Elmer T. Clark. We note with sorrow the passing of our Executive Secretary Emeritus, Elmer T. Clark, on August 29, 1966. Dr. Clark was an able man who did more than any among us to lift up and magnify the historical work of the church on the national, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conference levels. The Association of Methodist Historical Societies was organized at Baltimore in 1925. In time it was recognized by the General Conferences of the three branches of Methodism, but no funds were appropriated for its work. Dr. Clark became president of the Association in 1944, and his constructive report to the General Conference of 1948 prompted an appropriation of $6,000 per year for the work of the Association. In 1952 Dr. Clark gave up his post as the editor of World Outlook, moved to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, and devoted full time to the Association and the World Methodist Council. Each quadrennium the appropriation for the Association was increased. Dr. Clark built up a fine library on Methodist history and an excellent collection of Wesleyana and Methodistica at Lake Junaluska which attract thousands of visitors every year. Recognizing his contribution and our indebtedness to him, the Association and the World Methodist Council have erected a bronze plaque to Dr. Clark's memory in the exhibit room of the World Methodist Building. The Association is now in the process of preparing a brief appreciative biography of Dr. Clark which will be published as a book.

Grave Marker. With some embarrassment we report that the Association has not yet adopted a design for an official marker for the graves of Methodist ministers. It has proved difficult to arrive at agreement on an appropriate design for the marker. A committee brought a new design to the annual meeting of our executive committee at Denver in April, 1967, but it was not approved. We promise that this matter will be pursued until a suitable design is adopted by the Association.

Pamphlet on Writing Local Church History. The pamphlet on
how to write the history of a local Methodist church, which the
Association prepared a few years ago, is now out of print. An article
on this subject by Dr. W. Guy Smeltzer was printed in *Methodist
Story* in 1966. At our request Dr. Smeltzer has amplified the paper
and it is now being printed as a pamphlet entitled, *How to Write
and Publish the History of a Local Methodist Church.* When it is
available we will send individual copies to Jurisdictional and
Annual Conference historical society officers. Since the Association
is a service organization of the church, we will regularly send one
copy of the pamphlet to anyone who asks for it. Additional copies
will cost 10 cents each.

*Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren Union.* Now that church
union is assured, we are preparing, in accordance with the Plan
of Union, to combine the work of the Association and the Historical
Society of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The head­
quart­ers and library of the E.U.B. Historical Society are at Dayton,
Ohio. Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., secretary and curator, will become
a member of the staff of the General Commission on Archives
and History, as our organization will be called in the United Meth­
odist Church. Probably the offices and the historical collections at
both Dayton and Lake Junaluska will continue in operation at the
beginning of union. In time the two may be brought together in one
place, the location to be decided after church union is consummated.
Dr. Ness is an able and energetic church historian and archivist who
will strengthen the staff of the historical organization in the united
church.

*Methodist Archives.* The Methodist Church is sometimes cred­
ited with being one to two years ahead of other denominations in
program planning. But this is not the case in regard to archives.
Indeed, we are considerably behind denominations like the Pres­
byterians, Baptists, Disciples, Lutherans, and Mennonites, all of
which have had good archival collections for some years.

What is the difference between a library and an archives? Li­
braries house books. Archives house documents, records, letters,
diaries, minutes, reports, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, photo­
graphs, indeed any items regardless of physical form or charac­
teristic which pertain to the activities and history of the organiza­
tion or institution which establishes and operates them, be it a na­
tion, state, or church. The Methodist Church has no central archives,
with the result that many of the documents of today which should
be the sources for writing the history of our church tomorrow are
not being preserved.

The 1964 General Conference adopted a resolution asking the
bishops to appoint a committee to formulate an archival policy for
the church and report to the 1968 General Conference. The mem­
ers of the committee are: Albea Godbold, chairman, Miss Eliza-
beth Hughey, secretary, Henry M. Bullock, Homer L. Calkin, and Miss Eleanore Cammack. In view of anticipated union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the committee invited Alfred J. Thomas and John H. Ness, Jr., president and secretary of the E.U.B. Historical Society, to meet with it. The committee has done its work, and the archival policy formulated was incorporated in the Plan of Union and adopted in principle at Chicago last November. We estimate that it will cost $50,000 the first year just to begin a central archives in the United Methodist Church. We hope that the Council on World Service and Finance will appropriate the necessary funds, provided of course, that the archival plan as drafted is adopted at Dallas next April.

Wesley Works Editorial Project. We thank the Jurisdictional Associations and the Annual Conference Societies for their continued financial support of the Wesley Works Editorial Project. The plan to bring out an annotated, critical, indexed edition of the complete prose works of John Wesley is one of the most important ventures of its kind related to Methodist history and indeed to worldwide Methodism in our time. Four American Methodist universities are backing the project; an excellent group of scholars is working as editors; and the Oxford University Press has agreed to publish the thirty-volume work. It is a long range project; it has already been under way seven years, and it will require 10 to 12 years more before the last volume comes from the press. The first volume, the bibliography, will be printed in 1969. Soon afterward two volumes of Wesley’s sermons will appear. The Oxford University Press says it can publish no more than three of the volumes each year once it begins the printing. Dean Robert E. Cushman of Duke University, Chairman of the Editorial Project, reports that about $63,000 has been contributed from all sources thus far. He estimates that the total cost will be more than $100,000, and even then many of the scholars working on the project will be doing their part as a labor of love. The Association at Lake Junaluska will be glad to continue to receive and relay contributions for the project. Also, it will issue reports each year on the progress of the work along with a tabulation of the contributions from the Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Societies.

