

Mennonite Bibliography, 1957

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The magazine articles have been 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, Chicago, Illinois.

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Mennonite Research in Progress

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THIS issue of *Mennonite Life* contains an article entitled "Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations" which lists all dissertations completed or in progress on this subject since World War II. Research in connection with doctoral dissertations in progress is therefore not mentioned in this article. Other research projects not reported about in April, 1957 will be treated in this article. For previous reports see April issues of *Mennonite Life* since 1947.

Charles Frantz (Portland State College) is doing research on the Doukhobors in Canada and is at present studying the relationship between the Mennonites and the Doukhobors. William D. Knill (Warner, Alberta) is studying some aspects pertaining to the Alberta Hutterian Brethren. Victor Peters (University of Manitoba) and has a fellowship to study the Canadian Hutterian Brethren. Edwin J. Pitt has written an M.A. thesis "Hutterian Brethren in Alberta" (University of Alberta). Alfred Siemens is writing an M.A. thesis on the Mennonites of the Frazer Valley in British Columbia (University of B. C.). Olin L. Yoder is writing an M.A. thesis on the subject "Handcrafts of the Amish and Mennonites" (Maryland Art Institute).

Frederick W. H. Wright is writing an M.A. thesis on "The Views on Baptism of the Biblical Anabaptists of Switzerland and the Netherlands" (Northern Baptist Theological Seminary). Herbert C. Klassen is doing research for an M.A. thesis on "The Relationship of the Anabaptist to the Civil Authorities in South Germany (1527-1571)", (University of British Columbia). John A. Hostetler has prepared a manuscript on the "History of the Mennonite Publishing House" at Scottdale which has been published. John P. Duerksen is doing research in the field of Mennonite church music (University of Mainz). Sol Yoder has written an M.A. thesis "The Dutch Anabaptist View of the State" (University of Pennsylvania).

Wendell P. Ropp is doing research on the Ropp family history and the early Mennonite settlements in LaGrange County, Indiana. Maurice A. Mook is studying the Old Order Amish family names (Pennsylvania State University). Ivan Nunemaker is collecting information on the Nunemaker family history. Fritz Braun (Kaiserslautern) is doing research on the migration of Mennonite families from the Palatinate to America. Silas Hertzler is doing some work pertaining to the attitude of the Mennonites to the oath. The Mennonite Research Foundation (Goshen) is making a survey on the use of audio-visual aids among the (Old) Mennonites and is conducting a study of income and giving for benevolent causes during 1956.

G. D. Pries, Winkler, Manitoba, is writing an M. A. thesis (U. of Wichita), on the basic beliefs of the Mennonite Brethren. Archie Penner, Steinbach, Manitoba, has begun research pertaining to the Dutch Mennonites toward a doctoral dissertation (Iowa State University).

The Menno Simons Lectures of Bethel College in 1957 were delivered by Jacob J. Enz entitled "The Only Warfare the Christian Knows," (The Biblical Basis of Pacificism). The numerous lectures presented at the Mennonite World Conference in Karlsruhe in 1957 have been printed in the German language.

The papers presented at the eleventh Conference on Mennonite Educational and Cultural Problems at Bethel College, June, 1957, have been published and are devoted to various aspects of Mennonite culture including the fine arts.

Numerous lectures are being presented in 1958 in connection with the 275th anniversary of the founding of Germantown, the Gateway of the American Mennonites. The Centennial Committee of the General Conference Mennonite Church is preparing a book and a pageant in connection with the Centennial commemoration of the Conference which is to take place in 1959-60. George H. Williams has written a bibliographical survey of the radical Reformation which is being published in *Church History* (March and June). The author presents a detailed bibliographical and research report of the total Left Wing Reformation movement, including Anabaptism.

Work on the *Mennonite Encyclopedia* is continuing and is approaching its final stage. The third volume appeared before Christmas in 1957, thus, the letters from "A" to "N" have been covered, leaving the remainder for volume IV which is to appear in 1959. Melvin Gingerich, who spent some time in Japan, has again joined the staff working on the *Encyclopedia*.

For other projects and research done, see also the "Mennonite Bibliography."

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Cornelius Krahn, director of Bethel College Historical Library, inspects one of the treasures in fire-proof vault of library.

