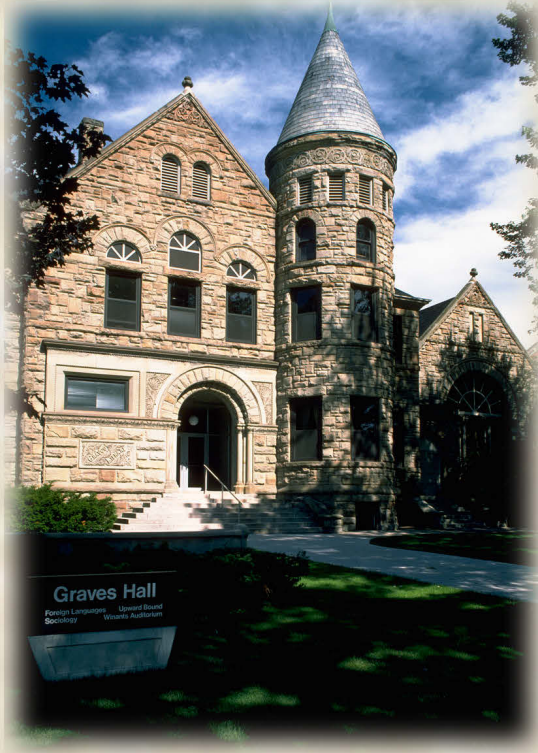


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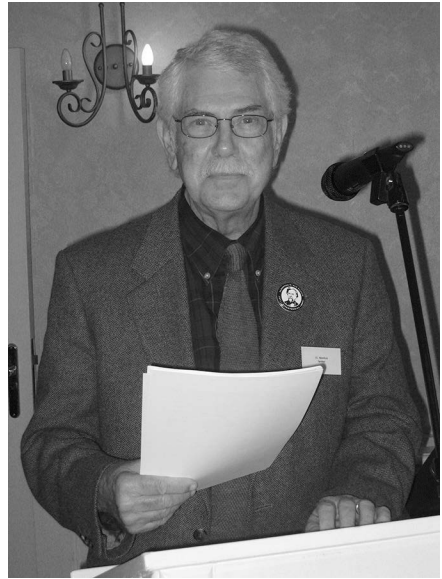
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A Message from the Director

It gives me great pleasure to present this annual report of the A. C. Van Raalte Institute covering a very special year, during which we celebrated the 200th birthday of our namesake and the city of Holland's founder, Albertus C. Van Raalte. After two years of careful planning, both here and in the Netherlands, we had a celebration that included a wonderful Founder's Festival here and an international conference that began on one



Director Jacob E. Nyenhuis

continent and ended on another. I will summarize briefly the nature and extent of that celebration. Elsewhere in this report you will find a chart showing the full extent of both activities and media coverage. I gratefully acknowledge the thorough work on this report done by Katherine Mervau, who assisted us during the interim between the late Karen G. Schakel and JoHannah Smith and again with the Van Raalte Bicentennial.

The Van Raalte Bicentennial Conference

Planning for the ACVR200 conference was carried on by members of the Van Raalte Institute and a group of esteemed Dutch colleagues led by Dr. George Harinck of VU University Amsterdam. The conference began in Graves Hall at Hope College on 24-25 October 2011 and ended on 3-4 November 2011 at Landgoed Het Laer in Ommen, Overijssel, the Netherlands. Van Raalte Institute staff members who presented papers both at Hope College and in Ommen were Robert Swierenga (keynote address), Nella Kennedy, and Jacob Nyenhuis; several honorary research fellows at the institute also delivered papers at both sites, and Earl Wm. Kennedy delivered a paper at Hope. Attendance was excellent at both locations, with over 150 in attendance here and around 110 in Ommen.



*Jack Nyenhuis with
George Harinck*

George Harinck and I are nearing the completion of the editing of the papers from the conference. We expect to publish *Albertus C. Van Raalte: Leader and Liaison* early next year, under the aegis of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America and as another joint publication of Van Raalte Press and William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.

We again acknowledge with deep gratitude the generous support of the following sponsors of the bilateral conference: the Peter H. and Heidi Huizenga Foundation, J. C. Huizenga, Jim and Ginger Jurries, Suzanne and Herman Kanis, the Dave and Carol Van Andel Foundation,



*George Harinck, J. P. Scheele, Burgemeester Marriet
Mittendorf, and Jack Nyenhuis*

the Netherland-America Foundation, and the American Embassy in The Hague.

The ACVR200 Founder's Festival

Planning for the community celebration of the Van Raalte Bicentennial was done by the Dutch Heritage Coordinating Council (DHCC), of which Nella Kennedy, Elton Bruins and I are all members. Funding for the Founder's Festival was provided by Hope College, the City of Holland, and the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area.

The majority of the activities occurred during a long weekend following Van Raalte's actual birthday (October 17), specifically, from Friday, 21 October, through Tuesday, 25 October 2011. There were family-oriented activities at the Holland Area Arts Council, the Holland Museum, and Herrick District Library, as well as a community worship service at Pillar Church, where Rev. Van Raalte was the founding pastor. Other events in October included the Holland Symphony Orchestra's presentation of the *Piet Hein Overture* by Peter Gijsbert van Anrooy, a Holland Chorale concert featuring Dutch composers and Dutch songs, and an organ concert at Dimnent Memorial Chapel by Huw Lewis and Linda Strouf.



Pillar Church service, Founders Festival

Van Raalte sculpture presented to the city of Ommen, Overijssel

When the statue of Albertus C. Van Raalte was erected in Centennial Park in Holland, Michigan, in 1997, additional casts of the

maquette for the sculpture were made. As part of the sesquicentennial of the city of Holland, one cast was given to the province of Drenthe; it was placed in the *Gemeentehuis* (city hall) in Sleen. Other casts are in the city hall of Holland and the Theil Research Center, home of the Van Raalte Institute.



*Director Jacob E. Nyenhuis
and Associate Provost
Alfredo M. Gonzales
present the sculpture to
Wethouder J. P. Scheele*

Fortunately, one cast remained in storage at the De Pree Art Center and Gallery, and President Bultman approved its presentation to the City of Ommen, Overijssel, the Netherlands. The sculpture was shipped to Ommen in advance of the Bicentennial International Conference, so it could be presented during the conference. Van Raalte Institute Director Jacob E. Nyenhuis and Associate Provost and Dean for International and Multicultural Studies Alfredo M. Gonzales presented the sculpture to Ko Scheele, *Wethouder* (council member) of Ommen, at a reception at Hotel De Zon on 3 November 2011, after the first day of the conference. Also present was the board of directors of Stichting Van Raaltehuis (the Van Raalte House Foundation), chaired by Jan Heijink and with Gerrit te Rietstap as secretary. The following day, Marriet Mittendorf, the interim *Burgemeester* (mayor) of Ommen, joined us for a reception at Landgoed Het Laer at the end of the conference.

There is still hope for the restoration of the deteriorating house which served as either the residence for the Van Raalte family or as the theological school during his years as pastor of the Seceder (*Afgescheidenen*) congregation (1839-1844). If it is possible to restore that house and to create a museum of the *Afscheiding* (Secession), most likely the Van Raalte sculpture will end up there, but until then it will reside in the *Gemeentehuis* of Ommen.



