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26 June 1861

Holland, Michigan

Among others, Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte attended the meeting of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy on this date. Asking the families of the churches in the Classis of Holland for a contribution of \$1.00 per year was not working well. The ministers of the Classis will be asked to preach on the "imperativae duty of our churches to sustain that institution."

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Meeting of the Board of Regents
of Holland Academy
at Holland Mich. June 26. 1861.

Members present. Revs. Ph. Phelps,
G. v. d. Wall, A. C. v. Raalte D.D., G. v. d. Meulen,
D. J. Oegel, G. J. Nykerk, H. Stobbelaan, J. M. Ferris
The Governor and the Elders Watter & Broet.

Act. 1. The meeting was opened with prayer
by the president Rev. G. J. Nykerk.

Act. 2. It was observed that the proposed collection
for the Academy of a dollar ^{per} each family within
the bounds of the clergy, was but partial
received, and that this system of collecting
was not likely to work well, because the
claims of the Academy upon the liberality
of the people was not fully understood by
the masses; it was therefore proposed and resolved,
to entrust the Rev. G. v. d. Meulen to ~~explore~~
~~the~~ ~~office~~ ~~of~~ ~~corresponding~~ ~~Secretary~~ ~~to~~ ~~visit~~
~~the~~ ~~Rev.~~ ~~Meulen~~, ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~purpose~~ ~~of~~ ~~small~~ ~~collections~~
~~the~~ ~~Rev.~~ ~~Meulen~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~several~~ ~~churches~~ ~~of~~

the Clergy as often as his pastoral relation to his own Church would permit, and preach on the important bearing of the H. Academy on the Church, the elevating influence of it upon our people and its education, and the imperative duty of our Churches to sustain that institution. The ministers of Chemis, Holland bound themselves to preach in his congregation when he should be absent from it for this service.

This resolution being put to the Rev. v.d. Meulen was by him accepted.

Art. 3. Mr. G. Watter one of the Committee of the treasurership inquired where ~~and~~ ^{or} at whose authority he had to pay expences, bills, etc. At which the Board informed him that the Committee of treasurership had to pay all lawfull debts of the Holland Academy, as far as the funds at hand would allow.

Art. 4. The meeting was closed with prayer by the the Commissionsary of the Particular

Synod of Chicago, the Rev. J. M. Ferris, who was present to attend to the examination of the Holland Academy students, and the affairs of that institution.

A. Weaver. Secretary

Transactions
of
the Board of Regents
of
the Holland Academy.

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