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29 April 1874

Holland, Michigan

Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte was not present at this spring session of the Council of Hope College. The meeting was called to order by Rev. John H. Karsten. A vote of thanks was voted for the gift of Samuel B. Schieffelin. Examinations of students were conducted. Profs. Scott and Crispell were thanked for filling in for Prof. Gerrit J. Kollen while he was out fundraising. More gifts of books to the library were reported. Many volumes came from the library of Rev. Abram Swits. The minutes of this meeting were poorly reported, leaving many blanks. The long-serving secretary, Abel T. Stewart, may have been tiring from his service as the faithful secretary for both the council and for its executive committee.

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Ap 29,
1874. The Council of Hope College met in regular session in the Library at 2. P.M
Present Rev Philip Phelps representing the College. Prof Charles Scott
representing the Theological Faculty as Advisory member. From the Classis
of Michigan

Rev A. H. Van Vranken
Abel. T. Stewart

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Classis of Illinois

Ap 29th.

Rev N. D. Gulick

J. S. Joralmon

“ “ Holland

Rev John H. Karsten

“ “ Grand River

Rev C. Van Der Meulen

J. De Pree

Opening. The meeting was called to order by the Adsector J. H. Karsten. and A. H. Van
Vranken led in prayer. Rev N. M. Steffens present from the Classis of Illinois
was chosen a member of Council in place of Rev A. Zwemer whose relations
have been transferred to the Classis of Albany. A letter was read from Elder
L Viele giving satisfactory reasons for his being absent at this meeting

Examina-
tions

An order of examinations prepared by the Faculty was adopted

The minutes of the Council and of the executive Committee were read and
approved for the year beginning in June 1873.

Schieffelin

A vote of thanks was passed to S. B. Schieffelin for the gift of

Pruyn

Also to Miss Agnus Pruyn for several volumes in Dutch. The
examinations were entered upon and continued until 6 oclock. The meeting
was then adjourned until 7 ½. and closed with prayer by Mr Joralmon.

The Council met in evening session and was opened with prayer by Mr.
Niterwyk.

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Prof.

Kollen

Endowt
work

A letter was read from Assistant Prof
stating that he had been engaged in endowment work during the past yea term
and that Professors Beck Scott and Crispell had kindly at his request supplied
his place in teaching and he asked that the Council if they wished him to
continue his work would provide for the instruction of his Classes for the
present Term. It was unanimously Resolved that that[sic] Council approve the
action of Prof Kollen, undertaken at the wish request of individual members
of the Council, in laboring for endowment, and excuse him for the further
prosention[?] of the work, from all his duties in Connectioin with the College
for the remainder of the year.

Thanks

to Prof.

Beck

Prof.

Res^d that the
thanks of the Council be extended to the Profs Scott & Crispell, who have had
eharg taken the place of Mr. Kollen, for their services rendered, and that they
be respectfully requested to Continue their services for the present Term.

Scotts House A letter was read from Prof Scott relative to his occupancy of the Zwemer house, and his accounts with the Council. Referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs Phelps Joralmon & Gulick. Adjourned till 8 ½ A. M. next day. Closed with prayer by Mr. Gulick.

Ap 30th Alumni A paper signed by a portion of the was read and referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs Van Vranken, Van Der Meulen & Niterwyk to report at a subsequent meeting. Adjourned til 2 P. M. Closed with prayer by Jas De Pree.

The Council met in afternoon session

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Prayer was offered by Doctor Phelps.

Scott The Com. on the paper sent by Prof report that there are due him ~~Jan 18, 1874~~ for loan \$1000. and unpaid interest till date of Jan 18th 1874 \$152.68 = \$1152.68

That a credit is proposed of 121. for rent and 9.00 for some repairs = 130. It was resolved to accept this proposed audit and change the mortgage securing the \$1000 in in a way satisfactory to the Council and the Professor. and liquidate all other claims as soon as possible practicable.

Salaries of Professors. referred to Gen Syn. In the Communication of Prof Scott it is stated that on the 30 of April 1874. ~~there is due~~ which closes the fiscal year of the Board of Education & of the General Synod, there will remain due to him for Salary about ~~\$660.11~~ \$525.00 and as there will be a similar deficiency in the case of all those whose salaries were fixed and have been paid by the Board of Education, your Committee recommend that the attention of the next Gen. Synod be especially called to this important matter. The report including this recommendation was approved.

