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October 31, 1874

No. 91

A brief letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps that Mrs. Oggel, is ready at any time to deed the lot South of the Orphan House to the consistory of First Church.

Original in the Archives of Hope College.

Holland, Mich.

Oct. 31, 1874

Rev. Dr. Phelps

Dear Brother:

Since you left I have severe fever now inflammation is subdued and am able to do a little.

I can make the change with Mrs. Oggel and she is ready at any time to deed the lot South of Orphan House to the consistory of the First Church.

Yours truly,

A.C. Van Raalte

Sent original to Dr. M.V. Oggel 9/9/1959



HOPE COLLEGE

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September 13, 1996

Dr. George Harinck
Historisch Documentatiecentrum voor
het Nederlands Protestantisme (1800-heden)
De Boelelaan 1105
1081 HV Amsterdam
the Netherlands

Dear Dr. Harinck:

It was so good to hear from you. I am pleased to learn that you conversed with Mr. Ad Kooy and Mrs. Hillie Kooy-Oggel. During our sabbatical in the Netherlands in 1973, my family and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Dingeman J. Oggel, Hillie's parents, at their home in Axel. Mr. Oggel then gave me copies of all the Oggel correspondence he had in his possession. Later the family gave us the originals which are now in the Hope College archives. I met several of the Oggel children in 1973 but I think that Hillie was already married and not at home. The Oggel connection with Hope College is through Pieter J. Oggel, the first Bible professor at Hope College and son-in-law of Van Raalte.

How good of them to give you a Van Raalte letter. Thanks for thinking of us and sending us a copy of it. Interestingly enough, our archives has a copy of the letter but only in typescript. So the letter you sent helps me fill out the file of that letter.

Thank you for all the work you and Hans are doing for the conference at the Free University. I am looking forward to meeting you personally and participating in the conference. Our plans are now to arrive on November 7 and travel around and be in Kampen for our lecture at your school on November 13 and travel to Amsterdam on Thursday, the 14th. We plan to visit the old Bruins family farm near Twello again. My great, great grandfather built the home in 1827 and the family left for America and Alto, Wisconsin, in 1847. He was once arrested for holding services in their home in 1836. Dr. Kees Smits found that record in an Amsterdam archives once. I cherish my ties with the Netherlands and am so pleased to make your acquaintance.

Most Sincerely,

Elton J. Bruins

gift of Dr George Harsnick
Historisch Documentatiecentrum
voor het Nederlands Protestantisme
(1800-heden)

De Soelalaan 1105

1081 HV Amsterdam added to file

The Netherlands

Holland Mich
Jwa D. Phelps. Oct 31/1874

Dear Brother,

Since you left
I had severe fevers, now inflam-
mation is subdued, and am able
to do a little.

I can make the change with
Mrs O'Connell and she is ready
at any time to deed the Lot
South of O'Connell House to the
consistory of the First Church.

yours truly

Wm. A. Phelps.

91.

Holland Mich

Oct 31/1874

Revd Dr Phelps

Dear Brother.

Since you left I had severe fever
now inflammation is subdued and am able to do a little

I can make the change with Mrs. Ogden and she is ready at
any time to deed the lot South of Organ House to the Consistory of
the First Church.

Yours truly

A. Van Raalte

Sent original to Dr. M. V. Ogden 9/9/1959

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Revd Dr Phelps

Dear Brother.

Since you left I had severe fever
now inflammation is subdued and am able to do a little

I can make the change with Mrs. Ogel and she is ready at
any time to deed the Lot South of Orphan House to the Consistory of
the First Church.

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A. Van Raalte

Sent original to Dr. M. V. Ogel 9/9/1959

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Oct. 31, 1874¹

Revd Dr Phelps

Dear Brother.

Since you left I had severe fevers now inflammation is subdued and am able to do a little.

I can make the change with Mrs. Oggel² and She is ready at any time to deed the Lot South of [the] Orphan House to the Consistory of the First Church.³

Yours truly

A C Van Raalte

¹ According to a note on the bottom of a transcription of this letter, Rev. George Scholten noted that he had given the original to Rev. M. Verne Oggel, a Reformed Church pastor . However, a copy of the original was given to the archives of Hope College by Hillie Kooy-Oggel of the Netherlands who had given Dr. George Harinck, a staff member of the Historisch Documentatiecentrum voor het Nederlands Protestantisme (1800-heden), a copy of the original letter in September, 1996. Elton Bruins acknowledged receipt of this gift in his letter to Harinck, 13 September 1996.

² Johanna Maria Wilhelmina Van Raalte, widow of Rev. Pieter J. Oggel.

³ There is no information available concerning this property exchange. It does indicate, however, that Van Raalte had begun to distribute his property to his children.



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St. A.
have
any?*

Elton J. Bruins