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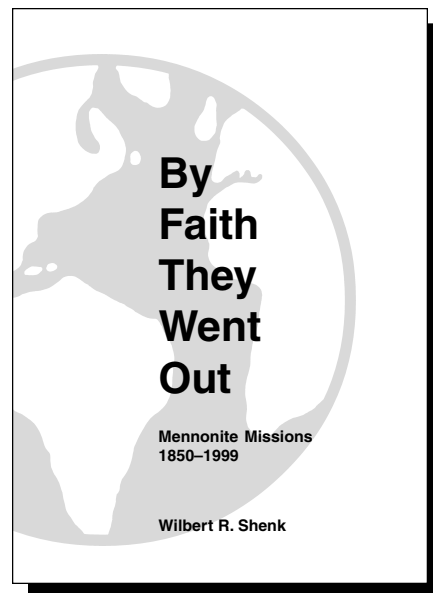
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In this collection of essays, Wilbert Shenk surveys and synthesizes aspects of the Mennonite experience in mission. He traces the mission impulse of early Anabaptism, and documents the impact of subsequent historical developments, from persecution and withdrawal, through Pietist and evangelical revival, to the globalization of the church in the twentieth century.

Shenk identifies North American Mennonite/Brethren in Christ ambivalence toward mission, and reminds readers that mission has the potential to provide focus and relevance to a church struggling for identity and meaning. In the book's final essay, Shenk lays a foundation for a Mennonite theology of mission that is both biblical and consonant with Anabaptist tradition.

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