

From the Editor –

In this issue of *ACSQ* we present two original articles. Sandra Soule, author of four monographs on Shaker subjects published by the Couper Press, returns to our pages with an in-depth look at a unique body of Shaker correspondence. Sister Antoinette Doolittle of the North Family, New Lebanon, carried on an extensive correspondence with Episcopalian Reverend George Timlow of New York City. Soule's article examines the sixteen letters comprising their exchange, as well as the personalities and motivations behind this unusual and lengthy epistolary friendship.

Julieanna Frost of Siena Heights University, also the author of a monograph and articles published by the Couper Press, returns with a look at an obscure Christian Israelite community in Texas. Frost has assembled the previously unknown story of the New House of Israel, a small group of Jezreelites who emigrated from Michigan to Texas in 1895. Frost's research sheds new light on the Jezreelite diaspora following the dissolution of Michael Mill's God House commune at Detroit in 1893.

Finally, our collection keeps growing as we discover new and ever-stranger byways in America's religious past. Our "Home Notes" section presents an illustrated survey of a substantial acquisition of materials from the Mazdaznan movement.

Happy spring!

– Christian Goodwillie, Associate Editor