1904-1905. Catalog

Western Theological Seminary
Catalogue

of

The Western Theological Seminary

of the

Reformed Church in America.

1904-1905.

Holland, Michigan.
Calendar.

1904.

Sept. 20. Entrance Examinations.
Sept. 21. Term Begins.
Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Recess.

1905.

Jan. 10. Work Resumed.
Feb. 10. Winter Examinations.
May 4-5. Written Examinations.
May 9-10. Meeting of Board of Superintendents.
May 9-10. Oral Examinations.
May 10. Commencement Exercises in Evening.

Vacation.

Sept. 20. Entrance Examinations.
Nov. 30. Thanksgiving Recess.
Board of Superintendents.

Ex Officio.

John W. Beardslee, D. D., President of the Faculty.
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From the Synod of New York.


From the Synod of Albany.


From the Synod of New Brunswick.


From the Synod of Chicago.


From the Classes.

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Officers of the Board.

Faculty.

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REV. MATTHEW KOLYN,
PRES. G. J. KOLLEN,
The Faculty.
Students.
Senior Class.

CONELIUS DEELENYDER .................................. Fulton, Ill.
Northern Illinois College, 1901.

MARTIN E. KOSTER ........................................... Kalamazoo.
Kalamazoo College, 1902.

JOHN VANDERBEKEN ......................................... Adams, Neb.
Hope College, 1902.

JOHN VAN PEURSENM ........................................ Maurice, Iowa.
Hope College, 1902.

JOHN WESSELINK ............................................. Sioux Center, Iowa.
Hope College, 1901.

Middle Class.

BENJ. F. BRINKMAN .......................................... Holland.

PETER GROOTERS ............................................ Boyden, Iowa.
Hope College, 1903.

ANTHONY KARREMAN ......................................... Holland.
Hope College, 1903.

HENRY TELLMAN ............................................. Overisel.
Hope College, 1901.

Junior Class.

MATTHIAS J. DUVEN .......................................... Maurice, Iowa.
Hope College, 1904.

WILLIS A. HOEKE ............................................ Fremont.
Hope College, 1904.

J. J. HOLLEBRANDS .......................................... Pella, Iowa.
Central University of Iowa, 1904.

A. J. VAN LUMMER .......................................... Holland.
Gymnaseum of Utrecht, 1881.

JOHN VAN ZOMEREN ......................................... Fremont.
Hope College, 1904.

ALBERT A. WUBBENA .......................................... Harper, Ill.
Hope College, 1904.

Summary.

Seniors ...................................................... 5
Middles ...................................................... 4
Juniors ...................................................... 6

Total ...................................................... 15
Course of Study.

Junior Year.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.


In Greek—Studies in the Life of Christ.

PROF. STEFFENS.

Archaeology Hermeneutics. Encyclopaedia.


PROF. DUBBINK.

Systematic Theology.—General Introduction to Systematic Theology, embracing Dogmatics and Ethics; and special introduction to Dogmatics, embracing the Doctrine of Principles and the System of Christian Doctrine.

The above includes the History of Systematic Theology, Inspiration, etc.

Introduction to Practical Theology. (Homiletics.)

PROF. BERGEN.

Vocalics, Articulation and Expression, with Bible Readings.
Middle Year.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.


PROF. STEFFEINS.


PROF. DUBBINK.

Systematic Theology.—Theology Proper, or the Doctrine of God. Anthropology, or the Doctrine of Man, His Creation, Fall and Sinful State. The Person, Offices and States of Christ. Lectures accompanied by Hodge.

In Ethics and Practical Theology (Church Government, Pastoral Theology, etc.), the Middles and Seniors recite together, these branches being so distributed as to form a two years’ course.

PROF. BERGEN.

Continued Vocal Drill with Bible and Hymn Reading.
Senior Year.

PROF. BEARDSLEE.


PROF. STEFFENS.


PROF. DUBBINK.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.—Soteriology, the Way, Means and Consummation of Salvation. Review of Whole System.

In Ethics and Practical Theology Seniors recite with Middles. (See course of Middle 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 examinations of such literary attainments as will enable him to profit by 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 the 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, Article 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. A careful study of Missions is included in the regular work of the Seminary. The students and Faculty together support two native workers 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 to be 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 over 6,000 volumes. Many new volumes have been recently added and a card catalogue by authors has been prepared. 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 midwinter as the work requires.

Location. Holland, founded in 1847, incorporated in 1867 with a population of about 9,000, 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 $65,000 is already secured. The balance of salaries is provided for by our Western churches and friends East and West. Rev. James F. Zwemer is now engaged in completing 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.................................