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Sheboygan Nieuwsbode, 27 December 1850

A news item:

Pay attention!!! The Rev. Hall, pastor in Marshall [MI] writes: "The reputation which the girls, which you sent to Mr. Gorham¹, are of such repute that I, and some of my friends, entreat you whether there may not be in your place two or three of that kind who can be hired to do housework in small families." If there still are some girls who can be placed as such in these truly Christian circles, I would like them to let me know as soon as possible.

In receiving multiple request which cannot be answer, I say "oh, that it would be possible for all young upright girls, in such abundance in the Netherlands, to be here." [transcriber's note or newspaper editor remarked, in parentheses, about ACVR's phrasing "*over complete*" – which could be interpreted as "left over" or "abundant" – by adding "not very delicate for a pastor."]

The undersigned also needs a servant girl for his family, who is a capable cook, for \$1.00 a week.

A. C. Van Raalte

[*Nella Kennedy, November 2020*]

¹ Charles Truesdell Gorham (1812-1901), prominent merchant in Marshall, Michigan, was active in the Underground Railroad. During the Grant Administration he was U.S. Minister of the Netherlands.