The Rev Mr. Broek appeared in Council in the early part of this session. A letter was read from Prof Crispell stating his reception of 235 vols and a quantity of unbound magazines & pamphlets all more or less valuable from Rev A J. Swits[?] of Schenectady, also his presentation for Mr Swits[?] of these books as follows cataloged & labelled[sic] as follows
137. vols to the Theological Seminary at Hope College and the remainder of the bound vols with the magazines & pamphlets[sic] to the Academical Department of the College.

The letter also stated that the vols presented to "the General Synod for the Theolog

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ical Seminary at Holland by

Rev H Vedder of Gallatin N. Y. and Mrs Eliza, widow of Rev Joseph A Collier of Hudson N.Y. (see minutes of 1872 page) are labelled[sic] and ready for delivery. The donors wish them to be placed in the library of Hope College the Theological Seminary at Hope College.

Res^d that the 235 vols and miscellaneous magazines and pamphlets presented per Doctor Crispell for Rev A J Switzts[?] the different

Departments of Hope College be received, and that the thanks of this Council be presented to Mr. Swits for his valuable gift.

Res^d that the vols presented by Rev H Vedder and Mrs Eliza Collier to the Gen. Synod be placed in the Library of Hope College. Adjourned till 2 P.M
Closed with prayer by Prof Scott.

Council met in afternoon session and continued examinations.

Council met in evening session at 7 ½ oclock opened with prayer by Mr. Stewart. Continued examinations. Adjourned until 8 ½ next day. Closed with prayer by Mr. Broek.

May 1. Council met in morning session
1874 The examinations were completed and it was Res^d that the examination of the Seignor[sic] Theological class be sustained and that they

Professorl
Certificates

Mr. Klaas Neerken and
John Hofman be

Recommended for the usual Professorial Certificate.

Res^d 2^d that the examination of the Seignor[sic] Academical Dep Class be sustained and that they

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Degrees. be recommended to the Council at its June meeting for the Degree of A. B.
A. B. Resd that

The Pres. read a paper on Finances as a part of his report to Council and it was referred to a Committee Consisting of Messrs Joralmon, Gulick & P De Pree, appointed to prepare the annual report to Synod.

Council met in afternoon session & was opened with prayer by Doctor Phelps. The Pres. reported that the reports of the Theological Department and the Academical & Preparatory Depts, had been placed in his hands. He also reported an abstract of the Contingent Fund.

Reports
for
Syn. Rept.

These reports were referred to the Com. on Synodical report
He reported that he had placed the Library in charge of Mr Muelendyk during the past year and that for his faithful labor in this connection he was entitled to some compensation

Meulendyk
Librarian

Res^d that Mr Meulendyk be appointed to take charge of the Library and that the thanks of the Council be given to him for his services rendered.

Res^d to refer the financial statements reported to the Ex Com for to be audited

Zwemer
house to
be rented.

Res^d that the Zwemer house be rented & that the renting be left to the Ex. Com.

Adjourned till 7 ½ oclock.

Council met in Evening session, and was opened with prayer by Mr Karsten
The Com on synodical reported reported that they could not with the
information

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1874 in their possession make out a complete report, and asked that Council
Synodical adjourn to meet on the 26th ---[?]
Report The report was accepted & adopted see paper marked L.
defined Res that the arrangements for Commencement be left to the General Faculty.
Res^d that the Council elect a Treasurer in place of Mr. Kollen who declined to
accept his appointment made in August 1873. Prof C. Doesberg was
unanimously elected.

Bakker Whereas Mr Frederick Bakker a Student in elective Course in the
in Elective Junior Class of the Theological Dept was received into Elective Course
Course because he had not such literary Testimonials as required by the Gen. Synod,
and is now desirous of being received as a Student in Theology

Dispensation Therefore, Res^d that the requisite application for a dispensation in his behalf
Asked. be requested of General Synod.

Messrs Van Vranken, Van Der Meulen and James De Pree were excused
from further attendance at the afternoon session, also N. M. Steffens after
evening session Res^d that the Preparatory Faculty be authorized to proceed as
usual in regard to the examinations of the B, C, & E Classes.

Accompanying the books given by Mr. Swits was a fine Photograph of the
Donor, presented by his Son John

The minutes were read & corrected.

Rev Abel. T. Stewart was excused from further attendance at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

Abel. T. Stewart

Secretary