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C. G. de Moen, president and D. J. van der Werp, secretary, of the Board of Curators at the Theological School of the Christian Seceded Church at Kampen send a letter to the Classis of Holland because the board has received a letter from the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte, secretary of the Classis. They declare that a close relationship exists between the Classis and the theological school.

The school was organized in 1854 and now had four instructors and 46 students. The school would welcome young men from the Colony for theological study although they recognize that distance is a problem. "And since we notice how generously God is dealing with you, we make free to commend our school to your liberal charity..."

This communication was acknowledged at the August 20 meeting of the Classis of Holland, *Classis Holland Minutes 1848-1858* Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1950, p. 213.

In Dutch; translated by Dr. Henry ten Hoor.

Original at the Archives of the Theological School in Kampen.



To the Christian Reformed

Dutch Congretations in the

United States of North America

Beloved in the Lord who together with us have received the precious faith through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord!

On the occasion of the fourth meeting of the Curators of the Theological School of our Christian Separatist Reformed Church, established at Kampen, a letter signed by the Rev. A. C. van Raalte as Secretary of Classis Holland in Michigan, was read, which caused us to realize vividly the connection that exists between you and us, who confess the same truth, and who for the most part have received with using that same Dutch soil your life from God.

It is always a matter of gratitude to us, Brothers, that you are prospering in a strange land which has now become your second fatherland, but above all we rejoice to know that your souls fare well and that you continue to cleave to the doctrine of our Fathers now asleep in the Lord which has been sealed by the blood of thousands and ten thousands of martyrs. You know, dear Brothers, that through the goodness of God we have had at Kampen since December 6, 1856, a Theological School where by God's blessing we are able to achieve much good for. . .

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If our hope is fulfilled we will soon see young men of godly life and touched by the wisdom that comes from God going out to you and other people to preach a gospel which is the power of God, for which your souls thirst of the regular preaching of which some of you are deprived.

If you were able to send us your young men to take advantage of the instruction at our Theological School, how pleased we would be to welcome them and train them for service in your church. But no doubt the great

distance that separates us will make this difficult.

Brothers! We are presumptuous when we commend to your love the needs of our school. There she stands without capital or support from earthly powers in the assurance that the Lord our God will supply her needs as they have been met till now. But for such purposes God generally uses means. The farthing of the widow offered for love of his name he has never despised.

And since we often notice how generously God is dealing with you, we make free to commend our school to your liberal charity in the hope that some time in the future you wourself will enjoy the wholesome fruits.

We request Classis Holland, Ottawa, Michigan, kindly to make the contents of this letter known to the respective congregations in the various states of North America and to assist us with a helping hand.

Brothers in our beloved Lord and King, we pray for your welfare. That God will provide temporal as well as eternal blessings is our cordial hope.

Do not allow the bands of love to slacken. We hope, by God's grace, to strengthen them and to recall that you have cast your lot with this self-same group established by God three centuries ago in the Netherlands, that you have been protected and preserved, and pray that God will keep you till the end.

Receive our hearty greetings in the Lord. Forward, Brothers! Be joyful, become perfect, be comforted, live in harmony and peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

In the name of the assembly of Curators of the Theological School at Kampen, held there May 22 - 27, 1856.

> (Signed): C. G. De Moen, Pres. J./?/D./?/ Herp, Secretary

N.B. At our fourth meeting were present: Revs. de Haan, van Velzen, Brummelkamp, and de Cock as professors of the Theological School, and the curators:

Rev. de Beij, Groningen

Rev. v. d. Werp, Friesland

Rev. W. Kok, Drenthe

Rev. de Moen, Overijssel

Rev. Breukelaar, Gelderland

Rev. Dosker, Utrecht

Rev. Nentjes, N. Holland

Rev. Los, S. Holland

Rev. Middel, Zeeland

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and Rev. Postma, of Zwolle as treasurer.

For exact extract, D. J. van der Werp, secretary

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