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Mennonite Research in Progress, 1970

By Cornelius Krahn and Melvin Gingerich

IN THE APRIL, 1969, 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, 1967 and 1968 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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I. North American Committee for the Documentation of Free Church Origins (NACDFCO), 1970

The Executive Committee of NACDFCO had a meeting on October 9, 1970, in the Germantown Mennonite Meeting House, Philadelphia. The Secretary reviewed the status of the activities of the Committee, including the German TAK (*Täuferakten-Kommission*) and the Dutch CUDAN (*Commissie tot de uitgave van de Acta Anabaptistica Neerlandica*). The Chairman, George H. Williams, summarized the efforts to get the publishing of a series started and made proposals in regard to a reorganization of the Committee. Franklin H. Littell reported on the present status of research concerning the Radical Reformation and other Free Church studies. He related some possibilities for starting the publication of a series at the Temple University Press, Fortress Press and other publishers. Cornelius Krahn reported that William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. has also expressed interest in publishing a Paperback Series. The following titles and authors for such a series were presented: J. M. Stayer, "On the Use of the Sword"; Clyde Manschreck, "Religious Liberty"; Walter Klaassen, "Faith, Reason, and Scriptures"; Leonard Gross, "Witness and Mission of the Church"; Alvin Beachy, "A Theology of Suffering"; Peter J. Klassen, "The Status of Women"; Donald F. Durnbaugh, "Communal Groups and Mutual Aid"; and "Christianity and Revolution" (no author suggested).

Franklin H. Littell proposed that contacts be made with the American Society of Church History as well as with the American Academy of Religion in regard to sectional meetings at which papers would be read on "The Free Church." This has been arranged for the April sectional meeting of the ASCH (Chicago) as well as the AAR (Atlanta, October, 1971).

At the time of the meeting of the ASCH the annual meeting of the NACDFCO took place in Park House, 66 Marlboro, Boston, December 28, 1970. Present were Rollin S. Armour, Donald F. Durnbaugh, Everett Furgeson, James L. Garrett, Irvin B. Horst, Cornelius Krahn, Clyde L. Manschreck, George H. Williams, J. K. Zeman, and Lowell H. Zuck. Progress reports were given by George H. Williams, Chairman, and the Secretary, Cornelius Krahn. The Treasurer, Franklin H. Littell, could not be present but had submitted a report. The Committee decided to write a brief memorial article for Robert Friedmann to be published in one or several magazines. Reports followed by Donald F. Durnbaugh and Clyde L. Manschreck about the Paperback Series. It was agreed that the Executive Committee, members and the chairman of the subcommittees would be responsible for selecting and counseling with the editors and translators in regard to the

content of the various volumes.

Irvin B. Horst (University of Amsterdam) gave a progress report in regard to the Dutch Commission for the Publication of the *Documenta Anabaptistica Neerlandica* (CUDAN), and he distributed the first two copies of a *Bulletin*, published by the organization, which contain the plans and lists of the archival sources which are to be published. The *Bulletin* also has a list of the German, Swiss, and Austrian *Täuferakten* which have been published. The members of the Dutch CUDAN are the following: Heinold Fast, H. de la Fontaine Verwey, Irvin B. Horst, Otto J. de Jong, Cornelius Krahn, H. W. Meihuizen, A. F. Mellink, J. A. Oosterbaan, G. H. M. Posthumus Meyjes, S. L. Verheus, and J. J. Woltjer.

Irvin B. Horst also reported about the German *Täuferakten-Kommission* (TAK) which has a number of projects under way. Some Anabaptist sources from the archives in Germany and Switzerland are ready for publication. The members of TAK, which is the parent of the Dutch CUDAN and the American NACDFCO, are Heinrich Bornkamm, Heinold Fast, Hans-Jürgen Goertz, Cornelius Krahn, and Irvin B. Horst.

II. Reformation, Anabaptism and Related Groups

The papers presented at the First Conference on the Concept of the Believers Church (1967) have appeared in a book edited by James Leo Garrett and published by Herald Press, Scottsdale. A similar conference, which convened during the summer of 1970 in Chicago, was sponsored by Clyde L. Manschreck, the director of the Center for Reformation and Free Church Studies.

