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5 April 1860

Holland, Michigan

In a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy, Rev. Albertus C. VanRaalte, Rev. Philip Phelps Jr., Rev. Cornelius Vander Meulen, Rev. Adrian Zwemer, Rev. Giles Vande Wall, Rev. G. J. Nykerk, and Elder Garret Wakker were present. Vande Wall took the chair. Zwemer was appointed secretary in place of Rev. Peter J. Oggel. Student requests to be permitted to enter the Academy were processed. Cornelis Gardenier was admitted at the age of ten. His father was the late pastor of the First Reformed Church of Kalamazoo. One student of the school was dismissed. How the students were to be supported was also dealt with.

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Meeting of the Board of Regents
of Holland Academy
at Holland, April 5th 1860.

Members present. — Revs. A. G. van Raalte
D.D.; P. Phelps; G. v. d. Wall; G. v. d. Stender;
G. J. de Vries; S. Furmer and Elder G. Walker.

Art 1. On motion — the Chair was taken by Rev.
G. v. d. Wall. — opened with prayer by
Rev. P. Phelps.

Art 2. Resolved — that Dr. Furmer be appointed
secretary of the Board, in the place of
Dr. P. J. Oyst.

Art 3. Berend Kleis, 16 years of age, and Sjoerd
Wasselius 10 years of age both of Grand
Rapids Mich. appeared before the
Board with a recommendation of Rev.
Houbolt their Pastor requesting to be
admitted to the instruction of the Academy
and for the greater part on the funds of
the school. They were examined concerning

their ability for study, and personal piety, which was satisfying.

Resolved:— to admit them, provided they from the side of their parents as much as possible must be done towards defraying their expences, and that they procure a recommendation from their country.

Resolved:— that the Secretary apprise the country of the Holland Church at Grand Rapids of the foregoing resolutions

Art 6. Rev. G. v. d. Newlen requested, that Cornelis Gardener 10 years of age, son of the late Rev. Gardener of Kalamazoo, who for some time had been in his family, should be taken up at the school:— the expences to be paid by the Class. Holland
As he by reason of the tender age of that boy not decidedly could perceive in him gifts for the Gospel ministry was his special request for him an Academical education, to fit him for more usefulness

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in any sphere, whatever God would make of him.
Resolved: - that this boy should be ^{taken and} educated
under the care of the School Board, (according
former resolutions of the Synod of Holland.)

Whereas the Board judged it necessary for
that boy to receive a more thorough primary
instruction, and that he should ^{be} under as much
paternal care and control as possible:

Resolved: - to place him in the family of
Mr. Sabot, and to send him to the district-
school, for some time.

Art 5. Whereas both teachers testify that it is in
vain to bestow any further labor on H.
Botterberg, as his sad men and untoward
conduct, exclude all hope for him to be
profitted by study.

Resolved: - to dismiss him from the school.

Resolved: - that the Secretary shall commu-
nicate this action of the Board to the con-
sistory of the Church of Holland, in order
that they may take him under their care.

Art. 6. In the case of Luisinga, who at a former meeting was admitted on trial, the report of the Teachers being in his favor, it was resolved that he shall remain at the school.

Art. 7. Resolved: - that every visiting or Graupshop member of the Associate Reformed Church shall receive 50 cent. a week for a year provided that from the side of his congregation the remainder of his expenses be paid.

Resolved: - that the Secretary communicate to him this resolution.

Art. 8. Whereas the students Dangeremont and van den Berg, whom the Board of Education last year declined to accept, because their fitness to enter Freshman-class was doubted; - now read the testimony of their Teachers, that by their progress this obstacle was removed;

Resolved: - to recommend them once more

to the Board of Education for aid, while pursuing their studies.

Art 9. The Student W. Chick in Wald, who stated his desire to receive aid from the Board of Education that he might get an education for the Ministry, was examined concerning personal piety and his views of the Ministry. The Board being satisfied with his answers it was Resolved: - to recommend him to the Board of Education for aid.

Art. 10. The student Witwink stating the same desire was likewise examined. - After which it was Resolved: - to recommend him to the Board of Education for aid.

Art 11. No business more being before the Board the meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. v. v. Meulen.

A. H. v. Meulen Secretary

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of
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