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INTRODUCTORY

METHODIST HISTORY is a continuation, under a different name and with largely different materials, of *World Parish*, which since 1948 has been published jointly by The Association of Methodist Historical Societies and The World Methodist Council. The latter organization will in the future produce its own news bulletin, while this publication will be devoted entirely to Methodist history in the United States and other lands.

It is the first such periodical ever produced in America, although it has been under contemplation for more than twenty years. It is launched as a venture of faith, since the subscription price will not cover the cost of printing and distribution and a subsidy will be required until a large circulation has been secured.

The contents of this number will indicate the general nature of the publication. It will be popular in nature but with scholarly articles also, and will cover World Methodism but with special emphasis on the United States, where considerably more than half of the Methodist constituency is found. No religious body is richer in history and it will be explored and presented in these pages.

The success of the magazine will not depend upon its editors and managers, but upon the Methodist people. Two forms of support are solicited: First, by sending as many subscriptions as possible, and second, by suggesting topics and writers for future articles. It is hoped that the periodical will be placed in public and church libraries, doctors' offices and other places where it can be read and will advance the cause of Methodist history. The advice and counsel of all interested persons would be especially helpful.

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