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December 3, 1856

A clipping, apparently from De Hollander, translated, and located in the Van Schelven Collection of the Archives of the Netherlands Museum, saying that A. C. Van Raalte had declined his call to the Pella Church.

January 6, 1857

At the morning services of last Sunday, our beloved pastor Rev. A.C. Van Raalte announced that he had again received a call from the Pella, Iowa congregation.

December 3, 1856

After a very encouraging and admonishing sermon our beloved pastor announced to our congregation that after much and serious consideration he had come to the conclusion to decline the call to Pella, Iowa. After this he pledged himself anew to his congregation. In between the call and his declination, the subscription list for building a large and satisfactory building for the Academy here. (Van Vlek Hall) has according to his announcement has been of great influence as to his decision.

"In the latter part of May 1847 I brought my own family through the trackless forests and even now it awakens within me thanks to God, that my wife, who now enjoys her eternal rest, entered the unfinished house with the singing of Psalms.