Hope College delegation in front of Van Raaltehuis: Lee Nyenhuis, Maria Gonzales, Elaine and Elton Bruins, and Alfredo Gonzales

International Alumni Gathering in The Hague

When we were in the Netherlands for the Bicentennial International Conference, several of us were also able to participate in an international alumni gathering. Brian Gibbs '84, a member of the Alumni Board who resides in Germany with his family, initiated the planning for the event, but he was soon joined by Matthew Vander Borgh '84 and Ann Vander Borgh '82 Koriijn. Alumni/ae from Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands gathered for dinner on Saturday, 5 November, at the home of Ann and Wouter Koriijn, with Matt and Me Hyun (Cho '88) Vander Borgh serving as co-hosts. Representing Hope College were Associate Provost and Dean for International and Multicultural Education Alfredo and Maria Gonzales; VRI Founding Director Elton '50 and Elaine Bruins; VRI Director Jacob and Leona '93 Nyenhuis; and Regional Advancement Officer James Van Heest '78.



International alumni gathering

Visiting Research Fellows Program

Since launching the Visiting Research Fellows Program in 2003, we have normally brought in two fellows each year. Because of the Van Raalte Bicentennial, we decided not to bring additional scholars in beyond those who participated in the conference on the Hope College campus. We did, however, bring back Prof. Emeritus Jesse I. Vorst, University of Manitoba, to continue his processing and interpretation of the Henri Theil files held in the Joint Archives of Holland.

For the academic year 2012-13, we have **Dr. Henk Aay** in residence. Dr. Aay retired in September from his position as professor of geography and environmental studies and holder (since 2006) of the Frederik Meijer Chair in Dutch Language and Culture at Calvin College. An honors graduate of Waterloo Lutheran (now Wilfrid Laurier) University in Ontario, Canada, he earned a PhD in geography from Clark University. He taught at both Wilfrid Laurier and the University of Toronto before joining the Calvin College faculty in 1982.



*Henk Aay with
wife Chris in the
Netherlands*

Dr. Aay spent spring semester 2011 at the Roosevelt Study Center in Middelburg, the Netherlands, as the holder of the Fulbright-Dow

Research Chair. He worked on a project entitled “Reel/Real Dutch Landscapes: A Geographical Interpretation of Documentary Films about the Netherlands Shown in the United States, 1941-1974.” He will use his time at the Van Raalte Institute to complete content analysis and filmography of these documentaries, which will be part of his projected comprehensive book on the Netherlands Information Service’s film program. His public lecture is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 11 April 2013. Definitive information about the lecture will become available in March 2013 and will appear on the VRI website.

Publications

The list of publications and presentations by members of the institute printed elsewhere in this report demonstrates the ongoing vitality of the retirees who comprise the institute staff. Since the founding of the institute in early 1994, over twenty books and more than two hundred articles and reviews by our members have been published in scholarly journals and books. Several more are in the final stages of preparation for publication. Details are provided in the individual reports of our members.

Dr. Elton J. Bruins honored by Western Theological Seminary

On 7 May 2012, VRI’s founding director emeritus, Elton J. Bruins, was honored by Western Theological Seminary with a Distinguished Alumnus Award. A member of the class of 1953, Bruins went into parish ministry in the Reformed Church in America; he served RCA churches in Hastings-on-Hudson, Elmsford, and Flushing, New York (1953-66). He concurrently continued his graduate education at Union Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and New York University. He earned an STM degree from Union (1957) and a PhD from NYU (1962). In 1966 he joined the faculty of Hope College as assistant professor of religion. By 1973 he had risen to the rank of professor, and in 1981 was honored with appointment as the first Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion. He chaired the Department of Religion from 1977 to 1984; he also served as dean for arts and humanities from 1984 to 1989 and as acting provost in fall semester 1989. He retired in 1992, but came out of retirement in 1994 to serve as founding director of the A. C. Van Raalte Institute.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was given in recognition of his distinguished career as pastor, as professor and academic administrator



Elton J. Bruins in the garden of his family's ancestral homestead near Twello, Gelderland

at Hope College, and as one who “has faithfully served the Reformed Church in America, his local congregation, Third Reformed Church, and the community of Holland, Michigan.”



Anthony Bednarz

Student research assistant

Anthony Bednarz served as our sole student research assistant during the past year and continues into the new academic year. After completing tasks related to the Van Raalte Bicentennial, he has been hard at work assisting Dr. Robert P. Swierenga on his monumental history of Holland, Michigan, which we will publish early in 2013. Anthony's duties have ranged from scanning photographs at the Holland Museum to developing an index of all the names and places in the book.

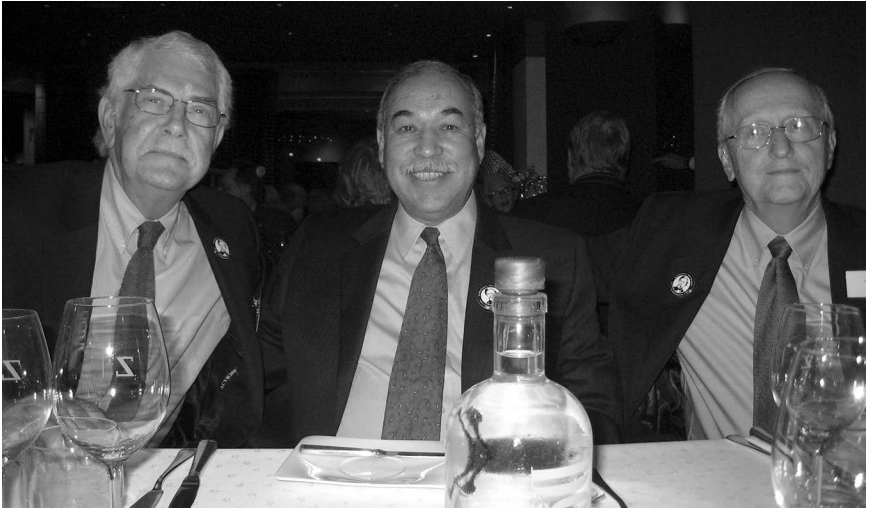
Bequests received from Mrs. Henri Theil

In last year's report, I presented an *In Memoriam* to Eleonore A. Goldschmidt Theil, who passed away on 13 August 2011. I also noted that in 2003 she had donated her condominium in St. Augustine Beach, Florida, to Hope College to help us acquire and renovate the building which we have shared with the Joint Archives of Holland since September 2004. During the course of the past year, Hope College received two separate bequests from the estate of Mrs. Theil, which together provided sufficient funds to pay off the balance of the cost for our building. We are deeply grateful to her and her late husband, Dr. Henri Theil, who first made this commitment when I spent a day with them in March 2000, just a few months before his death. They had previously (in 1981) established an endowment fund for faculty development in honor of Dr. Willard C. Wichers, long-time secretary of the Hope College Board of Trustees. The memory of Dr. and Mrs. Theil lives on at Hope College in the Henri and Eleonore Theil Research Center.

Conclusion

The excitement over the celebration of the Van Raalte Bicentennial has died down, but its effect lingers. The international conference brought to light a good deal of new material on Van Raalte, and the publication of the essays from the conference is expected to generate further work on the founder of the Holland *kolonie*. We have been enriched by his legacy, and we continue to enjoy the ongoing research and writing that bring us into a deeper understanding of the heritage that he bequeathed to us. There were many similar colonies founded by Dutch immigrants in the nineteenth century, but we appreciate the distinctive character of our community, and we seek to preserve and promote our Dutch heritage, even as we acknowledge and celebrate the cultural diversity of our city.

