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27 November 1868

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Elder Kamper was chosen as chairman, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte entered the meeting after the discussion of the Wakker case had begun. It was decided that Wakker himself will be denied the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper because he seemed pleased that his marriage broke up.

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decide, as circumstances require.

ARTICLE 6 – The assembly was informed that classis has decided to have a drive on behalf of the academic school building and the shortage in their funds. Dr. van Raalte proposes to acquiesce in this immediately in the meeting. This suggestion is accepted.

The meeting was closed with prayer and a benediction by Rev. van Raalte.

J. Schrader, clerk

Consistory Meeting of November 27, 1868

Present were Brothers Broek, Kamper, Peijster, Keppel, Schrader, Geerlings, Bouwkes, Sprietsma, Voulpell, Vaarwerk, ter Vree.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Peijster.

ARTICLE 1 – Brother Kamper was chosen to serve as president, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

ARTICLE 2 – The committee of Kamper and Schrader report on their visit to the wife of Wakker. In their opinion, the woman can be won over, but not as long as Marie is in the home, and, if Wakker is willing to have her back.

ARTICLE 3 – Dr. van Raalte entered the meeting at this point.

ARTICLE 4 – The matter of Brother Wakker is continued. Brother Broek proposes to ask Brother Wakker to abstain from communion. After much discussion and consideration of various Scripture texts, the meeting came to the conviction that it must proceed with informing Brother Wakker that he is denied access to the table of the Lord, on the grounds of the above-mentioned matter. We cannot deny but, on the contrary, have much evidence that the brother actually is quite pleased with the situation as it currently exists, namely, the breaking up of his marriage.

ARTICLE 5 – Brothers Peijster and Schrader are appointed to inform Brother Wakker.

ARTICLE 6 – It was proposed and accepted, after consideration, to lift the censure placed upon Brother J. van Dijk, and to inform the consistories of the three churches. The president appoints the committee.

ARTICLE 7 – The membership statements of Klaasje van der Poel and Jannetje, widow of van der Poel, both from Ermeloo, Gelderland, were received.

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ARTICLE 8 – The meeting was closed with prayer by Dr. van Raalte.

J. Schrader, clerk

Consistory Meeting of November 30, 1868

Present were Brothers Peijster, Schrader, Voupell, Vaarwerk, ter Vree, and the entire building committee.

ARTICLE 1 – The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Peijster.

ARTICLE 2 – It was decided to discuss a lot for the parsonage. Three lots were proposed, namely, those of Professor Chrispell, Mr. de Jong, and Mr. Schaddelee.

ARTICLE 3 – It was decided to attempt to purchase the lot of Mr. de Jong

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