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8 April 1859

Holland, Michigan

At this meeting of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte was not among those present. The regents noted that there was a difference in the account books of Van Raalte and Rev. John Van Vleck. The necessary changes were asked for by the board to account for the differences. The Van Vlecks submitted a board bill of \$164.45. Article five read as follows: "Resolved.—that he (V Vleck) be permitted to make a statement of some affairs, wh. have occurred between himself and Dr. [or Ds.] Van Raalte. Later in the meeting Van Vleck's resignation was noted and a statement made: "Resolved—That, in view of the gifts and qualifications with which God has adorned this brother, of the pleasure which his stay among us had afforded us, of the unpleasant circumstances which oblige him to leave us, we regret his indisposition, and hope that God may restore his health, so as to enable him to be useful in his Church, and that his plan may soon be filled in order that the work of training the young may proceed." Van Vleck would be leaving Holland next Monday and no successor was yet appointed. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Van Vleck.

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Meeting of April 8 - 1859.

Members present: Messrs: John Van Vleet, G. Van der Wall, C. Van der Meulen, A. Deussen, G. J. Nijlants and P. J. Oggel. ✓ V. notes present.

Act. 1. The Meeting was opened with prayer by the President.

Act. 2. The Minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

Act. 3. The Committee on finances reports that there is a difference between the books of Dr. Van Raalte and Rev. Van Vleet, the latter having credited the Classis with \$100, = not charged to him in the account of Dr. Van Raalte; - so that Rev. Van Vleet has rec'd \$100 more than appears by the Book of Dr. Van Raalte. Said Committee also reports that \$17 have been received from Rev. John Mc Ferris, which sum has been placed by Mr. Van Vleet in the building account, while Rev. Van Raalte charges it in that of Boarding. - It also appears that moneys due from the Classis of Illinois for Board of Van der Laas, have been charged in the account of Rev. Van Vleet against this Classis.

As regard to the first two points, it was Resolved,— that this difference be adjusted by Messrs. Van Raalte, Van Vleck and Van de Wall, as soon as Dr. Van Raalte shall have returned.

In reference to the last, it was Resolved,— that Rev. Van Vleck be directed to give us a specified bill, in order that we may present it to the Quorum of the Classis of Illinois for payment.

Art. 4. Rev. Van Vleck presents his Boardbill against this Classis, amounting to \$ 164.45.—
Rev. G. Van de Wall brings in an account of \$ 15 for books.

Resolved,— that Messrs. Rykelt, Guzman and Van de Wall be a committee to examine Newton Keeler's account.

Art. 5. On motion,
Resolved,— that he (Rykel) be permitted to make a Statement of some affair, wh. has occurred between himself and Dr. Van Raalte.

Art. 6. Whereas a part of the H. Academy is to be painted, —

Resolved, - that Rev. St. Leger be requested and authorized to take care of this work so as to have it performed in a prompt manner.

Act. 7. Resolved, - that the committee mentioned in Act. 4. report this P. M. and that we adjourn till then.

Afternoon Session.

Act. 8. The committee to examine Rev. Week's account, reported, which report was accepted.

Act. 9. Whereas Rev. Sam. Week by reason of indisposition has been obliged to resign his place as principal of this Academy, and whereas this will be the last time that he meets with us, therefore

Resolved, - that, in view of the gifts and qualifications with which God has adorned this brother, of the pleasure which his stay among us has afforded us, of the unpleasant circumstances which oblige him to leave us, we regret his indisposition, and hope that God may restore his health, so as to enable him to be useful

in his Church, and that his place may soon be filled in order that the work of training the young may proceed.

This resolution shall be published in the "Nat. Land & Gen. Intelligencer."

Art. 10. Rev. Van Hook thanked the brethren for the regard shown him, and speaks about the importance of Education, his attachment to the Students, etc.

Art. 11. Whereas Rev. Van Hook intends to leave on Monday next, and we are as yet ignorant of the appointment of a Successor,
Resolved, - that the Pres. and Sec. Call an Extra-making as soon ^{as} practicable.

Art. 12. Resolved, - that after Rev. Van Hook's departure, no Students remain in the building to see that house and grounds receive no damage.

Art. 13. Messrs. Van de Wall and Edw. La Pote were appointed to make an inventory of the personal property of the Academy.

Art. 14. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Van Hook.

Transactions
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the Board of Regents
of
the Holland Academy.

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