

Sebastian Krell



Important Slavic Protestant Reformers

(Vipava, 1538 – Ljubljana, 1567)

He was a Slovenian Protestant reformer, writer, theologian, linguist and preacher, considered to be one of the most educated 16th century Slovenian Protestants. He was Flacius' student at Jena University who helped him when he was forced to leave Jena. Later on he became Primus Truber's assistant, as a preacher in Ljubljana and after Truber was exiled from Slovenia, he became the main superintendent (bishop).

Krell possessed a broad range of knowledge in linguistics and philology, and beside Slovenian, German and Latin literature, he was also familiar with Classical Greek, Hebrew, Croatian and Glagolitic literature. He recommended an orthography that would join the Slovenians and the Croats, and as a leading dialect he proposed one of the dialects spoken in Istria, which is the one used by the inhabitants of the Vipava Valley and the Dolenjska region.

Works:

- "Christlich bedencken/Ob vnd wiefern ein jglicher Christ/ die Rotten vnd Secten/ auch allerley offentliche Jrthumen vnd Religionstreitte/ beide von Rechts wegen/ ... zu anathematiziren/ schueldig sey. Wider etlicher Epicurischen Theologen vnd Clamanten furgeben/ ... Sampt einer Vorrede M. Cyriaci Spangenberg" (Eisleben: Urban Gaubisch, 1562)
- "OTROZHIA BIBLIA. Ein Handtbüchlein, Darinn ist vnter anderm der Catechismus Von fünfferlei sprachen" (1566) - edited it together with Matthias Flacius and was published by Johannes Burger in Regensburg. This work contains a spelling book, dictionary, catechism in five languages, instructions for Christian living, explanations of the differences between the Old and New Testaments, one of Truber's and one of Krell's songs, as well as a description of linguistic and spelling differences from Truber's language.
- "POSTILLA SLOVENSKA. To ie, KARSHANSKE EVANGELISKE Predige, vèrhu vsaki Nedelski Evangelion skusi Létu. SA HISHNE GOSPODARIE, SHOLE, Mlade inu priposte Lüdi. PERVI SIMSKI DEL" (1567) – a translation of Johann Spangenberg's (1484-1550) postile into Slovenian. Part of the foreword is available at: http://www2.arnes.si/~sskkkrsko2/TRUBAR_1/postilaslo.htm