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Meeting Minutes of the Council of Hope College

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15 June 1870

Holland, Michigan

Officers of the Council of Hope College were elected by ballot. Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte was elected president; Rev. J. S. Joralmon, vice-president; Rev. Abel T. Stewart, secretary; and Rev. E. C. Oggel, treasurer. Students were examined at this annual meeting of the council. The meeting took place over several days. It was resolved that Samuel B. Schieffelin and his brother, James, be requested to provide "a suitable building" for Hope College.

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Minutes of the Council of Hope College, 101-103.

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Resident Theological Teachers be authorized to permit resident graduates students to
Graduates attend upon the instructions of their respective lecture rooms.

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June 18, Res that Rev J. S. Joralmon be requested to be present at the october meeting
1870 and that his expenses be paid.

The Juniors were excused from examination in Mental Philosophy.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Prof Crispell.

The Council adjourned to met[sic] at 8 ½ A. M on Monday. Closed with
prayer by Doctor Phelps.

The Council met on Monday at 8 ½ A.M. & was opened with prayer by Elder
Viele. The question of having a preceptress was considered. Resd that the
letter of Miss Shackleton be referred to the Ex. Com. The Com. on

Rectorship rectorship report progress. Res^d that Rev Doctor Phelps President of Hope
See Page 88 College in connection with the Ex. Com. be directed to procure a suitable

Female Teacher or Teachers for a Female School without any further delay in
School accordance with the wishes and direction of Council.

Teacher
See Page 91

Heeren Res^d that Mr. Heeren be appointed to represent the Theological Department of
represents Hope College at the Commencement exercises.

Theo. School. A Communication was received from the Rev Doctor Demarest Stated Clerk
of Gen. Synod containing the action of the last synod in reference to Hope
organization College, whereupon it was Res^d that Rev. J. S. Joralmon, A. Thompson &
Com. J. H. Karsten be a committee to prepare a plan for the organization & present
Page 92, 93, 94 the same to the Council at its next meeting & if approved by them to be
presented to the Gen. Synod at its meeting in Albany in 1871. see minutes of
G. Synod 117 of 1870.

Resd that a com of two be appointed to

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wait on professors Beck & Scott, to show them the official copy of the action
of Gen Synod & to state to them that the Council would be glad to receive any
communication they may have to make Messrs Thompson & Viele were
appointed as such a Committee.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev J. S. Joralmon.

Res^d that the Treasurer at the oct meeting give a full report of the Treasury.

Adjourned till 7 A.M. closed with prayer by Rev E. C. Oggel.

At the evening session

Lemmatta Res^d that the Com on Lemmatta report at the oct meeting.

Res^d that the Faculty be requested to give the Treasurer at Statement of the
books that will be needed during the Coming year.

Res^d that Messrs S. B & James S Schieffelin be earnestly requested to provide
a suitable building for Hope College.

Res^d that the object of the above building is to carry out the essential purpose,
viz. a proper collection & supervision of the students.

The following minutes should have been recorded on page 89.

June 15th 1870 The Annual meeting of the Council of Hope College was held June 15th 1870
 The first session was opened at 2 P. M, with prayer by Rev Philip Phelps Jr.
 The following officers were elected by ballot for the ensuing year.
 President Rev A. C. Van Raalte
 Vice Pres. " J. S. Joralmon
 Secretary " A. T. Stewart
 Treasurer " E. C. Oggel.
 Rev E C Oggel was elected secretary Pro Tem.
 The order for examinations of the College classes was submitted to the Council by the Faculty and on motion was adopted.
 Res^d that the Faculty be requested to report to the Council with reference to the examination of the Grammar school classes.
 Present at this meeting Rev A. C. Van Raalte Philip Phelps Jr. J. H Karsten. A. Thompson J. S. Joralmon. E. C. Oggel. Elder B Ledeboer L. S. Viele. O. H. Yntema. Prof Crispell
 Elder Yntema was excused on condition that he make his appearance as often as possible during the session of Council, The meeting was

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closed with prayer by Rev A Thompson.

The Council met at 8 ½ A. M, and was opened with prayer by Rev C. Crispell Rev S Bolks appeared in Council. The examination of the students was continued. Rev J. H Karsten closed the meeting with prayer.

The Council met at 2 P. M and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev Mr. Joralmon. The examination was ~~considered~~ continued. Prof Crispell closed the session with prayer.

Council met in evening session at 8 oclock. Elder Viele offered prayer. Res^d that the next annual examination of the Theological Classes & the Seignor[sic] academic Class shall take place at the same time with those in Hertzog Hall and the college classes at the same time as this year. The precise dates to be hereafter specified.

Res^d that the school year open on the 21st ~~year~~ day of September.

Res^d that the Council meet in special session on the 5th day of october at 10 A. M. 1870.

Preceptress A letter was read from Miss L.H. Shackleton offering herself as preceptress, if
 Schakleton as such she could be employed. The letter was accompanied with
 Letter. recommendations of different parties
 Adjourned to meet at 8 ½ A. M. on Friday. Closed with prayer by E. C. Oggel.

The Council met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev A. Thompson. The examination was continued. Res^d that the

- Res^d that the aforesaid building be located on the college property on the south side of Black Lake
- Zwemer House Res^d that an extension be made to the Zwemer house and that the building Refectory serve as a Refectory for the Students.
- College Hall Res^d that the roof and third floor of the College building be fitted up during vacation & that Doctor Phelps be authorized to see that this be done.
- Grammar Res^d that the Grammar school Department be governed by its own Faculty School the same as the other Departments in the Institution. Res^d that the Faculty of Governed the Grammar school be constituted of the President

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Rector & Tutor in that school
Closed with prayer by A. Thompson

- June Council met on Tuesday June 21 and was opened with prayer by Rev J. H. 21. Karsten. Res^d that the following dispatch be sent to the President of Rutgers 1870 College.

To the Pres. of Rutgers College.

Hope College the Younger daughter of the Reformed Church in America
Congratulates the venerable Rutgers on the celebration of her Centennial
Holland Mich June 21, 1870.

- Catechetical Res^d that Rev Messrs Pieters & Van Der Meulen be requested to take charge Instruction of the Catechetical instruction of the ~~Hollanders~~ Students.
The faculty reported with reference to the Junior, sophomore & Freshman classes & the Grammar school Dept and their report was adopted.
Res^d that the E. Com. have the right to put up a house on the ~~Female~~ James Suydam Farm to cost not exceeding \$500. provided the money can be raised.
The meeting adjourned & was closed with prayer.

Abel T. Stewart
Secretary.

These minutes are properly followed by those of Oct 5 &c on Page 89.