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In a letter of G. Groen van Prinsterer to a "friend and brother," he asked several questions about Rev. Hendrik P. Scholte. Groen's handwriting is very difficult to read.

In Dutch; translation by Nella Kennedy, April, 2002

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Dear friend and brother!

[transcription]

Is sending Scholte a lecture [?] (which he wishes to have returned to him, although there is no haste) by pastor Lutkemuller [?] who is now in Arld [?] near Solingen. Scholte may know his name, or his book about Holland, etc., which is heavy and not important. But the matter of his *Evangelischen Catechismus* is remarkable. Perhaps Scholte can write about it in *De Reformatie*. Lutkemuller had asked Groen to have it printed in a Dutch magazine. Also in the Netherlands we could begin to meet such obstacles against the Roman Catholics [?] in such a Good to take these opportunities, for people in the Netherlands often accept things from abroad more readily.

Speaks about a request to open a Christian school – no answer yet from the School Committee. A [?] was sent to the members of the church – Scholte will get a copy of that.

Would like to hear about Scholte's church, work area, blessings and sufferings which he underwent the last few months. Hope the accident [?] to his eye did not have lasting consequences. How is our dear sister Mrs. Van Hall? Now and then he hears of her condition.

Hoped to hear more forceful [arguments] in the booklet by Prof. Vinke [?] against the public [gem.] school, but is glad nevertheless. Also the piece by Rev. James L'Oeuvre de le Redemption he read with pleasure. There is a lot of material which saddens, but there is still material which cheers us. Recognizes particularly the excellent points of Bicks [?]

Believe me, I am warmly your friend and brother, Groen v. Prinsterer

The Hague, January 22, 1844

[transcription/translation: Nella Kennedy, April 2002