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12 December 1865

Holland, Michigan

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In Dutch. Translation by Simone Kennedy, 1997.

Also in this issue, volume one, number one, is the statement of purpose of this new publication. It is designed to serve the Dutch-speaking population. "Ecclesiastically we hope not to be involved in polemical writing....The columns of this paper are not open to vile correspondence or personal insults." Since the sponsor of the paper is Hope College, the paper is so-named.

In Dutch; translation by Nella Kennedy, May 2006.

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WEEKBLAD IN HET BELANG VAN MAATSCHAPPIJ [De Hope]
Holland, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1865

Vol. 1, Nr 1

To the Reader

The first issue of this paper has been published in accordance to the desire expressed by many. We had wished to proceed to the publication already earlier, but the way to it remained closed. Yet everything seems to converge now so that we can advance to the publication. Rev. Veenhuizen has been appointed by the Board of the college here to be the editor along with the undersigned. He is expected here before the end of the year. We have put together a trial number. In the meantime we are intending to continue the work on a regular basis in February of the next year.

Much, very much, could be said in accepting this work. We do not want to enter into particulars. What we are intending to produce can be seen in essence in this issue. Although our paper is intended as an organ to serve the church, and to discuss her affairs, but it has a more comprehensive aim. The call of the Christian printing press, in our view, is to point to the happenings of the day. No so much to arouse curiosity according to the way of Athens, but to give an overview of what is happening in the world in which we live. How can one be alert to the signs of the time if one is not acquainted with his time? We hope to speak about the important events on earth. We hope to communicate what important Christian papers say concerning these (which cannot profit many Dutch folk, because they do not understand English). In contemplating the world we hope especially to pay attention to that which must be the most essential for everyone: the development of the Kingdom of God. We hope to promote that which is related to it, such as knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, mutual love, the application of God's Word, education, in family as well as in elementary and higher education. We especially do not wish to place the last named in the background. We wish to defend all good topics and enterprises in church and civic affairs. As far as parties are concerned, we will stay completely removed from politics. It is our aim not to speak for any party. If, however, our conscience dictates to speak for biblical principles in civic matters, especially because of obedience to, and reverence for, the rulers [*Magten*], we will not avoid doing so, not matter what party. Ecclesiastically we hope not to be involved in polemical writing. If we feel that we have to point to faults within or without our church we hope to do so with faithfulness and gentleness. The columns of this paper are not open to vile correspondence or personal insults.

We hope that pastors, and all who have talents for writing for the public, will increase the value of our paper by their contributions. They are, of course, accountable themselves for what they submit. If or when the submitted contribution is placed is the editor's responsibility.

It stands to reason that we will keep to the confession of the *Gereformeerde Kerk* as far as doctrine is concerned. For the rest we wish to give liberty to discuss positions about which believers differ.

As far as the content of the paper is concerned we have considered our sense of calling as well as the desire expressed by many. If interested friends wish to make some comment in all modesty, we hope to receive those in love, and to make use of them for the improvement of our paper. We hope to take haughty or bitter comments for what they are.

This paper is published under the supervision of the College's Board of Trustees in this town. Any ensuing monetary profit will go to the aforementioned institution. Therefore we encourage with even greater boldness to subscribe, and we request all those interested to help pay for the costs of the paper by advertisements. The institution is called "Hope College." Therefore we have named the paper DE HOPE.¹

But let us finish, for, without being aware of it, this introduction could become rather more extensive than was intended. Without flattering ourselves with the hope of satisfying all of our readers, we do intend to be useful to *all* our readers, and to submit a paper from which everyone can at least take some benefit now and then. And since we have cast our eyes on the Lord before taking on this work, we request of everyone who heartily supports the good cause, to assist us in our efforts, and especially by their prayers.

P. J. Oggel

Holland, December 1865

[translated by Nella Kennedy,
May 2006]

¹ We chose the archaic *Hope* instead of the present *Hoop* because it resembles English. The word *Hoop* gives Americans a totally different idea. And we are so used to the soft *e* because of many frequently used words such as [illegible], *vrome* [?], *Heere*, etc.

