

Letter 313: [18 December] 1526, Zurich [and Basel], Ulrich Zwingli [and Johannes Oecolampadius] to Capito and the Strasbourg reformers

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[*Summary*]: Rumour has it that the proceedings of the Disputation of Baden are being printed in Lucerne, with a slanderous preface against Luther and the Swiss reformers. [Thomas] Murner has sent a section of it to [Melchior Fattlin], the suffragan bishop of Constance. Zwingli hopes that the proceedings will expose the machinations of the Catholics. He urges everyone to stand up for their faith. He is keen on doing battle for the Word and believes that victory is at hand. The people of St. Gallen have removed the images from their churches and have abolished the mass. The people in Graubünden have followed suit. Zwingli puts his trust in faith, not in human resources. Zwingli dates his letter “an hour before the lunar eclipse” [i.e. 18 December]. Oecolampadius sends his greetings. [Guillaume] Farel is living and preaching at Aigle. Capito’s *Kinderbericht* (Strasbourg, 1527) is well received in Zurich. Adam Petri has published some short sermons [perhaps those of Oecolampadius on Psalm 10 and on the invocation of saints, Basel: Adam Petri, 1526]. Zwingli’s apologia to [Jacob] Strauss, [i.e. his *Antwort über Dr. Strussen Büchlin*, Zurich, 1527] is ready for the press, and his [*Amica exegesis ... ad Martinum Lutherum*, Zurich, 1527)] should be available for sale at the Frankfurt book fair.