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The magazine articles have been mostly restricted to non-Mennonite publications since complete files of Mennonite periodicals, yearbooks, and conference reports are available at the historical libraries of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas; Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio; and the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.

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General magazines which quite often feature Anabaptists and Mennonites are *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* (Gütersloh), *Nederlands Archief voor Kerkegeschiedenis* (Leiden), *Church History* (Chicago) and others.

Previous bibliographies published in *Mennonite Life* appeared annually in the April issues since 1949 (except July, 1961, July, 1963, and July, 1967). Authors and publishers of books, pamphlets and magazines which should be included in our annual list are invited to send copies to *Mennonite Life* for listing and possible review.

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Mennonite Research in Progress, 1967

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IN THE JULY, 1967, issue of *Mennonite Life*, we reported about numerous research projects including M.A. and Ph.D. dissertations. Preceding April issues since 1949 (except in 1961, 1963 and 1967 when they were in the July issues) contain similar information under the headings "Mennonite Research in Progress," "Mennonite Bibliography" and "Books in Review." Of special significance is the article entitled "Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations" which appeared in the April 1958 issue. The listing of additional dissertations is being continued annually in this column. The editors of *Mennonite Life* will be pleased to receive information about research in progress and dissertations to be included in subsequent issues.

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North American Committee for Documentation of Free Church Origins

At the Annual Meeting of the NACDFCO in the United Mennonite Church, Toronto, on December 27, 1967, significant steps were taken to carry out the projects undertaken and under consideration. The chairman, G. H. Williams, presented a map prepared by Robert Friedmann, which features the locations of Anabaptist sources and documents to be used to point out areas yet to be covered by publication. All representatives gave progress reports in their specific areas of research and about others engaged in related work. One of the most significant items was the agreement that the members of the committee be subdivided in order to be more effective in the execution of the task. The following is the plan of work and the list of those who have assumed responsibilities for the various tasks. Most of those listed were present at the meeting.

The first member named in each Committee is the Chairman. The correspondence, plans, and activities are initiated by him. He sees to it that copies of all correspondence and minutes are sent to the Chairman and Executive Secretary of NACDFCO.

I. Täuferakten and Free Church Sources

John S. Oyer (Chairman), F. Donald Durnbaugh, Irvin B. Horst, T. Canby Jones, J. K. Zeman; George H. Williams and Cornelius Krahn, ex officio members.

II. Translation

C. J. Dyck (Chairman), T. Canby Jones, Walter Klaassen, Carl S. Meyer, J. K. Zeman; George H. Williams and Cornelius Krahn, ex officio members.

III. Monographs

Clyde L. Manschreck (Chairman), Carl Bangs, William R. Estep, John S. Oyer, Richard Pope; George H. Williams and Cornelius Krahn, ex officio members.

IV. Paperbacks

Franklin H. Littell (Chairman), Ronald E. Diener, T. Canby Jones, Walter Klaassen, Clyde L. Manschreck; George H. Williams and Cornelius Krahn, ex officio members.

Selected Research Reports

The following items are selections from reports given by members of the NACDFCO at the annual meeting in 1967. R. E. Diener, Executive Director of the Foundation for Reformation Research, St. Louis, encouraged the members to use the resources of the FRR and mentioned the Paul Raphael Fund for research in Slavic Reformation. Diener publishes a *Monthly Newsletter* of the FRR.

Carl S. Meyer of the FRR reported that Pelikan's essay on Luther's writing against the *Widertaufe* (1528) appeared in *Luther for an Ecumenical Age*, Concordia, St. Louis.

T. Canby Jones called attention to "Quaker Research in Progress" in *Quaker History* (Spring, 1967).

J. K. Zeman reported that his dissertation is to be published on the relationships of Czechoslovakian Brethren (*Unitas Fratrum*) and Anabaptists. The conclusion is that there is no clear evidence of such connection.

John S. Oyer searched for Anabaptist sources in East German archives, in Northern Germany, Copenhagen, and in the Vatican Library. Significant materials were found in Zwickau, Dresden, Leipzig, Jena, Erfurt, Weimar, Hamburg, Kiel, Gottdorp, Lübeck, Bremen, Aurich, Leer, Emden, Isenburg (Taunus). Oyer found excellent cooperation everywhere.

