and this is followed by an oral examination before the full Board on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Commencement week. Special written examinations are held in mid-winter 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 more than \$60,000 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 Profes-  
sorship in the Theological Seminary of said Church, located at Hol-  
land, Mich., to be named.....*

OR

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