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### Letter of Albertus C. Van Raalte to Theodore Romeyn

Albertus C. Van Raalte

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April 4, 1867

Holland, Michigan

A letter of Albertus C. Van Raalte to Theodore Romeyn, inviting Romeyn to stay with the Van Raaltes when he visits Holland.

VR has very fond remembrances of all the help he gave when the Van Raaltes wintered in Detroit in 1846-47. "We [Van Raalte and his wife] both remember yet, with deep feeling and thank[s] to God our kind father and to you, all the kindniss [sic] shown to us at the time when we were helpless strangers in a strange land. You were to us like an angel of God."

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J. Romeyn Esq.

Holland, Michigan  
April 21/1867.

Dear Sir

From one of our Professors  
I got information that your letter to Van  
de Krieke just now was answered. Their  
excuse was that your letter had been so  
long on the road.

Now my dear Sir, to meet you in our  
family under our roof, will be an en-  
joyment to my wife and myself. We both  
remember yet, with deep feeling and  
thank to God our kind father and to you,  
all the kindness shown to us at the time  
when we were helpless strangers in a  
strange land. You were to us like an angel  
of God. — We ask you to stay with us  
during the intended visit. Yet we  
feel some what embarrassed knowing

that we can not give you all  
the conveniences which you do enjoy  
at home: but please bear with us and  
come under our roof -

Your grateful friends  
A. Van Kleeft