Historical Shrines, Landmarks, and Sites. There are now 12 national Methodist historical shrines. The E.U.B. Church will bring two more into the united church—Otterbein Church in Baltimore, and the Albright Memorial Chapel at Kleinfeltersville, Pennsylvania.

If the legislation as already drafted is adopted at Dallas, the General Conference will designate historical shrines and landmarks, while Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences may designate only historical sites. The only difference between a historical shrine and
a historical landmark in the united church will be that the latter will have few if any monuments remaining to invite pilgrimages. The legislation provides that no building or location shall be designated as a historical shrine or landmark unless it has first been designated as a historical site by a Jurisdictional or an Annual Conference. The legislation provides further that the General Conference shall not act on a nomination for a historical shrine or landmark until the matter has been reviewed and a recommendation has been made by the General Commission on Archives and History.

The Association’s Committee on Historical Shrines and Landmarks is scheduled to meet this fall, and it will probably make some recommendations to the General Conference in Dallas next April.

The Bicentennial. We are still receiving favorable comments on the Bicentennial celebration in Baltimore last year. Seven hundred copies of the 19 historical papers read at Baltimore were printed as a book, bearing the title Forever Beginning, 1766-1966. It has sold well; only a few copies are left. The book can be bought from our office at Lake Junaluska for $2.50. Twelve Came Riding, the story of the 12 circuit riders, was published by Abingdon Press, and it can be purchased from the Cokesbury stores. It is an inspiring story which you will enjoy. The price is $2.25. We have a few Bicentennial Medallions left at $1.00 each. Only about 40 sets of the Bicentennial plates remain; they are fast becoming collectors’ items. The price is $2.50 per plate, or $7.50 for the set of three. Mrs. Julius Black, Route 3, Ames, Iowa, prepared some 150 slides of the Bicentennial celebration in Baltimore and will supply them at cost to any who want them—about $33.00 for the set. We bought a set for the archives at Lake Junaluska. The slides were shown at the annual meeting of our executive committee in Denver and they proved to be interesting and significant.

Methodist History. Our historical quarterly is now five years old. We think it has justified itself and that it is making a distinct contribution in printing and preserving valuable articles on the history of Methodism. Our subscription list is not large, a little under 1,000. In the nature of the case it is not a popular magazine with a wide appeal. But perhaps we have not publicized it as widely as we should. Frequently we receive communications from people who say they have just learned of the existence of the quarterly and wish to subscribe.

Believing that some of our churches which have church school libraries might like to subscribe to Methodist History, we are sending letters to some of them about the magazine. The executive committee at Denver suggested that we offer a Bicentennial medallion free with every new subscription. This we are now doing. We
hope our friends will send us new subscriptions and in turn receive a medallion.

Union Card Catalog of Methodist Historical Materials. We are glad to report that after three years of planning and hard work, a Preliminary Union Card Catalog has been published. The price is $10. It may be bought from our office at Lake Junaluska. This catalog is a tool for librarians and research scholars.

The Association is greatly indebted to the Methodist Librarians’ Fellowship; to Dr. J. Manning Potts, formerly of the Upper Room and now executive director of the Lake Junaluska Assembly; to Rev. Brooks B. Little, librarian at the Upper Room; to Miss Annie Winstead of the Upper Room; and to Miss Elizabeth Hughey, librarian at the Methodist Publishing House, for their wholehearted cooperation and for a large amount of plain hard work in connection with the production of this catalog.

The Association has had an item in its budget for the Catalog during the last few years, and it will continue to support it as work goes forward on a more comprehensive Catalog.

Encyclopedia of World Methodism. Work on this significant venture is progressing with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Jr. as the editor. Anticipating union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Bishop Harmon has arranged for a fairly large number of appropriate items on the history and development of that body to be included in the encyclopedia. Other branches of Methodism in America and the Methodist denominations in other parts of the world are included. Thus far it has not been possible to set a definite date for the publication of the work. Bishop Harmon says that some persons who have promised to prepare articles on specific subjects for the encyclopedia have not done so. All who have accepted assignments for the encyclopedia should complete the articles and send them to Bishop Harmon, 998 Springdale Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306, at once.

Guidelines. Dr. John Ness, realizing that some of the Annual Conferences and boards and agencies of the Evangelical United Brethren Church will be merged with their Methodist counterparts in the united church and that some will move from present locations, has prepared a list of guidelines showing what records they should be careful to preserve as church union is consummated. Some who are active in Methodist Annual Conference historical societies have asked for copies of these guidelines. As this issue of Methodist History goes to press, Dr. Ness reports that he is revising the paper. We will mail out copies when it is ready.

Jesse Lee Prize. Dr. Lewis M. Purifoy, Emory & Henry College, Emory, Virginia, won the 1967 Jesse Lee Prize of $1,500 for the best book length manuscript on some phase of the history of American
Methodism in 1967. The prize was awarded at the Denver meeting last April. The deadline for submitting manuscripts in competition for the prize in 1968 is October 1, 1967. Manuscripts should be sent to the Association at Lake Junaluska. Forms giving the rules for entering a manuscript in competition will be mailed out on request.