Jacob E. Nyenhuis
Director



Jack Nyenhuis with Alfredo Gonzales and Elton Bruins

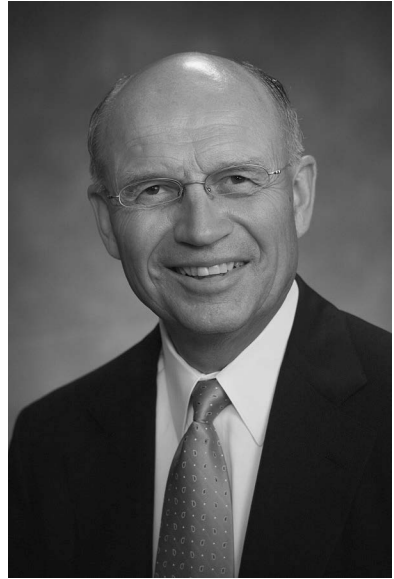


Dedication

James E. Bultman, EdD, LHD, LittD

**President and Professor of
Education**

Hope College



For the past decade, the annual report has been dedicated to an individual or individuals who have played an important role in the history of the Van Raalte Institute. Since Jim Bultman will retire next June, after thirty-one years of service at Hope College, this is a fitting time to honor and thank him for all the support that he has given to the Van Raalte Institute during his tenure as president. I have known him for over thirty-seven years, and I have worked closely with him at several points during those years, particularly in his roles as dean and president and mine as dean and provost. During my service as director of the Van Raalte Institute since 2002, he has strongly supported our efforts to preserve and promote the Dutch heritage of the college and the community, while also celebrating its diversity. He assisted me in our relations with our donors, both for the institute itself and for the building in which we are housed. He also was the first to commit support for the Founder's Festival, Holland's celebration last year of the Bicentennial of Albertus C. Van Raalte.

Dr. Bultman became the eleventh president of Hope College on 1 July 1999. He had spent the previous fourteen years as president of Northwestern College in Iowa. From 1968 to 1985 he had served on the Hope faculty as professor of education, department chair, and dean of social sciences, as well as head baseball coach and assistant football coach.

His emphasis as president has been on assuring that Hope provides students with an exceptional educational experience in a vibrant and caring Christian environment. His leadership has included leading the college in updating its mission statement and identifying the distinctive qualities of a Hope College education.

Hope has enjoyed distinction on a variety of external measures during his tenure, but I will focus here on other aspects of his leadership. During Jim's second year as president, Hope launched "Legacies: A Vision of Hope." Major components of this comprehensive fundraising campaign, which raised \$161 million (against a goal of \$105 million), were the construction of several new buildings, the renovation of two others, and increasing the endowment.

In October 2011, Hope announced the second comprehensive campaign of his tenure, "A Greater Hope," which has a goal of \$175 million. The endowment portion of the campaign includes \$80 million for student scholarships, endowed professorships, and various educational and spiritual initiatives. Major enhancements to the campus will include a concert hall and music building, an art museum with an adjacent sculpture garden, and an engineering wing on Vander Werf Hall, as well as the already completed athletic facilities. It also includes a new student center, which the board of trustees has designated as the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center.

An active leader in higher education circles, Dr. Bultman serves or has served on the Presidents Council of National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) and the Board of Control of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), as well as the Executive Committee of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU). He has chaired the Board of Directors of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Michigan (AICUM) and of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. He has also served on and chaired many other professional and civic organizations.

A native of Fremont, Michigan, Jim Bultman graduated from Hope in 1963 with a major in chemistry. He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in educational leadership from Western Michigan University. Before joining Hope's faculty, he taught, coached, and served as assistant principal in the public schools in Portage, Michigan. He and his wife Martie (Hope 1963) have two grown children, Matthew and Heather, and five grandchildren.

Among his many honors are Distinguished Alumni Awards from both Hope College and Western Michigan University, an honorary LHD degree from Keiwa College in Japan, and an honorary LittD from Hope College, awarded on the occasion of his inauguration. He also was recently honored with the West Michigan Dutch-American Leadership Award at a dinner celebrating Dutch-American Heritage Day.

It is my distinct pleasure to dedicate this annual report to Dr. James E. Bultman in appreciation for his faithful support of the Van Raalte Institute, but also in recognition of his visionary leadership in Christian higher education and dedicated service to the West Michigan community, and with deep gratitude for his enduring friendship.



President Bultman offers the opening welcome to the Van Raalte Bicentennial International Conference



Conferees at Landgoed Het Laer, Ommen



Robert Swierenga delivering the keynote address in Ommen



*Bill & Nella Kennedy, Peter Ester, D. E. G. van Hinte-Rustwijk,
J. E. van Hinte, A. Kastein-van Hinte, J. M. van de Horst-van Hinte*



Gerrit te Rietstap presenting Gerko Warner's book to Elton J. Bruins



Wil Nauta, Leon van den Broeke, and Rein Nauta



*George Harinck and
Marieke Harinck-Quak*

Reports

Nella Kennedy

Even significant events that took place in my life in 2012 seem to have been superseded by the various activities commemorating the 200th anniversary of A. C. Van Raalte's birth. I was involved on two levels. First of all, I served on a "Town and Gown"



*Nella with her sister,
Sabien Kooyman-Breugem*

committee which planned the Founder's Festival. This city-wide and family-oriented celebration took place on the evening of October 21 and during the morning and afternoon of the next day, with venues in various places in town. The preparations involved deciding on cakes, games, exhibits, official receptions, crafts, films, and more. Furthermore, I gave advice on Dutch pronunciation in previewing the play "Vision of a New Life," which was performed prior to and during October 21. I wrote a reader's theater on the life of Christina and Albertus Van Raalte prior to their emigration to the United States, entitled "Hello and Goodbye," referring to Van Raalte's frequent absences. My husband Bill and I read this to the October monthly meeting of HASP (Hope Academy of Senior Professionals).

Secondly, an important part of the celebration, and indeed the most important for the VRI, were the two conferences entitled "Albertus C. Van Raalte: Leader & Liaison." The all-English lectures were given at Hope College on October 24 and 25, where I gave my lecture "Twice Torn Asunder: Christina De Moen Van Raalte." In Ommen, the Netherlands, where the lectures were given in Dutch or English on November 3 and 4, I gave the virtually identical lecture in Dutch, "Tweemaal verscheurd: Christina van Raalte-de Moen." Prior to the Dutch conference, my husband and I translated a Dutch manuscript, written by an Ommen amateur historian on various sites in the region where Dominie Van Raalte had preached in private dwellings and farms. The printed material was presented during the conference in Ommen.

During the few weeks that followed, I was able to flush out even more details about the De Moen family in Leiden's regional archive.

Once back in the United States, I incorporated the new information, and ultimately submitted the manuscript for final editing.

When that was done, I could begin to edit lectures delivered at two conferences that were held in Wisconsin in 2008 and 2011. Because the earlier conference was an initiative by the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, which did not have the means to disseminate more widely the valuable research presented there, the decision was made to add some of the 2008 articles to the volume that would contain the papers read at the conference in 2011 of the Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies (AADAS). I was assisted in this endeavor by Mary Risseuw (who had spearheaded the 2008 conference) and Dr. Robert P. Swierenga, colleague at the VRI. It was a new venture for me that taught me that editing is not just reading a text carefully, but involves, for example, frequent correspondence with authors about clarifying items in the text and incomplete footnotes, the use of images with accompanying copyright issues. It also included research to add photographs in some articles. During our two-and-a-half-month sojourn in the Netherlands, I completed the index.

Editing, research, and writing have prevented me from being engaged in major translation projects, but I continue to assist colleagues at the VRI and others in minor queries about Dutch.

I was the first speaker in April in a series of lectures at the Holland Museum in connection with an exhibition on tulips, in which I gave a brief history of political, social, and cultural life in the Netherlands in the late sixteenth and the seventeenth centuries. I continue to be a member of the Dutch Heritage Coordinating Council (DHCC), which had a substantial role to play during the Van Raalte festivities. The DHCC website now in place (DutchHeritageWestMichigan.net) guides and informs those who “check in” on activities and functions of churches and institutions in the region which seek, at least partly, to remember and celebrate in various ways the early days of the *kolonies*.

