

Letter 402: 3 February 1530, Basel, Johannes Oecolampadius to Capito

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[*Summary*]: People are not lacking who will reply to Erasmus's slanderous invective [against Geldenhouwer, cf. above, Ep. 401]. Oecolampadius hopes they will do so in moderation. He does not think that he can be of assistance to the young man [mentioned in the preceding letter, Ep. 401]. He may in fact dismiss the "half-French" amanuensis he has now. If, however, the young man is a relative of Capito, he will do what he can. Hieronymus [Bothanus] will write to Capito and ask for access to the writings left behind by the Anabaptist Nikolaus [Guldi]. Oecolampadius' wife, [Wibrandis Rosenblatt], thanks Capito for the prayer book he sent her. She is expecting.¹ Berthold [Haller] will preach in Solothurn. The Anabaptists are more trouble to the reformers than the papists. Phrygio wrote to him concerning the young man; Cratander did not. He is perhaps upset because Oecolampadius gave his commentary on Daniel to another printer.² He advises caution about replying to Karlstadt.

¹ The child, a daughter named Irene, was born on 21 March.

² It appeared from the press of Johann Bebel and Thomas Wolff in March 1530.