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24 April 1873

Holland, Michigan

The Council of Hope College met on the 23rd in the newly finished library but a quorum was not present so the regular meeting was held the next day with Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte in the chair. Prof. Charles Scott was present as an advisory member of the council. The order of examinations was presented to the council. It was reported that a lady from Amsterdam, New York, gave the college twenty-two books and the theological department, eighty-six volumes. The books came from the widow of Rev. Henry Snyder. Dr. Thomas De Witt gave 250 volumes to the college. A gift of \$200 for the library was given by Samuel B. Schieffelin. Mr. William A. Hall of Hastings on Hudson, New York, gave \$1,000 for a new printing press. [Pres. Phelps had served the Hastings congregation before he came to Holland Academy in 1859.] The Holland Relief Committee gave \$1,000 to Hope College for expenses incurred from the October, 1871 fire. Prof. Scott was permitted to receive \$200 to expend on the house he was renting from the college since his home burned in the fire. The final meeting of this session was concluded on 30 April.

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Minutes of the Council of Hope College, 143-147, 155.

- The Council of Hope College met in regular Spring session in the newly finished library at nine o'clock A. M.
- Ap 24. There not being a quorum present the meeting adjourned until the next day at
1873 the same hour.
- Present Rev A. C. Van Raalte in the Chair.
Rev Philip Phelps Jr.
Of the Classis of Mich
- Rev. C. Van Der Veen.
A. T. Stewart.
Elder B Ledeboer.
- Illinois
Rev N D Gulick
Holland
Rev E. C. Oggel
Wisconsin
Rev J. H. Karsten.
- Prof Scott Rev Mr. Gulick opened the meeting with prayer.
Advisory A Certificate was read showing Prof Scott to have been elected an advisory
Member member of the Council He appeared in Council.
- Examinations An order of examinations was received from the Faculty, adopted and at once
entered upon.
Rev Mr. Van Der Veen was excused as far as he might desire from attendance
upon the rest of the session.
Adjourned until half past two with prayer by Rev Philip Phelps.
- The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev Charles Scott
- H. Snyder A letter was read from Rev C. E. Crispell stating that Mrs Henry Snyder of
Books Amsterdam N. Y. had presented to the Academic Department of Hope
College 22 Vols and to the Theological Department 86 Vols of valuable books
Also Catalogues of the volumes pre-
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- Thanks to viously given to the Theological Dept by Rev Doctor Isaac Ferris
Maria Resolved that the thanks of the Council be presented to Mrs Maria Synyder
Synyder for her gift of books from the Library of her late husband Rev Henry Snyder
Books of Amsterdam N. Y.
Doctor Also to Rev Doctor Thomas De Witt for 250. vols selections from his non[?]
De Witt library Also to Mr. Charles Van Wyck for 20 or 30 copies of Immersed[?]
Books instructed
- Charles Doctor Phelps stated that he had paid unto the Treasury the
Van Wyck following cash donations for the Library
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|------------------------|----------|
| S B & J. L Schieffelin | \$200.00 |
| Church of Athens N. Y. | 7.47 |
| Chapel of Lyonsville | 7.53 |
- Printing Mr. William A Hall of Hastings upon Hudson has in addition to his former
Press. by liberality to the endowment given \$1000. for the purchase of a new printing

W. A. Hall press for the publication Department and printing of De Hope.
The Council heartily endorses the acknowledgments to Mr. Hall which have already appeared in De Hope.
Prof Crispell sent in \$7.00 in money[?] \$13.56 in receipts for the freight and labeling of the books sent by Doctor Ferris the same being the payment of a subscription by Doctor Crispell of \$20.00 for teaching in the Grammar school
Crispell Donation \$20.00 Res that the payments consisting of money & receipts be passed to the Treasury

The Council met in evening session and was opened with prayer by Elder Ledebor. Adjourned until 8 A M of
Friday and was closed with prayer by Doctor Phelps.

The Council met according to adjourn

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ment and was opened with prayer by Rev Mr. Stewart. At 10 A M the examinations closed. when it was Resolved that the examinations of the Senior Theological Class be approved and that the members composing it
Messrs Harm[?] Borgeas and

Evert Van Der Hart receive

professoral Certificates in accordance with the action of Synod.

Res. that any future ~~action~~ violation of the rule of Synod concerning students preaching be reported to the Gen. Synod.

The reports of the several Departments were read. On motion Rev Doctor Phelps was appointed to draw up the report of the Council to Synod

Res^d that the examination of the Seignor[sic] Class be sustained and that Arend Visscher be recommended for the degree of A. B.

\$1000 relief Res^d that the Generous appropriation of one thousand dollars by the Holland Relief Committee, to meet the heavy burdens resulting directly & indirectly to Hope College by reason of the fire be appropriated as follows. For expenses on the Zwemer house necessary for adapting it as a temporary residence for Prof Scott who lost his dwelling

792.09 for lumber burned

50.00 for meeting the Endowment interest from sufferers by fire

157.91

Arrangement with Prof Scott Res. that Prof Scott be authorized to expend two hundred dollars additional on the house in which he resides, and that the College give him a note for that amount payable without interest, and that the use of the building be had by him without rent until some permanent arrangement be made,

1872. April The meeting adjourned until 2. P. M and was closed with prayer by Elder Viele

Council met in afternoon session & was opened with prayer by Rev Mr. Karsten.

Res that the Academic Commencement this year be omitted.

Res. that the question of a preparatory Commencement be referred to the Ex. Com.
 Res that the Theol. Commencement this year be omitted.
 Res.² that the Ex. Com. be empowered to negotiate an exchange with the First Ref. Church for the lot south of the printing house
 De Hope The Auditing Com. for De Hope having reported that they had not borrowed the \$2000. as directed on page 120.
 Res¹ that they be released from further duty in that respect.
 Res 3 that the Ex. Com be authorized to borrow \$1000. for the benefit of the printing house and give security on lots 3, 4, 14 in Block
 Printing House Adjourned till 7. P. M. and closed with prayer by Prof Scott.

The Council met in evening session and was opened with prayer by Elder Viele. A letter was read from Mr. Beardslee giving satisfactory reasons for his absence.

Salary End't Agent Res. that the Salary of the Endowment Agent be paid out of funds Collected by him and that the Board of Education be relieved to that extent in the support of this Institution.
 Res that the Council adjourn to meet on Monday at eleven oclock A. M.
 Elder Ledeboer closed with prayer.

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29th The Council met on the morning of the and was opened with prayer by Rev Mr. Stewart. Elder K Brouwer appeared in Council.
 Res that the present officers hold office until the June meeting of the Council.
 Adjourned till 2. P. M. Closed with prayer by Doctor Phelps.

The Afternoon session was opened with prayer by Elder Ledeboer.
 The report to the Council was read and approved. Res that Copies be printed
 Report to Board of Education Res that a report in reference to our finances be sent to the Board of Education by the Ex. Com.
 Res that Mr. C. Doesberg be authorized and appointed to Collect as well as receive endowment interest
 Doesberg Endt Agent Res that the appointment of Mr. Doesberg as General endowment Agent be understood to imply that he has authority to collect as well as receive Endowment interest. The second resolution was afterwards substituted for the first on this subject.
 Res. to adjourn. Mr. Karsten closed the meeting with prayer. At six oclock P. M. the meeting adjourned.

Abel. T. Stewart. Secretary.