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8 May 1868

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, routine matters were dealt with including the approval of a request of the professors of the seminary [not college because the seminary did not graduate its first class until 1869?] to hold commencement in the Pillar Church.

In Dutch; translation by Rev. William and Althea Buursma, 2000.

Original in the records of the Pillar Christian Reformed Church at the Joint Archives of Holland, vol. II, p. 317a.

Consistory Meeting of May 8, 1868

All members present, except Brother Beeuwkes.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. C. van Raalte.

ARTICLE 2 – The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

ARTICLE 3 – Present at the meeting were:

Lammetje Hetibrij

Geertje Wakker

Anna Boot; all desiring to make profession of faith. They were interviewed and unanimously accepted.

ARTICLE 4 – Memberships requested and granted to G. J. te Winkel to Grand Rapids, and to Ivan O. Bahler to Milwaukee.

ARTICLE 5 – It was decided to call for a congregational meeting on Thursday, May 14, for the purpose of making a trio of pastors, and later to call one of them.

ARTICLE 6 – A request from the professors of the seminary to hold commencement in our church was approved.

ARTICLE 7 – It was decided to meet again next Monday, May 11. The meeting was closed with prayer by Keppel.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of May 11, 1868

Absent: Kamper.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Geerlings.

ARTICLE 2 – Brother Pijster was chosen as chairman.

ARTICLE 3 – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 4 – The clerk reports that he has reported the decision of the congregation (see Article 6 of the minutes of April 24), to the consistory of the Third Church. The consistory received this decision with joy and fully agreed with it.