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Abstract

Collection of items which were placed in the Van Raalte Hall cornerstone. Materials include books, newspapers, programs, catalogues, articles, and directories. Subjects addressed in the collection include Hope College, Western Theological Seminary, the Semi-Centennial Celebration, local history, RCA academies, public schools, churches and missions, and Holland harbor.

Accession No.: H88-1134
Provenance: Van Raalte Hall Cornerstone
Donor: Hope College
Processed by: Craig Wright, October 1991

History

The ceremonial laying of the cornerstone took place on June 18, 1902. The cornerstone was opened on June 11, 1980, after a fire burned down the building in April of that same year. The initial inventory of materials was done by Elton Bruins.

Scope and Content

The Van Raalte Hall Cornerstone records consist of items from 1893 to 1902, with the addition of an inventory completed in 1980. Materials include books, newspapers, programs, catalogues, articles, and directories. The collection addresses a wide range of subjects.

The materials have been maintained in their original order, three books followed by eight topical groupings which are in no particular order. These groupings and their order are as follows: Hope College; Western Theological Seminary; the (RCA) academies; city public schools; churches and missions; the Semi-Centennial Celebration; Holland city, Holland harbor and the parks; and newspapers.

Container List

Inventory by Elton Bruins, 1980 (includes explanatory comments)
1) Levenschets van Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D.D. by Henry E. Dosker, 1893 (inscription by Dosker 1902)
3) Holland City Directory 1901-1902, 1901 (moved to city directory collection in the reading room)
4) HOPE COLLEGE, 1902
   Catalogue 1901-1902, 1902 (includes letter to alumni)
   “The Relation of Hope College to the Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America,” by Gerard De Jonge, 1902
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Meliphone Society Program, 1902
Alumni Association, Meeting Program, 1902
A. C. Van Raalte Memorial Hall, Program for the Laying of the Cornerstone, 1902
Commencement Program, 1902
Council of Hope College, 36th Annual Report to the General Synod, 1902
_The Anchor_, June 1902
“Hope College,” Promotional Brochure by G. J. Kollen (distributed to eighth grade students in Michigan public schools, 1902)

5) WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1901
Catalogue 1901-1902, n.d.
“The Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America at Holland, Mich.” by James Zwemer, 1901
“A Brief Historical Study in Pictures and Figures” by James Zwemer, n.d.

6) THE ACADEMIES, 1901-1902
Northwestern Classical Academy, 1902
Bulletin, 1901-1902, 1902
_The Classic_, June 1902
Wisconsin Memorial Academy, 1901-1902
Articles from _Mission Field_, n. d., August 1901
Letter from Egbert Winter to J. H. Kleinheksel, 1902
Pleasant Prairie Academy, Article (incomplete) from _Mission Field_, n.d.

7) CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1900-1902
Holland High School Alumni Association Souvenir, 1901
Public School Directory 1901-1902
“Announcement and Course of Study of the Public Schools of Holland, Michigan 1899-1900,” 1900
Commencement Program, 1902
Eighth Grade, Annual Exhibition, 1902

8) CHURCH AND MISSIONS, 1901-1902
Particular Synod of Chicago, Minutes, May 7-8, 1902
Christian Endeavor Missionary League, Program of the 10th Annual Convention, 1902
Hope Hospital and Netherlands’ Woman’s Hospital. Amoy, China, Annual, Report, 1901
_The Christian Intelligencer_, June 11, 1902
_De Hope_, June 11, 1902 (Dutch)
_The Mission Field_, May 1902
_The Mission Gleaner_, May-June 1902
_The Arabian Mission: Quarterly Letters from the Field_, July-September, 1901

9) SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE HOLLAND EMIGRATION, 1897
_Holland City News_, September 4, 1897
Program, Second Day Activities, August 26, 1897
Program, First Day Activities, August 25, 1897
Celebration Circular, January 27, 1897
Invitation Card and Notice, 1897
10) HOLLAND CITY, HOLLAND HARBOR, AND THE PARKS, 1898-1899
   “The Harbor of Holland, Michigan,” n.d. (informational brochure)
   “Waukazoo, the Gem of Michigan Resorts,” n.d.
   “Summertime, Ottawa Beach, Macatawa Park,” 1898
   American Graphic Chicago, August 25, 1899

11) PAPERS, 1902
   Holland Daily Sentinel, June 14, 1902
   De Grondwet, June 10 and 17, 1902 (2 issues) (Dutch)
   Holland City News, June 13, 1902
   Ottawa County Times, June 13, 1902
   De Wachter, no. 1444 (35th year, no.17), 1902 (Dutch)
   De Heidenwereld, April 1902 (Dutch)
   De Gereformeerde Amerikaan, May 1902 (Dutch)
   Ons Vaandel, June 17, 1902 (Dutch)