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Mennonites: Notes of a Talk Given at Wilmington, Delaware

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Questions

Origin in Germany,

Relation of numbers to members,

.. of Amish to ..

.. .. 7th Day Baptists,

Are there any other plain associations.

members Old =

Atterheim,

members New, =

United Brethren

Members = of each =

River Brethren

Are they increasing or decreasing in numbers.

Issues of between old members and new members.

Church of God. ?

More particularly with (Hershey)
Doctrinal =

Church - Visible

1 - Taking part in Political activities

.. Invisible

2 = worshipped with other denominations.

3 = old members did not practice the avoidance of excommunicated members

~~What pamphlets or books~~ are there which give the figures of members.

~~Work~~ set the daily meal with them and in secular dealings.

The old members interpreted the bon different from Wesley Simons, U. M. agree see P. 10.

Ordinances =

1 Baptism.

2 Breaking of Bread w Holy Supper.

3 Washing of feet.

4 Kiss of peace.

5 = Excommunication,

6 = Marriage =

The Church is called "The Home of God."

2nd

Means of

Grace

P. 57.

John 13

Do the Anabaptists defect Baptism?

No

Do the Anabaptists hold to the idea that there has been a strain of the true visible church running through from apostolic times? =

Yes = Meno Simons confesses that he went with Waldenses and was Baptised,

How are { preachers
Teachers
ministers } chosen? { Bishops
ministers
pleasors }

all elected by vote of both men
and women: 20 women

Are ministers ordained? Held office.

In what does ordination consist?

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What are the officers of the Church?

duties of each.

~~Martyrs Mirror~~ =

"The Bloody Theatre" = or Martyrs Mirror
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An Obedience to Government.

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matter of sin after Baptism?

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What is the method of Baptism,
Immersion - or pouring,
slipping forward or back?

"Carting hot iron for freckles."

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Procedure of Baptism. =
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Excommunication,
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Church of the Brethren,

~~Mission~~ & Christian & Missionary
Alliance,

Church of God,

Memoranda

a- Brethren in Christ.

Old Men.

New Men.

United Brethren
Atterbein Chapel.

Mennonites

Reformed Mennonites in country

500 +.

Old Mennonites. =

Amish.

{ Churchards,
The Church of the Brethren,
Brethren in Christ,
Church
River Brethren,

Stauffas, People, (Mennonites)
Martin - Mennonites. =

← In the lower section of
country,

Marriage,

J

John Herz =

The Illustrated Mirror,
The Way to Heaven

Daniel Musser,

Performed Tennant's Church,

John Hoke,

The Mellencamp,
(1875)?

Jacob H. Lederman,

Compiled by,
Christianity Defined.

Eli Herz =

The Saint.

The Mantys Mirror,

Translating into words
from Dutch Editions, the Mennonite
1886 Publishing Co

Doctr carry out the non-resistance,
 But New Methodists take no part
 whatever in political government,
 Take no part in making or in
 executing laws, - but they love
 except when it is in violation
 of teaching of Christ. Acts 5²⁹
 "They God rather than man!" see.

The Reformed Methodists in Ohio,
 Indiana, ~~to~~ Illinois, Nebraska,
 Kansas, California, Michigan,
 (New York State) Wisconsin,
 (near Buffalo)

conventions, centers all
 started from migrations from
 Pennsylvania.

The separation of Reformed from
 All Methodists occurred in
 Welling's meeting ^{at} Home
 in 1812.

The ~~visible~~ Church of Christ
consists of all regenerate
souls, - whether a member of
the visible church or not.
Church membership is not
essential to salvation, but the
spirit of a regenerate life
would prompt one to affiliate
with the visible church if
feasible.

Do not ~~follow~~ many out
of ~~church~~ faith.
"Must be regenerate".

Boytoms

Inactive = Posing = but it is
just an adopted form. The
Particular form is a matter
of church discipline,

But regardless of form, it is
the first declinence, and is
a prerequisite of others.