I was honored this summer with the publication of an interview of me in the regular column, “Conversations,” in *Michigan History* 96, no. 4 (July/August 2012). The purpose of the column is to highlight the work of a Michigander engaged in some aspect of the state’s history.



“Twice torn Asunder: Christina De Moen Van Raalte,”
by Nella Kennedy

An excerpt

The only surviving photograph of the wife of the charismatic leader, Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, Christina De Moen Van Raalte, shows a care-worn visage. Although the date can not be ascertained, the photo must have been taken in the late 1850s when she was in early middle age. She was tubercular, coped with pregnancies and infant deaths. Born to relative luxury in the Netherlands, she had to carry out by herself the day-to-day responsibilities in a pioneer household, for Albertus had to leave the family and *kolonie* frequently for fundraising and preaching purposes. Although by nature fearful and often oppressed by circumstances, a friend testifies that she was always singing.

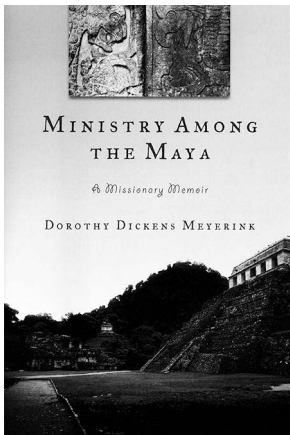
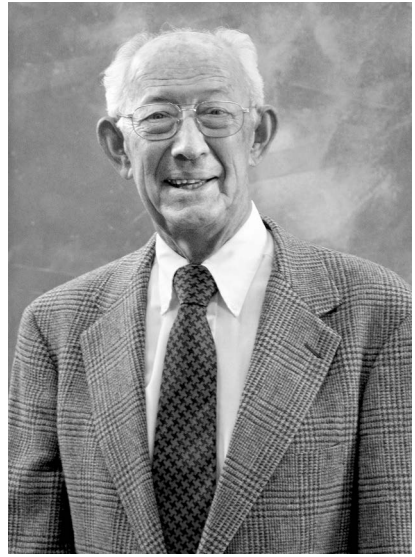
Donald J. Bruggink

The past year has seen the publication of three more volumes in the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America. Number 72 in the series is *Ministry among the Maya: A Missionary Memoir* by Dorothy Dickens Meyerink (Eerdmans, 410 pages, paperback, \$34). The designation “missionary memoir” is in no way meant to demean the content of the volume but rather to acknowledge that this is a very personal account by a missionary thoroughly immersed in the work of the mission.

At the same time, the title, *Ministry Among the Maya*, is an acknowledgement, made clear by the content of the book, that the successful growth of the church among the Maya was due not only to the work of the missionaries but also to the ministry of the Maya themselves. In stark contrast to the picture so often painted of missionaries as keeping the reins of power in their own hands while demeaning the abilities of their converts, Dorothy’s story is that of the rapid assumption of responsibility by Mayan converts. Her ministry,

begun in 1956, was in the midst of hostility, which sometimes resulted in arson and the murder of those who left the accepted mores of tribal structures. In the midst of persecution, the Maya not only witnessed to their faith, but rapidly assumed the responsibilities of leadership.

Ministry Among the Maya is the story not only of the ministry of the Maya but also of ecumenical cooperation between the Presbyterians and the Reformed missionaries to form a single church among the Maya. The success of these cooperative efforts is seen in a Mayan church which



outnumbers that of the Reformed Church in America. Dorothy's story is an exciting witness to the spread of the Gospel in Chiapas.

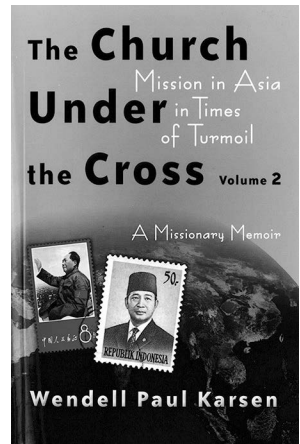
Another missionary memoir is *The Church Under the Cross: Mission in Asia in Times of Turmoil, Vol. 2* by Wendell Paul Karsen (Eerdmans, 778 pages, paperback, \$49). In volume one Karsen recounted his years in Taiwan until, as a result of his Christian witness in standing with the indigenous peoples in conflict with the Kuo Min-tang government, he was asked to leave the country. His next assignment was in then British-held Hong Kong, where part of his pastoral duties involved fighting for the poor and exploited.

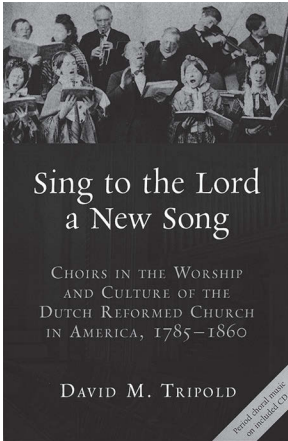
In this second volume Karsen presents an extensive history of China as a background for understanding the Communist takeover and the role of the church during that period. His is one of the most knowledgeable and even-handed interpretations of that period coming from the hand of one of our missionaries. This perspicacious presentation extends to the role of the Protestant Three Self Patriotic Movement. As China began to open, Karsen took many groups of Christians not only into the cities but also into the countryside to experience the growth of the church. His first-hand experience of the phenomenal Christian growth in China is set forth in detail.

Karsen's final field of overseas endeavor was Indonesia. Again, a thorough economic, political, cultural, and religious background is given for the context of the Christian communities in which he was engaged. For anyone wishing an exciting, first-hand account of the church in these two nations this is a "must read."

Sing to the Lord a New Song: Choirs in the Worship and Culture of the Dutch Reformed Church in America, 1785-1860 by David M. Tripold (Eerdmans, 280 pages, paperback with CD, \$36). This carefully researched history by Dr. Tripold recounts the worship wars of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when choirs and organs entered the worship of the staid Dutch Reformed Church as it assimilated with varying degrees of willingness and resistance to its American context.

This book carefully documents the introduction (and cost) of organs into specific churches, the role of singing schools, the performances offered, and the choral numbers performed. In addition to the titles





of these numbers, we have included a CD by choristers and instrumentalists from Colt's Neck Reformed Church and Monmouth University, which offers audio examples of the period music cited in the book. Notes on each of the pieces are also included.

Tripold also notes that the cultural impact was not limited to musical and worship tastes but that choirs and organs also invited more active participation of women not only in singing and playing but also in leadership within the church.

Within the time frame of the next annual report, we look forward to the publication of

Pioneers to Partners: The Reformed Church in America and Christian Mission with the Japanese, by Gordon D. Laman; *Transatlantic Pieties: Dutch Clergy in Colonial America*, Hans Krabbendam, Leon van den Broeke, and Dirk Mouw, editors; *Van Raalte's Vision: A History of Holland, Michigan*, by Robert P. Swierenga; *Albertus C. Van Raalte: Leader and Liaison*, Jacob E. Nyenhuis and George Harinck, editors; *The Not-So Promised Land: The Dutch in Amelia, Virginia, 1868-1880*, by Janet Sheeres; and *Loyalty and Loss: The Reformed Church in America, 1945-1994*, by Lynn Japinga.

