Dear Calvin Friends:

This week marks the dedication of the Heimman Memorial Library. As far as I am concerned, this week will, therefore, constitute a library number.

Herein is shown a photographic reproduction of a building taken by Prof. J. Neudorfer, the secretary of the Library Committee. We thank the Grand Rapids Herald for the courtesy in permitting us to use the plate. According to the decision of the Committee, the secretary of this Committee, and the undersigned, as present at the dedication of this Committee, have chosen to be allowed to attend the dedication, for it will appear after this event, although written below.

The architectural style of the building is Colonial in design, red brick, with stone and cast iron columns. The architects are Robinson & Canova. The surrounding grounds will also be completed landscaped. The library is in harmony with that of the main building, which is of very pleasing design, and with the surrounding high class residence section. The building can be enlarged without destroying in any way the design.

The interior walls are of beautifully stained glass and ornamental plaster. The floor is of a tile composition, a quiet, sound-absorbing floor — ideal for the reading room.

In this connection we might mention that this beautiful structure will be in charge of Miss Johanna Tinner, A.M., the present librarian.

The Library is a memorial erected in memory of the late Mr. Heimman by the members of his family.

The dedication program was as follows:

Dedication of the Heimman Library, March 8, at 8 o’Clock

President J. Brevoort Presiding

1. Music
2. Invocation, by the President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. J. P. De Jong
3. Presentation of the Keys by the President of the Building Committee, Mr. C. O. Deacon, to the President of the Board of Trustees

Music
Address: “The Significance of Our Library,” by Prof. L. Berkholz of the Theological School.

Music
Announcement and closing prayer by Prof. C. Bouma, rector of Seminary for the current year.

As far as the books are concerned, our Library also has a history. In the old Wiltz-Meeder and there is now the northeast corner a small room for books, including mostly old Reformatted writings.

In the beautiful building at the corner of Macdon and Franklin, the library room was at the northeast corner of the main floor. With it are associate many reminiscences of a large number of our alumni.

The library on the present campus was housed in two rooms in the basement of the main building. But their capacity is too small, and the new building will certainly be appreciated.

Various bequests and gifts have been made to the Library. The Ministers Huis and Meeder and Greve gave their libraries to the School. Many other ministers and professors have donated some books, including, recently, our eighty-year-old rector, Rev. Norrevier. From Dr. G. Van of Princeton Seminary important old Reformatted writings were secured.

The Heimman brothers gave $1,000 for certain developments of the Seminary Library. Mr. Souders of Prairie View, Iowa, remembered the Library with $1,000 for books, the use of which is appreciated in the Souders Fund, and Mrs. Van den Berge left land in Minnesota to the Library.

The Library is of great importance to the School. An important way to combat the influence of evil, shoddy or pernicious books is to furnish many useful and good books on many subjects. Next to the classroom, the Library is, perhaps, the most significant moulding agency of a seminary.

It seems a fitting place to ask for the quest for standard works in every department.

Artists are as old as civilization. The oldest known library of the world is preserved in the temple of Nipper, Baby- lon, by the University of Chicago, at Philadelphia. It contained thousands of Assyrian and Sumerian tablets. Half of them are at Philadelphia and half at Constantinople.

It is able to show a fantastic attitude toward a library. When the Mohammedans took the city of Alexandria, in Egypt, their chieftains ordered them to burn the library of priceless books there, for, said he, what is in this book is in those books also. It is also, and what is not in the Koran, is non-book.

Books annihilate time and space. They enable you to go back thousands of years. They enable you to travel thousands of miles. As it is, we have the various treasures of the earth before your eyes. Life in the wilderness and the missions filled us with the book from all parts of the world. Science needs up-to-date books.

It is a joy to acquire the treasures hidden in books. An ancient Egyptian prince wanted to acquire learning quickly. He could acquire other things rapidly, but he was told that there was no royal road for knowledge.

For the sake of the students who are not destitute of any royal road to knowledge, but who are willing to pay the price in long years of arduous toil the best is none too good. May they select their reading well, and be moulded into useful citizens of the Kingdom of God and of the nations of the world.

The higher education the library becomes increasingly important as an instrument of our mission. Graduate work, into which we are just beginning to blossom out, is sometimes carried out almost exclusively in the library.

May our students, as Christian leaders, in every walk of life try to keep their brains alive and edge in the light of God’s Word, for “in thy light we see the light.” May all our future leaders study to show themselves approved unto God, workers that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing and rightly applying the Word of truth.

Your fraternally,

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CLASSICS HACKENSACK
The regular semiannual meeting of Classics Hackensack will take place, D.V., on April 17, 1928, at Englewood, N.J. Class convenes at 1 p.m. All matters for the agenda are to be sent to the Stated Clerk by March 22. The constitutions are requested to mention the name of an elder as a possible delegate to Synod. J. BURR, S. 23

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