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### A Letter of Albertus C. Van Raalte to His Good Friend, Theodore Romeyn

A. C. Van Raalte

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June 20, 1867

Holland, Mich[igan]

[Van Raalte no longer uses Ottawa in the address]

A letter of Albertus C. Van Raalte to his good friend, Theodore Romeyn, whom he met in Detroit in 1846 and an attorney, stating that he is very sorry that the Van Raaltes cannot entertain him in their home. Mrs. Van Raalte is not well and their daughter-in-law who is staying with them expects a child shortly but they do invite him and his party to tea when he is in the city. The Rev. Abel T. Stewart, pastor of the "2nd Reformed Church" [Hope Church] is arranging a place for him to stay.

In English.

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Holland Mich:  
June 20/1867. -  
Th: Honeyman Esq

Dear Sir!

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Stewart  
the clergyman of the 2<sup>d</sup> Reformed Church  
of this place, has made provision for you  
all, though not in the same family. -  
Renewed sickness of Mr. Van Raalte  
during the last weeks, and the confinement  
of my daughter in law since the last  
day (much later than we expected)  
who is staying with us. I am sorry today,  
to deprive us of the enjoyment of  
entertaining you and yours in our  
family. - Mrs Van Raalte urges me  
to invite you and your company  
on Tuesday to take tea with us. I  
fearing she will be too late, know-  
ing that your stay will be short.

She is very anxious to meet you once  
more.

Your grateful friend,

H. C. Kault.

NB Do take the Allegan road  
not leaving that road on the way  
to Jennison, but <sup>on</sup> the road through  
Statesland and Friedland: then  
you see more of the colony and  
the road is not so sandy. →