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# Mennonite Research in Progress

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IN THE April, 1960, issue of *Mennonite Life* we reported about various research projects in progress. Preceding April issues since 1947 contain similar information, particularly under the heading "Mennonite Research in Progress" and "Mennonite Bibliography." Of special significance is the summary article entitled "Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations," which appeared in the April, 1958, issue and was continued in every April issue. The following are projects not listed previously.

## Doctoral Dissertations

1. Paul M. Miller, "An Investigation into the Relationship between Mennonite Theology and Mennonite Worship," Th.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1961.
2. Harold D. Lehman, "A Comparative Study of the Academic Achievement and Social Adjustment of Day and Resident High School Seniors," Ph.D., University of Virginia (In Progress) .
3. Walter Jost, "Study of the Tunes Used in German Hymnbooks of the General Conference Mennonite Church," Ph.D., University of Southern California (In Progress) .
4. Rollin Armour, "The Theology and Practice of Baptism According to Selected Representatives of the Radical Reformation," Ph.D., Harvard Divinity School (In Progress) .
5. J. Howard Kauffman, "A Comparative Study of Traditional and Emergent Family Types among Midwest Mennonites," Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1960.
6. Weyburn W. Groff, "Nonviolence: A Comparative Study of Mohandes K. Gandhi and the Mennonite Church on the Subject of Nonviolence," Ph.D., New York University (In Progress) .

## M. A. Theses

1. James L. Gurley, "The Eschatology of the Sixteenth Century Anabaptists," M.Th., Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (In Progress) .
2. Lester C. Shank, "An Analysis of Fund Raising Practices of Certain Small Private Colleges," M.Sc., Boston University (In Progress) .
3. Gerhard R. Buhr, History of Intercollegiate Athletics at Bethel College, M.A., Kansas State Teachers' College (In Progress) .

## Menno Simons Research

1. The Menno Simons Lectureship of Bethel College sponsored on January 29-31, 1961, a Menno Simons' commemoration, at which time the following lectures were presented:
  - 1) Russell Mast, Menno and the Scriptures.
  - 2) Walter Klaassen, Life and Times of Menno Simons.
  - 3) William Keeney, Menno Simons on Faith and Reason.
  - 4) William Keeney, Basic Beliefs of the Dutch Anabaptists.
  - 5) Vernon Neufeld, Menno Simons and the Twentieth Century.All lectures will be published in the near future.
2. The Dutch Mennonites observed the 400th anniversary of the death of Menno Simons with commemorations at Amsterdam and Witmarsum, at which occasion the following lectures were given:
  - 1) J. A. Oosterbaan, The Theology of Menno Simons.
  - 2) Cornelius Krahn, Menno Simons and the Mennonite World Brotherhood.
  - 3) H. W. Meihuizen, Life and Piety of Menno Simons.
  - 4) N. van der Zijpp, The Significance of Menno Simons for the Dutch Mennonite Brotherhood.

Some of the lectures will be published in America.

In January, 1960-61, three books were published in the Netherlands dealing with the life and activities of Menno Simons. They are: *Menno Simons, 1496-1561* by H. W. Meihuizen; *Menno Simons van Witmarsum* by J. A. Brandsma; *Minne Simens en de Minnisten* by M. S. E. Visser. Numerous articles on Menno Simons have appeared in Dutch, German and American periodicals. The January issue of *Mennonite Life* was almost completely devoted to Menno Simons.

3. Walter Klaassen presented four lectures at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary Lectureship at Elkhart, Indiana, under the following titles:

- 1) Hans Hut and Thomas Müntzer (two lectures) .
- 2) Some Anabaptist Views on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Preaching and the Anabaptist Heritage.

All lectures will be published in the near future.

4. Franklin H. Littell presented a number of lectures on the topic, "The Theology of Menno Simons and Its Relevance for Today," under the sponsorship of the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Indiana, (March 6 and 7, 1961) .

### **Institutional Research**

The Institute of Mennonite Studies, Elkhart, Indiana, has sponsored a number of projects in the realm of Anabaptist and Mennonite research. An Anabaptist bibliography, compiled by Hans Hillerbrand, will be published soon. Under this sponsorship John H. Yoder has written a pamphlet on *Capital Punishment* published by the Board of Education and Publication, Newton, Kansas. Another study made by Myron Ebersole deals with the critical comparison of the Anabaptist-Mennonite view of the church and the therapeutic community in contemporary psychiatric practice. A project is being done by Paul Peachey under the topic "A Theology of Social Work." The Institute of Mennonite Studies is a joint research institute in which the Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Elkhart, Indiana, and the Goshen College Biblical Seminary share.

Walter H. Hohmann has spent two years in research in the field of hymnology, studying the origin and background of melodies used in the Reformation. Some 120 melodies have been traced. Hohmann is doing his work as a project of Bethel College in the Historical Library, which has a large collection in this field.

Ed. G. Kaufman is making a study of some leaders of the General Conference Mennonite Church who were instrumental in its founding and program. Kaufman's work is also being done in the Bethel College Historical Library under the sponsorship of the College.

Frank H. Epp is writing the history of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization. The project is sponsored by the Board. He is also writing his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Minnesota, dealing with the German influence on the Canadian Mennonite press prior to World War II.

On December 10, 1960, the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries of Elkhart and Goshen, Indiana, sponsored a seminar on "The Anabaptist and Wesleyan Tradition" with special references to "The Nature of the Holy Life." Papers were presented by William R. Cannon, Franklin H. Littell, William M. Arnett, Harold S. Bender and A. M. Climenhaga.

The Mennonite Folk Festival, sponsored by Bethel College, has been drawing large crowds for the various activities of the two days. In 1960 the pageant, "We Are Pilgrims," was seen by nearly 4,000 people and by a total of nearly 10,000 during the presentation of the pageant in Nebraska, Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba. The activities of the Folk Festival, March 24-25, 1961, were similar. The Low German play, "Utwaundre" by J. H. Janzen, and the play "Strength in Weakness" (Conversion of Menno Simons) by J. Postma, translated by J. W. Nickel, also attracted large crowds. The number of people coming to see the various activities, enjoying the various types of pastry and eating the dinner these days reached about 4,000.