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July 8, 1870

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A note of A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps about college business.

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Holland Mich:

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Revd Dr Ph: Phelps

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The original copy of this letter is not extant and exists only in the transcription made by Rev. George Scholten.

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A. C. Van Raalte

For Mr Peter Jr.

b. 1820

¹ This short note may have not gone through the mails but simply sent from Van Raalte in his home on the east side of the town to Phelps in residence in Van Vleck Hall on the campus of Hope College.

² Very likely the son of Dr. Cornelius E. Crispell, a professor at Hope College. [would it be possible to obtain Crispell's obit.? He died 10 August 1910. Check archives to see if a Crispell was enrolled in the Grammar School.] *(RW)*

³ Person unknown.

HENRY COWGILL, deceased, was born in Berkeley **County**, Va., December 20, 1781. He was a son of John and Catharine Cowgill, who were natives of Europe. The former served in the Revolutionary war. Our subject was reared on a farm to man hood, and married, December, 1803, to Catharine Stricland, who died in the latter part of 1804. In September, 1806, he again married. This time to Mary A. McDonald, daughter of William McDonald, and a native of Berkeley **County**, Va. Her birth took place in May, 1787, and she died October 29, 1842. In 1812, Mr. Cowgill came to **Clinton County**, and settled in Washington Township. He purchased a farm in 1811, prior to his settlement. In 1818, he adorned his farm with a substantial brick residence, which was the first in Washington Township. Mr. Cowgill was one of the organizers of Washington Township, and filled many official positions. He cleared up a large farm, and was active in many prominent public improvements of his township. He died April 5, 1855, a member of the M. E. Church. He was a man of public enterprise, and was very instrumental in organizing and founding Bethel Society. His house was the home for the itinerant and was used for many years as a "house of worship." He was a man of sterling integrity and uncompromising honor, and eminently deserves this tribute of respect. He had a family of ten children, of whom three are living, viz., Priscilla A., widow of Richard S. Cline; Susanna, wife of Samuel Hohms; and James, who was born July 25, 1826, was married November 11, 1862, to Mary E. Perley, who died July 27, 1880, and left one child-Effie A., born October 1, 1867. Mr. Cowgill, our subject, again married March 30, 1843, to Susan Perley, by whom he had four children-Henry C., Albert G., Amos T., and Clara D., wife of I. M. West. Mrs. Cowgill died February 16, 1877