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### Abstract

Herman van der Ploeg was born in Zyldijk, province of Groningen, the Netherlands, on November 19, 1862. After immigrating to America, he attended Hope College and graduated with the class of 1892. He then attended Western Theological Seminary (WTS) and graduated with the class of 1895. He was licensed by Classis of Holland in 1895 and ordained by the Classis of Grand River that same year. He served as a minister in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) for congregations at New Era, Michigan (1895-1900); Coopersville, Michigan (1900-1904); Luctor, Kansas (1904-1908); Prairie View, Kansas (1904-1908); East Overisel, Michigan (1911-1914); Litchville, North Dakota (1914-1918); Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin (1918-1919); Newton Zion, Fenton, Illinois (1919-1922); Hope, Detroit, Michigan (1922-1924); and North Blendon, Michigan (1924-1928). He also served as a missionary for the Classis of Iowa (1908-1911) and the Classis of Chicago (1928-1930). His father, Harmen van der Ploeg, was born January 26, 1841, in Zandt, province of Groningen, the Netherlands. He, too, immigrated to America and attended Hope College, where he graduated with the class of 1874. He attended and graduated from Western Theological Seminary (WTS) with the class of 1877. He was licensed by Classis of Holland and ordained by the Classis of Grand River both in 1877. He served as a minister in the RCA at Fremont, Michigan (1877-1878); Greenleafon, Minnesota (1878-1882); and Fulton, Illinois (1890-1893). This collection consists of materials relating to Herman van der Ploeg and his father Harmen van der Ploeg, and includes compositions written at Hope College, sermons, writing after the 1871 Holland Fire, and materials relating to programs and events at Hope College.

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### Biography

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Herman van der Ploeg died in San Jose, California, on September 23, 1953.

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Harmen van der Ploeg died in 1893 in Orange City, Iowa, at the age of forty-two.

### Scope and Content

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### Container List

Biographical, n.d.

Booklet, "Poems that Live," n.d.

Compositions

Abstract Ideas and Important Skills, 1870, 1872, n.d. (16 items)

"Connection between the History of a People and their Language," 1871

(Dutch with English translation)

On Nature, n.d., 1868-1869

On Religion, 1870, 1873

Official Paper, 1870

Poetry, n.d.

The Holland Fire, 1871

"The Value of a Good Name," 1870 (Dutch with English translation)

The Visitor, 1873, 1874

Topics in History, n.d., 1869

Topics in Philosophy, n.d., 1871

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Commencements/Graduations, 1895-1902

Programs for Events, 1899-1902

Songs, n.d.

Mathematics Class, Analysis, n.d.

Message to Western Theological Seminary Class of 1927, 1927

Photograph (unidentified group of men), n.d. (1 image)

Sermons

New Testament, n.d., 1875-1877

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Old Testament, n.d. (Dutch)

Unidentified Writing (Dutch), 1870

Unidentified Writing (German), Potsdam, 1849, 1874 (2 folders)