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Editorial

Our fifth newsletter comes at a time of commencement and, for those of us in teaching, with the hope of a season of rest and research in the summer!

This academic year the Meeter Center had in residence a Hungarian Calvin scholar, Dr. Richard Hörtsik, who graced this place with a fine sense of humor, keen wit and a penetrating mind. While he was here doing research he was elected to the newly formed Parliament of Hungary. How different are the election processes in the United States and Hungary!

Presently we are also enjoying Professor A. N. S. Lane of London as a visiting scholar. Tony was a summer research

fellow two years ago and has recently arrived here from a six month teaching stay in Africa. We will be bursting at the seams this summer with two additional visiting professors and two graduate students. We are also looking forward this summer to the Fifth Quadrennial International Congress on Calvin Research at the end of August.

As always we need to close with a "thank you" to those who have kept us informed of publications which would be of value and interest to our readers.

Richard C. Gamble,
editor

Recent Publications

Books

John Calvin. *Sermons on Jeremiah*. Translated by Blair Reynolds. Vol. 46 of Texts and Studies in Religion (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1990).

Timothy George. *John Calvin and the Church: A Prism of Reform* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990).

David C. Steinmetz, ed. *The Bible in the Sixteenth Century* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1989). Note the chapter "The Hermeneutic of Promise and Fulfillment in Calvin's Exegesis of the Old Testament Prophecies of the Kingdom" by Richard A. Muller and the chapter "Calvin and the Patristic Exegesis of Paul" by David Steinmetz.

Florence Whitfield Barton. *Calvin and the Duchess* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1989).

Michael Mullett. *Calvin* (New York: Routledge, Chapman & Hall, 1989).

Jonathan H. Rainbow. *The Will of God and the Cross; an Historical and Theological Study of John Calvin's Doctrine of Limited Redemption* (Allison Park, PA: Pickwick Publications, 1990).

Articles and Reviews

Marvin Anderson, "John Calvin: biblical preacher (1539-1564)" *Scottish Journal of Theology* 42 (1989) 167-181.

Susan E. Schreiner, "Exegesis and double justice in Calvin's sermon on Job" *Church History* 58 (1989) 322-338.

Elsie McKee, "Les anciens et l'interprétation de 1 Tm 5, 17 chez Calvin: une curiosité dans l'histoire de l'exégèse" *Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie* 120 (1988) 411-417.

Review of Richard A. Muller's *Post-Reformation Reformed Dogmatics*. Vol. I, by Martin I. Klauber in *Trinity Journal* 9 (1988) 115-118.

Reviews of Ronald A. Wallace's *Calvin, Geneva and the Reformation*, by Martin I. Klauber in *Trinity Journal* 9 (1988) 221-223 and by Richard C. Gamble in *Calvin Theological Journal* 24 (1989) 378-381.

Review of Heiko A. Oberman's *De erfenis van Calvijn*, by C. Graafland in *Theologia Reformata* 32 (1989) 252-253.

Reviews of Timothy George's *Theology of the Reformers*, by L. H. Zuck in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 20 (1989) 672-673 and by W. R. Estep in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 32 (1990) 76.

Review of *Calviniana: Ideas and influence of John Calvin*, ed. Robert V. Schnucker, by C. B. Partee in *Reformed Review* 43 (1989) 73.

Review of T. F. Torrance's *The Hermeneutics of John Calvin*, by R. C. Gamble in *The Westminster Theological Journal* 51 (1989) 400-402.

Works in Progress

Richard C. Gamble is editing a 14 volume set of selected articles on Calvin and Calvinism. Each volume will include an introduction by the editor. Approximately 300 articles will be included, all in the English language. (New York: Garland Publishing Co., October 1990).

Professor Dr. A. Heron of the Lehrstuhl für Reformierte Theologie in Nürnberg is collaborating with Professor Dr. George Stroup of Columbia Theological Seminary on a collection of readings in Reformed theology from the 16th to the 20th centuries for Westminster/John Knox Press.

Richard F. Wevers, of Calvin College's Dept. of Classical Languages, is using his sabbatical to work on two Calvin projects. 1) A computer produced, lemmatized concordance after the pattern of his *Calvin's Latin Bible Concordance* and his 1539 *Institutes Concordance*. 2) A computer search program for either mainframe or personal computers to find words, partial words, or pairs of words in varying distances from each other. This program, with data and index files, will be able to search Calvin's Latin Bible, Calvin's 1539 *Institutes*, or Calvin's 1559 *Institutes*.

Dissertations Recently Completed or in Progress

Paul T. Jensen, "Calvin and Turretin: a comparison of their Soteriologies" (PhD 1988 University of Virginia)

David Jonathan Wegener, "In Principio: John Calvin on Scripture and Science" (MA 1989 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)

Betsy E. Jansen Kamphuis, "The Invisible and Visible Church in the Theologies of Calvin and Zwingli" (PhD in progress, University of Chicago)

Thomas J. Davis, "The Consensus Tigurinus and the Development of Calvin's Teaching on the Eucharist" (PhD in progress, University of Chicago)

David Van Houten, "Earthly Wisdom and Heavenly Wisdom: the concept of reason in the theology of John Calvin" (PhD in progress, University of Chicago)

Conferences and Events

May 10-13, 1990 - 25th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

August 20-23, 1990 - The Fifth Quadrennial International Calvin Congress on Calvin Research in Grand Rapids, MI at Calvin Theological Seminary.

October 25-27, 1990 - The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

March 25-26, 1991 - Calvin Group of the Rutherford House, Edinburgh Scotland. Contact person: Tony Lane, London Bible College, Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 2UW, England.

Fellowships and Awards

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. There are student fellowships, as well, in a lesser amount. 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 for fellowships the following summer.

Current recipients are: *Faculty Fellowships* - Dr. Richard Hörsik from Saraspotak, Hungary, Dr. M. I. Klauber from Deerfield, Illinois & Dr. Richard A. Muller from Fuller Seminary in CA; *Student Fellowships* - Daniel Wells, PhD. candidate from the University of Georgia; *Van Halsema Fellowship* - Rev. Peter Wilcox, minister in The Church of England and student at Oxford University.

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