George H. Williams is editing an English translation of *The History of the Polish Reformation* by Stanislas Lubieniecki, and it will be published in the near future.

A. J. Klassen, Fresno, Calif., supported by others, is writing a manuscript on Dietrich Bonhoeffer with the intention of comparing his views with those of the Anabaptists.

Keith Sprunger, Bethel College, who spent a sabbatical year (1969-1970) in the Netherlands and England, has completed a manuscript dealing with "Puritanism and William Amen," which is now ready for publication.

Fred Zerger, a senior at Bethel College, spent a year in London and returned with a nearly 100 page manuscript entitled "Anabaptism in Elizabethan England: An Interpretive History," which he wrote at the London School of Economics. Having received a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship and a Danforth Fellowship, Zerger wants to continue his research along this line.

Peter J. Klassen, Fresno, Calif., has submitted a manuscript on Charles V which is in the final stages of publication. He has also written a textbook, *Europe in Reformation*, which will soon be published by Appleton-Century-Crofts.

Walter Klaassen, Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario, is spending a sabbatical year in Innsbruck, Austria. He is doing research in the archives, investigating the history, life, and thought of Anabaptist beginnings in the Tyrol. Klaassen wrote a column in the *Canadian Mennonite* (Winnipeg) starting on December 18, 1970, entitled "Letters to Jacob Hutter" of which eight installments have been published. A similar serial appeared in *Der Bote* (Saskatoon), starting December 15, 1970, and entitled "Auf den Spuren der Täufergemeinschaft in Innsbruck." The eighth installment appeared in the March 9, 1971, issue. Klaassen's reports are written in a lively style and have stimulated some reactions.

John Hostetler of Temple University, Philadelphia, is spending a sabbatical year in Vienna, Austria, where he is doing archival research in regard to the early Hutterites. He is also planning to visit the former Hutterite settlements in Russia.

John Howard Yoder has completed a project for publication entitled *Documents in Free Church Ethics*. This project—on which Yoder was assisted by some other scholars—is being sponsored by the Institute of Mennonite Studies. Another book prepared by Yoder, entitled *The Legacy of Michael Sattler*, is to be published by Herald Press in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Carl Bangs, St. Pauls School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, has completed his research on "Armenius, a Study in the Dutch Reformation," which is to appear at the Abingdon Press in June, 1971. This book includes a study of the relationship of Armenius to the Mennonites at the turn of the seventeenth century. Bangs is now working on a history of the family of Abram F. Friesen (1857-1935) and the group that left the Molotschna Mennonite settlement in 1874 and settled at Jansen, Nebraska. This paper is to be read at a gathering of the descendants of Abram F. Friesen at Turner, Oregon, July 1-4, 1971.

Markus Barth of Pittsburg Theological Seminary presented the Menno Simons Lectures during October, 1970, on the Bethel College campus. His general topic was "Baptism in the New Testament and Today."

T. Canby Jones of Wilmington College, delivered the Bethel College Bible Lectures (1971) on the topic of "Radicalism in the Church."

Cornelius Krahn of Bethel College presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History at Boston (1970) under the title "Amsterdam under Anabaptism."

The Directors of Teylers *Stichting* and the members of Teylers *Godgeleerde Genootschap* have presented a prize

question on the topic "Melancthon and the Radical Reformation" which will be due January 1, 1972. Particular attention is paid to the recent Melancthon and Anabaptist studies.

Lectures dealing with Free Church topics will be presented in half-day sessions at the Spring Session of the American Society for Church History, Chicago, April 23-24, 1971, and at the meetings of the American Academy of Religion convening in Atlanta, Georgia, October 12-13, 1971.

Ronald J. Sider of Temple University is working on "Karlstadt's Writings in Translation." Most of Karlstadt's writings appeared in the years 1517 to 1525, and will be published in two volumes. These writings are a mirror of Karlstadt's thoughts and of his break with Martin Luther.

III. War, Peace and Service

Grant M. Stoltzfus of Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, is doing research on "The Origins of Alternative Service as Developed in World War II."

