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EDITORIAL

Many of you are familiar with the outstanding Library of the Herzog August Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel, Germany. Having passed through for short visits in the past it was my special privilege to be there for an extended period this summer. The only possible negative about being there was that it rained nearly every day during the months of July and August, but when you are in the library it hardly matters! The facilities are outstanding with approximately 75,000 volumes from the sixteenth century and the staff is extremely helpful. It is also an excellent place for scholarly interaction with researchers present from around the world.

As the academic year begins, I would like to remind readers of opportunities for their students to pursue graduate study at Calvin Theological Seminary. Last year the Seminary began a Ph.D. program in the theological division and it is getting off to a very good start. Concentration can be in reformation studies with specific work in Calvin. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants. A brochure concerning the program is enclosed; the contact person for further information would be Prof. Ronald Feenstra at the Seminary.

Richard C. Gamble,
Editor

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Books

Douglas F. Kelly, *The Emergence of Liberty in the Modern World: The Influence of Calvin on Five Governments from the 16th Through 18th Centuries* (Phillipsburg, New Jersey: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1992).

T. H. L. Parker, trans., *Calvin's Old Testament Commentaries* (Daniel 1-6) Vol. 20 (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993).

Articles

In *Reformiertes Erbe: Festschrift für Gottfried W. Locher*, edited by Heiko A. Oberman, Ernst Saxer, Alfred Schindler and Heinzpeter Stucki (Zurich: Theologischer Verlag, Band 1, 1992 and Band 2, 1993): (Band 1) Wayne Baker, "Christian Discipline, Church and State, and Toleration: Bullinger, Calvin, and Basel 1530-1555" pp. 35-48; (Band 2) Klauspeter Blaser, "Le combat de l'Eglise selon Calvin" pp. 43-57; and Paul C. Böttger, "Gott, der Brunnquell aller Güter; gibt es einen <<mystischen>> Grundzug in der

Theologie Calvins?" pp. 59-72; and Cornelis Graafland, "Alter und neuer Bund, eine Analyse von Calvins Auslegung von Jeremia 31, 31-34 und Hebräer 8, 8-13" pp. 127-145; and I. John Hesselink, "Governed and Guided by the Spirit—a Key Issue in Calvin's Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" pp. 161-171; and J. Marius J. Lange van Ravenswaay, "Calvin und die Juden—eine offene Frage?" pp. 183-194; and Wilhelm Neuser, "Calvins Kritik an den Basler, Berner und Zürcher Predigern in der Schrift <<De praedestinatione>> 1552" pp. 237-245; and Heiko A. Oberman, "<<Subita Conversio>>: The <<conversion>> of John Calvin" pp. 279-295; and Peter Opitz, "<<Asperges me Domine hyssopo, et mundabor>>—Beobachtungen zu Sadolets und Calvins Exegesen von Psalm 51 als Frage nach dem <<proprium>> reformierter Schriftauslegung" pp. 297-313.

Richard C. Gamble, "The Sources of Calvin's Genesis Commentary: A Preliminary Report" in *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* (1993) pp. 206-221.

Philip C. Holtrop, "The Odyssey, the Agony, and the Ecstasy: Account of an Inner Journey," in *Perspectives* 8:8 (October, 1993) pp. 11-15.

Heiko A. Oberman, "The Pursuit of Happiness: Calvin between Humanism and the Reformation" in *Humanity and Divinity in Renaissance and Reformation. Essays in Honor of Charles Trinkaus*, edited by John W. O'Malley, Thomas M. Izbicki and Gerald Christianson, *Studies in the History of Christian Thought*, Vol. 51 (Leiden, 1993) pp. 251-283.

Jeannine E. Olson, "Calvin as Person" in *Concordia Journal* 17 (October 1991) pp. 393-403.