WEEKBLAD IN HET BELANG VAN MAATSCHAPPIJ [first issue of DE HOPE]

Vol. 1, No. 1

Wednesday, December 12, 1865

Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen

Many of our readers are probably not acquainted with Rev. Veenhuizen, and may desire to know something about the co-editor of this paper. We gladly gratify this desire. The Reverend gentleman was educated for the holy ministry in Geneva, at the Theological School of which Merle D'Aubigne is one of the most renowned theologians. After having completed his studies he was employed to train pastors in Ommen, together with Dr. Van Raalte, and when the Theological School was established in Arnhem, he was in charge of the instruction in the ancient languages and other subjects.

Having moved to America later, he labored as a pastor, first in Albany, then in Rochester, and lastly in Pultneyville. There he worked as a Presbyterian pastor until two years ago when he and his congregation went over to the *Gereformeerde Kerk*.

Since he has been appointed now as teacher of modern languages at the College here, and to be editor of this paper as well, the Reverend hopes to come here soon.

May the Lord lead him and place him as a rich blessing in our midst.

P.J.O.

[Translator: Nella Kennedy,
May 2006]

December 12, 1865

Holland, Michigan



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1865, December 12

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“The Rev. A. B. Veenhuizen”, *De Hope*, Wednesday, December 12, 1865

“Ds. A. B. Veenhuizen”, *De Hope*, woensdag, 12 december 1865

Many of our readers are perhaps not familiar with the Rev. Veenhuizen, who will become co-editor of our paper, and wish to know somewhat more about him. We certainly would like to satisfy this desire. The Rev. Veenhuizen studied at the seminary in Geneva, where Merle d’Aubigne is one of the distinguished professors. After his graduation he went to work with the Rev. Van Raalte in Ommen to educate students to become pastors. When the seminary in Arnhem opened he was put in charge of teaching the classical languages and other subjects at this school. After he moved to America he worked as a Minister, first in Albany, then in Rochester, and lastly in Pultnyville. In that town he was originally active as a Presbyterian Minister, but decided two years ago to transfer to the Reformed Church with his congregation. At present he has accepted an appointment to teach modern languages at the College in this town and to edit our paper. We expect him soon to move here.

May the Lord guide him and make him a blessing in our midst.

P.J. O[ggel]

De Gaze,
Woensdag 12 December 1865. p 1
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"Ds A. B. Veenhuizen"

Welligt zijn velen onder lezers
niet bekend met Ds Veenhuizen,
en verlangen, daar Z Ew nu mede-
redacteur van dit blad wordt,
iets omtrent hem te weten. Gaarne
willen wij aan die begeerte voldoen.
Z Ew werd te Geneva, aan de
Theologische School, van welke
Merle d'Aubigne eender ver-
maarde Hoogleraren is, tot de
heilige bediening opgeleid. Na daar
zijne studien voleindigd te
hebben, was hij in vereeniging
met Dr Van Ralte, te Ommen
werkzaam ter opleiding van
Predikanten, en Toer vervolgens
de Theologische School te Arnhem
gevestigd werd was Z Ew aan die
school belast met het onderwijs ^{in de} oude talen en andere ^{subjecten} vakken.
Later naar Amerika verhuud,
arbeedde hij als predikant, eerst
te Albany, vervolgens te Rochester

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en nu laatst te Pultruyville.
 Daar ter plaatse was hij werk-
 zaam als Presbyterisch leraar,
 doch kwam, nu twee jaren
 geleden, met zijne gemeente
 tot de Gereformeerde Kerk over-
^{at present} ^{appointed}
 thans benoemd, om aan de College-
 alhier onderwijs te geven in
 de nieuwe talen, en mede dit
 blad te redigereⁿ, verwacht
 Z.E. spoedig hierheen te komen.

Moge de Heere hem geleiden,
 en ten rijken zegen stellen
 in ons midden.

P. J. O[ggel]