Sing to the Lord a New Song, by David M. Tripold

An excerpt

“A choir of younger members of the congregation had been formed to lead the singing of apparently *harmonized* versions of the English psalms and hymns. A contentious period arose between conservative and liberal sides. It was settled in favor of the younger faction in February 1787 by a consistory resolution, arranged in a biblically exegetical query and answer format. Query three asked, ‘What tunes are to be sung?’ It was answered, ‘Resolved unanimously, that we find no particular mode or tune limited, or pointed out in God’s word.’ Query four asked, ‘May then every one sing what Psalm or tune he please?’ It was answered, ‘Resolved, that every one has a right to Sing what Psalm tune he please, by himself; but when he

sings in Consort, he ought so to sing that the voice harmonises with those with whom he sings,' . . . Query five asked, 'Is it sutable for a Christian to sing a cheerful tune?' It was answered, 'Resolved unanimously, that it is sutable for a Christian on a cheerful occasion to sing a cheerful tune. . . . And it is sutable on mournfull occasions to sing in a mournfull tone of the voice. . . . Hence it is that musitioners have formed music on two keys, the one is called the sharp Key, sutable to be used on cheerful occasions; the other is called the flat key, and sutable to be used on mournfull occasions. . . . And we would further recommend that under present circumstances such tunes be sung as have been most usually practised heretofore in our congregations, or such plain and easy tunes as the congregation can most easily join with, giving opportunity to sing on new improvements, for the encouragement of improving in the comely, the sweet, and delightfull art of musick, wishing that our harts and voices may hereafter, with the Saints and Angels above in more melodious strains, where is fullness of joy and pleasure evermore.'"



Robert P. Swierenga



This past year I completed a decade-long project of writing my magnum opus, a comprehensive history of Holland, Michigan, the first ever. The manuscript, approaching 1,600 pages, has been copy edited by JoHannah Smith and is scheduled for joint publication by Van Raalte Press and Wm. B. Eerdmans in spring 2013 in Eerdmans' Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America. I am presently writing captions for historic photographs and illustrations to enhance the text. This project would be almost unthinkable without the support of colleagues at the Van Raalte Institute, the Joint Archives of Holland, the Holland Museum Archives, Herrick District Library, and the Archives of Calvin College.

A highlight of the year was the bicentennial of the birth of A. C. Van Raalte and the international academic conference that marked the occasion. I presented the keynote address, "A. C. Van Raalte Off the Pulpit," first at Hope College on 20 October 2012, and then in the continuing conference in Ommen, the Netherlands on 3 November 2012.

My alma mater, Timothy Christian School (of Chicago, Cicero, and now Elmhurst, Illinois) marked the culmination of its centennial year on 21 April 2012 with a dinner in the lobby of Chicago's Field Museum. I was privileged to speak to the eight hundred staff, alumni, parents, and supporters seated in the vast hall. I chose the topic "Why Timothy?" to explain to the present generation why poor Dutch immigrants in the early twentieth century on Chicago's West Side set about to establish a Christian day school that required deep financial sacrifice and dedication. These humble Reformed believers were simply being faithful to the covenantal promises made at baptism to raise their children "in the fear and wisdom of the Lord."

On 15 October 2011, I had the privilege of taking former Netherlands Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende on a tour of historic Holland and Zeeland. Although he has traveled the world, this was his first visit to West Michigan, where so many of his Dutch Calvinist

compatriots live. He enjoyed being a typical tourist. A native of the Dutch province of Zeeland, Dr. Balkenende truly could “Feel the Zeel” when he read these words on the welcome sign of the city of Zeeland. Four days later, journalist Perro de Jong of Radio Nederland came to the Van Raalte Institute to record an interview about the Dutch of West Michigan that was aired on the flagship Dutch international radio station.

On 31 January 2012, I was the after-dinner speaker for the Women’s City Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a venerable institution that holds its meetings in the historic mansion of Grand Rapids businessman and banker Martin Sweet, who established the Pantlind Hotel (now Amway Grand) and First National Bank (now Fifth Third). The Netherlands was the country the club focused on for International Week, 2012, and my topic for the evening was quite understandably, “The Dutch in America.”

Finally, I am assisting lead editor Nella Kennedy in the publication of *Diverse Destinies: Dutch Colonies in Wisconsin and the East*, selected papers presented at the eighteenth biennial conference of the Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies held at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, 8-10 June 2012.

“James Koning Memoir (1906),” *Origins* 30, no 1. (2012)

An excerpt

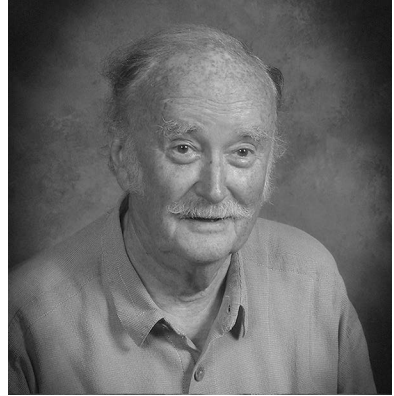
The memoir describes the stormy, three-day crossing of the English Channel, the five-day layover at Falmouth, England, to take on fresh drinking water and more large stones for ballast, and then the difficult ocean voyage. The crossing began with a storm, followed by days with little wind for the sails, but still “a sky-high sea” to remind them of the tempest. Koning related to his grandchildren that the sailors stood by with axes to cut off the rigging if the masts broke. The voyage took thirty-five days (five weeks), somewhat longer than normal, but not remarkably so.

To reach West Michigan, the family followed the usual water route up the Hudson River by steamboat to Albany, on the Erie Canal by canal boat to Buffalo, and through the Great Lakes by lake steamer to Chicago, and then across Lake

Michigan to Holland. Since the channel into Black Lake (now Lake Macatawa) was only from two to three feet deep, the party disembarked to flatboats to get “across the bar” and pole along the lakeshore for five miles to de Stad. The Holland Colony was about fifteen months old when the Konings arrived; it was a work in progress, with Eighth Street still impeded by stumps.

Settlers met the Konings at the waterfront, introduced them to willing helpers, and advised them about buying land for a farm. They arrived just when the Ottawa Indian band at Old Wing Mission, located three miles southeast of Holland (on present day Fortieth Street a mile east of Waverly St.), decided to sell their lands and remove to the north country at Little Traverse Bay. The mission stood on fertile bottomland along the south branch of the Black River. The Indians were asking the going price of five dollars per acre for their partially improved lands, and Koning was interested. But he wanted triple the acreage than the eighty-acre parcel the Indian offered for sale, so his sons could have farms of their own. So the deal came to naught, despite the best efforts of the Rev. George N. Smith, government schoolmaster and preacher at the mission. Isaac Fairbanks, the government agricultural agent at the Mission, had appraised the property.