Clyde L. Manschreck reported that a Center for Reformation and Free Church Studies was set up by Franklin H. Littell and others in an academic Ph.D. program at the Chicago Theological Seminary. Garrett, McCormick, Seabury, Western, Chicago Theological, Lutheran Seminary, and one or two Catholic institutions are expected to come in. A Melancthon Committee has been set up to translate Melancthon's works.

G. H. Williams related that his *Radical Reformation* is being published in the Italian language, and expressed interest in receiving *corrigenda* and bibliographical *addenda*. He mentioned also that the project *Corpus Reformatorum Italianorum* will contain pieces by Italian Anabaptists.

Acta Anabaptistica Neerlandica

Dutch scholars have organized a Commission for the Publishing of Dutch Anabaptist Sources (*Commissie tot de Uitgave van de Acta Anabaptistica Neerlandica*). Some reference to this organization was made on page 135 in the July 1967 issue of *Mennonite Life*. As the North American Committee for Documentation of Free Church Origins so does the Dutch sister organization have its roots in the *Täuferaktenkommission (TAK)* of Germany, dating back to a meeting held at Heidelberg in July 1963 where it was suggested that the American representatives Cornelius Krahn, Irvin B. Horst and N. van der Zijpp start such organizations in their respective countries.

The outline (*Een Werkschema*) of April 2, 1968, makes reference to a former undertaking which resulted in the publication of ten volumes of Reformation sources, edited by F. Pijper and S. Cramer of which four were devoted to the Dutch Anabaptists. This *Bibliotheca Reformatoria Neerlandica* (1903-14) was continued more recently in a modified form in the *Documenta Reformatoria* (1960-62) consisting of two volumes which also contained Anabaptist sources.

The Commission for the Publishing of Anabaptist Sources (CUAAN) has a threefold objective. Firstly, it aims to publish bibliographies such as Sebastian Franck's; secondly, it will publish scholarly editions of writings of Menno Simons, Melchior Hofmann, Martin Micron, etc.; and thirdly, it will publish annotated sources, located in the Dutch archives, and other countries.

Basic questions about the schedule and the range of sources are still to be decided. As a norm for the preparation and edition of the sources is to serve the book by Wolters, *Regels voor het uitgeven van historische bescheiden* (1968). The CUAAN expects that the publication of sources will be subsidized and intends to remain in close contact with related organizations such as the TAK in Germany and the NACDFCO in the USA. The newly founded organization is working on a constitution and the selection of projects to be undertaken first.

Research and Information Centers

On January 1, 1968, the interests and efforts of Bethel College and the General Conference Mennonite Church, in regard to collecting, preserving and making available information pertaining to the Mennonites, were joined.

In accordance to the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Joint Operation of the Mennonite Historical Library and

Archives by the General Conference Mennonite Church and Bethel College” the purpose is

- a. to collect and preserve Mennonite archival materials, historical documents, periodicals and books,
- b. to catalog such materials as well as other General Conference materials kept in other Mennonite libraries, and
- c. to serve as a Research Center for general inquiries and for other scholars.”

The administrative control of the Mennonite Historical Library and Archives is vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of 6 persons: three appointed by the Bethel College Board of Directors and three by the Board of Education and Publication of the General Conference Mennonite Church. This Board of Control is responsible for the enterprise and appoints the director. The responsibility for the administration for the MHLA is vested in the director. He requests the budget, appoints the staff and assistants who classify and catalog the materials of the library and archives and furnish the information requested. One of the first tasks is to move some hundred drawers with archival materials to be classified and filed in a special large room made available by Bethel College.

For a number of years the Historical Committee of the General Conference Mennonite Church and the Historical and Research Committee of the Mennonite General Conference have had representatives at their official meetings. At the last meeting of the G. C. Historical Committee in Winnipeg it was decided to have a joint meeting of the committees which convened at Elkhart, Indiana, on June 13-14 to discuss matters and projects of common interest to both. Both committees are concerned with the preservation of historical documents and the promotion of research and publication in the realm of Mennonite history, life and thought. One of the major issues presented at this meeting dealt with a joint effort to establish an Information Center in connection with the Germantown Mennonite Church, property of the Germantown Corporation. Most of the nine directors of the Germantown Corporation met on June 15 in the Germantown Mennonite Church. It was decided to acquire the adjacent property and to develop the Mennonite Information Center. Another meeting was scheduled for October 12, 1968.

