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Christina Van Raalte Wrote Her Parents, Rev. Albertus and Christina Van Raalte, and Her Sister, Mary

Christina Van Raalte

Nella Kennedy

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On the same day Christina Van Raalte wrote her parents, Rev. Albertus and Christina Van Raalte, and her sister, Mary, she also wrote to her sister whom she calls Annie [Anna Sophia]. The letter includes a list of Christina's expenditures, apparently intended for her mother and father.

In Dutch; translation by Nella Kennedy, March 2002.

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[in pencil Feb. 6, 1863?]

Dear Annie,

I received your sweet little letter. That flag is so beautiful, but you did not tell me yet whether your hair is curling already. I will send you pieces [of fabric] of my dress [in English] and then you should show it to mother. The [piece] with that flower is the dress I finished, and that with the check is my good dress. You should write me soon, sweetie. I would so much like to see you. Did you like that little hat that I bought for you? You must give Allie a kiss from me. Bye sweetie, from your sister, Christina.

[1] [n.d.]

12 ct.

My dear Annie,

Why is it that I never get any letters from you anymore. Don't you think of me anymore or do you have so much to do? Doesn't your hair curl yet? Do you still play the piano? Have you had a sleigh ride with Frankie [? – Froukje or Froukie?]? I received a letter tonight from Dikkie; he said that he had just received a letter from you and father and he was so glad with that. You really should write a lot to them and

then with stars and stripes on it. Do we still have plenty [in English] of apples in that wee office of yours. I am coming home bye and bye [in English], sweetie [liefie=should be liefje]. Will you be happy to have me home again? Do you often go to Helena; does Allie come often to our house? Who does the wash for mother? Is little Annie growing? Well, goodbye, dear Annie. I hope that I will soon get a letter from you. Chrissie

[1][on same photocopy as the n.d. letter above, but clearly separate from it] 10 shilling for gloves 62 for my cap 14 for my shoes 6 for my scarf 5 which Miss [or Mrs.] P. advanced me [?] 6 for snow socks 4 for that sackie [sic] 4 letter paper 1 envelopes 4 music book \$6 locket 1,57 for postage 20 ct. for that collar of mother 10 ct. for spool of thread

for supper because I could not go home to eat

50 ct.	for a diary
25 ct.	for sheet music
10 ct.	for braid

17,09

You sent me twenty since I have been here. I have still 2.50 [?]; I should have 2.91 ct., but I have

[2] not included my church money. I think that it must be 40 ct., for the bus goes four times a day.

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[2] not included my church money. I think that it must be 40 ct., for the bus goes four times a day.

Lieve Annie.

Ik heb jou lief briefje gekregen en de vlag is tog zoo mooij maar nu heb jij mij nog niet verteld of jou haar al krult. Ik zal je stukkies van mij dress sturen en dan moet jou het moeder ook is laten zien met dat bloempie is mijn dress die ik klaar heb en met die ruit is mijn mooije dress. je moet mij is gouw schrijven hoor liefie Ik zou jou o zoo graag is willen zien vind je dat en mooij hoedje dat ik voor jou gekocht heb je moet allie is voor mij kussen dag liefie van je zuster. Christina

[n.d.] Mijn Lieve Annie.

Hoe komt het tog dat ik nooit geen briefies meer van u krijgt denk je niet meer om mij of heb je zoo veel te doen krult u haar nog niet speel je nog op de piano heb je ook al en sleigh ride gehad met Frankie [?] Ik heb vanavond en brief van Dikkie gehad hij zei dat hij net en brief van u en vader gehad had en daar was hij tog o zoo blij me je moet maar veel aan haarlui schrijven

en dan met stars and stripes er op. Hebben wij nog plenty appels in dat kantoortje van u. By and bye kom ik te huis liefie zal je blij wezen als ik te huis kom. Ga je dikwijls na Helena toe komt Allie dikwijls bij ons wie wascht er voor Moeder? Groeit de kleine Annie goed? Nu Goodbye Lieve Annie ik hoop dat ik gouw en briefie van u zal krijgen. Chrissie

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14	voor mijn schoenen
6	voor mijn das
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6	voor snow socks
4	voor dat sackie
4	letter paper
1	envelopes
4	music book
\$ 6	locket
1.57	voor postage
20 ct	voor die dollar van Moeder
10 ct	voor klosje garen
12 ct	voor supper omdat ik niet na huis kon gaan eten
50 ct	for a diary

25 ct for sheet music 10 ct for braid

17,09 en u heeft mij twintig gestuurt terwijl ik hier ben. Ik heb nu nog 2,50 ik moet nog 291 ct hebben maar ik heb

[4] mijn kerkgeld niet gerekend ik denk dat het wel 40 ct is want de bus gaat vier keer op en dag rond.

[Transcription: Nella Kennedy, May 2007]

mign kukgeld nækgere kund ik denk dat her roel 40 of is want de bus gaat vier kur of et dag rond.

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65 die Infromording verschile
65 voor dat sackie
45 voor dat sackie
14 6 letter paper
15 envelopies
45 neusee book
16 locket
157 voor food lage
10ch voor die collar van Moeda
10ch voor sleppondatik niet
10ch for a diany faan elen
15 of for Sheet music
10ch for braid.
17,09 en wheeft my
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hebben maat it heer

en dan met stars iond
stripes er op. Hebben nog
nog plenty affects in dat
Kantoorge van w.

Ys yand bye kom ik le
livis liefe Yal je blij
wegen blis ik theris kom
la je dik wijls na Helena
loc komt Allie dit wijls
bij ons vie vaseth
er voor Hoeder!

Groeit de klime Annie
goed. In ljor dbye
Lieve Annie ik hoop
dat ik gouw en briefie
van ut zal krij gen!

Cotal 363? Oulver ACOR (filed uflettent) Lastin Mary of this April of far 26 ant Dieve Annie!

In heb four lief bruefe gekregen en die vlag is log 200 moog maar nu hebyij mig nog niet verletd of four haural krult. ik sal je tous! Hakkies van nig drefs sturen en dan moet jour het moeder ook is laten Tien met dat bloemfrie is myn. drefs die ik klaar het en met die ruit is mign morge drep, se moet my is gowe schry ven hoor life Ik Low four o 400 graag is willen dien Twind fe dat en mooy hoedy dat ik voor fou gekocht heb-fe moet De allie is voor mij kussen dag liefie van je Zuster Christina