Earl Wm. Kennedy

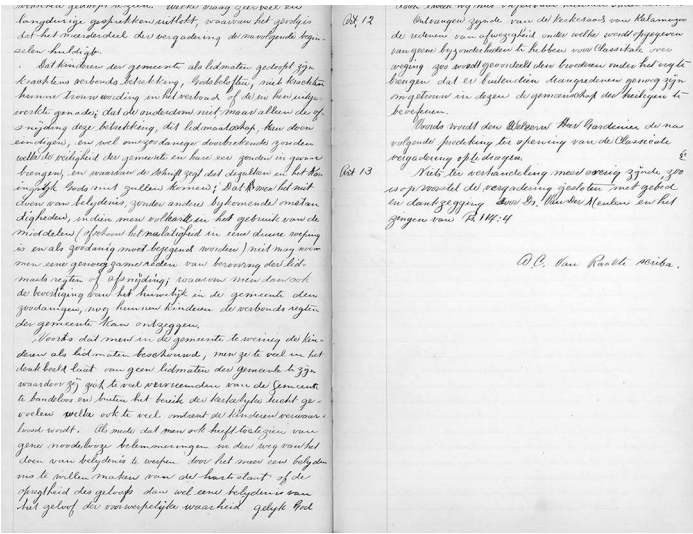


The year just ended witnessed two visits by my wife and me to the Netherlands, one more than our usual summer visit. The additional (not onerous) trip was necessitated by our participation in the celebrations surrounding the 200th anniversary of the birth of Rev. Albertus Christiaan

van Raalte. In that regard, we took part in two conferences focusing on him, the first in October in Holland, Michigan, and the second in early November in Ommen, the Netherlands. I spent most of the summer and early autumn preparing a paper, presented at the Michigan conference, about Van Raalte's career-long commitment to the ideal of Christian day schools. I subsequently devoted considerable time shortening (painfully) and revising my work for inclusion in a forthcoming book containing the conference papers, to be published in the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America. A good time was had by all at both conferences, where I learned much and appreciated meeting others, both American and Dutch, interested in and knowledgeable about Holland's founder.

Another, less purely academic aspect of my involvement in the bicentennial, was my starring role as Domine Van Raalte, in a fictional, "reader's theatre" dialogue (based on historical research), written by my wife (who played Mrs. Van Raalte), and presented to several hundred members of the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals at their October monthly meeting; the presentation was entitled "Hello and Goodbye: The Life of Christina de Moen van Raalte."

Although my involvement in the Van Raalte bicentennial gave me a "vacation" from my long-term project of annotating the *Minutes of the Classis of Holland, 1848-1876*, I was nevertheless able to make satisfying progress on the latter commitment. I finally finished proofreading and revising all of my remaining annotations (1859-76) before leaving for the Netherlands in early May. I should say, however, that "fine-tuning" a work as extensive as this could go on indefinitely, but there is no time for that. The next step—not a small one—is to prepare the work for press. This will involve determining the best layout, standardizing



Van Raalte's handwriting, *Classis of Holland minutes*

the format of the body and annotations, indexing persons, places, and subjects. The hope is that I, with the competent assistance of “the usual suspects” here at the institute, will be able to complete this final phase of the project in the next year, although I am currently being treated for macular degeneration in both eyes, with the prognosis uncertain; this challenge, which came on suddenly in mid-May, has made reading and typing somewhat more difficult but not (yet) impossible.

In addition to preparing the classical minutes for publication, I look forward to the appearance in print later this year of both my paper on Van Raalte and Christian schools (noted above) and my article, submitted much earlier, about the early Dutch Reformed Pietist, the Rev. Guiliam Bertholf of colonial New Jersey. Both pieces are to appear in two different volumes of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, together with companion articles by other scholars. One final “publication” is my annual contribution to the online *Religious and Theological Abstracts* of summaries of all the articles in the *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*. Other academic activities have included occasional, informal editing and proofreading of Van Raalte Institute papers/articles. In the late summer of 2011, I assisted my wife, Nella, in the translation of a work, soon privately published for the bicentennial, on the geography of Van Raalte’s itinerations during his early ministry in the Netherlands. Also, I remain a member of the board of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society.

At the end of June, shortly before celebrating my eightieth birthday in the Netherlands, I helped lead (for ten days, on and off) a bus tour of some of that land's historical and cultural sites, for a group of Northwestern College (Iowa) alumni. Particularly memorable was our visit to the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, with a lecture given by Dr. Jeremy Bangs, its director. Another fascinating learning experience was an afternoon spent at the special exhibition (from Sweden) on the Vikings, at the Drents Museum in Assen. Finally, in March I spoke at the monthly meeting of the Holland Genealogical Society on some high- and low-lights of my seven decades of ancestor hunting.

It has been a growing privilege and pleasure to have participated in the Van Raalte Institute. In light of my entrance into a ninth decade and of my recent ocular difficulties, Psalm 90 has taken on added meaning. I will conclude this report with a few familiar excerpts from that text, using the King James Version, which was still "current" early in my Christian pilgrimage. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. . . . So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. . . . And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

"Van Raalte and Parochial Schools," by Earl. Wm Kennedy

An excerpt

Albertus C. van Raalte's vision for Christian education for children in the Holland colony began with the plan, developed in the Netherlands, to establish parent-funded parochial schools or at least interdenominational Protestant day schools. Its attempted realization ended in the 1860s when it collided with the actualities of the American situation, where Christians in *De Kolonie* could, at least temporarily, control the school boards and hire Christian teachers at taxpayers' expense, and so have Christian education "for nothing." Nevertheless, with the slow decline of Reformed influence in the schools, the western Michigan settlers had to rely ever more on catechetical instruction (in sermons and church classes), Sunday school, and home for nurturing their children in the Lord. The less Americanized Christian Reformed Church took another route—separate Christian day schools. Eventually buttressed by Abraham Kuyper's worldview, the CRC became the true heir of Van Raalte's original vision.

Jacob E. Nyenhuis

The first part of the past year was dedicated almost entirely to preparing for and participating in the Van Raalte Bicentennial (ACVR200) described in my Director's Report. After a short hiatus, my attention in January



2012 again returned to the Bicentennial Conference, as I started editorial work on the essays that resulted from the papers presented at the conference. Between March and June, however, much of my time was devoted to helping to plan an unusual celebration: the 110th anniversary of my local congregation, Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church, which was held on 24 June 2012. I updated my previous *Centennial History* of the church to produce a brief history (see Publications) and produced the entire booklet in which that history was published. I also made time in April to serve as facilitator for the Strategic Planning Retreat of the Chicago Semester Policy Board, on which I had served earlier in my career at Hope College. The remainder of my time was taken up with the usual responsibilities of directing the institute, giving an occasional lecture, writing an occasional article, and providing service to church and community.

I continue to assemble documents for my various long-term research projects, while devoting my primary attention to editing the essays for the Van Raalte Bicentennial book. It has been interesting and enjoyable to work with scholars from the Netherlands, as well as from the United States. Differing citation conventions in the two countries presented special challenges, but resolving the differences was also satisfying and rewarding.

My service to church, college, and community consisted of: (1) serving as secretary-treasurer of the local Dutch Heritage Coordinating Council, which involved considerable coordination and lots of correspondence, as well as overseeing the production of all the posters, flyers, and advertisements for the community celebration of the Van Raalte Bicentennial, known as the Founder's Festival, as well as similar activities for the International Conference; (2) serving as a member

of both the Dutch-American Historical Commission and the West Michigan Dutch-American Heritage Day Committee; and (3) serving my congregation as pulpit supply coordinator and in various other ways.

Working with my congenial colleagues at the Van Raalte Institute continues to be intellectually stimulating and enjoyable. I am blessed with a truly wonderful group of dedicated scholars who are also good friends.



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*Gathering and Growing God's Family for One Hundred Ten Years:
 A Brief History of Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church in
 Holland, Michigan, edited by Jacob E. Nyenhuis*

An excerpt

The story of this congregation is distinctive in many respects. Not only was 14th Street Church the first English-speaking CRC in Holland, but the church has been located on the same site for over a century, adapting to a changing environment, yet maintaining its central character and purpose. Whereas a number of other downtown churches have either closed or moved from the core city, Fourteenth Street Church remains committed to ministry at its original location.

The single word “Ebenezer” was placed above the rostrum when the first church building was erected and was restored each time that the original building was remodeled. By calling to mind the stone erected by Samuel (which he called “Ebenezer” or “Stone of Help”) after the Lord had routed the Philistines (I Sam. 7:12), this motto served as a constant reminder that God is the rock upon which this church was built. When the new church building was erected, however, a simple cross was installed at the center of the front wall, behind the choir loft. The empty cross continues to remind worshipers that Christ’s death was superseded by his resurrection, that in Christ’s victory over sin and death, we have a sure hope of eternal life.

