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15-16-17 September 1869

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the Council of Hope College, Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte took the chair. A total of twelve members were present. Pres. Philip Phelps Jr., acting as treasurer and gave a report. The report was seven pages in length. [See the report in file dated 15 September 1869.] Rev. William B. Gilmore declined his appointment as Rector of the Grammar School. "Also one [a letter] from the Rev. Doctor Van Raalte accepting his appointment." [which was ??] During the illness of Rev. Pieter J. Oggel, Rev. Roelof Pieters was asked to take his place in Catechetical Instruction as well as [Rev. Jacob??] Van Der Meulen. At the 17 September session, it was noted that Van Raalte would visit churches to raise money for the institution.

Minutes of the Council of Hope College, pp. 78-81.

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- Sept 15, 1869 The Council met in College Library Sept 15, 1869 at 7 ½ P.M.
Present the Rev J. W. Beardslee, James Demarest Jr, N.D. Gulick, J S. Joralmon, J. H. Karston, Philip Phelps Jr, C. E. Oggel, A. T. Stewart, Abraham Thompson, C. Van Der Veen, A. C. Van Raalte, and Elders B Ledebor, H. O. Yntema. Rev A. C. Van Raalte took the chair. Rev. Mr. Thompson opened the meeting with prayer. Rev Doctor Phelps acting Treasurer presented a financial report covering the whole state of the Treasury & previous Endowment. The Report was accepted. It was considered by sections & adopted. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mr. Thompson.
- Sept 16 1869 The Council met at 9 A. M. on Sept 16.
Mr. Joralmon occupied the chair & opened the meeting with prayer. After considering the endowment work the meeting was adjourned to 2 P. M & was closed with prayer by Mr. Demarest.
- 2 P. M The Council met at 2. P.M & was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Gulick. Res^d that \$20. be appropriated for the protection of the foundation of the printing house
- Real Estate Res^d that the Ex. Com. be authorized & advised to sell real estate make loans & Loans if necessary, adjourned with prayer by Rev Mr. Stewart.
- 7 ½ P.M. The Council met according to adjourn

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- ment at 7 ½ P.M and was opened with prayer by Mr. Demarest
Res^d that suitable books be purchased for the entry of the minutes of the Council and of the Ex. Com. A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. Rector Gilmore, declining his appointment as Rector of the Grammar School. Also one from the Rev Doctor Van Raalte accepting his appointment.
- Rector
Grammar
School.
Gilmore.
- Res^d that no Rector of the Grammar School be appointed; that the school, be Inspection be[sic] left under the personal inspection of the President Faculty & that the of the Faculty precise nature of that inspection be determined by the Ex. Com. in connection with the Faculty.
- Catechetical Res^d that during the illness of Prof. Oggel the Rev Mr. Pieters & Van Der Instruction Meulenbe requested to take his place in Catechetical Instruction in the Holland language, and the Rev Mr. Stewart in the English.
- A letter was read from the stated Clerk of Gen. Synod at Philadelphia June 19, 1869 showing that the following persons were elected members of the Council of Hope College.
- Rev E. C. Oggel, from Classis of Holland
J. H. Karsten, “ “ Wisconsin
N. D. Gulick, “ “ Illinois
C. Van Der Veen “ “ Mich.

Rules Res^d that the Rev Philip Phelps Jr & Rev A. Thompson & A. T. Stewart be as a Committee instructed to prepare Articles defining the duties of the Officers and a Set of Rules for the regulation of the Institution & that they present them for adoption at the next regular meeting of the Council
Res^d that as the Gen. Synod in 1865

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adopted a plan for the endowment of Hope College and at its last session directed the Council to take immediate steps to secure tat endowment within two years, therefore in

Endowmt Agent Van Raalte compliance with such directions the Council have appointed the Rev Doctor Van Raalte to present the matter to the churches & make collections and they hereby earnestly commend him in his labors to all interested in the growth of the Educational Institutions of our Church. The meeting was adjourned to Friday morning & closed with prayer by the Rev Mr. Joralmon.

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The Council met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Res^d that Prof Scott be requested to include in his Lectorship Church History to Church Government as in the previous year; that Prof Oggel be requested to include as in the previous year in his Lectorship, Sacred Rhetoric & Pastoral Theology. Res^d that he be assured of our deep sympathies in his protracted illness and of our prayers for his speedy restoration to his important sphere. Res^d that the several Professors be requested to include as in the previous year, among their duties his branches of instruction; that Doctor Phelps be reappointed to act as Treasurer pro tem and that the -----[?] Ed. Com. for De Hope be renewed, viz Rev E.C. Oggel and Mr. C Doesberg. The following action was taken. Whereas it appears from the Report of the Board of Education to the Gen. Synod that a misunderstanding exists on the part of the Board with reference

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to the endowment work for this Institution.

Res^d that the following extracts from former minutes of the Council be presented to the Board of Education with such explanations as may be called for. Minutes of Ex. Com Dec 24. 1867 "Inasmuch as it is thought necessary that the Rev^d Doctor Phelps should remain at the Institution, Res^d that an Agent be appointed to complete the Endowment at[?] the East; that the Rev Anson Dubois D.D. of Schenectady be such agent and that the Salary be not less than \$1500 per annum.

Endowmt
Agent
Dubois

July 28, 1868 Res^d that the Rev Doctor Phelps be requested to engage an Agent while he shall be at the East during the present vocation to prosecute the Endowment work. The Com. Appointed to make the above presentation & explanation consists of Rev Doctor Phelps and Abraham Thompson.

Abel T. Stewart.
Secretary.