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We are certain that our readers will not only greatly enjoy the very interesting leading article in the present number of *THE ANNALS*, but place a high estimate upon it as presenting an accurate history of one of the most important movements connected with the early settlement of our State. With facile pen Mr. Cyrenus Cole traces the history of this migration from its origin—growing out of differences in religious opinions and a determination to go to a land where “freedom to worship God” was guaranteed to all—to its full fruition on the soil of Marion county. Mr. Cole is thoroughly well-informed on this subject. His father and grandfather (and his mother, who was then a young girl,) were members of the band of immigrants. The story is most pleasantly told. Hitherto it has been like a sealed book. Of its inspiration, the names and parts borne by the principal actors, the honest, earnest ambition of all connected with it, their industrious and frugal habits, their zeal and enthusiasm, their love of their new country, their intense loyalty during the late civil war, and the success and well deserved prosperity which have crowned their lives, little has been hitherto known. All this and much more Mr. Cole has set forth. The article will be read with deep interest, and it will carry forward to other times a very accurate but necessarily brief account of these praiseworthy people. “Dominie Scholte” was a familiar figure about the legislatures of 35 to 50 years ago, and it was due to his thorough scholarship that our Governors’ Biennial Messages and Inaugural Addresses were regularly translated into the Holland language.

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