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1833 – 1834

Leiden, the Netherlands

A report from the Theological Faculty of the University of Leiden concerning the exams of theological students during the 1833-34 academic year. Some twenty plus students are listed in the margin of the second page of the document including the name of Albertus C. Van Raalte.

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Verlag der Theologischen Facultät
über die Akademie vom
1833-1834.

Die Theologische Fac. an der Hoogeschool
te Leiden, heeft de eer des welld. Hoogl.
ker Rector Magnificus te bezingen.

1. Dat de Hoogleraren in deselve Faculteit,
ten gevolge de door den dood van den Hoogler.
aar Suringer ^{en nog ~~afzettingen~~} veroorzaakte vacature,
althans slechts uit drie bestaande, bij het
genot ener althans meestal voortdurende
gelandheid, ~~alhoewel~~ ~~hun~~ ~~veel~~ ~~meer~~ ~~der~~
ook de vermeerderde werkzaamheden heb-
ben kunnen oplicht nemen; Zoo dat inder
oordenis, ^{hier} slechts ~~alhoewel~~ ~~door~~ ~~de~~ ~~wet~~
~~theologische~~ ~~collegien~~ ~~gevestigd~~ ~~ge~~ ~~worden~~
~~zijn~~, ~~maar~~ ~~nog~~ ~~beveend~~ ~~van~~ ~~andere~~ ~~weten-~~
~~schappelijke~~ ~~neven~~ ~~vakken~~, ~~schouwlyk~~
heeft voorteen kunnen worden

2. De Faculteit heeft alle reden, om in
het goed gedrag, de Zedigheid, vlyt, ijver
voor hunne studies en ingenomenheid voor
hunne bestemming, althans ten aanzien
der meesten haer Kweekelingen zich te
beweemen.

Report by the Theological Faculty covering the academic year 1833/1834

The theological faculty of Leiden University has the honor to report the following to the Vice-Chancellor [Rector Magnificus]:

1. This faculty consist presently of only three professors. Since the continuing vacancy caused by the death of professor Surringar [?] these three have been able to take upon themselves the increased work made possible by ongoing good health. Therefore not only courses prescribed by law were given but also other scholarly [wetenschappelijk] related subjects were given ably as well.
2. The faculty has good reasons to boast of the good behavior, morality, zeal and industry of the studies and satisfaction of the goals of at least most of the students.
3. The number of theological students probably amounts to two hundred and fifty. Of these twenty seven students passed the examination for "Canditate Theologiae" of which eight received the highest grade, nine the middle grade, and ten simply a diploma.

[note: since A.C. Van Raalte – see his asterisked name in the margin -is listed under category 2, he seems to have received the distinction of "the middle degree"]

4. Three student of the Ev. Luth. Seminary in Amsterdam have been promoted to candidates in divinity after being examined: Critee, G. D. Statius Muller and C. Th. Moes [?].
5. The following passed the examination for the doctoral degree with good result: C. N. De Graeff, J. Van Gilzen, student of the Baptist [Anabaptist? original: Doopsgezinden] Seminary, having studied at that university, Fr. J. J. A. Junius and H. J. De Haan Hugen Goltz [?]. After having published and defended their academic dissertations the following gentlemen were promoted to doctors of theology: T. G. Surringar, P. Jas, C. N. De Graeff; and S. A. Budding, however, because of his imminent departure to Oosthuding [??], the doctoral degree,[several words illegible]
6. Two responded to the competition, announced last year. The top honor was granted to a "verkendeling" [?]. The writer turned out to be the meritorious young man W. Moll [?], theological student at the university. Public praise was offered to the other youth, who proved to be Mr. Albertus [?] Van Der Pot, student at the Remonstrant Seminary in Amsterdam.
7. The great testimonium of the faculty, and the admittance to the examination for the Provincial Classis [? – literally Ecclesiastic Church government] was granted to twenty seven candidates in theology.

*Nella Kennedy, trans,
24 October 2001*