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Letter to the Editor:

Luke of Prague; what a great lesson I learned when I read Bro. Crews study of the man and his theology! I had, of course, heard of him because Bro. Schattschneider had mentioned him in two paragraphs in his book *Through Five Hundred Years*. Quite possibly Zinzendorf would not have become so involved with the 'Moravians' if they had not had the teachings of Luke (just a thought in passing). What really struck me is that we do not teach anything about Luke of Prague in our Church Schools, or even much about Zinzendorf... Are we following the warning, "Beware of the educated brethren", forgetting that Hus was a highly educated man, Luke graduated from the University of Prague and Comenius is widely known for his educational influence. It seems to me that we are neglecting the education of our future by ignoring history and theology for our high school age youth. Can we change, should we change?

— Bill Mitchell, Lititz

Word from the Editor:

First of all, let me express gratitude for the journal *Expressions of the Heart*, which was a product of the Southern Province Board of Christian Education. The final issue was published recently, and it is sad to see it end. *Expressions* was a good forum for Moravians to write creatively and spiritually about themes that matter. Many times potential writers for *The Hinge* demure on the grounds that their writing is not up to the academic standards of this journal. Nonsense, I tell them. As editor, I do try to keep a high quality for *The Hinge*, but the purpose of this forum is to encourage greater dialog and discussion among clergy and between clergy and laity. This is a journal of Christian thought, but it is not a journal for professional theologians or seminary professors. It is for all of us. I do hope that more people will contribute articles, responses, book reviews, essays, and letters to *The Hinge*. I cannot guarantee that we will publish everything we receive, but we try to use unsolicited submissions whenever we can. Now that *Expressions* is gone, we are even open to poems and short creative works. Take the plunge and share some of your thoughts with the church.

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