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March 8, 1866

No. 36

A letter of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps: Phelps is encouraged in his fund-raising. ACVR reports on the revival taking place in town. Second church received its new minister.

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Holland Mich
March 8/66

Rev P. Phelps D.D.

Dear Brother.

After signing the articles they are mailed according directions. - The receipt for Searcher is handed Ds Oggel.

About the gracious reviving of God's work, the Conversion of Sinners among us, the means thereto and the conflicting views about matters, you are I understand informed. Asternity will tell of its great value. Satan was to work but did not succeed. At the present the Methodists have another preacher in Kronhouse (?): the first church keeps up evening meeting. -

The Second Dutch gets her pastor very late but nobody wonders at it. Br. Stuart must find all his delight in Saving Souls and must have quite a deal warm earnestness to be pleased with the moulding of the future and guiding the currents here.

I find out in this Commotion to be inefficient for energetic work. -

Your absence is detrimental but not the least for the institute.

I sympathise with you in your disagreeable work: it is apt to break a man's heart and back: plodding on over your ground, Church by Church will accomplish it, but nothing less. Nobody besides you can or will do it for the present. I would say to your comfort, the rest will be sweet; but I believe the Lord will give you comfort and strenght.

Mrs V Raalte did not gain in health, she sends her love to Mrs. Phelps.

With my best wishes I am your Brother and friend

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