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3 September 1854

Holland, Michigan

At this meeting of the Consistory of the First Reformed Church, the editor of *De Hollander* needed to be warned of the unreformed direction the paper was taking, it was ruled. There again was discussion about the length of terms of the elders and deacons. It was decided that elders and deacons were asked to give a half day a week to family visitation. Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte served as clerk as well as presided at the meeting.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William Buursma.

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Meeting Held on September 3, 1854

Present were Elders Broek, Wilterdink, Jonker, Appeldoorn, and Hekhuis; Deacons Keppel, Wilterdink; and Rev. van Raalte

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 1 – The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – A complaint concerning the unreformed direction of “The Hollander” of August 31, 1854, was discussed. It was decided to warn the publisher.

ARTICLE 3 – After a long discussion concerning the pros and cons of the retirement from the consistory of elders and deacons in this congregation, it is decided, because of the uncertainty of the feelings in this matter, to continue to discuss it.

In connection with family visiting, it is decided from now on elders and deacons will each give a half day to this task weekly.

ARTICLE 4 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Hekhuis.

A. C. van Raalte, clerk

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Translating*