A Centenarian’s Biography. One of the most remarkable men ever known in Methodism is Bishop Herbert Welch. He was one hundred years old on November 7, 1962, and on the eve of his anniversary he was tendered a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, at which a thousand people gathered to honor him. Bishop Welch has written his biography under the title “As I Recall My Past Century,” which was published by the Abingdon Press. The book has only 144 pages, but in this short space is included the story of his life. Pastor, university president, bishop, world traveler, and all-around servant of the church, this story of Bishop Welch’s career should be read by all Methodists everywhere. Most of his episcopal service was rendered in the Orient. He was in the great earthquake in Japan in 1923 and had a part in organizing the autonomous Methodist Church in Korea. He retired in 1936, but two years later was called back into service and appointed to the Boston Area. He retired a second time in 1939, but the next year was called to head the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. He retired for the third time in 1948. He celebrated his sixtieth wedding anniversary thirteen years ago. No other such person has ever been seen in our midst. His memoirs will repay the most careful study.

The Story of Asbury. Norman E. Nygaard, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Kimball, Nebraska, has written a book about Francis Asbury, under the title “Bishop on Horseback.” It was published by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan. It purports to be a novel rather than a biography, but it follows the career of Asbury more or less faithfully. It will interest all Methodists, in spite of certain limitations. For example, the author quotes Asbury as saying, “I am not even mildly interested in any young woman.” As a matter of fact, Asbury did have a sweetheart, Miss Nancy Brookes, whom he referred to as “dear heart” even after coming to America. The author relates some of Asbury’s experiences as a blacksmith at the Old Forge, near his home, but he did not refer to the fact that he was intimate with Henry Foxall, the son of the proprietor, who later came to America, became a rich iron merchant, built the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., which was dedicated by Asbury himself. These little flaws, if such they may be called, do not detract much from the interest of the book. After all, one who is writing fiction must be allowed a great deal of latitude.
Bishop Moore Honored. Bishop Arthur J. Moore has been awarded the Georgia Medal for distinguished public service by the Associated Industries of Georgia. The award was made at a dinner attended by several hundred leaders of the state. In presenting the medal the chairman said, "Tyrants are remembered. Great men are revered. We honor Bishop Moore tonight for his unique ability to constantly improve the quality of his service; for his inexhaustible energy reflected in the great breadth and diversity of his activities and accomplishments; and for his unflagging devotion to the highest principles of private and public integrity, touching the lives of millions throughout the world, and casting increasing credit on his native state." Bishop Moore, who since his retirement in 1960, has been engaged in evangelistic work. He is currently serving as the interim pastor of the St. Mark Methodist Church in Atlanta, due to the fact that the pastor was forced by illness to give up the pulpit until the next annual conference.

Junaluska Jubilee. The Lake Junaluska Assembly is this year celebrating its 50th anniversary, having been opened in June, 1913. As a part of the commemoration the period of July 2-5 has been allotted to the Association of Methodist Historical Societies for a program dealing with the history of the church. Among the speakers will be Bishop Paul N. Garber, Bishop T. Otto Nall, and Dr. Albea Godbold. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Historical Society will meet at Lake Junaluska during the same period. At the request of the trustees, Dr. Elmer T. Clark has written a book entitled Junaluska Jubilee, which is a historical survey of the Assembly.

Annual Meeting of the Association. The annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Methodist Historical Societies will be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 23-24. The program will include addresses by Dr. Emory Bucke, the Book Editor; Dr. Frank Baker of Duke University; Dr. Frederick Norwood of Garrett School of Theology, and Dr. William R. Cannon, Dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Dr. Frederick E. Maser, pastor of Old St. George’s Church, will conduct a tour of the oldest Methodist church building in the United States and historical points of interest in Philadelphia.