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Mennonite Research in Progress

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In the April 1958 issue of *Mennonite Life* we reported about various research projects in progress. Preceding April issues should be consulted in order to obtain a complete picture of the growing Anabaptist research program. Last year's April issue also contained an article entitled "Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations," in which 76 dissertations were listed written or in progress since World War II.

Since that article appeared in last year's April issue of *Mennonite Life*, as well as in the *Mennonitische Geschichtsblätter* (1958) under the title "Doktorarbeiten über das Täuferstum" and in the World Conference report of 1957 (*Das Evangelium von Jesus Christus in der Welt*, Karlsruhe, 1958, 243ff.), the number of dissertations has increased considerably. Now we have a reported total of 94. We are listing only those which were not reported in the article in *Mennonite Life*.

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Other Research Projects

The Institute of Mennonite Studies, a department of the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Indiana, is providing facilities for and promotes a program of study in fields of direct interest to the faith, life, work and witness of the Mennonites. It is administered by the Joint Administrative Committee and assisted by an Advisory Council. The Institute hopes to draw upon the faculties of Mennonite institutions. At present John Howard Yoder is making a study of the Christian witness to government and society in a nuclear age and Hans Hillerbrand is compiling an Anabaptist and Left Wing bibliography covering the period from 1520-1630. (See article in this issue.)

J. W. Fretz is continuing his research among the Mennonites of Paraguay. In 1952 he had a Social Science Research grant for this purpose and for 1958-1959 he has a Guggenheim grant.

Guy F. Hershberger was awarded a grant by the American Philosophical Society to prepare his dissertation, "Pacifism and Politics in Provincial Pennsylvania," for print.

Walter H. Hohmann, Professor Emeritus of Music of Bethel College, is doing research in the Bethel College Historical Library tracing the Reformation backgrounds of Protestant hymnology, including melodies used by Amish and Mennonites.

James Reusser is working on the history of the Middle District of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

Other Activities

Bethel College annually sponsors a Mennonite Contributions Contest made possible through the Julius and Olga Stucky Foundation. The best essays or works of art are awarded prizes ranging between \$25 and \$10.

During the Mennonite Folk Festival at Bethel College, March 6 and 7, a number of plays were presented simultaneously in Memorial Hall and in the Chapel. Three of these plays and skits were written by Arnold Dyck in the Low German and presented by college students. A Swiss-Volhynian play was written by Mrs. Art A. Wedel and presented by a cast from the Moundridge community. It featured the coming of the group from Russia to America. The Prussian Mennonites of the Newton communities under the direction of Arnold Regier presented a typical feature of this group entitled "Brautfete." (See more detailed report about Mennonite Folk Festival in this issue.)

Cornelius Krahn sponsored, in cooperation with Menno Travel Service, a Mennonite Educational Tour through France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and England with particular emphasis on Mennonite history and culture. The Mennonite Educational Tour is to be repeated in 1960. A unique discovery made during the trip was an Anabaptist handwritten hymnbook, meanwhile acquired by the Bethel College Historical Library.

The approaching Centennial of the General Conference Mennonite Church is to be observed in a number of ways. August 16 will be observed as a Centennial Sunday throughout the Conference and particularly at Bluffton, Ohio, in connection with the Conference sessions. The worship service and Sunday school discussions will be devoted to this commemoration. In the afternoon and evening a pageant written by Maynard Shelly entitled "We Are Pilgrims" will be presented and lectures centering around this event will be given. A booklet devoted to the history and the work of the Conference is being prepared. The autobiography of Christian Krehbiel, a pioneer Conference leader whose life and activities span the range of Mennonite settlements in Germany, Iowa, Illinois, and Kansas, is to be published by the Historical Committee of the General Conference. Elva Krehbiel Leisy has translated this manuscript. A Centennial Study Conference, June, 1960, is to bring the commemoration to a close in the Mennonite communities of Iowa, where the General Conference Mennonite Church was founded in 1860. The Study Conference is to be devoted to "Christian Unity in Witness and Service."

The Germantown Mennonite Church observed its 275th anniversary during 1958 through a number of special meetings including a meeting of the General Conference Historical Committee and representatives of the district historical committees.

Under the heading, "Mennonite Research News and Notes" in the *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*, of which Irvin B. Horst, Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, is the editor, valuable information is given pertaining to research projects and historical events. Melvin Gingerich is the writer of the column, "Mennonite Research News and Notes." The *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*, which appears quarterly, can be ordered through the editor for \$1.50 a year.