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circumstances, the consistory judges that for the time being to let the matter rest. When an opportunity presents itself, they will speak to Brother Plugger privately in an effort to satisfy the contending parties.

ARTICLE 6 – Brother Hekhuis was appointed as a delegate to classis. Brother Wakker, as a member of the previous meeting, was added to the list. The alternates are Keppel for Wakker and Broek for Hekhuis.

ARTICLE 7 – The decisions of the consistory (see Article ____, and Article 10 of the February 15 meeting).

ARTICLE 8 – The report prepared by the clerk, in the absence of the Rev. van Raalte, was read and approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Apeldoorn.

J. Labots, president
G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of April 19, 1859

Absent: Brothers Ploeg, Labots, and de Vries.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, the Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – The brothers are informed that the matter between de Frel and Kamper has been resolved.

ARTICLE 3 – At his request, a membership statement was given to Reijer van Zwaluwenburg to Kalamazoo.

ARTICLE 4 – The altered I.O.U.s for A. Fennema and P. Zaltsman were approved and signed by the president and clerk.

ARTICLE 5 – Since there are no more congregational matters to be discussed, various brothers made remarks, and the spiritual and temporal state of affairs in Pella was reported by the president and discussed.

(The following two and a half lines were erased.)

The meeting was closed by Wakker.

G, Wakker, clerk