The Executive Committee of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies met at the Adelphia Hotel in Philadelphia on April 23rd and 24th, 1963. Bishop T. Otto Nall presided.

Members present were Bishop T. Otto Nall, President, Elmer T. Clark, Executive Secretary, Albea Godbold, Executive Secretary-Designate, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Lester A. Welliver, Frederick E. Maser, Emory S. Bucke, Douglas Chandler, Lawrence Sherwood, J. B. Cain, Leland D. Case, C. Wesley Christman, Jr., John Hoon, Scott D. MacDonald, Harvey H. Sander, W. Guy Smeltzer, James S. Thomas, Lee F. Tuttle.

Numerous visitors were in attendance and were presented.

The sessions were preceded by a meeting of the officers at the Union League Club on the evening of April 22nd, and a tour of Old St. George's Church and points of historical interest in Philadelphia, both arranged by Dr. Frederick E. Maser, on the morning of the 23rd.

Reports

The Executive Secretary read and distributed copies of his report and the report of the Treasurer. The latter showed total income of $35,087.58 since June 1, 1962, through March 31, 1963, with disbursements of $30,587.46 on the budget, plus $3,125.00 passing through the Treasurer's hands for the three Methodist shrines. The sum of $5,384.15 remained on hand from the last fiscal year. There was a balance of $6,059.27 in the checking account and $16,829.70 in the savings account, a total balance of $22,888.97.

It was agreed that after the retirement of the Executive Secretary in June, 1963, he should continue as editor-in-chief of the Dictionary of World Methodism and would have office space, equipment, and secretarial assistance.

Landmarks Committee

Communications had been received asking that certain historical spots be designated as shrines or landmarks. These were referred to
a committee on registered landmarks composed of Leland Case, Chairman, W. Guy Smeltzer and James S. Thomas. It was agreed that this committee should vote by mail in the interim between meetings.

**Budget Committee**

The budget committee submitted a report revising the appropriations for the coming year in view of increased expenses. This was adopted as follows:

**Budget 1963-64**

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The preparation of a tentative budget for the next quadrennium was referred to a committee composed of T. Otto Nall, Elmer T. Clark, Albea Godbold, Louise Stahl, and J. B. Cain, to meet at Lake Junaluska in July, 1963. The nomination of members under the proposed new constitution and naming the date and place for the next meeting of the Executive Committee were referred to the same committee. It was agreed that the askings for the next quadrennium should be not less than $52,000.00 per year, and that $2,000.00 be used for historical scholarships and similar projects.

**Pensions**

The committee adopted a policy of providing pensions for members of conferences in the service of the Association who forfeit their pension rights as a result of such service, the amount per service year to be not less than that of the conference or conferences of which they are members. The pension of the outgoing Secretary was set at $1,000.00 per year, with 75% of that amount being paid to his wife if she survives. The World Methodist Council was asked to assume half of this amount.

It was stated that pension rights of the incoming Secretary would
be retained in his Annual Conference if the Association would pay $600.00 per year to the Conference. This was agreed to and the amount was included in the budget.

Guide Book

As a part of the report to the General Conference in 1964 it was agreed that a Methodist Guide Book, listing and briefly describing the numerous historical points of interest in the country be prepared and published, together with road maps. The Executive Secretary pointed out that Mrs. Louise Stahl had prepared such a guide book for Europe, and it was agreed that she and the Executive Secretary should work together on this project.

Bishop Paul N. Garber

Bishop Paul N. Garber was elected a Vice President of the Association, which made him a member of the Executive Committee, in view of his previous service to the Association and his eminence as a historian of Methodism.

Northeastern Jurisdictional Memorial

Edwin Schell presented a memorial to the General Conference adopted by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Methodist Historical Association asking for the establishment of "a general church agency archival policy" and "that plans for the proposed Methodist Center adjacent to American University in Washington include provision for possible erection of a general Church archival building." C. Wesley Christman, President of the Jurisdictional Association, stated that he would rewrite the document and submit it for the Legislative Committee, of which John Hoon is chairman.

Reports were presented by the Presidents of the four Jurisdictional Associations.

Program

On both days of the meeting there was a program of addresses and historical papers, as follows:

Tour of Old St. George's Church and Points of Historical Interest in Philadelphia, directed by Dr. Frederick E. Maser
Address: "John Wesley in Georgia—Prelude to the Work of Evangelist, Theologian, and Churchman"—Dean William R. Cannon, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Address: "The Love Feast in American Methodism"—Dr. Emory S. Bucke, Book Editor, The Methodist Publishing House
Address: "Early Methodism in America"—Dr. Frank Baker, Duke University Divinity School
Address: "James O’Kelley and His Schism"—Dr. F. A. Norwood, Garrett Theological Seminary

Banquet

On the evening of April 23rd there was a banquet in honor of the retiring Executive Secretary. Addresses of felicitation were delivered by Bishop Fred P. Corson and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, and the Secretary made a statement in response. A resolution of felicitation was adopted by the Northeastern Association and presented to the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 4:00 P.M. on April 24th.

ELMER T. CLARK
Secretary