The *Mennonitische Forschungsstelle*, established by Dr. and Mrs. Ernst Crous at Göttingen and now located at Krefeld, is to be transferred to the historic Weierhof, where Horst Penner will be in charge.

The Lancaster Information Center expects many tourists this summer who will stop and pick up information about the Amish and Mennonites of Lancaster County and in general. Grant Stoltzfus is the lecturer at the Information Center. Plans are under way to present the drama, *Strangers at the Mill*, which was written by local Mennonites. The Lancaster Mennonite Information Center is located east of Lancaster on Highway 30.

The *Kartei Ostdeutscher Menno-Sippen* containing 10,000 cards of information pertaining to Mennonite families of Danzig and West Prussian background, can now be ordered on microfilm by writing to Dr. Koeppen, 34 Göttingen, Merkelstrasse 3, Germany.

The venerated Library and Archives of the Mennonite Church of Amsterdam will likely undergo a transfer. This is by far the most unique Mennonite library and archives in the world. Most of the archival material has been microfilmed and the negatives are located in the Mennonite Library and Archives of Bethel College. The Mennonite archives of Amsterdam will probably be transferred to the new University Library, located across the Singel Canal.

Research in Canada

Leo Driedger has received a Canada Council Grant to make a sociological study in regard to the “Ministry of Winnipeg” (including some Mennonite ministers). Dr. Driedger is also the sponsor of a project that has undertaken to study some aspects of Mennonite urbanism in Canada.

Enabled through a Canada Council Grant a group of young Canadian scholars met at an Urban Study Conference in May at which occasion 12 papers were presented. They are the nucleus of articles which will appear in the October issue of *Mennonite Life*, devoted to Mennonite urbanism in Canada.

Leo Driedger (University of Manitoba) presented a paper on “A Survey of Canadian Urban Trends.” John Friesen (Municipal Planning, Winnipeg) read a paper on “Rural-Urban Mennonite Mobility,” while Peter Letkeman (University of B.C.) spoke on “Ethnic Urbanism as a Way of Life.” Herbert Peters (University of Saskatchewan) presented findings about “Martinsville,” a Mennonite ghetto in the outskirts of Saskatoon which is undergoing great changes. Victor Doerksen (University of Manitoba) read a paper on “Language Change in an Urban Environment,” while Frank Epp related observations about “Mennonite Civil Servants in a National Capital.”

William Dyck (University of Toronto), John Bergen (University of Alberta), Otto Driedger (Welfare of Saskatchewan), and Arthur DeFehr (Winnipeg) presented their papers in psychology, education, welfare, and business as they relate to Canadian urban Mennonites. The papers will be published in the October issue of *Mennonite Life*.

Dr. Harvey L. Dyck, Professor of Russian History at the University of Toronto, is devoting his sabbatical leave to a

study of "The Autocracy's Use of Foreigners in the Transformation of Eighteenth Century Russia," which will by nature include the emigration of the Mennonites from Danzig and West Prussia to the Ukraine.

Frank H. Epp serves as Researcher of the Canadian Mennonite Central Committee in Montreal. A staff assists him in making use of the various archival and other sources.

Other Research

Dr. David G. Rempel of Palo Alto, California, formerly Professor of History at the College of San Mateo, is devoting the years after his retirement to research and writing about the Mennonites of Russia. What he has at his disposal at Stanford University combined with what he has collected privately probably constitutes the largest collection of materials available on this subject. We are looking forward to the product of his findings, which would also encompass his Stanford Ph.D. dissertation on the Mennonites in Russia written at the beginning of his career.

James C. Juhnke has completed a thorough study of "The Political Acculturation of the Kansas Mennonites, 1870-1940," which constitutes his Ph.D. dissertation (Indiana University, 1968). This is to our knowledge the first study of its kind and should prove to be not only an excellent source of information of the area covered, but should also furnish guidelines for others who will want to continue on this path to make studies of changes leading to political involvement of Mennonites and changes resulting from such acculturation. More has been written about religious and historical developments and the acculturation process among Mennonites in general, but political involvement on a larger scale and its study is still in its infancy.

