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19 December 1867

Holland, Michigan

The Council of Hope College met in special session and was attended by local people only: Pres. Philip Phelps Jr., Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, Rev. Seine Bolks, Rev. Peter J. Oggel, Rev. Abel T. Stewart, Elder [Hessel] Yntema and Dr. Bernardus Ledeboer. Discussion centered on funding the farm property on the north side of Black Lake at Point Superior. Van Raalte requested that half of the proceeds from a thirty acre plot he donated be designated for theological instruction and the other half to funding the Female Seminary and the Primary School.

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- Dec 19. 1867 Holland City Mich
 The Council met in Special Session at 9. A.M.
 Present Rev Philip Phelps Jr. A.C. Van Raalte S Bolks. P.J. Oggel. A.T.
 Steward & Elder Yntema & B Ledeboer.
- Farm Res^d that the question of accepting the proposed farm to be taken from the table. Res^d that the purchase of Point Superior lands be accepted on condition that \$5000 on account of the Endowment to be transferred to the Council by the Board of Corporation of the General Synod.
 Res^d that an application be made to the Board of Corporation for a transfer of \$5000.
- \$5000 on account of the Endowment to be invested in real estate on Point Superior; the details
- Investm't of purchase to be left to the Ex. Com.
 Res^d that \$1800 due MP. Brayton after Jan 1, 1868 be left on mortgage at 10 percent & that the secretary see that the purchase be completed.
 Res^d that no Student be permitted to enter the Institution without first showing his receipt for his General fee
- 30 acres Res^d that the Allotment of the East 30 acres donated by Doctor Van Raalte be reconsidered & that the request of Doctor Van Raalte be acceded to; that one half of the proceeds of the East 30 acres be devoted to Theological Instruction at Holland Mich. And that the other half of the proceeds of the East 30 acres be devoted to Female Seminary & Primary School in accordance with the place adopted last summer with the mission of any appropriation to the Male Dept of the Grammar School.
 Res^d that the thanks of Council be rendered to Rev Doctor Van Raalte for this valuable gift. Resol'd to adjourn. And was closed with prayer.
- Abel. T. Stewart Secretary