An Increasingly Popular Field of Research

Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations

By CORNELIUS KRAHN

Introduction

RESearch in Anabaptism has never before been as popular and general as it is today. Particularly in America there is a noticeable increase along these lines. The books, research projects and articles dealing with some phase of Mennonitism are mounting from year to year. The Amish, Hutterites and other less known groups of Anabaptist background are of interest to scholars as well as popular writers.

Something similar can be said regarding the European scene. The confessional-orthodox representatives of the large Protestant churches continue to show interest in the *Schwärmer*. The fiction writers find a fertile field, particularly in the most radical wing of Anabaptism, and even Marxian-sponsored institutions find a legitimate field of research in this area. In new ways and with modern terminology, Anabaptists are still being hailed as pioneers of a new era or as the Devil's most eager assistants. Between these two ideological extremes, there is a growing group of sincere scholars who consider Anabaptism a legitimate wing of the Reformation and are treating it on this level. Men like Walther Koehler have done much to promote objective research.

The American Mennonites have also entered the field of scholarly research opened by European scholars like Samuel Cramer, Christian Neff and others. They have joined their European brethren in a sincere effort to find and present the facts regarding their history, basic beliefs, leaders, communities, cultural contributions, mission, etc.

The first American Mennonite to receive a Ph.D. degree by writing in the field of Anabaptism and devoting a lifetime to the study, teaching and writing in this field was C. Henry Smith ("The Mennonites of America," Ph.D., Chicago, 1907). Numerous Mennonite scholars followed his example particularly after World War I. The unprecedented interest in choosing a subject from the field of Anabaptist-Mennonite history for a doctoral dissertation is demonstrated in this presentation which starts with World War II.

Our observation in the field of Anabaptist research will be limited to the area of doctoral dissertations, published and unpublished, written during and after World War II. This excludes theses and research projects, published and unpublished, written for any other purpose. In other words, this is only a small selection of projects in the field. A complete list of all books published and research work done can be found under the titles, "Mennonite Research in Progress" and "Mennonite Bibliography," published annually in the April issue of *Mennonite Life* since 1947.

The question may be raised why so many students choose to write dissertations in the field of Anabaptism, and why they find approval by graduate schools. First, we would observe that today there is a greater number of young men and women among Mennonites working on dissertations for higher degrees in America than ever before. When they confront the question of choosing a topic or field for their dissertations, they may already have something in mind along these lines or they may have acquainted themselves with such a possibility in a Mennonite college. It can also be that the sponsoring professor of the graduate school inspires the candidate to work in this area. In any event, as a rule the candidate finds no difficulty in getting such a project approved. Once the decision has been made he finds whole-hearted cooperation by the staff of the Mennonite historical libraries from which he gets most of his information. These libraries, particularly in America, are better prepared today to encourage, guide, and assist in research in this field than they have been in the past. This does not mean that there is no room for growth or improvement, but rather that the foundation has been laid for an almost unlimited field of research. The best equipped libraries are those of the Mennonite Church of Amsterdam, the Bethel College Historical Library, North Newton, Kansas, and the Goshen College Library, Goshen, Indiana. In addition to these, there are numerous university and seminary libraries which have much basic information in this field.



John F. Schmidt, archivist of Bethel College Historical Library, reads old document by means of microfilm reader in Historical Library.

A summary of the dissertations written since World War II will show what areas of research have been covered and what possibilities and tasks lie ahead. The dissertations are grouped according to related subject matter.

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4. Groot, Renze Otto de, "The Faith of the Dutch Anabaptists." Th.D., Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1947. Unpubl. 136 pp.
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7. Keeney, William. "The Formative Period for Practice and Thought among the Dutch Anabaptists (1554-66)." Ph.D., Hartford. (In Progress).
8. Kerr, William Nigel, "Anabaptist Mysticism." Th.D., Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1953. Unpubl. 261 pp.
9. Littell, Franklin H., *The Anabaptist View of the Church*. Ph.D., Yale, 1946. Publ., American Society of Church History, 1952. 148 pp.
10. Nickel, J. W., "An Analytical Approach to Mennonite Ethics." Th.D., Hiff School of Theology. (In Progress).
11. Peters, Frank C., "A Comparison of Attitudes and Values Expressed by Mennonite and Non-Mennonite College Students." Ph.D., Lawrence, Kansas. (In Progress).
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Summary

