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12 January 1867

Holland, Michigan

At the meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church, Elder Broek was chosen chairman in the absence of Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte. A member of the congregation was present who requested the lifting of the censure the consistory had placed on him. Further investigation on the part of the consistory was necessary before his request would be granted. The pastor then entered the meeting. Routine matters were dealt with.

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Original in the records of the Pillar Christian Reformed Church at the Joint Archives of Holland, vol. II, p. 279.

Consistory Meeting of January 12, 1867

Absent: Brothers Wilterdink and D. te Roller.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened by Brother Broek.

ARTICLE 2 – Broek was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 3 – Jan van Dam was present, once again requesting the lifting of his censure. In response to certain questions, he says that he is living with his wife, but not in the place where she lives but in another house in the village. He has given his previous property to his son, and, consequently, no longer has any property. After some further discussion, he was told that at this time there is nothing we can do, until we have first talked with his wife. Whereupon, he left the meeting with the consistory by saying that he hoped that they would actually investigate the matter and not, as in the past, promise and then do nothing.

ARTICLE 4 – In the meantime, Rev. van Raalte had entered the meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – The minutes of the previous meeting, as well as those of the congregational meeting, were read and approved.

ARTICLE 6 – A statement was received on behalf of Cornelis de Jong, from the Low Prairie Church, dated November 29, 1866. Accepted.

ARTICLE 7 – A letter from Hogenhorst and wife, indicating their resignation of their membership, was received for information.

ARTICLE 8 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Broek.

G. Wakker, clerk