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Letter from A. C. Van Raalte to Christian Vander Veen

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29 September 1862

Holland, Michigan

In a letter to Rev. Christian Vander Veen, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte reported that "our boys" were leaving this day for their military service. Van Raalte is changing a meeting date to just prior to the classis meeting. The meeting will be in his home.

In Dutch; the first translator is unknown. Nella Kennedy made a transcription of the letter and revised the translation, January, 2007.

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Holland, September 29, 1862

Rev. C. Van der Veen,

Beloved Brother,

From now on I hope to be of service to you when you call me. Our boys – whom we visited last week – should be leaving today. Oh, may be the Lord grant them a retaining childlike faith so that they may be strong in the Lord in every situation and calling.

Rev. Klein gave me a letter to church visitors, presenting by these means his observations, reservations and requests to the ministers for their collective consideration. We are all too busy for a special meeting, so I am requesting you, as well as the other brother office bearers, to meet for a classical meeting at my house on Tuesday evening

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for the stated purpose.

Greet your mother and aunt warmly from me and also from my wife.

We are all well except for Maria who suffers from severe gall fevers. May God in Christ dwell in your heart.

Your friend and brother,
A. C. Van Raalte

P.S. I received your letter just now. But, I beg you, allow me to come next Monday. So many affairs are neglected when I have to come during the last days of the week. If I do not receive any objections [? – Dutch word is unclear], I hope to begin my trip on Monday morning, hoping to be able to return on Tuesday afternoon. Let us then deal with matters on Monday evening.

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Would you give the enclosed note¹ to Brouwer for me?

[Revised translation: Nella Kennedy,
January 2007]

¹ The word in the Dutch is *noot*. It could be one of ACVR's anglicisms, meaning either a short message or a promissory note. Or did ACVR write the correct, but now archaic, Dutch word, which would then mean the proof of a transaction (*noot*)?

Holland, September 29, 1862

Reva C. Van der Veen

Geliefde Broeder. –

Nu hoop ik voortaan wanneer gij mij roept ten uwen dienste te staan. Onze jongens die we voorleden week bezochten; zouden vandaag vertrekken: O! Schenke ze de Heer behoudend kinderlijk geloof opdat ze in elk lot en roeping zich in den Heer kunnen sterken.

Ds. Kleijn gaf mij een brief aan kerkvisitatoren om zoo langs die weg zijne beschouwingen bedenkingen en verzoeken voor de predikanten ten ter gezamenlijke overweging te brengen,: We allen hebben het te druk voor eene expresse vergadering: en daarom verzoek ik u als de andere ambtsbroederen Dingsedag avond voor de Classis ter mijnen huize

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tot genoemd doeleinde te willen vergaderen. –

Groet hartelijk van mij uwe moeder en tante ook van mijne vrouw. –

We mogen welvaren except Maria die bezocht is met zware galkoortsen: God in Christus leeve in Uw hart.

Uw Vriend en Broeder
A. C. Van Raalte

Ps Zoo even ontvang ik uw brief: doch ik bid u laat mij toe dat ik aanstaande Maandag kome: zoovele zaken worden verwaarloosd als ik de laatste dagen van de week moet komen: Geen opentbod[?]ontvangende, hoop ik Maandagmorgen op reis te gaan: hopende Dingsdag middag te kunnen weerkeeren. Laat ons dan Maandagavond de dingen doen.

[3]
Wilt gij inleggende noot aan Brouwer voor mij geven?

[Transcription: Nella Kennedy
January 2007]

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Geflyte Broede.

Nu hoop ik voortaan wan-
neer gy my loept ten dienste te staan.
Onze zongens die we voorleden, week
bedochten; Zougen van deez vertoek;
O! Schenke de de Heer behoudende
Kunste by K geboef opdat ter in elk lot en
voering zich in den Heer Kunst Heer.

De kleine gyf my een brief aan
Kerkschiet ter dien, om Zougen deez weg
Zyne beschouwingen, beider Kingen
en Verzoeken, voor de proce Kunten
ter gedenkelij de overweging te bringe;
We allen hebben het te druck voor
eenel sprake, ver gaclering; en deez;
Om verzoek ik u als de ander
Ambts broete by Dingsclae en van
voor de classis ten mynen hure

totgenommet doeleinde
te wille. 18. y. d. e. t. y. —

Spreektaal van myn Oude
moeder en Tante ook van myn
vrouw. —

We mogen wel wisten by de
Maria die bevocht niet ware
gasthoosten. God in Christus leert in de
Werk.

Alvriend en Broeder

A. Van Raalte

P. S. Zoo even ontvang ik uw

Brief: doch ik bid u laet
mij toe dat ik eenstaende
maandag Komme: Terwile
Leiken worden verwaanlood
als ik de laatste dagen van de
week moet Kommen:

Geen opentbod ontvangende
hoop ik maandag morgen
op reis te gaen: hupende. Dings-
dag meddagte Kommen
weer Keeren. Laet ons den Maen-
dag avond de deuren doen

Wilt gy inleggende woot aem
Borruwe woot my gevee?

A.C. VAN RAALTE
TO REV. C. VAN DER VEEN

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN
TO ?

SEPTEMBER 29, 1862

Beloved
Dear Brother:

From my
Now I hope to be at your service when you call *me* ~~in the future~~. Our boys
whom we visited last week ~~are to~~ *should* leave today. Oh, may the Lord grant them a *retaining*
childlike faith in order that they may be strong in the Lord in every
situation and calling.

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