In case of sin after Baptism.
minor infringements may
be tolerated with or discipline
such as exclusion from the
Holy Euchar may be enacted,
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or any gross sin is committed
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But repentance may bring one
back into the fold of the
Church without reformation.

Before Communion
and feet washing
a meeting is held to
inquire into the status
of members.

1st Holy Communion

2nd Feet washing,

Serving yearly,

~~Holy~~ Kiss of Peace
at all times = Is a symbol
of meeting as in good
standing, Acknowledgement
of faith in one another.
Kiss of Peace is only with those

by official actions

Feet washing =

officials = and minus. =

Any brother might do it, but
in fact it is confined to
officials,

Bishops } Speakers
Ministers

Deacons, { temporary officers
Ministers

1- Elected,

2- Proved = Put on Probation.
For several years = then
either spared or ordained,

Minister speaks without
votes = as the first gives
found.

(All Mennonites select speaker
by lot.)

^{Ordained}
(trying on of bonds and
froze of declination.)

Christ, (One with
Transtoms, God from
Everlasting to Everlasting)

Christ was human as
we are, Had a corruptible
body, in which divinity
dwelt.

~~Resurrection of~~
do not believe that we
will be resurrected in
this corruptible body,
but in the incorruptible
body,

2nd Coming of Christ,

Coming forth of those
who are in their graves,

They that have good
into resurrection of
eternal life,

They that are evil into
damnation,

General acceptance
of the story,

No real believe in hellannus,

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Notes on Teeth given at
Melbournington Mt, March 1. 1823.

Mennonites: Notes of Talk Given at Wilmington, Del.¹

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Questions

1. Relation of Dunkers (origin in Germany) to Mennonites
2. Relation of Amish to Mennonites
3. Relation of 7th Day Baptists to Mennonites
4. Are there any other plain associations?

Mennonites Old = Otterheim

Mennonites New = United Brethren

Members of rock = River Brethren

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Church of God?

More particularly on Doctrinal =

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Church Visible

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Church Invisible

denominations

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What pamphlets or books are there which give the figures of numbers?

Would eat the daily meal with them and in secular dealings.

The Old Mennonites interpreted the {???) different from Menno Simons². N.M. agree, see p. 10.³

¹ These notes are more fragmentary than linear, and to convey that sense I have denoted each individual page of notes with lines that cross the transcription pages

² Menno Simons (1496-1561) Roman Catholic priest who became an important Anabaptist religious leader.

³ Almost certainly referring to Daniel Musser, *The Reformed Mennonite Church*, Lancaster, PA: Elias Barr & Co., 1873.

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2. Breaking of Bread on Holy Supper Means of
3. Washing of feet (John 13) Grace, p. 57.
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5. Excommunication
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Do the Amish practice Infant Baptism?

No

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Bishops/Ministers/Deacons?

All elected by vote of both men and women.

No women hold office.

Are ministers ordained?

In what does ordination consist?

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Duties of each.

"*The Bloody Theatre: or Martyr's Mirror*"

Translated into English by I.D. Rupp, for David Miller [publisher] 1837.⁵ R.M.C., p. 14.⁶

⁴ Daniel Musser, *The Reformed Mennonite Church, Its Rise and Progress, with its Principles and Doctrines*, Lancaster, PA: Elias Barr & Co., 1873.

⁵ Thielem J. Von Bracht, *Bloody Theatre, or Martyrs' Mirror*, I. D. Rupp, translator, Lancaster County, PA: David Miller, 1837.

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An Obedience to Government.

See M.R.C. [Should be R.M.C.] Page 163.⁷

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Casting lot for preachers

R.M.C., p. 244

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Church of the Brethren

Christian + Missionary Alliance

Church of God.

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Mennonite

Brethren in Christ
Old Men.
New Men.
United Brethren
Otterheim Chapel

More now

Reformed Mennonites in County: 500+

Old Mennonite =

Amish

D{???

