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Abstract

Hope College Preparatory School class of 1911 and Hope College class of 1918; minister in the Reformed Church in America. Papers include correspondence with faculty (John Nykerk, William Schrier) and fellow students (Peter Cooper (?), Jim Dykema, Nelson J. Pyle, S. Meinte Schuurman, Bert Van Ark while in service during World War One, August R. Veenher), 1918 Memorial Address for Rev. John J. De Boer, and scrapbooks (which contain newspaper clippings pertaining to Hope College activities, national politics, religion, and sports, including Holland City baseball).

Accession No.: H88-0132
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Biography

Walter Augustus Scholten was born in Muscatine, Iowa, on February 24, 1895. He was the son of Rev. Dirk Scholten. He attended Hope College Preparatory School and graduated in 1911. He graduated from Hope College with a B.A. in 1918. He then attended New Brunswick Theological Seminary. In 1921, Scholten graduated and was licensed by the New Brunswick Classis. He was soon ordained by the Classis of Westchester (1921). After seminary, he held pastorates at six churches: First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, New York (1921-1930); Community Church of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey (1930-1940); Reformed Church of Mellenville in Mellenville, New York (1941-1945); Arlington Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, New York (1945-1952); Reformed Church of Greenwich in Greenwich, New York and Buskirk Reformed Church of Buskirk, New York (1952-1958); and solely at Reformed Church of Greenwich in Greenwich, New York (1958-1967). Even after his retirement, Scholten continued to preach.

A gifted preacher, he learned this skill when he was a Hope student by participating in literary and forensic activities. As an orator, he took first place in the 1918 Michigan Oratorical League Men’s Contest.


Scope and Content

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Container List

Biographical, 1966, 1976
Correspondence, 1917-1980
  Faculty and Staff (one folder containing):
    Dimnent, Edward, 1918
    Nykerk, J. B., 1919, 1923
    Schrier, William, 1957, 1970
    Van Wylen, Gordon, 1980
  Students (one folder containing):
    Cooper, Peter (?), 1920
    Dykema, Jim (class of 1910), 1917
    Pyle, J. Nelson, 1919
    Schuurman, S. Meinte (class of 1922), 1920
    Van Ark, Bert (class of 1921), 1919
    Veenher, August R. (class of 1910), 1917

Memorial Address for Rev. John J. De Boer, 1918
Photograph of the Meliphone Society, 1911 (See Oversized Cabinet)
Scrapbooks, 1911-1914 (5 items)