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April 10, 1866

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A letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps: more about the trip abroad.

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Holland Mich
April 10/66

Rev P. Phelps D.D.

Dear Brother,

I have been to Grand Rapids with Mrs V Raalte to buy the articles necessary for the journey: and to consult with Dr. Shepard about her: -Though he could not cure her; he could do much to releave her and make life more comfortable: He said the intended journey was just the thing for her: He trusted more in it than in any medicine: alsoo He thought the journey was very necessary for me and He trusted that it would be very beneficial.

My wife stood the journey better than I expected Yet she did raise again blood. -I am glad that She is not only Willing to go; but also very favorable effected by the anticipation.

We both feel very much obliged for your labor and kindness in this care for our Wellfaren.

I did receive just now your letters and the tiding of the securing a passage on the Teutonia leaving Saturday noon April 28. - All this is just according what I could wish for. My intention is to leave next Monday April 16th: I will take it slow and secure as possible.

I have to stop over nights and perhaps some time a day on account of Mrs Van Raalte's troubles-

I accept thankfull the invitation to Stop at yours fathers: my wife desires very much to meet yet Mrs. Phelps.-

I am glad to hear so good tiding of Dr Vermilye and of the activity of the Committee. May the Lord bless you in your work:

I hope to see you in Albany or New York:

Your Gratefull friend and Brother

A C Van Raalte

Note: Dr Phelps' parents lived in Albany

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Reverend J. Phelps D.D.

Holland Mich
April 10, '66

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We both feel very much obliged for your labor and kindness in this case for our wellfare.

I did receive just now your letter ^{the tidings of} and the securing of a passage on the Teutonia leaving Saturday noon April 29. - All this is just according what I could wish for. My intention is to leave next Monday April 16th. I will take it slow and secure as possible.

I have to stop over nights and perhaps some time a day on account of Mrs Van Rauthe's troubles.

I accept thankfull the invitation to stop at your father's. My wife desires very much to meet you Mrs Phelps.

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Your Gratefull friend
Alvan Raulte.

Holland Mich
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