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INTRODUCTION

This is a very special issue of *Methodist History*. It marks the begin­ning of the 25th volume of its publication. *Methodist History* first appeared in 1962 as a continuation of *World Parish* which had been jointly published by The Association of Methodist Historical Societies and The World Methodist Council. For several years it had been hoped that there could be a periodical devoted solely to Methodist historical research and news. This journal was the product of that dream.

The first editor, Elmer T. Clark, noted that the contents of *Methodist History* would be “popular in nature but with scholarly articles also . . .” Over the past twenty-five years those responsible for its publication have sought to fulfill the purpose outlined by Dr. Clark.

There are many persons whose labors have contributed to the pro­duction of this journal, too many to name individually. Authors, editors, book reviewers, printers, subscribers, reporters, and other friends have made possible its continued life. We rejoice in their faithfulness. We earnestly hope that *Methodist History* will carry on its important work for many years to come.

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