Fourteenth Street Church has adapted to its changing environment, but it has not lost sight of its mission, nor has it ceased to anchor its hope in the Lord who is their rock and their salvation (Ps. 62.2). The congregation’s struggles with growth, with dissension, with schism, have been overcome by a persistent faith in God’s love and mercy and a firm belief that they have been called to serve God in their community from the same corner where they first put down their roots. Their struggles and their victories, like those of individual members, are at once intensely personal, yet also universal. Faith and hope are joined at the corner of 14th Street and Central Avenue in Holland, Michigan. The grace of a faithful God sustains this faith and this hope.

Adjunct and Honorary Members

George Harinck

In the summer of 2011, I was elected president for two years of the Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies. My main responsibility is the organization of the next conference on “The Dutch-American Involvement in War: US and Abroad,” which will be held at Central College in Pella, Iowa, 5-8 June 2013.

The fall of 2011 was devoted to the international conference on Albertus C. Van Raalte in Holland,

Michigan, and Ommen, the Netherlands. My responsibility was mainly the Ommen conference, held at Landgoed Het Laer. At this beautiful estate, close to Van Raalte’s residence, thirteen speakers filled the two days (3 and 4 November) of lively debate and new perspectives on the life and times of Albertus Van Raalte. The Ommen conference had 110 participants.

I lectured in the United States at the Van Raalte conference in Holland on Van Raalte’s 1866 trip to the Netherlands and at the bicentennial conference of Princeton Theological Seminary in March 2012 on Princeton’s Dutch connections. I was the keynote speaker at the Kuyper conference in Princeton (April) on neo-Calvinism and democracy, and in the same month, I lectured at Wheaton College on Karl Barth and the Barmen Declaration. Last year I published several articles on Dutch American religious and academic relations; I also worked on a book on the relationship between the VU University, Amsterdam, and Princeton Theological Seminary, 1880-1930, and together with Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis edited the Van Raalte conference papers.



“How Can an Elephant Understand a Whale and Vice Versa?”

An excerpt

Cornelius Van Til (1895-1987) immigrated into the United States with his family in May 1905, a few days after his tenth birthday. The Van Til's settled in Hammond, Indiana, where they joined the Christian Reformed Church—a sister church of the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands and the home of many Reformed Dutch immigrants—and continued their life as farmers. But Case sensed a call for the ministry and in 1914—nineteen years old—he enrolled at Calvin Preparatory School in Grand Rapids and later on at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary.

In these educational institutions of the Christian Reformed Church he devoured the works of Kuyper and Bavinck. Almost all the professors at Calvin College and Seminary during Van Til's years as a student had been born in the Netherlands and had been educated there. Though emigrated, the content of Van Til's basic education was Dutch in character and his thinking clearly had a Dutch mark. But the Dutch connection was not without problems. After 1914 Calvin College and Seminary went through years of transition. Partly this had to do with the growth of these educational institutions and with a process of Americanization within the Christian Reformed Church that accelerated during the First World War. But it also had to do with the Dutch theological tradition Van Till devoured. An important issue in his student years was the question if the tradition of Kuyper and Bavinck in view of the recent anti-naturalist developments within western culture needed an update or not—especially with regards to its epistemology and engagement with culture.

Interestingly, Van Til avoided this issue by enrolling at Princeton Seminary in 1922. Despite the absence of Benjamin B. Warfield (1851-1921), who had died a year before, Van Til was able to get acquainted with the old Princeton theology. In his four years at the seminary he mixed the tradition of what he called the ‘inimitable trio’ Kuyper, Bavinck, and Warfield into a new blend of Calvinist apologetics, in which the foundational importance of creation, and its intimate connection with covenant were the most characteristic ingredients.

Hans Krabbendam



The International Conference in the fall of 2011, which commemorated the bicentennial of the birth of Albertus C. Van Raalte, encouraged me to delve into the archives of Albertus' youth and young adult years. It gave me great satisfaction to trace his educational footprints in the Netherlands, find new documentation, and then link his education to his social and educational agenda in the United States. The academic conferences in Holland, Michigan, and in Ommen, the Netherlands, in this commemorative year were highlights and gave Van Raalte studies a boost in scholarly attention and name recognition with a larger public. The forthcoming publication (2013) should once again draw attention to Van Raalte, his life and work. I have observed, judging from the requests for information and the number of visits to the Roosevelt Study Center, that the interest in emigration to the United States among Dutch students and researchers is still strong.

In the fall of 2011, I taught an American history course at the Roosevelt Academy, the liberal arts college in Middelburg, the Netherlands. Meanwhile, I made good progress in writing chapters for my book on American evangelicals in Europe. I reviewed a score of books on American religious history for European journals and gave two academic lectures on the organization and reception of American revival meetings in post-war Europe. I prepared those lectures for publication and made the first steps to organize a future conference on Global Billy Graham with other European scholars.

Two edited volumes on colonial clergy and on Theodore Roosevelt and Europe are expected in the fall of 2012. On the organizational side, I am preparing conferences on the abolition of the slave trade in the Netherlands, and the biennial conference of the European Association for American Studies in The Hague; both are scheduled for 2014.

J. P. Verhave

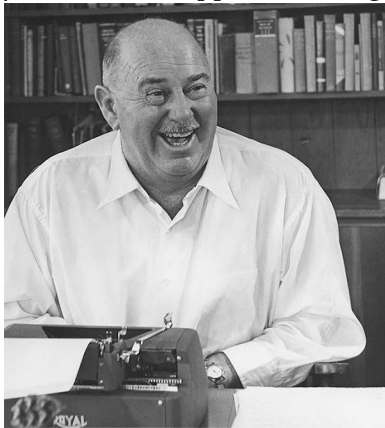
The biography of Paul de Kruif keeps me busy. I am trying to complete the four unfinished chapters. With twenty-three chapters planned, the project is progressing, but the polishing goes on.

Additionally, I gave presentations in meetings and symposia.

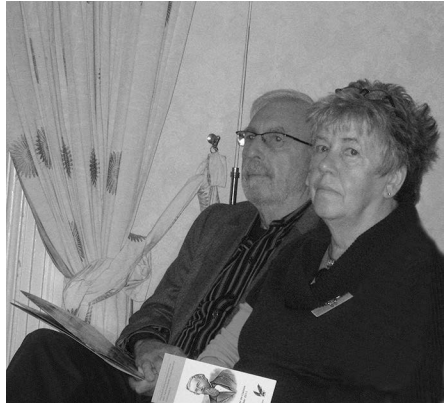
One of them was of course the AADAS conference of last year, the text of which gave the editors of the conference book and myself additional attention.

The other meeting I attended was the HOTCUS annual conference (Historians of the Twentieth Century United States). It was hosted by the Roosevelt Study Center, Middelburg, the Netherlands, 20-22 June 2012 (excellently organized by Hans Krabbendam). I gave a presentation on “Paul de Kruif and his actions for health reform in America.” It was well received.

I have also been preparing for separate publications on subjects that are too detailed for the AADAS book. The paper on Paul’s grandfather Hendrik de Kruif and the accounts of his immigration, “Now I will tell you children,” appeared in *Origins* (Fall 2011).



