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D. Edmond Hiebert An Inventory of His Papers

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

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BIOGRAPHY OF D. EDMOND HIEBERT

David Edmond Hiebert was born 27 July 1910 near Corn, Oklahoma. He later moved with his family to Kansas, where he lived in Hillsboro and Ingalls. He was baptized and became a member of the Ingalls Mennonite Brethren Church in 1925.

After completing high school in Ingalls, Hiebert enrolled at Tabor College (Hillsboro, Kan.) in 1929. When Tabor temporarily closed due to financial difficulties in 1931, Hiebert transferred to John Fletcher College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. A neck injury forced him to postpone his education for a few years, and he graduated from John Fletcher College in 1935.

While taking time out from his studies, Hiebert was asked to serve as a temporary minister for the Ingalls (Kan.) Baptist Church. The church eventually asked him to become their permanent pastor, which required him to transfer his membership from the Mennonite Brethren Church to the Baptist Church. He served as pastor there from 1933 to 1935. Hiebert continued to participate in the Ingalls Mennonite Brethren Church after joining the Baptists, teaching a Bible class there on Sunday afternoons and occasionally delivering the Sunday evening message.

In 1936 Hiebert and his new wife, Ruth Kopper, moved from Ingalls to Louisville, Kentucky, where he enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Hiebert received his Th.M. from that school in 1939 and his Th.D. from there in 1942. His dissertation was entitled, "Teaching Christian Doctrine in the Church-Related College." While in graduate school, Hiebert served as a part-time pastor of Baptist churches in Vevay, Indiana, and Garnetsville, Kentucky. He also taught religious education at Simmons University in Louisville from 1939 to 1942.

Upon completion of his doctoral studies, Hiebert returned to Hillsboro, Kansas, where had been appointed Professor of New Testament at Tabor College. Soon thereafter the Hieberts rejoined the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Hiebert contracted undulant fever in 1944, from which he nearly died. Several months after his apparent recovery, it became evident that he was losing his hearing, and by 1946 Hiebert was completely deaf. Following a recurrence of his illness, Hiebert resumed teaching at Tabor in fall of 1947.

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In 1955 Hiebert joined the faculty of the newly-established Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, California. He served as a professor of New Testament there from 1955 to 1975. In 1975 he was named Professor Emeritus at MBBS, and continued to teach on a part-time basis there until 1985. Despite his deafness, Hiebert was a successful and respected lecturer in New Testament studies during his long career at Tabor and MBBS. A special issue of the journal *Direction* (October 1974) was published in his honor shortly before he retired from full-time teaching.

Despite his great contributions in the classroom, Hiebert's most significant legacy was his writing. His first book, *Working By Prayer*, was published by the Mennonite Brethren Publishing House in 1953. Hiebert was, however, best known for his commentaries on the New Testament. His first such book, *An Introduction to the Pauline Epistles*, was published by Moody Press in 1954. Over the next four decades Hiebert published seventeen books, most of them studies of New Testament books and topics. Several of these books were subsequently reissued or translated into Spanish. Hiebert also wrote many articles for periodicals such as *The Christian Leader*, *The Defender*, *The Journal of Church & Society*, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, and *Direction*.

D. Edmond Hiebert continued to write until almost the end of his life. He suffered a heart attack in October 1994, and died in Fresno on 30 January 1995. The funeral took place on February 3 in the Butler Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church, where Hiebert and his wife had been members since 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This record group includes general biographical information on D. Edmond Hiebert and the Hiebert family, 1942-1995; student materials created by Hiebert, 1928-1948; correspondence, ca. 1946-1995; course syllabi, notes and exams from classes taught by Hiebert, 1942-1985; public presentation notes and manuscripts, ca. 1943-1985; publications, manuscripts for publication, and other material related to publications, 1933-1994; Sunday school lesson outlines, 1950-1973; undated outlines of New Testament books; mostly undated collections of poetry; undated biblical text study material clipping files; undated biblical text illustration clipping files; and a sermon manuscript collection for Butler Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church, 1958-1966, 1979-1994.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

A folder containing evaluations of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary comprehensive examinations is restricted until the year 2050.

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"The Epistle of James: Tests of a Living Faith," 1976
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"The Unifying Theme of the Epistle of James," 1978
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