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Editorial

With over fifty years of collecting, the H. Henry Meeter Center has amassed thousands of articles on Calvin and Calvinism. With the current revolution in computer technology it is now possible to make a subject index of the collection available to both on and off-campus students and scholars.

However, keeping abreast of the article categorization has proven difficult. Besides photocopying and filing, we must analyze and categorize a few hundred articles each year. To aid us in making this massive collection available to scholars around the world, we are requesting any of you to give us assistance by reading and analyzing some articles which will be included in the computer collection. We would send you an article or articles with guidelines for categorization. If you or one of your graduate students would be interested in helping us please write or call.

On a sad note we announce the death of Mr. Hugh Meeter, friend and benefactor of our Center. The H. Henry Meeter Center, named in honor of his father, will miss the generous counsel and wisdom which he provided to our Governing Board for many years.

Richard C. Gamble
editor

Recent Publications

Books

Don Hendrik Compier. *Denouncing Death: John Calvin's Critique of Sin and Contemporary Rhetorical Theology*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: UMI, 1993. Ph.D. dissertation for Emory University, 1992.

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C.S. Smith. *Calvin's Doctrine of Justification in Relation to the Sense of Sin and the Dialogue with Rome*, (M.Phil, Brunel University, 1993).

David Jon Van Houten. *Earthly Wisdom and Heavenly Wisdom: The Concept of Reason in the Theology of John Calvin* (University of Chicago, 1993).

Forthcoming Works

Isabella Watt and Thomas Lambert (assistants of Robert

Kingdon) are working on a critical edition of the first volume of the Registers of the Consistory, covering 1542-1544. It will be published by the Librairie Droz of Geneva probably by the end of the year.

Adultery and Divorce in Calvin's Geneva, by Robert M. Kingdon for publication by the Harvard University Press early next year.

A dissertation on the administration of charity in the German Calvinist community of Emden by Timothy Fehler, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A dissertation on survivals of Catholicism in Calvin's Geneva by Thomas Lambert, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

John H. Leith is editing papers of the Seventh Calvin Colloquium (Davidson College Presbyterian Church) which will be available this summer.

Philip C. Holtrop and George Harris of Calvin College are preparing translations of some main treatises of Theodore Beza. Completed to date are: "Confession of the Christian Faith;" "A Second Brief Confession;" "Brief Catechism;" and "Questions and Answers," Parts I and II. They intend to publish a work setting forth the core of Beza's synoptic theology and illustrating his importance for later Reformed thought.

Philip Holtrop is working on volume 2 of his work on the Bolsec controversy. It will contain translations of main letters and short documents, including Beza's "The Sum of All Christianity" and his extended "Life of Calvin."

Calvin in Context by David C. Steinmetz is due to be published in 1995 by Oxford University Press, New York.

Conferences

A Consultation on the Renewal of Worship for representatives of Reformed churches from around the world will be held June 30 to July 6 of this summer at the John Knox Center in Geneva.

The Sixth Quadrennial International Congress on Calvin Research will be held September 13-17, 1994 at New College, University of Edinburgh. The theme is *Calvinus Sincerioris Religionis Vindex*.

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference will be held October 27, 28, and 29, 1994 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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