

The editor of *Mennonitische Blätter*, in noticing the recent celebration (November 6th) of the 400th birthday of Menno Symon, by the Mennonite churches throughout the world, calls attention to the fact that just a century later, (1592) occurred the birth of Amos Comenius, the last bishop of the Bohemian Brethren, representing the same type of life and doctrine as Menno, that about a hundred years later (1691) Spener, the Pietist leader, who also represented a revival of old evangelical Christianity, was called to Berlin, where he did his life work, and that a hundred years later still (1792) William Carey inaugurated the great Foreign Missionary movement. The Mennonites properly claim a relationship to all these leaders and the movements they represented. So also may we.

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The managing editor has been favored by Dr. Philip Schaff, with a beautiful volume, privately printed, commemorative of his completion of fifty years of theological teaching. He began his work as *Docent* in the University of Berlin in 1842, when twenty-three years of age. He came to the United States in 1848, as Professor in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., where he labored for twenty years. Since 1869 he has been Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, New York. His literary activity has been something phenomenal, and he has done more than any other man towards enriching our American theological literature, alike through his personal work, and through the stimulus imparted to others. The volume contains an excellent portrait of Dr. Schaff, the congratulatory addresses of the Theological Faculty of the University of Berlin, in German and in English, and similar addresses from the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Churches in the United States, the Faculty and Directors of Union Theological Seminary, the students of the Seminary, the Theological Faculty of Yale University, and the Faculty of the University of the City of New York, with Dr. Schaff's reply to each. An appendix of ten pages gives the titles of works written and edited by Dr. Schaff. Although he has not fully recovered from the paralytic stroke he suffered last summer, he is still earnestly at work, and hopes soon to publish the fifth volume of his Church History on the later Middle Ages, a work on Symbolic's and Irenics, and the second volume of his Propaedeutic. Truly a marvellous life-work. Dr. Schaff is one of the most genial and amiable of men, to know him is to love him. The writer esteems the personal friendship of Dr. Schaff as one of the most precious of his possessions.