The Schowalter Oral History Project at Bethel College is continuing recorded interviews with Mennonite draftees of World War I. About 250 interviews have been recorded and about 20 transcribed. Senior Fellows from the Bethel College History Department, Fred Zerger and Greg Stucky, worked on the project during the 1970-71 school year. The project was funded for three years by the Schowalter Foundation. An index and description of the library is in preparation, but depend upon additional work and resources. The tapes and transcriptions may be used for research at the Mennonite Library and Archives Newton.

A scholarly paper on Mennonites in World War I by Greg Stucky, Bethel College Senior, won first prize in the 1971 contest sponsored by the Kansas History Teachers Association. Stucky's paper was entitled, "Fighting Against War: *The Vorwaerts*, 1914-19."

Peace Research Reviews is a magazine published six times a year by the Canadian Peace Research Institute, Oakville, Ontario, edited by Allen G. and Hannah Newcombe. It is now in its fourth year of publication. The purpose is to furnish a quick overview of peace research abstracts.

Paul N. Kraybill is engaged in a research project to evaluate the development of overseas churches resulting from the missionary efforts of the Mennonites in Asia, Africa, etc.

IV. Mennonites the World Over

U. S. A. and Canada

David Wenger, a graduate of the Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, is doing research on variations in religious beliefs and practices by interviewing some former members of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

Leland Harder, Professor of Sociology at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, has made a study of *Steinbach* (Manitoba) and its (Mennonite) Churches for the purpose of a self-evaluation (see bibliography).

Leland Harder has compiled a *Fact Book of Congregational Membership* (Newton, Ks.: General Conference Mennonite Church, 1971) of the General Conference Mennonite Church which contains statistical information concerning the last ten years.

Karma J. Rudy of Kitchener, Ontario, has written a play, "The Trail of Conestoga," at the request of the Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario, dealing with the coming of the Pennsylvania German Mennonites to Canada.

D. D. Klassen, Homewood, Manitoba, has written "Centennial Year Reminiscences Concerning the Mennonites" in connection with the Canadian Centennial.

Bill Banks has written a paper entitled "The Mennonites in Washita County. Their History, Pioneer Life, and Contributions" for a Western American History Seminar, 1970, at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. He has made use of the information found in diaries and memoirs of early settlers.

Victor D. Kliewer of the University of Manitoba is writing a M.A. thesis dealing with "The Influence of Pietism on the Russian Mennonites." He has now compiled "A Bibliography of Anabaptist-Mennonite Historical Works," located in the Mennonite Historical Library of Canadian Mennonite Bible College at Winnipeg, Manitoba (see bibliography).

J. Howard Kauffman (Goshen) and Leland Harder (Elkhart) are beginning their major two-year study of "Mennonite Church Member Profile" involving the members of five Mennonite conferences.

James R. Jaquith is continuing his research pertaining to the Old Colony Mennonites. He has now produced a transliterated version of Arnold Dyck's Low German *Koop enn Bua faore nao Toronto* (*Cawp en Bua foware now Toronto*). It has been translated from Dyck's Gothic alphabet to a Roman-based one for the purpose of making Low German more easily read.

Poland and Russia

Erich L. Ratzlaff, the editor of *Die Mennonitische Rundschau* in Winnipeg has produced a manuscript of 132 pages devoted to "Mennonitische Siedlungen in Zentral Polen," which he intends to publish. This constitutes a general introduction to the Mennonite settlements in Poland and deals primarily with the Mennonites of *Deutsch Kazun* and *Deutsch Wymysle*, which were located near Warsaw. The author lived in this area until World War II when the German population, including the Mennonites, were removed from this territory. The author also treats the origin of the Mennonite Brethren among the Mennonites in Poland, as well as the final phase of the Mennonites in Poland during World War II.

Tour groups have been visiting the USSR for some time, always following the main path of cities selected for tourists. However, in more recent years ethnic and religious groups have been able to visit with their Russian relatives in their present settlements which are off the main tourist route. They have also visited former Mennonite settlements. Last summer a Menno Travel Service group was privileged to meet with relatives in Central Asian cities, as well as other places, where they visited together for a number of days.