The Church of the Brethren
Brethren in Christ Church
River Brethren

Stauffer People Mennonites in the lower section
Martin Mennonite of the county

Marriage

John Herr =

The Illustrating Mirror
*The Way to Heaven*⁸

Daniel Musser

*Reformed Mennonite Church*⁹

John Kohr

The Millennium (1875)?¹⁰

⁸ John Herr (1782-1850) Founder of the Reformed Mennonite Church. He wrote *The Illustrating Mirror; or a Fundamental Illustration of Christ's Sermon on the Mount*, Lancaster, PA: John Bear, 1834.

⁹ Daniel Musser, *The Reformed Mennonite Church, Its Rise and Progress, with its Principles and Doctrines*, Lancaster, PA: Elias Barr & Co., 1873.

¹⁰ John Kohr (1806-1887). He wrote *The Millennium*, no publisher, 1887.

Jacob H. Lehman, Compiled by
*Christianity Defined*¹¹

Eli Herr
*The Saint*¹²

The Martyrs' Mirror
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God to carry out the non-resistance. But New Mennonites take no part whatsoever in political government.

Take no part in making or in executing laws. But obey law. Except when it is in violation of teaching of Christ. Acts 5:29. "Obey God rather than men."

The Reformed Mennonites in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, California, Michigan, New York State (near Buffalo), Missouri, Canada

Centers all started from migrations from Pennsylvania.

The separation of Reformed from Old Mennonites {???) in Mellinger's meeting house in 1812.

The Church of Christ consists of all regenerate souls, whether a member of the visible church or not. Church membership is not essential to salvation. But the spirit of a regenerate life would prompt one to affiliate with the visible church if possible.

¹¹ Jacob S. Lehman (no dates available) compiled *Christianity Defined: A Manual of New Testament Teaching On the Unity of The Church, Non-Resistance of Evil*, 1903.

¹² Eli Herr (1877-1926) wrote *The Saint: His Character, His Relations to God, to His Fellow-believers and to the World*, United States: Mail, 1900.

¹³ Thielem J. Von Bracht, *Bloody Theatre, or Martyrs' Mirror*, I. D. Rupp, translator, Lancaster County, PA: David Miller, 1837. This edition does not show up in a Google Book search.

Do not [have] many out of faith
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Baptism

Practice = pouring = but it is just an adopted form. The particular form is a matter of church adaptation. But regardless of form, it is the first Ordinance, and is a prerequisite of others.

In case of sin after Baptism.

Minor infringements may be labored with or disciplined such as exclusion from the Holy Supper may be evoked. If the sinful life persists or any gross sin is committed, excommunication follows.

But repentance may bring one back into the fold of the church without {???}.

Before Communion and feet washing, a meeting is held to inquire into the status of members.

1st Holy Supper
2nd Feet washing

Semi-yearly

Kiss of Peace at all times = Is a symbol of meeting as in good standing. Acknowledgement of faith in one another. Kiss of Peace is only withdrawn

by official action.

Feet washing =
 Officials = and {???} =
 Any brother might do it, but in practice it is confined to officers.

Bishop Speakers
Ministers

Deacons Temporal affairs {???}

1. Elected.
2. Proved = Put on probation for several years = then either excused or ordained

Minister speaks without notes = as the spirit gives power.

Old Mennonites select speaker by lot.

Ordained

(Laying on of hands and prayer of Ordination.)

Christ (One with God from Everlasting {???)

Trinitarian

Christ was human as we are. Had a corruptible body, in which
Divinity Dwelt.

Do not believe that we will be resurrected in this corruptible
body, but in the incorruptible body

2nd Coming of Christ

Coming forth of those who are in their graves.

They that have good into resurrections of eternal life

They that are evil unto damnation

General acceptance of the story

Do not believe in Millennium