Reviews

Review of John Hesselink's *Calvin's Concept of the Law* by Donald K. McKim in the *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 24:2 (Summer, 1993), pp. 510-11; and by David Little in the *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 14:2 (1993), pp. 193-195; and by Peter F. Jensen in *Reformed Theological Review* 52:2 May-Aug. (1993), pp. 92-93; and by Mark W. Karlberg in *Western Theological Journal* 55:1 (Spring, 1993), pp. 168-71.

Review of Philip Holtrop's *The Bolsec Controversy on Predestination* by James W. Van Hoesen in *Perspectives* 8:8 (October, 1993) pp. 8-11.

Review of Alister McGrath's *A Life of John Calvin: A Study in the Shaping of Western Culture* by Jeannine E. Olson in *Theological Studies* 52 (December 1991), pp. 746-748.

Dissertations

Peter Wilcox, *Restoration, Reformation and the Progress of the Kingdom of Christ: Evangelisation in the Thought and Practice of John Calvin, 1555-1564* (Ph.D. thesis, Oxford University, 1993).

FORTHCOMING WORKS

"Calviniana II" edited by W. Fred Graham will be available in December of this year. It will be sent free to all subscribers of the Sixteenth Century Journal. Non-members can purchase it for \$35.00.

Wulfert de Greef, *The Writings of John Calvin: An Introductory Guide*, translated from the Dutch by Lyle D. Bierma (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker, [January] 1994).

John Hesselink is editing his Osterhaven lectures "Sovereign Grace and Human Freedom" for publication by Eerdmans.

Peter Wilcox, "The Restoration of the Church in Calvin's *Commentaries in Isaiah the Prophet*," *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* (forthcoming, 1993); "Les Trois Listes de Colladon," *Bulletin de la Société de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Française* (forthcoming, 1993); "A note on Églises plantées and églises dressées in the historiography of early French Protestantism," *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (forthcoming, 1993); "The Progress of the Kingdom of Christ, Part I: Evangelisation in the Thought and Practice of John Calvin," *Anvil* (forthcoming, 1995); "The Progress of the Kingdom of Christ, Part II: Conversion in the Thought and Experience of John Calvin," *Anvil* (forthcoming, 1995).

CONFERENCES

The Ninth Colloquium on Calvin Studies was held at Princeton, New Jersey on May 20-22, 1993. Lectures included: Catherine Randall Coats, "Calvin and Palissy: Structuring Scriptural Space;" Jane Dempsey Douglass, "A Study in Calvin's Sermons;" Benjamin W. Farley, "Recurring Hermeneutical Principles in Calvin's Polemical Treatises, Sermons, and Correspondence;" I. John Hesselink, Jr., "Calvin's Use of the Head-Body Metaphor in His

Exegesis of the Old Testament;" Heiko A. Oberman, "The Pursuit of Happiness: Calvin Between Humanism and Reformation;" David C. Steinmetz, "Calvin and Tamar: Calvin's Exegesis of Genesis 38 in the Context of Earlier Exegesis by Hugh of St. Cher, Nicholas of Lyra;" and David F. Wright, "Accommodation Revisited."

The 1993 meeting of the SCSC will be in St. Louis on December 9-12. Contact R.V. Schnucker, NMSU MC111L, Kirksville, MO 63501 for details or through Bitnet using this address: SS18@NEMOMUS.

The Davidson Colloquium on Calvin Studies will meet on January 28-29, 1994.

The 1994 meeting of the SCSC will be in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 27-29 in conjunction with Victoria University. Contact Prof. Merry Wiesner, History Dept., University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI 53209 if you wish to participate in any way in the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University of St. Andrews announces the establishment of the St. Andrews Reformation Studies Institute. St. Andrews has long been a center of scholarship and research in the fields of Church History and Reformation studies, and now anticipates new activities in this area. The Institute will have an active research seminar, for which offers of papers are warmly encouraged. It hopes to sponsor a new publication series and a number of awards to facilitate postgraduate research. The Institute welcomes scholars visiting the United Kingdom—let them know if your travel plans could accommodate a visit to St. Andrews.

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