New was the visit to the former Mennonite settlements located on the east and west banks of the Dnieper River. Contrary to previous reporting on the physical conditions of the major villages, they found them more or less the way they had been left when the Mennonites were removed during World War II. Repeated visits should enable us to get a clearer picture of the present conditions in these former Mennonite settlements. (See Cornelius Krahn, "Russia Revisited," *Mennonite Life*, October, 1970.)

John B. Toews of the Department of History at the University of Calgary is presently preparing a book-length study on *The Mennonites under Soviet Rule*. He is doing his research in the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College. Dr. Toews is also writing a short biographical study of the Russian Mennonite emigration and church leader, B. B. Janz. Another project, *The Russian Mennonites; A Bibliography*, is well under way and seeks to collect and classify the many scattered sources relating to that topic. He is interested in hearing from anyone knowing of special manuscripts and collections not as yet deposited in any libraries.

A Baptist Film from Moscow

The Mennonite Library and Archives, Bethel College, received from the Union of the Evangelical Christian Baptists of Moscow a documentary film which features the contemporary life and activities of the Evangelical Christians, including the Mennonites, in Russia. The film was produced by the Baptists in the film shops of Moscow and was released before Christmas 1970.

The documentary begins with a Christmas worship service in Kiev, and then continues by showing the activities within the Baptist Church in Moscow (the training of ministers, the publishing of Bibles and hymnaries, the choir), the ordination of Victor Krieger, a Mennonite worship service in Central Asia, a communion service in the Baptist Church of Leningrad, the All-Union Baptist Conference in Moscow (December 9-14, 1969), the visit of North American delegates, and finally a baptismal service in Moscow.

The narration is done by the Executive Secretary of the Union of the Baptists, A. V. Karev. There are three versions of the film: English, German, and Russian. This thirty-minute documentary is unusual because it records the religious life in Russia which we rarely hear about and hardly ever get to see. The film has been shown to large audiences in Kansas, Manitoba, and California. (For information write to Mennonite Library and Archives, North Newton, Kansas 67117.)

V. Historical Organizations and Institutions

Mennonite Research Fellowship

Since 1968 there has been a Kansas Mennonite Research Fellowship in existence which informally meets from time to time. The meetings have been taking place on the Bethel, Hesston, and Tabor college campuses. The purpose of this fellowship is to give informed persons an opportunity to share their research findings or experiences at meetings which are open to the public.

The most recent topic, "A Mennonite Shoot-Out in Russia (*Selbstschutz*)," was presented March 23 at Tabor College, Hillsboro. This paper will again be presented at Bethel College in April. The speaker is Dr. John B. Toews of Calgary, who is the author of *Lost Fatherland* and at present is doing research in the Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College.

Among previous presentations have been the following. Dr. John Janzen presented a paper on "Mennonite Burial Symbolism." Dr. Abraham Friesen of the University of California presented a paper on "The Marxist View of the Reformation." Dr. James Juhnke spoke on "The Problems in Kansas Mennonite Historiography." Ada Kadelbach of the University of Mainz, Germany, talked on the topic of "The Early American Mennonite Hymn Books," and Clarence Hiebert spoke on "The Holdeman People."

Prairie Centennial

The year 1974 will be the centennial of the coming of some 18,000 Mennonites from Russia, Poland and Prussia to the Prairie states and provinces. General and local committees have already started planning various activities, such as the preservation of landmarks, musical presentations and other dramatic performances, as well as the preparation of appropriate commemorative publications for both popular and more scholarly reading. (Further suggestions and inquiries can be submitted to Herman Andres and Cornelius Krahn, care of *Mennonite Life*, North Newton, Kansas 67117.)

Mennonite Village Museum

The very active Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society, J. J. Reimer President, has established a Mennonite Village Museum with display areas, typical dwelling places connected with a barn and shed, a pioneer school, church, and even a windmill for which the Manitoba government provided \$17,000. The museum intends to erect the new windmill as a symbol of the Mennonite heritage which has been transplanted from the Vistula River to the steppes of Russia and the prairies of Manitoba and Kansas. The Mennonite Village Museum has also been able to secure the Johann Bartsch Monument from the Chortitza Mennonite Settlement in the Ukraine.

