

American Communal Societies Quarterly

Volume 9 | Number 1

Pages 2-2

January 2015

From the Editor

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.hamilton.edu/acsq>

This work is made available by Hamilton College for educational and research purposes under a [Creative Commons BY-NC-ND 4.0 license](#). For more information, visit <http://digitalcommons.hamilton.edu/about.html> or contact digitalcommons@hamilton.edu.

From the Editor –

In this issue Stephen Paterwic reviews the three-volume work *Shaker Autobiographies, Biographies and Testimonies, 1806-1907*, edited by Glendyne R. Wergland and Christian Goodwillie. This is the second major set of writings by or about the Shakers from Pickering & Chatto. They are also in the process of issuing a similar collection of Inspirationist (Amana) literature edited by Peter Hoehnle, which will be reviewed in a future *ACSQ* issue.

The Hamilton College “Home Notes” section highlights some important new acquisitions. I would particularly point out the gift of a substantial Father Divine collection by Mother Divine and the International Peace Mission of Father Divine. Hamilton’s Communal Societies Collection continues to expand and add works on different communal groups. When I began my tenure at Hamilton College, the Communal Societies Collection was largely Shaker with some material on the Oneidans, Harmonists, and a sprinkling of other works. I was able to expand those collections considerably and added House of David/City of David material to the collection. When Christian Goodwillie joined the library in 2008, he brought with him a vision to expand the collection to cover communities we had not focused on before, particularly twentieth-century communities. Goodwillie has greatly expanded our holdings from the Community of True Inspiration (Amana Society), Ephrata Cloister, Harmony Society, Zoar, Snow Hill Cloister, and Koreshan Unity, while adding new communities such as Union Colony of Greeley, Colorado; Ruskin Commongood Society; Kerista; and Rajneeshpuram. The addition of the International Peace Mission of Father Divine collection continues that vision.