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### The Minutes of the Classis of Holland

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April 5-6, 1876

Zeeland, Michigan

In the minutes of the Classis of Holland, item 12, "miscellanea," it was reported "Because our beloved brother, Dr. A. C. van Raalte, once again, through suffering, has been hindered in being present, it was decided that the president and secretary be requested to express our sympathy in his time of suffering." The prayer was expressed that his life be spared and health restored.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William Buursma.

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CLASSICAL MEETING

HELD

AT

ZEELAND, MICHIGAN

April 5-6, 1876

12.  
Miscellanea

Because our beloved brother, Dr. A. C. van Raalte, once again, through suffering, has been hindered in being present, it was decided that the president and secretary be requested to express our sympathy in his time of suffering.

It was also decided that this same committee prepare an appropriate memorial in connection with the passing of Brother W. van der Kley.

At the end of the classical session, the above-mentioned committee reported as follows, which was approved by the classis:

"The assembly, having been informed by one of its members, concerning the grave illness of Dr. A. C. van Raalte, wishes by this method to extend its empathy to our Rev. Brother during this period of his testing. Taking into consideration the very intimate connection binding Rev. van Raalte to us for so many years, we desire to articulate our loss of his presence and our feeling of ongoing fellowship with him, as well as our sympathy with him under these circumstances.

"Our prayer is that Dr. van Raalte's life may be spared and that his health may be returned to him, so that he, on behalf of the church of God here on earth, and particularly for us, may be spared. The assembly wishes for him and his family members to be informed about the strong feeling of hearty connection with him and our prayers on his behalf.

"In the name of classis, John van der Meulen, President"

The following resolution presented by the same committee, in connection with the passing of Rev. W. van der Kley, was received and approved.