

**THE HERITAGE HALL - CALVIN COLLEGE  
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THE REV. ALBERTUS C. VAN RAALTE PAPERS  
FILE #123b**

The letters in this file have been presented to The Heritage Hall by:

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Mr. and Mrs. Blok were visiting a relative of theirs, Mr. Andrew Van Zett, who resided at that time in the quadrangle of Leisure South Condominiums in which I reside. My wife, Clara, and I visited with this couple, and we told them about our collection in The Heritage Hall.

These two letters were made available to Mr. and Mrs. Blok by the Great-granddaughter of The Rev. H. J. Donner who is a relative of Mrs. Wieke Blok. The call letter addressed to The Rev. Donner by the Holland Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in Albany, New York, is one of the letters - the one which is a photocopy of the original letter which was written and posted by The Rev. Isaac Wyckoff, the pastor of The First Holland Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in Albany. The name of The Rev. Donner's Great-granddaughter is unknown to me. The second letter was written by The Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte when he was serving the Congregation in Pella, Iowa, which remained in what is now The Reformed Church In America after The Rev. Hendrik P. Scholte was discharged from his service as the pastor of the Congregation. The continuing Congregation extended a call to The Rev. H. J. Donner to serve as the pastor of this Congregation. The Rev. Van Raalte wrote a letter to The Rev. Donner in which he attempted to persuade The Rev. Donner that the acceptance of this call was the Lord's will.

Leonard Sweetman