Editorial

Summertime is usually one of slower pace and vacations, but not for the Meeter Center. We were fortunate to have three outstanding scholars in residence this summer, Michal Bihray, Paul Helm, and Ralph Koen, all of whom contributed their special interests and gifts to our community.

The rare book collection of the Meeter Center continues to grow. We have been able to obtain a number of rare books in recent months, one particularly lovely one being: *Commentaires de M. Jean Calvin sur les Epistres de l'apostre S. Paul, & aussi sur l'Epistre aux Hebreuex* printed by Conrad Badius and Item, *Sur Les Epistres Canoniques de S. Pierre, S. Iain, S. laques, and S. Jude, autrement appelees Catholiques* printed by Jean Bonnfoy, 1562, bound in one volume.

It was my special delight in October to represent the Meeter Center at the Third Conference for Calvin Studies in Asia. Calvin study continues to be vital in that part of the world, and it is always stimulating for a Westerner to see the different directions scholarship is going there.

Many of you know of the international undertaking to produce another complete edition of Calvin's works, replacing the *Corpus Reformatorius*. The project was in the planning stage for many years, and the first volumes will soon appear from Librarie Droz in Geneva. The work of editing and publishing will take many years. Editors for all the volumes have not yet been found, and Dr. Backus of the Institute for Reformation History in Geneva has requested that any interested in working in the *Eclesiastica* section contact her.

Editing texts for publication is one of the most important contributions that scholars can make to our field. The Meeter Center wishes to encourage all of the various editors presently working and encourage those of you not yet involved to contribute your time and talents.

Richard C. Gamble

Recent Publications

Books


Articles in this book would be of particular interest to Calvin scholars are as follows:

Hans Scholl, "Johannes Calvin: Periodisierung seines Lebens und Werkes."

Johan de Stenkamp, "A Review of the Concept of Progress in Calvin's Institutes."

David Willis-Watkins, "The Unio Mystica and the Assurance of Faith According to Calvin."

Piet C. Potgieter, "The Providence of God in Calvin's Correspondence."

Chul-Ha Han, "Theology of Ministry in John Calvin: Jes. 59,21; Rom. 10,17; Rom. 1,16."

Adriaan D. Pont, "Confession of Faith in Calvin's Geneva."

Nobuo Watanabe, "Calvin's Concept of the Right of Resistance: from the Viewpoint of Asia."

Richard C. Gamble, "Calvin's Theological Method: The Case of Caroli."

Robert M. Kingdon, "Popular Reactions to the Debate between Bolsec and Calvin."

Martin de Kruyn, "Buer und Calvin über das Recht auf Widerstand und die Freiheit der Stände."


Robert C. Walton, "The Visible Church: A Mixed Body or a Gathered Church of Visible Saints; John Calvin and William Ames."


Articles and Reviews


Conferences

The Third Conference of Calvinistic Studies in Asia was held Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 1991, at the Presbyterian Bible College in Hsinchu, Taiwan. Richard C. Gamble presented a paper entitled “Calvin and Missions.” Some of the other participants were: Wilhem Neuser, Nobuo Watanabe and Chul-Ha Han.

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference was held Oct. 17-19, 1991, in Philadelphia, PA, at the University of Pennsylvania. The first plenary speaker for the conference was Prof. Oberman, whose topic was “John Calvin: The Mystery of His Impact.” Oberman’s lecture provoked considerable discussion, and his forthcoming major book on Calvin will provide grist for historians’ and theologians’ mills for many years to come. The session, “Roman Law, Irenicism and the Church Fathers in the Reformed Tradition,” was chaired by Richard C. Gamble, and papers were presented by: Michael Monheit, Iren Snavely, Martin Klauber and James Payton.

The Sixth Colloquium on Calvin Studies will be held at Davidson College on January 17-18, 1992. Some presentations of interest are as follows: Brian Armstrong, “Calvin on Polity”; Edward Dowey, “On the Need for Publishing Heinrich Bullinger’s Works”; Heiko Oberman, “New Perspectives on John Calvin”; and David Willis-Watkins, “Calvin’s Theology of Pastoral Care.”

Fellowships

Meeter Center Fellowships are offered to scholars having faculty status at their institutions for summer study at the Center. The appointment carries a stipend of $2,000 and the use of a study room in the Center. The Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship is offered to ministers in the Reformed tradition to support research in Calvin and Calvinism. Applications for these fellowships are available from the Meeter Center and must be returned by January 1, 1992.