Reformation Center

George H. Williams of Harvard Divinity School visited Conrad Grebel College and the University of Waterloo in order to give counsel in regard to the establishment of a Reformation Center. Meanwhile a grant has been obtained to begin the project in which the Anabaptist aspect under the guidance of Walter Klaassen will play a significant role.

Germantown Information Center

For some time efforts have been made to turn the first Mennonite church in North America, located on Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, into an appropriate landmark and information center about the Mennonites. Only during the last five years has real progress been made. A number of adjacent buildings have been secured which are now being restored. The major Mennonite conferences and groups have joined hands in supporting the development of the Germantown Mennonite Information Center.

A New Historical Society

In 1969 an American Historical Society of Germans from Russia was organized in Greeley, Colorado, with David J. Miller as president. Its purpose is to create an historical awareness among those Americans of German descent whose forefathers migrated from Germany to the Ukraine, Caucasus, the Volga, Central Asia, and Siberia and ultimately to America. They aim to do this by collecting significant books and archival materials and preserving them in libraries and museums, as well as by promoting research in this field.

VI. Geneology and Biography

Numerous commemorative articles and responses have been published in regard to the life work of Arnold Dyck, historian, writer, and artist who died recently (see articles in this issue). Elisabeth Peters, who wrote her M. A. thesis on the literary significance of Dyck, published an article entitled "Gedanken zum Tode Arnold Dycks" in *Der Bote* (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, August 4 and October 13 and 20, 1970).

Hugh F. Gingerich of Washington, D.C., Rachel W. Kreider of Wadsworth, Ohio, and Joseph Byler of Gordonville, Pennsylvania, are tracing the lineage of the original Berks County Amish families. The plan is to provide this source of information with a complete index.

Rachel W. Kreider and Ford Coolman of the Board of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio,

are making a survey of the three Mennonite cemeteries in Medina County, Ohio. The results to be published will have an introduction and historical sketch of the Mennonite congregations connected with these burial grounds.

VII. Münster: Novel, Drama, Radio

The Dutch Mennonite weekly *Algemeen Doopsgezind Weekblad* (January 10, 1970) reports about an unusual event. The East German writer, Rosemarie Schuder, who had spoken at the Dutch peace conference at Elspeet over her novel, *Die Erleuchteten*, devoted to the Münsterite Anabaptists, has received the highest official government distinction for the writing of this novel. This honored recognition came in connection with the 20th anniversary of East Germany (D.D.R.). The Dutch paper states that this is most likely the first time that a writer has received from a government the highest recognition for having written a book on an Anabaptist subject. The prize was granted to the writer for her achievement in “her historical novels, in particular for *Die Erleuchteten* in which a historically significant phase and the revolutionary tradition of our people have been shaped in an artistic manner.” The subtitle of the book is *Das Bild des armen Lazarus zu Münster in Westfalen von wenig Furchtsamen auch der Terror der Liebe genannt*.

Jürgen Byl reports in the 1971 *Mennonitisches Jahrbuch* that the original play, *Es steht geschrieben*, dealing with the Anabaptists of Münster, has been rewritten by the author and has been presented, among other places, at Zürich and Münster under the title, *Die Wiedertäufer. Komödie in zwei Teilen*. This new version presents Jan van Leiden as a clown on the stage of the world drama.

Recently a radio drama, *König un Dohlen un Wind*, dealing with the Münster Anabaptists has been written and presented by Dutch and North German broadcasting stations in the Dutch language as well as in the Low German dialects of Münster and Bremen.

VIII. Life, Struggle and Death of Mennonite Periodicals

The *Canadian Mennonite* was discontinued with issue number 8, volume 19, 1971, after nineteen years of publication. It was published as a weekly by the Canadian Mennonite Publishing Association in Winnipeg. Frank H. Epp served as first editor and was succeeded by Larry Kehler. The *Canadian Mennonite* played a significant role during an extremely turbulent period of the Canadian Mennonites. Although the older generations of the first, second, and third migrations of Mennonites to Canada—who were primarily German-speaking—underwent a gradual change, there emerged a younger generation which no longer shared the experiences, views, and values rooted in their Russo-German background. The *Canadian Mennonite* played a significant role in raising issues, stimulating questions and solutions of problems which arose in this era of the “generation-gap.” The question, of course, that arises is what magazine will now serve as a medium of communication to air problems in an effort to solve them.

