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### Letter from Anthony Brummelkamp to Afgescheiden Churches

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*late*  
September 1841

Arnhem, the Netherlands

*Afgescheiden churches*

In a letter of Rev. Anthony Brummelkamp to ~~Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte~~, Brummelkamp reported that Rev. Klaas Marinus Wildeboer died. Although the date above is clearly written 1841, Wildeboer died September 17, 1842. *Call for provincial meeting in Oct 20.*

In Dutch; translated by Nella Kennedy, April 2002. Brummelkamp's handwriting is very difficult to read. This is only one letter of many Brummelkamp letters to Van Raalte which are in the collection of Western Theological Seminary.

Melis te Velde consulted these letters for his biography of Brummelkamp.

The original in the collection of Western Theological Seminary, the Joint Archives of Holland, W88-0118

W. S. de G. v. d. H. v. d. H.

1848 September 18.

Heerlijkheid Broeders in den Heere. Men wien el-  
genade vrede en barmhertigheid in zekere mate  
Wrede geschonden spaart by Hem te een leen.  
Zynen Naam verheulpen en de Hechting der Ge-  
meente beoedelen moogt zinnen.

Het beoogt van het nuylens Men vollen Waardigen,  
by de meesten Uwe bekenders en geliefden Meede-  
schieden in het Werk des Heeren <sup>in de Heere</sup> te vullen. Het is  
het te gekomen. Men of dree vermyden by het te ge-  
lyke met het eenige na een lichte van vullen de  
Nagere en laat was alloo achter de bevestiging van het  
vullen. Het is van geve. de vullen der meesten zyn  
als het geve. gelijke een vullen der vullen alloo  
vloest by als de vullen daarvoor geveen is. Het is te  
niet meer's van vullen. Het is niet meer. Dit  
is echter niet het eenige. Het is niet meer. Het is  
vullen by vullen. Het is vullen. Het is vullen.  
Het is vullen. Het is vullen. Het is vullen. Het is vullen.  
Het is vullen. Het is vullen. Het is vullen. Het is vullen.

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gromden geleeren menigjen den Eyd. bediening  
 Het den Heer gheeft. Dit denkbeeld heeft my als  
 den Eyd. op de geaccordeerde <sup>aan alle de gemeenten in de lande</sup> ~~den Eyd. op de geaccordeerde~~ Provincie  
 een mededeling te eragen. Men by anderen  
 (gelijk Paelin spunt) al geen spunt of Bediening  
 des Wraas? Hoijt ons was by het E. s. ~~Heer~~ <sup>Heer</sup> by  
 het Eyd. Eyd. bediening. -

gelijk ik  
 by deen doe.

Wardus! Aan de gemeente van Vaytald sulngt dat  
 hem berouwen Senaar J. Willenbeut in des dienst  
 Jutred maet; hintjen nu soom ik wut sah geene  
 geyrende berouwen Eyd. sal het bekintlyk by dat my  
 hintje, sal het geen wraat te behandelen sal Eyd. op  
 een Provinciale Vergadering te Lames komers.  
 den Eyd. s. plaats mit bejant is nodig ik E.  
 So de them soil op den 20. october e. h.  
 in het Nijzegebouw des Gemeente te Speldewen.  
 gellen het ook in den gebouw aan ons by linden wra  
 van Wraam Willenbeut.

Aankomst 20 oktober.

Heert geyrent s. G. adas genade in flintus  
 aanbrouwen.  
 Wra in de them van E. w. binden. Wraiden  
 Mag ik E. w. waken het ingewende J. W. Wraidenkamp.

Wra in de provinciale vergadering maet  
 te brengen? bekintlyk by de op rebine dat de vergadering maetlyklyk  
 tene d'gen d'wraiden maet.

To the congregation of the Lord in

Arnhem, September 1841 [42]  
after Sept 17

Very beloved brothers in the Lord, to whom grace, peace and mercy will be granted in large measure so that you may glorify the honor of His Name and advance the edification of the congregation. Amen!

The report of the death of our worthy Rev. Wildeboer may already have come to you. [He was] known by most of you as a noted and beloved fellow laborer in the work of the Lord. He exchanged the temporal for the eternal on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month after an illness of more than 14 days, and leaves us the confirmation of the eternal Word of God: the days of mankind are like the grass: like a flower of the field it blooms. When the wind blows over it she is no more, and her place cannot be found anymore. This, however, is not the only thing he leaves behind. He could die while trusting the Word of the Lord which called out to him: Leave your fears [?] behind and leave [or let] your ..... [?] lean on Me. He leaves us a

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a pregnant [*hoogstzwanger*=near full term] wife behind with five children! Are you affected by the death of this worthy man? Are you deeply moved by the condition of his very pregnant wife with her five small children? Brothers, pray then for her and beseech Him who called out to us that He is the husband of widows and the father of orphans, so that she, with her obligation as mother ..... of the little ones can fill somewhat the place of the father. But, brothers, let us add to that prayer also ourselves, and the congregations to our cares, to set aside a love offering for the support of the widow and her children. Do you thank the Lord, you with your spouses that were given to you by God [not sure if that's what he is saying] as a help meet ....may be preserved, or that you have been kept from suffering. So then our congregations are exhorted to give generously and compassionately, set aside in the Lord's name [?] to meet the needs of the truly aid-seeking wife in the congregation where the worthy deceased labored. I cannot ..... A substantial portion of the time of our worthy [brother's] ministry was ..... and as he...

*spent in the province [?]*

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....many believe the ministry of the reverend brother has been brought to the Lord. This idea brought me to the thought to .....a communication to all the congregations in this ....., which I am doing now. Wasn't he an apostle or minister (as Paul .....) of the Word? [not sure of this] Nevertheless he was .....the seal of his ministry.

Brethren! Since the congregation of Varseveld desires Rev. J. Wildenbeest, whom they called, is ..... in the ministry....there do not seem to be solid objections, it will be appropriate that ....that what needs to be dealt with further when a provincial meeting is held since the place has not been determined yet, I invite you, if the Lord wills, to meet in the church building of the congregation of Apeldoorn on October 20 next.

Remember us also in [your] prayers.... Also brother Wildenbeest.

Greetings and recommending you to God's grace and Christ.

Your brother in the Lord, united with you,

A. Brummelkamp

[P.S.] May I request that the gathered money be taken with you to the provincial meeting. .... count on it that the meeting may possibly last two days.

Translation: Nella Kennedy, April 2002 [difficult to read]

[Klaas Marinus Wildeboer, born in Oude Pekela Feb. 28, 1809, died in Zuid-Beijerland on Sept. 17, 1842; elder in 1836; trained by De Cock initially, but then by Van Raalte in Ommen, for theological reasons. Served various congregations. – Van Velzen and De Cock had objections against him. Consistory upheld him, classis dismissed him July 1842. Feb. 1842 called to Zuid-Beijerland, accepted it and was installed, exactly after a week of his dismissal, by one of the professors of the Arnhem school, without having promised repentance or return from his errors. He died after two months; probably cause: autumn fevers. Wife: Riekeltje Jurgens Schuring (b. 1813).]