BIBLIOGRAPHY

Of
ITEMS
related to
THE HARMONY SOCIETY
with special reference
to
OLD ECONOMY

And many works on communities and utopias
which also discuss the Harmony Society

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INTRODUCTION

This bibliography is meant to help students and scholars doing research on the Harmony Society, especially for the period the Harmony Society was at Economy (1824-1905). Emphasis is placed on the quality of the source and its availability. Readers will please note that these two characteristics are often contradictory.

The compiler personally examined over half the sources in this bibliography. I have left out several sources I was unable to examine. The rest of the sources have been recommended by researchers in the communitarian field. With the exception of a few citations from periodicals, all of the sources have been compared against the Library of Congress’ printed list of catalog cards for a standard citation.

In several cases a work was published in Europe and then translated and printed in English. We have cited the translation instead of the original as we feel this is more available. The original place and date of publication are given whenever known.

This bibliography is divided into four parts. The first is mainly of secondary works concerning the Harmony Society or Old Economy. The second part contains travelers’ accounts. Such works as Buckingham are treated as travelers’ accounts while Nordhoff is not. The third section deals with theoretical works on communitarianism and utopia. Many of these works cite the Harmony Society, but some do not. Works which do not fit any category are placed in the first section. The fourth section cites articles in the Harmonie Herald.

Please note that this work does not contain any citations about the archives of the Harmony Society at Old Economy, except for Wetzel on the music collection. Researchers who intend to work in our archives would do well to write in advance of visiting, setting out the scope of their work. There is no catalog or finding aid for the archives although one is in preparation.

There are some standard works and better sources on the Harmony Society. These have been indicated by double asterisks (**). Anyone beginning research on the Harmony Society should not go very far without reading Arndt, Bestor, Bole, Duss, Hinds, Kring, Nordhoff, Noyes, and Williams, all of which are cited in this work.

We have made the greatest attempts to ensure the accuracy of this bibliography. However, errors will creep in either by commission or omission. We would be pleased if you would call these (gently) to our attention. We would be interested in hearing about any work which discusses the Harmony Society or about theoretical works discussing similar societies. I wish to thank Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Ernest Treidel, Sewickley for all the assistance given me on this bibliography.

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