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30 July 1852

Holland, Michigan

At this meeting of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church attended by Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, Wilterdink, Hekhuis, Appeldoorn, and Labots, elders and deacons, de Weerd and Wilterdink, the pastor proposed that the cemetery be divided into two parts. One part would be for public graves and the other part sold to individuals or families. The consistory approved the idea. Consistory would give Brother P. de Vries seventy-five cents a week to support the child of his brother-in-law. Affairs in the congregation seemed to be peaceful because no names were mentioned of people who could not take communion which was being celebrated soon.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William Buursma.

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Consistory Meeting of July 30, 1852

ARTICLE 1 – Present are: Rev. A. C. van Raalte; Wilterdink, Hekhuis, Appeldoorn, Labots, elders; de Weerd and Wilterdink, deacons.

ARTICLE 2 – The meeting was opened with prayer by the president.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 4 – Rev. van Raalte expresses his desire that the cemetery should be divided, with the church assuming the cost, into two sections; one-half for public graves, and the other half to be sold in order to become the property of individuals or families. This will provide a more attractive property.

It was decided to do so.

ARTICLE 5 – Rev. van Raalte, since the Lord's Supper will be held, asks the brethren whether they have anything against one another. With hearty agreement, all reply in the negative.

ARTICLE 6 – Rev. van Raalte informs the assembly that Brother P. de Vries had come to him, telling him that it had become necessary for him to provide for the spiritual and physical

well-being of a child of his brother-in-law. He indicates that he is now in great difficulty in providing for both the orphan, P. van Tak, and his own children.

He asks the consistory if they can find a good place for the child or if they are able to give him some assistance, so that he can continue to care for the spiritual and physical nurture of this child. Since, at the moment, none of the brethren knows of an appropriate place for the child, it was decided that the youngster should remain with him (de Vries), and that the deacons, as soon as possible, will give him 75 cents a week.

Nothing further requiring the attention of the meeting, the assembly was closed with a prayer of thanksgiving by Elder J. A. Wilterdink.

A. C. van Raalte, president
J. Labots, clerk

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