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25 June 1863

Holland, Michigan

Rev. Philip Phelps Jr. and Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte were among those present at this session of the School Board of the Holland Academy. Rev. John Mason Ferris of Grand Rapids was also present. Two important guests were also present: a Dr. Taylor, vice president of the Board of Education of the denomination and Rev. John S. See, corresponding secretary of that board. Dr. Taylor may have been Benjamin Cook Taylor, pastor of the Old Bergen Reformed Church of Jersey City, New Jersey, or William James Romeyn Taylor, secretary of the American Bible Society. [See Historical Directory of the Reformed Church in America for details. See also a recognition of W. J. R. Taylor's link with Hope College, Minutes of the General Synod, 1892, p. 524.] The visitors were present "to acquire more intimate knowledge of the prospects and affairs of the Holland Academy, inquired after the Nature, power and some of the proceeding of the present School Board of the Holland Academy, concerning which there seemed to be some ignorance or misunderstanding." Both Van Raalte and Phelps spoke to the issues and apparently the visitors were satisfied with the information with which they were provided.

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Meeting of the
School Board of the Holland Academy
June 25th 1863.

Members present. Revs. Ch. Phelps Principal
of the Academy; Dr. A. C. van Paaltz;
P. Pieters; Ch. W. A. Veau; G. J. Nuykerk; A.
Knoomer; also Revs. J. M. Ferris of Grand
Rapids; A. D. Williamson of Chicago; S. Rogers
of Ball's Creek; Dr. Taylor Vice President of
Board of Education. Rev. J. S. See Corresp. Secre-
tary of that Board, and the Elders Veale of
Chicago.

Art 2.

The meeting was opened with prayer
by Rev. Ch. Phelps.

Art 3.

The Revs. Dr. Taylor, and J. S. See, Sent
by the Board of Education, to acquire more
intimate knowledge of the prospects and
affairs of the Holland Academy, inquired
after the Nature, power and some of

of the proceeding of the present Board of the Holland Academy, concerning which there seemed to be some ignorance of misunderstanding.

Being satisfied as to on these points by Dr. van Praette; Rev. Ph. Phelps and others: it was further resolved:

Whereas the Holland Academy needs more Professors, and whereas it is desirable for the welfare of the institution, that the Rev. G. J. Oysel, of Pella Iowa, and John H. Karsten ^{varsterr} Theological Student at B. College should fill these places, to recommend them to the Board of Education, to be appointed by that Board as professors of the Holland Academy.

Art. 4.

The father of J. H. Borgers applied to the Board, to have his Son, one year longer on the Funds of the Board, which was granted, on account of some disadvantages in his business.

Art. 5.

Mr. de Bruijn of Zeeland, presented his son Robert, 11 years of age, ^{before} the Board, with recommendations of the Consistory of Zeeland desiring his Education at the Academy, on the Funds of the Board, which was granted.

Art. 6.

No Business being more to be done, the Board adjourned to the Fall Meeting, and was closed with prayer by

A. Swemer. Secretary

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Transactions
of
the Board of Regents
of
the Holland Academy.

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I.—COUNCIL.

The regular meetings were held in June, 1891, and April, 1892. At the meeting in June, Rev. Wm. Moerdyke, Rev. B. Van Ess, Rev. Henry E. Dosker and Mr. I. Cappon, were respectively elected as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The death of Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., being announced, the following minute was adopted, expressive of the esteem in which he was held by the Council:

"Dr. Wm. J. R. Taylor, a member of this body since June, 1885, died suddenly at Gunnison, Colorado, on the 12th day of November last.

"He has been for years interested in Hope College, and, since he was elected to the Council by the General Synod, has attended to its meetings and work with fidelity.

"His well known worth and ability, his long and useful services in the ministry, and his deep concern for the cause of Christian education have made his name dear to the Church, and this Institution has reason to cherish his memory.

"It is with sorrow that we hear of the death of our fellow member; and we hereby place on record our high appreciation of his character and virtues, and our sympathy with his family in their sore bereavement.

"Resolved, That the above minute be published in the *Christian Intelligencer* and *De Hope*, and that a copy of the same be sent to the widow of Rev. Dr. Taylor."

II.—PRESIDENT AND PROFESSORS.

Prof. Chas. Scott, D.D., presented his resignation as President, which was accepted and the following minute adopted:

"Whereas, Prof. Dr. Chas. Scott has resigned the Presidency of Hope College, on account of his age and conscious need of relaxation of the tension of the ever growing burden: and

"Whereas, The Council deeply appreciates his constant devotion and proved loyalty to the best interests of this Institution, through a lapse of twenty-six years, during which he has been engaged in this work in various capacities, both as Professor and Lector in Theology, and especially for fourteen years as acting or permanent President of the College: and

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