Some of the chapter headings will give the reader an idea how the author treated his subject matter and what his findings are. In the chapter "The Two Kingdoms and the Coming to Kansas" the issues for the coming to Kansas are presented. Under the "Political Orientations" at the end of the past century the environment into which the Mennonites, who were accustomed to imperialism, came is presented. The period prior to World War I is featured under the heading "Untroubled Generation" (J. G. Ewert, H. P. Krehbiel, A. L. Schellenberg). The rude awakening of the traditional nonresistant Mennonites during World War I is featured under "Crisis of Citizenship," which is followed by an "Era of Readjustment," under which benevolence, voting patterns, inter-war pacifism, and other issues are dealt with. The final chapter deals with "Nonresistance, Nationalism, and Acculturation" up to the year 1940. We can indeed be grateful for this excellent study and hope that before long someone will cover the years 1940-1960.

Adalbert Goertz, Boulder, Colorado, continues his research in West Prussian Mennonite history, and particularly genealogy. He is printing numerous articles in various magazines in Europe and in America. He has investigated the Genealogical Library of Salt Lake City, Utah, which has a large holding of microfilms pertaining to European Mennonites.

Delbert Gratz spent a considerable time in Europe in 1967 visiting particularly eastern European libraries and archives in search of archival material dealing with Anabaptists. He has obtained permission to have a considerable amount of the material microfilmed by various libraries and archives in eastern countries.

Calvin Redekopp has written a book entitled "A Socio-Environmental Study of the Old Colony Mennonites," which is to appear soon at the Johns Hopkins Press. A related book is under consideration to be published by the University of California Press entitled "Mennonite Colonization in Mexico. A Study in the Survival of a Traditional Society" by Leonard Sawatzky.

Calvin Redekopp has obtained a grant from the National Institutes of Health, Baltimore, for the study of the health conditions among the Old Colony Mennonites. Carl Jantzen is assisting him in this research project.

John A. Hostetler, who has published numerous scholarly studies and popular books on the Old Order Amish, is now engaged in research, "Educational Achievement and Life Styles in a Traditional Society," which is a Temple University Project, 1966-69.

John Unruh of Freeman, South Dakota, has resumed a research project pertaining to the Mennonites of South Dakota started when he dealt with it in an M.A. thesis.

Clarence Bauman, on leave from the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is making studies pertaining to the Sermon on the Mount in Palestine.

The Board of Education of the (Old) Mennonite Church is sponsoring a Study of Philosophy of Higher Education. Members of the study group are Calvin Redekopp, Paton Yoder, Lester Brubacher, Paul Kurtz, Arnold Cressman, and Harold Lehman.

Mennonite Brethren Research

Peter J. Klassen, Waldo Hiebert, and L. Stobbe are preparing a popular history of the Mennonite Brethren Church. The

book, entitled *The Church in Mission*, edited by A. J. Klassen, and published in honor of J. B. Toews by the Board of Christian Literature, constitutes a milestone in Mennonite Brethren research and writing. It consists of more than twenty chapters, each written by a specialist of an aspect of outreach and missionary endeavor. It is subdivided into "Biblical Foundation of Missions," "Historical Recovery of Mission," and "Newer Dimension of Mission."

Reprint of Mennonite Encyclopedia

The publishers of the Mennonite Encyclopedia have asked Cornelius Krahn, editor, and Melvin Gingerich, managing editor, to prepare the four volumes of the Mennonite Encyclopedia for reprint by making the necessary corrections of typographical and factual errors. The first volume, which is out of print, has been submitted to the press. The second volume is being prepared now and will be submitted in fall. The year 1980 has been set as a target date for the publication of a completely revised edition for which the plans are now being made.

Cultural Conference

Since 1942 the Conference on Mennonite Cultural Problems has sponsored conferences annually or biannually at which papers dealing with some aspects of Mennonite cultural, educational and social concerns were presented. The papers have been published in book form and constitute a significant source of information. At a meeting on May 30, representatives of the colleges went on record to suggest to the Council of Mennonite Colleges to discontinue this tradition. It was the feeling that many other efforts are now taking care of what has been the objective of the Conference, and thus its purpose has been fulfilled. On the other hand, the question can be raised why this only all inclusive cooperative effort of all Mennonite colleges would be discontinued at a time when education faces more questions and problems than ever before.