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EDITORIAL

The academic year is well under way and I suppose that we have all recovered from the jolt of transition from summer to school year schedule. In our last *Newsletter*, it was mentioned that I would be leaving for Sabbatical as that edition was being mailed. The time for research was excellent. I was able to put finishing touches on the collections of articles on *Calvin and Calvinism* which will hopefully appear in December with Garland publishing as well as continue the work of creating a critical Latin edition of Calvin's commentary on the first book of Moses.

The Meeter Center had a number of summer scholars in residence this year, two from Korea and one from the Netherlands. We always enjoy the special qualities that the visiting scholars bring to Grand Rapids.

Since our last Newsletter there have been some changes in the membership of the Governing Board of the Meeter Center. Elsie McKee, who ably served us for a number of years, has moved from Andover Newton Theological Seminary to Princeton Theological Seminary and has also retired from the Board. We wish to thank her for her contributions to the work of the Governing Board. At its most recent meeting the Governing Board elected David Steinmetz of Duke to be one of its two members from outside the Calvin College and Seminary community. He will serve with Heiko Oberman of Tuscon, who has been on the board for a year. We are very happy to have both of these scholars serve us as advisors.

Richard C. Gamble, *editor*

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DISSERTATIONS

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Michael D. Van Hamersveld, *The Concept of "Suspensio" in Calvin's Interpretation of the Gospel* (Ph.D. thesis, University of Aberdeen, 1991).

FORTHCOMING WORKS

Lyle D. Bierma is completing an English translation of the Dutch book *Johannes Calvijn: Zijn Werk en Schriften*, by W. De Greef (Kampen, 1990), for publication by Baker Book House in 1993. He is also preparing an annotated English translation of an early German "commentary" on the Heidelberg Catechism, *Vester Grundt*, by Caspar Olevianus (Heidelberg, 1567).

William J. Bouwsma's book *John Calvin: A Sixteenth-Century Portrait* has been translated into Italian and is being published by Laterza.

I. John Hesselink is revising his *Introduction to Calvin's Theology*, a commentary on Ford Lewis Battles' translation of Calvin's first *Catechism* (1538). Also, his essay, "Governed and Guided by the

Spirit - A Key Issue in Calvin's Doctrine of the Holy Spirit," will appear in the *Festschrift* for Gottfried Locher, Band 2, sometime this fall.

Reformed Reader: A Source Book in Christian Theology 1517-1800, edited by Stacy Johnson and John H. Leith, will be published by Westminster/John Knox Press in January of 1992.

John H. Leith's *Basic Christian Doctrine* will be published by Westminster/John Knox Press in December of this year.

The Basic Ideas of Calvinism by H. Henry Meeter is currently being translated into Russian.

Heiko Oberman's article on Calvin's view of the state of the Reformation in the mid-sixteenth century will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*.

Jill Raitt's *The Colloquy of Montbéliard: Religion and Politics in the Sixteenth Century* (New York: Oxford University Press) is forthcoming in November.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Meeter Center Fellowships were awarded this past summer to Eun Seon Lee of Tae Shin University, Korea, and to Gon-Taik Park of Chong Shin College and Seminary, Korea. Cornelis Van der Kooi, recently appointed to the faculty of the Vrije Universiteit, received the Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship for research at the Meeter Center.

Scholars having faculty status at their institution may apply for a **Meeter Center Fellowship** for summer study at the Center. The appointment carries a stipend of \$2,000 and the use of an office in the Center. The **Emo F. J. Van Halsema Fellowship** is offered to ministers in the Reformed tradition to support their research in Calvin and Calvinism and awards \$500. Applications for these fellowships are available from the Meeter Center and must be returned by January 1, 1993 to be considered for the following summer.

The Society for Reformation Research offers the **Miriam U. Chrisman Travel Fellowship** of \$1,500 every other year to a graduate student who needs to travel abroad to do research on a doctoral dissertation. The award competition is open to all students of European history, 1450 to 1650, whose topics deal with religious history in some way. Application should be made by January 1, 1993. For more information contact: Prof. Robert Kolb, Concordia College, 275 North Syndicate Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-5494.

CONFERENCES

On October 22-24, 1992, the Sixteenth Century Studies Society will meet in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 28th International Congress on Medieval Studies will meet May 6-9, 1993, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

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