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DE STANDAARD.
Bureel: Nieuwendijk L 76,
AMSTERDAM.
ADMINISTRATEUR: J. H. KRUYT.

Amsterdam, 5 Septr 1873.

Den WelEerw. Zeergel. Heer
Ds A. C. van Raalte te Holland

WelEerwaarde Heer.

Uwe geachte letteren van 16 Augustus zijn mij heden geworden. Eenige maanden geleden heeft Ds A. Kuyper het exempl. de Standaard aan Uw adres voor den eersten jaargang voldaan, en mij tevens gelden ter hand gesteld (ten bedrage van f 12.50 en f 10,-) ter voldoening van een jaar abonnement op de Wekstem en de Bazuin aan Uw adres; de respective uitgevers van die bladen zonden mij echter die gelden terug met de opmerking dat geen exemplaar aan U verzonden werd; ik begreep dus dat hier een misverstand

Steamboat
receipt
1872 & 1873.

bestond, ik kon echter toen geen inlichting ontvangen aangezien Dr. Kuyper gedurende verscheidene weken uitlandig was. Daar het mij thans blijkt dat genoemde bladen door U niet verlangd worden, zal ik Uw rekening over den 2den jaargang Standaard Crediteuren met f 22.50 De prijs van de St., franco Amerika, is thans f 33,- wanneer 2 maal per week verzonden, zooals in Uw geval, en f 34.50 wanneer de verzending 3 maal per week plaats heeft; met f 10.50 is dus Uw abonnement voor het 2de jaar voldaan.

Ik zal niet verzuimen Uw liefdegroeten aan Dr. Kuyper over te brengen; U hartelijk dank zeggende voor Uwe belangstelling in ons blad, heb ik de eer met de meeste hoogachting te zijn

Uw Dienstw. Dienaar

J.H. Kruyt.

Amsterdam

September 5, 1873

The Honorable Rev. A. P. Van Raalte

At Holland, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed letters of August 18 were given me today. A few months ago Rev. A. Kuyper made payment for the first year of a sample of the Standard for your address, and has besides given me money (in the mount of 12.50 and 10 gulden) for the payment of a year's subscription for the Wekstem and the Bazuin to your address. However, the respective publishers of those papers sent the money back to me with the observation that no sample would be sent to you. I realized therefore that there was a misunderstanding. But I could not get any enlightenment since Rev. Kuyper was out of the country for a few weeks. Since then I realized that you did not care to have those papers. Shall I credit you with 22.50 gulden for the second year of the Standard? The price of the Standard for America is at present 33 gulden for two deliveries per week as in your case, and 34.50 gulden when it is sent three times a week. With 10.50 gulden, therefore, your subscription for the second year is satisfied.

I will not neglect to give your love greetings to Rev. Kuyper. With a hearty thanks to you for your interest in our paper, I remain with the very highest esteem,

Your Humble Servant,

J. H. Kruyt

Rutland Apr. 26 '77.

Beloved Pastor

Permit me to thank you for the reception of this handsome token of remembrance from him who shall ever be my most beloved & honored pastor. No one can ever fill your place in my heart.

Can kindness ever repay the debt I owe you? Can words or actions ever express the love & gratitude which has filled my soul towards you ever since I have been brought to a knowledge of myself, and which

has increased ever since?
How often do those lessons
recur to my memory, which
I recived from week to week,
when now I perus a work on
Theology or ancient history
or converse on any of those subjects.
How often has my soul been stirred
by words spoken for your Savior?
and again been quickened to do
the work which you showed us to
be our duty.
What would have become of me
had I not repeatedly heard those
warnings, listened to those pleadings
& seen those tears of compassion
shed for us?
Dearest pastor I again ask can any
kindness ever repay all I owe you?
Never in this world will it be
revealed, but in that home

where we shall know & understand
each other, I pray that I may
be called worthy to be a gem
in your crown of rejoicing to cast
before the feet of Him who has
bought us.
My constant prayer is, that that
Savior for whose cause you have
been called worthy to suffer & labor
so long may abundantly reward
you, in that mansion which
He has prepared for us.

P. S. Please remember me to
Miss R. who is ever in my thoughts
in her sufferings, and for
who I think it a favor to do
anything.

Yours in Christ
L. Visscher.