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THE "MENNONITE BIBLIOGRAPHY" is published annually in the April issue of *Mennonite Life*. It contains a list of books, pamphlets and articles dealing with Mennonite life, principles and history.

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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Mennonite Research in Progress, 1965

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IN THE APRIL 1964 issue of *Mennonite Life*, we reported about various research projects including M.A. and Ph.D. theses. Preceding April issues since 1947, contain similar information under the headings "Mennonite Research in Progress," "Mennonite Bibliography," and "Books in Review." Of special research value is the article entitled "Anabaptism-Mennonitism in Doctoral Dissertations" which appeared in the April, 1958, issue. The editors of *Mennonite Life* will be pleased to receive information to be included in future issues.

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Other Projects and Research Centers

Among the numerous research projects in progress, Ph.D. and M.A. theses are only one aspect. Many scholars and laymen pursue projects of longer and shorter duration as a hobby or scholarly endeavor. Some are in the realm of community studies and others deal with family history. Many of these are being published annually. At this point, mention should be made of some specialists in Mennonite genealogy. Kurt Kauenhoven, Ritschweg 2, Göttingen, Germany, and Adalbert Goertz, 3003 Dover Drive, Boulder, Colorado, are qualified to help and advise people seeking information about their Prusso-Russian background. Delbert Grätz, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, is well informed about Swiss Mennonite family histories.

Among the Mennonite research centers aiding those seeking general and specialized information pertaining to the Anabaptist-Mennonites, many individuals could be mentioned. We refer to some of the Mennonite libraries and sources of information in America and Europe. Among the college libraries are, Menno Simons Historical Library, Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.; Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; Mennonite Historical Library, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio; and Bethel College Historical Library, North Newton, Kansas. The Institute of Mennonite Studies, Elkhart, Indiana, undertakes research projects and sponsors the production of books.

In Europe, the library and archives of the Mennonite Church of Amsterdam should be mentioned as the best and most complete collection of rare books and manuscripts anywhere. Its close proximity to the Mennonite Seminary and the University of Amsterdam makes this library the most strategic Mennonite center of information. Unfortunately its potential has thus far not been fully developed. Perhaps the World Conference which is to convene in Amsterdam (1967) will focus on and call attention to this unique opportunity of the Mennonite world brotherhood for the days to come.

Significant Periodicals

In Germany the Mennonite Church of Hamburg has the oldest library. Unfortunately, it has been dormant for some time. The Mennonite Library of Christian Neff, Weierhof, is being utilized. Attention should be called to the valuable publications of the German Mennonites, *Der Mennonit* and particularly, the *Mennonitische Geschichtsblätter*. The latter is now being published by Mennonitischer Geschichtsverein, 6719, Weierhof, Marnheim/Pfalz.. The annual periodical of some 100 pages can be ordered by joining this organization (\$2.00 annually), which can be done by writing to that address, or to *Mennonite Life*. The annual magazine was started prior to World War II and was revived after the war and now performs an excellent task under an editorial board headed by Horst Quiring. Only brief reference is being made to some of the articles which appeared in the magazine in 1964-65: Education and research among the Mennonites of Europe and America (N. van der Zijpp, L. Froese, Cornelius Krahn), the oath (H. Fast) , the Catholics and Anabaptism (Eisenblätter) , the Wismar Articles (ten Doornkaat Koolman).

In The Netherlands, a similar magazine, *Stemmen*, discontinued publication recently, after it had made an extremely valuable contribution during the postwar era. The editors hope to continue it in some other form. Reference should be made to the *Nederlands Archief voor Kerkgeschiedenis*, edited by Dutch scholars (including the late N. van der Zijpp), and published by Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague. From time to time the magazine publishes articles dealing with Anabaptism.

Attention should be called to the *Heimatbuch der Deutschen aus Russland* edited by Karl Stumpp and published by the Landsmannschaft der Deutschen aus Russland (Stuttgart-S, Staffenbergstrasse 66, Germany). This annual magazine deals with the German population in Russia, and all those who have come from Russia and are now scattered in all parts of the world. This includes the Mennonites. Particularly the last two editions of the *Heimatbuch* are of interest. The 1964 volume was devoted to the spread of those Germans who had come out of Russia since 1874. Numerous articles and charts and maps portray this event and the present location of those who migrated. The last volume (1965) presents in numerous articles, the location and economic, cultural, religious and educational conditions among Soviet citizens of German background, since World War II. Copies of these volumes as well as preceding ones, can be obtained from the address given, or by writing to *Mennonite Life*.

Interest in the unique life and the fate of the Hutterites in the United States and Canada, and their European background is growing. Robert Friedmann, the best informed scholar in the field, (see his *Hutterite Studies*) , has completed a collection of Hutterite testimonies to be published in the near future, and has published a complete bibliography of all books and manuscripts produced by the Hutterites between 1529-1667. It is entitled *Die Schriften der Huterischen Täufergemeinschaften* (Vienna 1965). A review will follow in the near future. (See also articles about the Habaner in this issue.)

Mention should be made of a new periodical jointly published by the Mennonite Brethren schools of the U.S.A., entitled, *The Journal of Church and Society*, of which the first volume is Spring, 1965, containing articles dealing with "The Theology of James Arminius" (Orlando H. Wiebe) and "What Mode of Baptism?" (Jacob P. Becker). (Subscriptions, \$3.50 per year, can be sent to Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas).

New Organizations

Recently a Mennonite Brethren Historical Society at Hillsboro, Kansas, and another division at Fresno, California, have been founded. An inter-Mennonite Historical Society has been organized in Ontario, of which J. Winfield Fretz, Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, is the chairman. The Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society is erecting a Mennonite Village Museum as a "contribution to Canada's Centennial celebration by the Mennonites of Manitoba" (1967). The Museum is expected to cost \$250,000 and will be located on a 15 acre site, one and a half miles north of Steinbach on Highway No. 12. The Canadian Conference of Mennonites and the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, are planning a joint organization which will collect, preserve and make available valuable printed and written records dealing with the Mennonites of Canada and their background.

Special attention is being called to a book which has appeared abroad. Ernest Behrends of Mölln, Germany, was so impressed by the fate of the Mennonites from Russia, who found a temporary shelter in his vicinity, that he devoted years of research to their beliefs and history. Volumes of his findings emerged in the form of fiction. Now the first novel dealing with Menno Simons has appeared in print. It is entitled *Der Ketzerbischof. Leben und Ringen des Reformators Menno Simons* (Agape-Verlag, Basel). It is a very well-written portrayal of the life and times of Menno. The book can be ordered through Mennonite bookstores including *Mennonite Life* (\$5.00).