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June 6, 1860

Two items from the published report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, pp. 13 and 67, which give information about mission station in Holland, Michigan, for which Philip Phelps and Giles Vande Wall serve as supply preachers. This small congregation later organized as the Second Reformed Church or Hope Reformed Church.

One line from the report reads as follows: "Through the liberality of Dr. Van Raalte, a site has been presented for a 2d Reformed Dutch Church, to be organized for American services as soon as practicable," p. 67.

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III. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

I. CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

Mission at Holland, Mich.—Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., and Rev. G. Van de Wall.

In our peculiar circumstances, there would be so few blanks to be filled in the report transmitted to me that I pass it by altogether. As you are aware, there is as yet no church organization here, though some initiatory steps have been recently taken for that end. Until about two months since the English service was conducted by us as usual, and consisted of preaching, with the usual exercises of public worship, according to our form, once every Sabbath, the place for meeting being the district school-house. Having maintained this service without any interruption throughout the year, we extended it this spring, by appointing regular morning and evening service, the former in the school-house, and the latter in Rev. Dr. Van Raalte's church, and the attendance on the evening is quite encouraging.

A Sabbath-school has been organized in addition to that which has so long been in operation in the Church of the Hollanders, but as it has held only a few sessions, there is nothing yet to record but the mere fact of its having been established, and placed in connection with the Sunday-School Board of our Church.

Through the liberality of Dr. Van Raalte, a site has been presented for a 2d Reformed Dutch Church, to be organized for American services as soon as practicable. The building will probably be erected before the society is constituted. The amounts contributed for benevolent purposes will be included in the report of Rev. Mr. Van de Wall, between whom and myself, as the missionaries of the Board, the ministerial labor has been divided. This labor has, with few exceptions, kept us both busy on the Sabbath, as he has fulfilled very many appointments for preaching in the Holland churches, when I have attended to the English preaching.

In consequence of cares connected with the Academy, I have not yet devoted any time to family visitation, nor have I any details of interest to communicate.

II. CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

1. *Burlington, Iowa.—Rev. John Muller.*

The Church of Burlington has enjoyed the Divine favor during the past year. Temporarily we have been sorely tried, but the Lord, through the munificence of the Collegiate Church, N. Y., is about lifting our heaviest burden away. Our indebtedness is reduced to \$495, which puts us in a situation to avail ourselves of a grant made by the Consistory of the Church of New York years ago. Spiritually, we have been enjoying the favor of the presence of the Lord throughout the year. There has been no special outpouring of the Spirit, and but a small accession to our membership. Still, the tokens of the Divine presence among us were constant and unmistakable. The Spirit of God did his gracious work, silently, in uniting the people among themselves; in keeping the pleasant, harmonious relations between pastor and people undisturbed; in disposing some to hear gladly the Word of God, who before were careless regarding it; in constraining many to come within hearing of the Gospel, and in making it unto a few powerful unto their conversion.

The pecuniary distress of the West seems to affect the growth of the churches in this place. From inquiries, I learn that most of the churches remained stationary, while some have decreased. In view of this, also, we have been favored.

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| 12. Ulster. Wylltwick. | A. Fort. | Jan. 1, 1859. | 12 | 200 | | | | | 6 | 5 | Mission Station. |

III. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

With New Bremen.
Building new Church.
G. left Oct. 1, 1859.

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| 1. Holland. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holland. | P. Phelps, Jr. | June 1, 1859. | 12 | 400 | | | | | | | Mission Station. Supplied by teachers of Holland Academy. |
| | G. Vandewall. | Oct. 1, 1859. | 12 | 300 | | | | | | | |
| 2. Illinois. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burlington. | John Muller. | July 8, 1859. | 12 | 300 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | | | Ch. building begun. Ch. organized Oct. 27, 1859. Ch. building begun. |
| Bushnell. | E. F. Livingston. | Nov. 1, 1859. | 12 | 300 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 7 | | | |
| Davenport. | G. G. Vanderveer. | Sept. 1, 1859. | 12 | 700 | 1 | 22 | 6 | | | | |
| Raritan. | G. D. Ellinge. | Jan. 1, 1860. | 12 | 150 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | | | New Church building. Ch. building begun. |
| Silver Creek. | J. M. Wagner. | June 29, 1859. | 12 | 100 | 15 | 1 | 6 | | | | |
| Spring Lake. | S. A. Bumstead. | May 1, 1859. | 12 | 200 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | |
| Vanderveer. | S. B. Ayres. | Oct. 7, 1859. | 12 | 160 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 8 | | | |
| 3. Michigan. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Battle Creek. | H. J. Brown. | April 1, 1859. | 12 | 450 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| Macon. | H. Hermance. | Feb. 1, 1860. | 12 | 200 | 2 | 12 | 8 | | | | |
| 4. Wisconsin. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago, 1st. | G. Van Der Molen. | May 1, 1860. | 12 | 400 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 4 | | | Ch. organized Oct. 20, 1859. |
| Chicago, 2d. | J. M. Ferris. | Dec. 1, 1859. | 12 | 1200 | | | 5 | 7 | | | |
| Milwaukee. | S. Dolks. | Sept. 1, 1859. | 12 | 200 | 8 | 9 | | 9 | | | |
| Oostburgh. | K. Van Der Schuur. | Jan. 1, 1860. | 12 | 100 | | | 7 | 5 | | | |
| Eden and Empire. | J. A. Davenport. | Sept. 1, 1859. | 12 | 300 | 16 | 8 | | 8 | | | |
| Special Mission. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rush, Pa. | Mr. D. Crans. | Oct. 20, 1859. | 12 | 300 | | | | | | | Mission supported by Miss A. Bosworth's bequest. |

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