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2 Aug 1844

Ommen, [the Netherlands]

Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte addressed a letter to Mr. J. P. Oggel, of Axel, Zeeland, expressing his satisfaction that his son, Pieter J. Oggel, has come to Ommen to enroll in Van Raalte's school for students interested in the ministry. Pieter Oggel later comes to America and also marries a daughter of the Van Raalte.

In Dutch; translation by Dr. Henry ten Hoor

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Dear Mr. J. P. Ogden.

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Letter of ACVR to Mr. J. P. Oggel

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Den Heer J. P. Oggel

Ommen, 2 Aug. 1844

Geliefde Broeder in den Heere!

Genade en vrede zij U en de Uwen, Amen.

Reeds lang was ik Uw schuldenaar, want beide brieven zijn mij geworden. Ik vernam dat Broeder de Luister met Uw zoon zeer bekend was, waarom ik, verslonden in drukke bezigheden zijnde, ZE verzocht naar een kosthuis te willen om zien en het een en ander voor mij te willen melden. Het ...* mij dat Gij te vergeefs naar antwoord hebt uitgezien, nu echter heb ik vernomen dat Br. de Luister werkelijk naar een kosthuis heeft omgezien en daarvan reeds melding heeft gemaakt. Desaangaande dus niets te melden hebbende, zoo deel ik UE alleen navolgende wenken mede.

De overkomst van Uwen zoon is ons allezints wellekom, en wenschen onder opzien tot Hem, die den wasdom geven moet, alle ons moogelijke ter zijne opleiding en vorming geschikte middelen te bezigen, het is toch onze lust om langs dezen weg Gods gemeente te dienen.

Het hier zijn of komen is echter geen onderpand van zijne bevordering tot de predikdienst, daar dit einde afhangt van de gaven des persoons en inzonderheid van de zalving des geestes. Wij zullen ons verblijden indien wij ter bevestiging van Uwe vaderliefde en tot heil der gemeente in Uwen zoon mogen vinden een helder hoofd, eenen ootmoedigen zin en een warm hart, dat zijn goede fundamenten!

De goede tijding van leven onder jeugdigen ...* onder de Broederen hebben mijne
ziele verkwikt. Bid voor mij, ik heb zoovele nooden! Licht! Geloof!! Groet van mij het

Uwe, ...* van God

Uwen liefh. Broeder in Christus A.C. Van Raalte

* Illegible in copy.

Mr. J.P.Oggel

Ommen, 2 ^{Aug}~~May~~ 1844

Dear Brother in the Lord!

Grace and peace to you and yours, Amen!

For a long time I have been in your debt because I have both of your letters. I noticed that Brother de Luister was well acquainted with your son, and that's why I, being preoccupied with pressing duties, inquired about his willingness to look around for a Boarding House and inform me about this and that; it pains me that you did not receive your the answer you expected. Now, however, I have noticed that Br. de Luister actually looked around for a Boarding House and has already sent information about this. Thus, having nothing to tell, I share with you only the following items.

The arrival of your son is very welcome to us, and we wish that under the supervision of Him who must give wisdom to all, we can possibly provide all the proper means for his education and development. It is our desire to serve God's church in this way.

His being or coming here is, however, no guarantee of his promotion to the preaching service since this objective depends on the gifts of the person and especially on the unction of the Spirit -- we will rejoice if we see the realization of your parental hope, and if we find in your son, for the good of the church, a clear head, a humble attitude, and a warm heart; those are the true bases!

The good tidings of life among the youth and your time among

the Brothers have revived my soul. Pray for me. I have so many needs! Light! Faith! Greet the dear people of God for me.

Your loving Brother in Christ,

A.C.Van Raalte

Tr.: H. ten Hoor