The editor of *The Mennonite*, Maynard Shelly who has served in this capacity for ten years, resigned recently. *The Mennonite* is published in Newton, Kansas, and serves the General Conference Mennonite Church and beyond. It has proven through the last decade to be a stimulating meeting place of the present day generation of Mennonites. The letters to the editor were frequent and extremely stimulating, coming from all parts of the constituency.

The *Mennonitisches Jahrbuch* of 1971, published since 1900 (formerly the, *Mennonitischer Gemeinde-Kalendar*), has, undergone a considerable transformation under the editorship of the well-known writer and educator Johannes Harder. We point out some of the articles of general significance. Hans-Jürgen Goertz contributed the article “Theologie der Revolution und des Friedens.” Two other German scholars devoted two articles to the question of peace, while Gerd Uwe Klierer deals with the question of “Mennonitischer Separatismus,” and Oscar Wedel relates on how to speak about the New Testament to our youth today. These are only a few of the articles among the many published. (This yearbook can be obtained through the Mennonite Library and Archives at the price of \$2.00.)

Even *Mennonite Life*, which has been published for twenty-six years by Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, will undergo a change. After the appearance of the next (July, 1971) issue, the publishing rights and the editorial responsibilities will be transferred to the Herald Publishing Co. of Newton, Kansas, which also publishes the *Mennonite Weekly Review*. It has been agreed that the present content and appearance will be preserved as much as is possible. The new editor will be Robert Schrag. The present editor will continue as a Consultant Editor, and the Associate and Department editors and contributors will be asked to continue in the production of articles and the magazine as they have done in the past. The Herald Publishing Co. has been in existence for over fifty years and through the publication of the *Mennonite Weekly Review* has contributed significantly in creating a spirit of inter-Mennonite understanding. The added channel of *Mennonite Life* will enlarge its service in this realm, as well as in the raising of questions pertinent in our day and the discussion and sharing of information pertaining to Mennonite basic views, history, theological issues, and cultural values.

The appearance of some new periodicals includes the *Remnant Newsletter*, which has announced itself as being an “underground publication by the Remnant” (815 W. Wrightwood, Chicago; Vol. 1, 1969) . The London Mennonite Centre has started *The Centre Quarterly*, Vol. I, 1970. The Conservative Mennonite Fellowship Missions have issued the first volume (1969) of *The Harvest Call*, Hartville, Ohio. The Herald Press Tracts, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, issued Vol. I of the quarterly *Herald Evangelist* in 1969.

Ottawa Report (Vol. II, No. 1, January 1970) is an “independent commentary on Canadian political life from a Christian perspective,” published by Ernie Dick and Ernie Regehr (Box 762, Station B, Ottawa 4, Ontario). In “The Birth of *Ottawa Report*” written by Frank H. Epp, it is stated that Canada’s Centennial year gave rise to some new dimensions in the church-state relationship. A government-sponsored National Inter-Faith Conference saw to it that any remnants of the old separation between church and state were destroyed. Most Christian denominations and other faiths participated in the Conference. Some, however, found that a critical stance was called for. So these Mennonites joined hands and created the *Ottawa Report*, which is to be a platform for a Christian analysis of church-state relationships.

The Mennonite Library and Archives at Bethel College receives over 200 weekly, quarterly, and annual periodicals. This mushrooming growth will ultimately have to come to a halt, and a reappraisal of the situation will have to take place. However, for the time being, there is an almost total unawareness of this multiple duplication of Mennonite publications which are aimed at providing spiritual and cultural nourishment for a comparatively small Mennonite constituency. The press—in their efforts to promote the continually growing number of causes—are zigzagging through the constituency in an ever increasing number. One is almost inclined to say that this overlapping and duplicating effort could be considered the greatest collective Mennonite sin, and no pardon will be granted just because we remain innocently unaware of the problem.