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18 December 1860

Holland, Michigan

In the minutes of the Board of Regents of the Holland Academy of this date, Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte was present. Rev. G. J. Nykerk was elected chairman. One matter of business was the request of Ale Buursma for some articles of clothing that he was in need of. The long meeting dealt with many student matters.

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Meeting of the Board of Regents

of Yale University, at New Haven Dec. 18. 1862.

Members present. - Revs. C. S. Wall,
A. C. Smith, D. D., W. H. Johnson,
C. S. Johnson, A. H. Johnson and the Clergy
F. D. Johnson, G. H. Johnson and W. H. Johnson.

- Art. 1. The meeting was opened with prayer
by Rev. C. S. Wall.
- Art. 2. Rev. C. S. Johnson was elected President
for the ensuing year. The Treasurer
and Secretary were elected.
- Art. 3. The Minutes of the former meeting were
read and approved.
- Art. 4. Mr. M. Charles son of the Rev. Bishop
of Northwestern (Delaware) appeared before
^{the Board} requesting an education at the Academy
in the name of the Board. He had desired
admission to the University of the West and should

The Board inquired of Mr. [unclear] as to the
 value of the [unclear] and ability for study,
 which satisfied the Board. It was
 decided to award him on the funds of
 the Board.

Mr. B. The father of the Student J. Wellman
 presented the Board that his son might
 be furnished with the necessary books gratis.
 As he already received a dollar a
 week to board his son, which merely
 the constitution of the Board denied to
 inhabitants of the village of [unclear], except
 in urgent cases, it was deemed necessary
 not to grant his request.

Mr. C. The Student Mr. [unclear] presented
 to the Board his want of some articles
 of clothing, requesting to be supplied with
 them. - Resolved not to give him the
 requested articles out the funds of the Board
 but to try to supply his wants in some
 other way.

Nov. 7. The case of C. D. van Buren was
 considered. The Board has but little
 good expectation of the result of his studies,
 because ~~his advanced age, and little progress~~
~~in knowledge~~. It was
 resolved: to leave him rather dead
 in order to be able at some future time
 to judge rightly of him, and to act
 accordingly.

Nov 8. The case of Peter van den Berg
 was taken into consideration.
 He was in the time of his vein at the
 Academy, so constantly was behind the
 other scholars in his class, and by his
 intolerance and indifference not only made
 very little progress, but also set in this
 respect a bad example for others; — And now
 in his character is so unprincipled that
 little can be hoped for his remain-
 ing at the school; The Board deemed
 it improper to bestow the funds of the

charges on persons to whom labor and expenses seem so useless.

Therefore it was moved and carried that he should be put on trial for three months more, and if no improvement was seen, to dismiss him from the School, with this provision that this resolution should not be executed to obstruct the course of Rev. Dr. Duffin principal of the Academy, who was not present at the Meeting.

Nov 9.

One of the members of the Board communicated, that the father of the most poor P. P. was blessed with worldly property above the inhabitants of the Newnham Colony. - He moved that it was but just, that his labor and friends should bear such a part of his expenses as his possessions and the burden of the claims demand dutifully required.

After consideration it was Resolved;

One third of his expenses should be paid by the Board, and two thirds by his father and friends. — The Secretary was to communicate this to the Indian Father, his father and the Sec. J. North of Michigan.

By some of the Members of the Board was communicated, that the father of Mr. Rumsma being dissatisfied with the actions of the Board (see Minutes of Oct. 6. 1849. pp. 5 & 10.) spread abroad an evil report of the actions of the Board. To counteract this evil report Mr. Rumsma was called before the Board, it was shown him how unreasonable his father's ^{in doing so} ~~actions~~ ^{actions} were, as he already was provided with a house at the Village of Holland, he receiving his young son at the Academy, on the funds of the Board. It was told him that concerning his own arms, it was universally observed that some other students in the Union were

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expected themselves more, in such a
strange to labor, when and wherever they
could find something to do, in order to
provide for themselves in part. It was
earnestly recommended to him to do likewise.

Ad. 11. It was communicated that the churches
were discontented with the behavior of the
students in their taking of too much liberty
to associate with girls.

This was taken into consideration and in the
judgment of the Board the churches had
some right to complain.

The Board did not wish to accede to the
general exclusion of the eastern World, but
as all the students who had the privilege in
view had also before them a stud course of
six or more years, it was deemed in the
Board cases mentioned, and in all cases a
burden of care too heavy to be carried along
all that time through winter and summer.
The students who were present at West

Moment were called, and part of the
subject by some of the members.

Nov. 12. No business more being before the Board
the meeting was closed with prayer by
Rev. J. C. Van Hantle D.D.

A. Newmen Secretary

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Transactions
of
the Board of Regents
of
the Holland Academy.

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