The list of doctoral dissertations, as far as we were able to locate them, consists of seventy-six. No doubt there are still quite a few unknown to us. These seventy-six dissertations, written from the days of World War II to the present, are distributed over the following areas. Origin of Anabaptism, 12; Beliefs and Attitudes, 14; Relation to State, 4; Disputations and Persecution, 6; Anabaptist Leaders, 5; Bible, Missions, Social Responsibility, 7; Countries, Settlements, Economic Life, 9; Family and Education, 10; Literature, Language and Music, 9. Forty-seven of these dissertations were written in the United States in twenty-four universities or theological seminaries. Eight of these were written at the University of Chicago, four at Yale and three each at Pennsylvania, Princeton, University of Southern California, and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Eleven dissertations originated in Germany, two each at Heidelberg, Tübingen and Erlangen. Eight were sponsored at Swiss universities of which six were produced at Zürich; four in Austria of which three originated in Innsbruck. Three were written in The Netherlands, while London, Toronto and Mexico City have one each. Looking at the list of the writers of these dissertations, we find that of the seventy-six, forty-eight were Mennonites.

In general it could be said that only a comparatively small number of dissertations are published. Of the seventy-six only twenty-three have thus far been printed or mimeographed. If this is not done immediately upon the completion of the research, it is not likely to be done at all. Leading Mennonite libraries of America are in possession of most of these dissertations, be that in print, typewritten or microfilm form. Some of the candidates continue their research in the field in which they wrote their dissertation, but many of them because of duties and a change of interest, produce little along

the lines of their research after they have fulfilled their obligation toward their university. Nevertheless, the results of such a concentrated effort and study are helpful for the individual as well as the cause in general.

Much has been done in the realm of Anabaptist research during the post-war era. Does this mean that the field of research has been exhausted? This is by no means the case. The recently published sources as well as the unpublished material scattered over many archives have not been fully utilized. In addition to this, every generation must investigate the foundation on which it builds anew and must solve the problems which it confronts in the light of its own time. It must find new ways and methods to express the old truth and make it applicable in its own day. The results of research in the past must be investigated and checked by each coming generation. It would be a sign of scholarly and spiritual decay if there were a generation in which no new treasures and results were brought forth by investigating our heritage. Theological liberalism saw in Anabaptism a forerunner of a new and better era. Even Marxism made this claim. Mennonite scholars have found that Anabaptists strongly emphasized the New Testament church concept and the discipleship of Christ. But we cannot stop here. Aware of the fact that Anabaptism never fully developed a theological system, some claim, following the most recent trend, that Anabaptism was basically an "existentialist" movement. It will not be surprising when our younger scholars will seriously investigate this question and try to substantiate this assertion. (See this issue of *Mennonite Life*).

Areas of Future Research

Looking over the major fields of research, particularly in America, we may be justified in claiming that in our research we have in a way lifted Anabaptism out of its total context and investigated it in this isolated position. That was necessary for a number of reasons. However now the question can be raised whether the time has not come where Anabaptism should be investigated as an integral part of the Reformation in relation to the total economic and political problems of that day, including such phenomena as Humanism, Peasant Revolt, and other radical reform movements. Anabaptism was unique and at the same time a part of a greater entity. Mennonite scholars are objective enough to investigate these relationships without prejudice and fear. A great and true love and appreciation of the heritage of our fathers does not make us blind but able and willing to investigate all the aspects and to present the facts by using sound judgment.

Some of the areas of investigation of a later date that could be named are the relation of Mennonitism to Pietism, the devotional literature, hymnaries, etc. Some research has been done along these lines, but much is still to be done. The study of Mennonite settlements, the cultural and economic achievements, etc., are always open fields of research. Much recent material pertaining to the Mennonites of Russia and Prussia needs to be investigated. The body of literature, which is being produced pertaining to the countries under Soviet domination, is tremendous. To check this literature for information relevant to the Mennonites of Eastern Europe is a big task worth undertaking.

American Mennonite research will do well to devote much more time to Anabaptism in the Netherlands, its rich contributions during the sixteenth century, the Golden Age of cultural achievement, and its subsequent development. The information available in this field in the English language is lagging far behind that on Swiss-South German Anabaptism and the Russo-German aspect. Here is a wide and open field.