“Laughing Paul” de Kruif



J. P. Verhave with his wife, Joke

Another paper is on De Kruif’s reporting on the poor conditions for childbirth in the slums of Chicago, and the outstanding work of a small, but dedicated group of obstetricians and medical students: “Home deliveries in underdeveloped settings.” I compared the backward conditions in Chicago with those in rural tropical settings that I have witnessed in African countries. The article appeared in *Medicus Tropicus* 50 (March 2012). (Bulletin of the

Netherlands Society for Tropical Medicine and International Health; special issue on safe motherhood and reproductive health.)

Other manuscripts were submitted to various magazines and journals. Depending on the journal, editors—or referees—can be rather critical, and the texts might be reworked or adapted to their recommendations. Fortunately, there are friends and colleagues to ask for advice. Awaiting acceptance, the published articles will be mentioned in the next annual report. The same holds true for a book proposal to a university press.



Publications, Presentations, and Translations

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Facilitator for the Strategic Planning Retreat of the Chicago Semester Policy Board, Chicago, IL, 20 April 2012. (Jacob E. Nyenhuis)

“Hello and Goodbye.” A reader’s theater presented to the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, Haworth Conference Center, 4 October 2011. (Earl Wm. and Nella Kennedy)

“Holland Michigan as an Ethnic Colony.” Lecture for Meiji Gakuin University students in American Studies Seminar, Hope College, 1 September 2011. (Robert P. Swierenga)

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“Origins of Historic Pillar Church.” Lecture for Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, 19 February 2012. (Robert P. Swierenga)

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Celebrating a legacy	3 June 2011
Welcome attention on Holland history	4 June 2011
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Hope College, *News from Hope College*

“Quote, unquote” / Comments by Robert Swierenga
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Hope College, HASP (Hope Academy of Senior Professionals)

HASP Monthly Bulletin/Meeting, presentation by Jack Nyenhuis
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and Nella Kennedy 4 October 2011

Calvin College

Fall Program re: Founder’s Festival and ACVR Bicentennial
Conference 29 September 2011

MAC TV, Holland, MI

Lakeshore Living interview with Jack Nyenhuis & Bill Kennedy
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Ommen kent Van Raalte niet (Ommen doesn’t know
Van Raalte) 30 September 2011
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Een mozes voor de Landverhuizers (A Moses for the
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Uit de schaduw van Van Raalte (From under the shadow of Van Raalte) 4 November 2011

Afscheiding blind voor zending (Secession blind to missions) 5 November 2011

Van Raalte was een geboren leider (Van Raalte was a born leader) 11 November 2011

Trouw - articles

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Albertus Christiaan Van Raalte: Een Ondernemend Predikant in Nederland én Amerika (Albertus Christian Van Raalte: An enterprising pastor in the Netherlands and America) No. 21, 14 October 2011

Novum - articles

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VRI Visiting Research Fellows Lecture Series

Inaugural Lecture – 18 September 2003

Dutch-American Identity Politics: The Use of History by Dutch Immigrants
Hans Krabbendam, Roosevelt Study Center, the Netherlands

Lecture No. 2 – 2 April 2004

The Rain of God: Reformed Church in America Growth and Decline in Historical Perspective

Lynn M. Japinga, Hope College

Unpublished Lecture – 10 November 2004

Dutch Entrepreneurship: Spirit or Ideology?

Hans Niemantsverdriet, freelance researcher, writer, and broadcaster, Amsterdam. Four weeks later, he suffered a stroke from which he never recovered; he died 12 April 2007.

Lecture No. 3 – 16 February 2006

Reassessing 1857: Overlooked Considerations Concerning the Birth of the Christian Reformed Church

James A. De Jong, Calvin Theological Seminary

Lecture No. 4 – 9 November 2006

Disease and Death among the Early Settlers in Holland, Michigan

J. P. Verhave, Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, the Netherlands

Lecture No. 5 – 28 August 2007

Growing Up Dutch-American: Cultural Identity and the Formative Years of Older Dutch-Americans

Peter Ester, Tilburg University, the Netherlands

Lecture No. 6 – 18 February 2008

The Dutch Equation in the RCA Freemasonry Controversy, 1865-1885

Harry Boonstra, Calvin College and Seminary

Lecture No. 7 – 4 September 2008*

Nicholas Steffens and Trans-Atlantic Relationships within the Reformed Church

George Harinck, VU University Amsterdam

Lecture No. 8 – 2 October 2008

Preachers, Pews, and Pupils: Commemorating the Past in Twentieth Century Dutch America

David Zwart, Dordt College

Lecture No. 9 – 19 February 2009*

The RCA Mission to Chiapas, 1925-2000

Elizabeth Harvey, University of California, Berkeley

Lecture No. 10 – 12 October 2009

“Pope of the Classis”? The leadership of Albertus C. Van Raalte in Dutch and American classes.

Leon van den Broeke, VU University, Amsterdam

Lecture No. 11 – 3 December 2010

Dutch Americans and the Rise of Heritage Studies

Michael Douma, Florida State University

Lecture No. 12 – 26 May 2011

Hope: The Legacy of Van Raalte

Rein Nauta, University of Tilburg, the Netherlands

*PUBLICATION PENDING; ALL OTHERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Applications Invited Visiting Research Fellows Programs for Academic Year 2013-14

The Van Raalte Institute at Hope College invites applications from qualified scholars for a fellowship offered through the Visiting Research Fellows Program. Up to two fellowships per academic year, each for not more than ten weeks in duration, will be awarded. Stipend: Up to \$3,000, at \$300 per week.

The Netherland America Foundation Visiting Research Fellowship was established by a grant in 2006 from the Netherland America Foundation. The goal of this fellowship is to promote international linkage between the Netherlands and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and respect.

Criteria for Selection: Proposals for support must demonstrate that the proposed research fits the mission statement of the institute, that the scholar is qualified to conduct such research, and that the resources of the institute and that of the Joint Archives of Holland are essential to the conduct of that research. A current curriculum vitae should be submitted with the application. The NAF Fellowship is intended solely for respected scholars from the Netherlands.

Application Process and Deadline: The candidate is to submit a written application no later than 15 January 2013 via e-mail, fax, or post. Further information about expectations, arrangements, and the application process may be obtained by contacting the Van Raalte Institute at vanraalte@hope.edu or from our website at www.hope.edu/vri.

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A. C. Van Raalte Institute Mission Statement

The A. C. Van Raalte Institute is a department of Hope College. Hence, its mission relates directly to and supports the mission of Hope College, an undergraduate liberal arts institution offering academic programs in the context of the historic Christian faith. The institute is closely related to another department of Hope College, the Joint Archives of Holland.

The mission of the institute is to honor the memory and the vision of the Reverend Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, the founder of Holland, by studying his life and work. From this mission also is derived the scholarly investigation and publication of materials concerned with the immigration and the contributions of the Dutch and their descendants in the United States of America. Furthermore, the institute is dedicated to the study of the history of all segments of the community throughout its history.

The institute derives its vision from a letter dated 27 November 1846, by A. C. Van Raalte, written shortly after his party landed in New York. As he was headed westward, he declared, "I hope that a large colony can be established here in America which will focus its work on the Kingdom of God." His vision also extended far beyond the boundaries of Holland, Michigan, to other colonies and immigrants throughout the United States. The bold Christian vision that he had for the church, education, and community continues to have an impact on the "colony" that he found on 9 February 1847, and on the college which he helped to establish fifteen years later.

The institute carries out its educational mission not only through research and publication, but also through the sponsorship of lectures and presentations by its members and its invited guests. Through liaison with scholars and educational and cultural institutions in the Netherlands and other countries, the institute seeks to promote the understanding of the history of this community. From time to time, the institute will host visiting scholars from these countries to enable them to engage in research in our local archives and to provide a broader perspective to our own endeavors.

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