

Annals of the Wesleyan Society. The Esquiver after Truth.

CHAPTER VII. (Continued.)

"But we will come to your assistance, and by a change of rectitude, endeavor to add you to one more step leading toward an apostolical mission."

He is a German. He was born 1694. His favorite pursuits were pulpit eloquence, biblical and historical theology, and practical religion. His education was completed at the University of Kiel, where at an early age he became professor of philosophy.

Dr. Charles Hase, in his Church History, p. 431, says: "While the Reformers justified their opposition to the Papacy by referring to the Scriptures, or to clear and Reasonable reasons, it was not surprising that others on the contrary, decidedly erred."

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"Now you see," said Elder Mason, "that it is clearly established that the Menonites as a sect of the Anabaptists are in our line of succession."

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Or granting them pure, and you differing from them, how can you be a pure church?"

"What was the connection between the Anabaptists and the Menonites?" asked Anna.

"We will let Mosheim answer that question," replied Halley. "He states (vol. iii. p. 140): 'The infancy of the new church was disturbed by a sect of delirious fanatics, who turned the world upside-down, and who imagined that they were moved by a divine impulse to set up a new kingdom of Christ free from all sin.'"

"The sect of the Anabaptists consisted of several sects which produced the rustic war (Peasant's war) in Germany, and also that which disturbed Wallonia, and settled itself in Munster. While the better members terrified by the miseries and slaughter of their companions, joined themselves at last to a sect called Menonites."

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be expedient to have them both on hand for different occasions—that is, if there is anything to be gained by it.

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"Yes, that is proper on an occasion like this," responded Halley, with the least perceptible curl of the lip. "Very well, then, let us look after the character of this pure sect, and of your own."

"I am sick—sick—sick!" interrupted Elder Clayton. "I am ashamed that I ever bore the name of Baptist!"

"No, I persist in nothing of the kind! And if that evidence be true which you profess to believe, it is the duty of the church to excommunicate a perpetrator. The prophet proclaimed himself king of Zion, and sent out apostles to preach his doctrine in Germany and the Netherlands. Polygamy being a leading article of the system, he exemplified the principle by marrying fourteen wives!

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