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3 January 1862

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, four young people were present to make confession of faith. Two of them were admitted but decision on the other two was postponed. The membership of Bernardus Gro[o]tenhuis and his wife were also received from Grand Rapids. A financial report of the poor fund was made. \$694.42 was received and \$633.28 was disbursed. The church accounts had a balance of \$28.80.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William and Althea Buursma, 2000.

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ARTICLE 8 – Once again, there was a discussion about where an appropriate place can be found in the village for teaching catechism. Mention was made about a room at the home of K. Schaddelee, but no decision was made.

ARTICLE 9 – It was decided to adjourn, and to meet again 14 days from now, on January 6, 1862.

The meeting was closed by Brother te Roller.

A. C. van Raalte
G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory of January 3, 1862

Absent: Brothers Broek, Labots, Wilterdink, Vork, Naber, and de Vries.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – Present were W. Visscher, Jan Steketee, Pietertje Kooijers, and Jannetje Rijgel; all of whom desire to be admitted by profession of faith to the table of the Lord, by way of profession of faith.

ARTICLE 3 – After interrogation, Jan Steketee and Jannetje Rijgel were admitted by a majority vote. Decision on the other two was postponed for further questioning and probation.

ARTICLE 4 – Membership received for Bernardus Grotenhuis and wife, from Grand Rapids, dated December 24, 1861.

ARTICLE 5 – A letter was received from the congregation of Schenectady, New York, dated November 26, 1861, requesting a financial contribution for the debt of the church, which is \$6,500.00. \$2,500.00 of this is being asked immediately by a large portion of this previously unified congregation. This church has recently suffered a secession, because of an unorthodox pastor, who was not acceptable to the majority of the congregation.

It was decided to take a collection for this church, and, if the collection is not adequate, to take the sum of \$15.00 or \$20.00 from the church accounts, this sum to be sent to the congregation as evidence that we are much concerned for the maintenance of the truth.

ARTICLE 6 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 7 – Broekema was given a statement of membership to the Scottish congregation at South Holland.

ARTICLE 7 (sic) – The committee (see Article 6, minutes of December 23, 1861) reported that the financial books have been found to be in good order, and that the poor fund had received \$694.42, with disbursements of \$633.28, leaving a balance of \$31.14. The book for church accounts had a balance of \$28.80.

ARTICLE 8 – The committee proposes that, because of the multiple sacrifices involved in the administration of the church funds (those not belonging to the benevolence fund), there will be some payment made for this and the previous year. This was accepted by an unanimous vote, and it was decided that Brother D. te Roller will receive 2% of each \$100.00 as reimbursement for his labors.

ARTICLE 9 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Kamper.
For communion.

A. C. van Raalte
G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of January 14, 1862

Absent: Brothers Broek and Naber.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. C. van Raalte, chairman.

ARTICLE 2 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 3 – A letter was received from K. Schaddelee containing complaints against his wife, because of her offensive behavior at the home of her sister. He requested advice and help in this distressful situation for him. The chairman reports that he has met with the woman in question and the members who were involved, as well as having already spoken to P. de Koning. He had earnestly advised them to avoid all behavior which could give offense, and have a negative influence upon the family of Schaddelee and wife. Everything should be done, not only to avoid this offensive relationship between P. de Koning and Mrs. Schaddelee, but it must be ended. This will also lead to maintaining his good name and reputation. It was decided that all of the men individually will use their influence to help separate the two. This will be done when circumstances make it appropriate.

ARTICLE 4 – It was proposed and accepted to build a horse stall near the church for the convenience of the pastor. A committee, consisting of Plugger, Keppel, and de Vries, were appointed to implement this decision.