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Amelia C.H. Mar. 27th 1871.

Rev. A.C. Van Raalte ? Dear Father-

Enclosed deed and Mr. S's letter. You see he is willing to take the property. I would advise you to make out the deed to him as soon as possible. I believe his intention is to further this Institution and my heart and Christina's rejoices that our dear father can be released from the money responsibility. May God deliver you altogether from your embarrassments at home. Be of good cheer. The Lord's time will come. We pray for it. You fill out a deed the same as you do for your property conveyed to another, and send here to be recorded. Let us not tarry a moment. Your head will rejoice and mother's to know that God is carrying on his work, which you as His instrument begun. All well and send love

> Your Affect Son? W.B. Gilmore. Over

You will be very glad I think to convey the property to him ? I am heartily glad to give what I have expended on the repairs, which is considerably over \$100 to the enterprise, and hope I may be able to give a hundred dollars after. Let us pray for the Lord's cause here and as God rules over nations and individuals and sends every man to his place, let us pray that He will send such families here as will build up the Institution and our branch of the Church. Despite all prejudice the Lord can send such families to Virginia as He needs to carry on his work. Kiss Mother for me, and both of you please remember your children in Amelia at the throne of Grace. A kiss also from Christina to father and mother. Love to Mary, Anna and all the rest.

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