
This bibliography is designed to meet a long felt need for a comprehensive compilation of publications by Brethren authors. It will be an invaluable tool, with many uses for member and non-member researchers in Brethren history, for librarians, and collectors of rare Brethren materials. The magazine itself is a must on past history, present doctrine and philosophy, relating to the Brethren Movement which had its beginning in Germany in 1708, issuing out of the Anabaptist and Pietist influences.

This bibliography is a reference work, not a story. It includes authors of many of the branches of the Brethren Movement such as the original German Baptist Brethren, Ephrata Society (limited), Church of the Brethren, Old German Baptist Brethren, the Brethren Church, Grace Brethren, and Dunker Brethren. It covers all writings to 1900 and major historical and religious publications from 1900 to 1963, including 1207 items arranged chronologically, and 103 undated items. It does not include unpublished dissertations and theses, "although much valuable writing by Brethren authors is found" in this field. A selective listing of such theses was authored by Roger Sappington in this same magazine (III, 1958). A supplementary listing of recent theses and a corrected printing of this general bibliography is anticipated.

An Alphabetical Bibliography of Bethany Theses (Biblical Seminary) is printed in revised form in magazine Schwarzenau (III, 1942). The latter and Literary Activity of the Church of the Brethren in the Eighteenth Century by Dr. John S. Flory, 1908, are basic sources and predecessors to the present work. Publications by the famous early press of the Christopher Sauer organization, if unauthorized by the Brethren, as also those of the Ephrata Seventh Day Baptists, are not listed, even though "the first complete Bible in America" and 200 other works before 1758, "came from the press of Christopher Sauer . . . the Dunker printer of Germantown." "The presses of Sauer and the Ephrata Brethren were the most productive in the Colonies." Their output included also many hymns and much fine church music. (See review of A Picture of the Pennsylvania Germans
This bibliography is intended to be comprehensive, yet, in spite of the exhaustive efforts, the authors admit that the work is incomplete and they seek additions and corrections to be sent to Dr. Durnbaugh. The present writer has in his possession an unlisted important history of Coventry Brethren Church, The Second Oldest Brethren Church in America, by Isaac N. Urner, LL.D., late President of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, printed by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1898. The writer also has examined certain omitted theses such as those by Dr. M. Clyde Horst and Wilbur H. Neff. It is desirable that the study be continued toward a complete and permanent record.

The chronological listing facilitates an interesting and enlightening graph of Brethren production. It is significant and perhaps an unfortunate situation for the Brethren that, out of the nineteen Brethren theses that are published, seven of them are done by other than Brethren institutions, while the larger portion of this "valuable writing by Brethren authors," quoting from the Introduction (p. 5), goes unpublished if not unlisted.

An additional index under headings of History, Doctrine, Philosophy, Music, etc., would be useful to make the contents more readily available; and a complete listing of all authors of a committee or a group producing an important work would help to give proper recognition, and encourage production, and even add to fact.

The authors of this bibliography are fully qualified for the task at hand. Dr. Durnbaugh is associate professor of church history, Bethany Theological Seminary, Oak Brook, Illinois, and author of a masterful work, European Origins of the Brethren. Rev. Mr. Schultz is an author, and also sponsors the reprinting of rare books of Brethren history. They deserve the thanks and congratulations of all interested persons for their untiring effort in this scholarly and much needed work.

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