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April 17, 1865

No. 34

A letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps: "...I am very glad that our friend, Sam B. Schieffelin, did take a scholarship of \$2500...Such are messengers from Heaven to cheer us on."

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Holland Mich
April 17/65

Revd Dr P Phelps

Dear Brother:

I thank you very much for your kind informations: and I rejoice in your success and courage: I am very glad that our friend, Sam B: Schieffelin, did take a scholarship of \$2500. Really I feel good about that. Such are messengers from Heaven to cheer us on.

I can sympathise with you in suffering from misrepresentations of your motives: well, we can not avoid this and must expect such: He who has a veil in his heart he expects evil from others: it is as necessary as there is lack of love: but I must acknowledge that it is hard to bear it: in several hints thrown in my face I heart that my motives in working for the academy were low and mean; but let our life be fixed on what happened to Jesus when crusified; and it will leave us.

Your systematic course I am pleased with, especially if it is only preparations to be followed by personal exertions in the classis, because I fear that clergymen will not be faithful to the cause: begging is a too hateful thing.

Many years ago we were convinced about the Thompsons character and course, but lacking moral courage they will never bring much to bear upon matters.-

Your appointment to Particular and General Synod is a welcome relief to many and will be easily secured.

If that German would throw himself in the midst of us then I Have no doubt that he would be the cause of leading our people into Home Missionary work. Step by step they will follow; being able to see as far as they go: a plan for calling a stranger in the field would make them hesitating. Ds Oggel was also convinced that he being on the ground, all would go well: we intend to speak over the person with the clergymen at the time of Classical meeting.

Mrs. Van Raalte is improving the last few days.

Many are sick with long fever and several children did die: I have been overworking myself and am used up. -

I suppose you are getting your regular home informations about every mail.

Your Friend and Brother

A C Van Raalte

Schieffelin scholarship
made last year

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copy sent to you

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