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Editorial

The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies is pleased to be able to produce our third *Newsletter*. Once again we call your attention to recent or forthcoming conferences, publications and awards. In this edition, please note the information coming from the Far East. Calvin is being actively studied and translated not only in Korean, but Japanese and Chinese as well!

Many thanks to those of you who contributed information for the *Newsletter* and let me encourage our new readers to inform us of their own endeavors in Calvin Studies.

Richard C. Gamble
editor

Recent Publications

Books

Wilhelm H. Neuser, ed. *Calvinus Servus Christi*; International Congress on Calvin Research, August 1986 in Debrechen. (Budapest: Presseabteilung Des Raday-Kollegiums, 1988)

Theodore Bèze. *Cours sur les Épîtres aux Romains et aux Hébreux 1564-66 d'après les notes de Marcus Wilder*. Ed. Pierre Fraenkel and Luc Perrotet. (Geneva: Droz, 1988)

R. M. Golden, ed. *The Huguenot Connection: The Edict of Nantes, Its Revocation, and Early French Migration to South Carolina*. (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1988)

W. Stacy Johnson, ed. *Calvin Studies IV: Colloquium on Calvin Studies* (Davidson, NC, 1988)

Ronald S. Wallace. *Calvin, Geneva and the Reformation* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1988)

Richard L. Harrison, Jr. *John Calvin: Spread of the Reformation* (Nashville, TN, Graded Press, 1988)

Articles and Reviews

Alan Morrison, "Calvin's Geneva" *The Banner of Truth*, (June 1988) 19-22; (July 1988) 22-25; (Aug.-Sept. 1988) 44-48.

David C. Steinmetz, "Calvin and the absolute power of God" *The Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies*, 18 (1988) 65-79 and "Calvin and Abraham: the Interpretation of Romans 4 in the Sixteenth Century" *Church History*, 57 (1988) 443-455.

John L. Thompson, "Creatura ad imaginem Dei, licet secundo gradu: woman as the image of God according to John Calvin" *Harvard Theological Review*, 81 (1988) 125-143.

William J. Bouwsma, "Explaining John Calvin" *The Wilson Quarterly*, 13, No. 1, (1989) 68-75.

Jeannine E. Olson, "La Bourse française de Genève: les années d'origine" *Revue du Vieux Genève*, No. 17, (1987) 16-20 and "Worship in the Early Reformed Tradition" *Liturgy*, 7, No. 3, (1988) 43-51.

Heiko Oberman, review of *John Calvin: a Sixteenth Century Portrait* by William J. Bouwsma in *The Times Literary Supplement*, Aug. 19-25, 1988, p. 913.

Works in Progress

Books

Dr. Deuk Young Kim (a Meeter Center Fellow) is researching a book to be published in Korean on Calvin's influence on Christian education.

Elsie Anne McKee and Brian G. Armstrong, eds. *Probing the Reformed Tradition: Historical Studies in Honor of Edward A. Dowey, Jr.* (Louisville, KY: Westminster-John Knox Press, planned for late 1989) with contributors from the US, Europe, and Japan.

The papers of the first *Asian Congress for Calvin Studies* (held at Sengari near Kobe Japan in October 1987) will be published in the spring of 1989. This report will be available in English also.

Nobuo Watanabe's new Japanese translation of Calvin's Catechism 1545 will be published soon. It contains the translation, historical introduction, theological commentary on the catechism, Japanese translation of all the main historical materials related to the catechism, and a translation of Calvin's preaching on the Catechism.

Four lectures on Calvin given by Nobuo Watanabe at Taiwan Theological College, Taipei, Taiwan in November 1988 will be published soon in Chinese.

Nihon-Kirisuto-Kyokai Theological Seminary in Japan is executing a series of special lectures on the confessions of faith of reformed churches in the Reformation era. Four of the lectures were given in 1988 and will soon be published in Japanese.

Heiko Oberman's *De Erfenis van Calijn: Grootheid en Grenzen*, published by Kok in November 1988, will be published in German and Italian at the end of 1989.

Forthcoming Articles and Reviews

Francis Higman plans to present an argument for Calvin as the author of *Histoire d'un meurtre exécrable* ([Geneva: J. Girard], 1546) in *Bibliothèque d'Humanisme et Renaissance* in the near future.

Anthony N. S. Lane is working on a review article looking at ten or more recent works on Calvin, to be published in *Themelios*.

Reviews of *Calviniana*, ed. by R. V. Schnucker: Jeannine Olson in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, and Don Sinnema in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*.

Dissertations Recently Completed or in Progress

Paul Timothy Jensen, "Calvin and Turretin: A comparison of their Soteriologies" (PhD 1988 University of Virginia)

Judith Rossall, "Calvin on our experience of God" (PhD in progress, University of Durham)

Colin Smith, "Calvin's Doctrine of Justification in Relation to the Sense of Sin and the Dialogue with Rome" (M.Phil. in progress, London Bible College)

Joel Kok, "John Calvin and Martin Bucer as Commentators on Romans" (PhD in progress, Duke University)

Conferences and Events

The Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley (October 7, 1988) honored Dr. William J. Bouwsma with an honorary degree in recognition of his many contributions to their school, The Graduate Theological Union, and the entire Berkeley academic community.

The first Asian Congress of Calvin Studies was held in Kobe, Japan in October, 1987 with about 60 participants coming from Indonesia, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. The second Asian Congress of Calvin Studies will be held October 2-4, 1989 in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Nobuo Watanabe is the co-ordinator of the Congress. Inquiries may be sent to Prof. Han Chulha, ACTS, 187 Choong Jeongro 3ka, Seodaemoon-ku, Seoul, Korea.

The Rutherford House Calvin Studies group met March 21, 1989 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The American Renaissance Society meeting was held at Harvard on March 30-April 1, 1989 and Jeannine Olson gave a paper on "Jean Crespin, the Reformed Printer and Martyrologist from 16th century Geneva."

A Colloquium in Honor of John Haddon Leith was held at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, April 3-4, 1989.

The Calvin Studies Society will not meet at Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, this spring. It will be rescheduled to coincide with the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference October 28-30, 1989, in Minneapolis.

The International Commission for the Comparative Study of Ecclesiastical History will meet August 28-30, 1989, at the University of Geneva.

The annual meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, next October 26-28, 1989. Those who wish to give papers or organize sessions should contact W. Fred Graham, Religious Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 as soon as possible.

In September of 1989 The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies will sponsor a lecture entitled "Linearity in Calvin's Thought" given by Francis Higman, the director of the Institut D'Histoire de la Reformation in Geneva.

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.

The recipients of the Meeter Center Faculty Fellowships for the summer of 1989 are: Dr. Robert G. Clouse from Indiana State University (The Calvinist Economic Tradition in English Non-Conformity, Another Look at the Weber-Tawney Thesis); Dr. Ray Mentzer from Montana State University (Calvinists Deacons and Poor Relief); Dr. David Foxgrover from Rockford College, IL (translation of Calvin's lectures on Ezekiel).

A recipient of the Meeter Center Student Fellowship for the fall of 1989 is Joel Kok, Ph.D. candidate at Duke University (Calvin and Bucer as Commentators on Romans).

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