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The Council of Hope College

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26 July 1867

Holland, Michigan

The Council of Hope College was convened in the library of the college by Pres. Philip Phelps Jr. The meeting had been scheduled for the previous day but could not be held for lack of a quorum. Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte was present. Many actions were taken. One was: "Let the East half of the 60 acres on the South Side of Black Lake donated by Doctor Van Raalte be deeded to the Council of Hope College in trust for their Grammar School." Action was also taken to establish a Primary Department. The minutes of this meeting are incomplete. Page 67 is missing.

Minutes of the Council of Hope College, pp. 65-66.

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July 25, According to a special call of the President, the Council met in special session
1867 in the Library at 9 A. M, There being no quorum the Council adjourned until
friday morning

Abel. T. Stewart. Secretary.

July 26, 1867 The Council of Hope College met in the Library on Friday evening July 26 The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev Mr. Stewart. There were Present Rev Doctor Phelps in the chair Rev Doctor Van Raalte, Rev Messrs Bolks, Decker, Oggel, Stewart, & Elder B. Ledeboer M.D. The resolution of the previous

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 vious meeting recorded on page 62 concerning Female Education was read, together with the Circular Call sent to the members. A Communication was received from the Ex. members of the Ex. Com. & Professors, presenting a place for Female Education. The Communication was accepted & the following place was adopted. Let the East half of the 60 acres on the South Side of Black Lake donated by Doctor Van Raalte be deeded to the Council of Hope College in trust for their Grammar School. Let said Grammar School be made to include both sexes though for the present in separate rooms buildings & with separate Teachers. Let the Female branch of the school include Classes of any higher grade until the Council may be ready to establish a formal Ladies Collegiate Department & meanwhile let this female branch of the Grammar school be known as Hope Female Seminary.
 Primary Dep^l Let a Primary Department be established for both sexes beginning with the lowest or elementary steps & reaching without interruption up to the Grammar School. If at any time any of the Consistories of our Ref. Dutch. Churches in the city of Holland, Mich. wish to establish parochial schools under the System adopted by our denomination, it shall be competent for the Council to make arrangements with said Consistories for admitting the pupils of such parochial schools to the benefits of the Primary Department.
 Paroch^l Schools Let tuition & contingent fees be charged in the Primary Department

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 except in the case of such as may come from beyond the radius of three miles from the Seminary. Let Tuition & Contingent fees be charged for the girls in the Grammar schools including its higher classes.
 Let the proposed plot of 12 acres more or less running to Black River be deeded to the Council exclusively for building -[?] for Hope Female Seminary as Comprising the Ladies Department of the Grammar school of Hope College, and also any Ladies Collegiate Department of Hope College which may grow out of said Grammar School & be duly recognized & established by the Council.
 Let the accommodations for the Primary Department for both sexes be on the Female Seminary grounds or in its buildings.
 During the first five years reckoning from Sept 1 1867 there may be taken out of the proceeds of the thirty acres of the maximum sum of \$600. Per annum for the male Department of the Grammar School.
 During the first two years reckoning from Sept 1, 1867 there may be taken out of the proceeds of the thirty acres whatever may be needed for Tuition rent & furniture in the Primary Dept. After Sept 1. 1869 not more than one quarter of

the net proceeds of the 30 acres for any single year shall be taken for the Primary Department

The following specifications are to be included in the deeds given for the property mentioned in the above plan During the first five years reckoning from Sept 1867 there may be taken out of the proceeds of the 30 acres the maximum sum of \$600. per annum

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