
Western Theological Seminary
**W88-0030.** De Jonge, Gerhard (1859-1929).  
Papers, ca. 1900-1929.  0.25 linear ft.

**Abstract**

Minister in the Reformed Church in America from 1887-1929, and associate editor of *De Hope*. The collection includes articles on the founding of Classis Holland, secession movements, the union of the Classis of Holland with the Reformed Church in America, character and condition of the pioneers, as well as Van Eyck’s Book and the Secession Movements. The collection also contains biographical information, three historical sketches on the history of Vriesland, the immigration of Vriesland, and the religious development of Vriesland, all in Dutch. One piece of correspondence, a letter to De Jonge from Jan Elsma, (Dutch); note cards concerning the biographical information about the pastors of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, 1852-1897, information about the history of the RCA from 1602-1850, and records of first births, baptisms, marriages, and schools in Vriesland are also included.

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Provenance: Gerhard De Jonge  
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**Biography**

Gerhard De Jonge was born in Zeeland, Michigan, on June 8, 1859. He graduated from Hope College in 1882 and from Western Theological Seminary in 1887. He served as pastor of South Blendon Reformed Church from 1887 to 1890, and as pastor of Vriesland Reformed Church from 1890 to 1912. In 1912, he was appointed agent for Hope College and Western Seminary, and in 1914 he became a missionary for Classis West Michigan. He also served as associate editor of *De Hope*. De Jonge died in Zeeland on March 3, 1929.

**Scope and Content**

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**Container List**
Articles
  Founding of Classis Holland, n.d. (Dutch)
  History of the Deaconate, n.d.
  “Secession Movements,” n.d.
  “The Union of the Classis of Holland with the Reformed Church in America,”
    n.d.
  “Character and Condition of the Pioneers,” n.d.

Biographical, 1929

Historical Sketches
  History of Vriesland, n.d. (5 pages, incomplete)
  Immigration of Vriesland, n.d. (24 pages) (Dutch)
  Religious Development of Vriesland, n.d. (28 pages) (Dutch)

Letter to De Jonge from Jan Elsma, n.d. (Dutch)

Note Cards
  Biographical information about the pastors of the First Reformed Church of
    Grand Haven, 1852-1897, n.d.
  Information about the history of the RCA from 1602-1850, n.d.
  Records of first births, baptisms, marriages, and schools in Vriesland, n.d.