

News in Brief

When the publication *Methodist History* was first issued in October 1962, it was a continuation of a joint endeavor of the World Methodist Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies known as *World Parish*. The former organization continued to produce *World Parish* as an international news bulletin, while the Association of Methodist Historical Societies devoted *Methodist History* entirely to scholarly articles on Methodist history. There had arisen a need for both types of publications. From the fertile mind of Dr. Elmer T. Clark the idea and culmination of a historical journal was brought to fruition.

With the retirement of Dr. Clark in 1963, Dr. Albea Godbold was elected executive secretary of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies and became editor of *Methodist History*. Since October 1963, until the close of 1968, he has served in this worthy post. His journalistic endeavors kept the standards of this journal on a high plane. The new editor in assuming his position gratefully acknowledges an indebtedness to his two predecessors. We shall endeavor to maintain the quality of articles that the readers have come to expect in this quarterly. It will be our hope to encourage the publication of not only articles dealing with The United Methodist Church, but that *Methodist History* may cover World Methodism in its scope. The advice and counsel of interested readers will be especially helpful.—The Editor

Tenth Annual St. George's Award Banquet

The Tenth Annual St. George's Award Banquet was held at the Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia on October 22, 1968. The pastor of this Historic Shrine of American Methodism, Rev. John Horace Barnes, presided over the occasion. Mrs. Lawrence Steven Moore accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Cora Mapp Gaines. The St. George's Award was presented to Bishop J. Gordon Howard, resident bishop of the Philadelphia Area of The United Methodist Church, and John R. Harper, Philadelphia Conference Lay Leader. The John Wesley Ecumenical Award was given to Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Executive Secretary of the World Methodist Council and a world leader in ecumenical affairs, and to Dr. A. Stanley Leyland of England, under whose guidance the exchange of ministers between Canada, the United States, and the British Isles is carried on.

The message was delivered by Bishop Howard on "Our Evangelical United Brethren Heritage," to an audience of more than 225.

In 1969 Old St. George's Church edifice will be two hundred years old. The bicentennial observance of the dedication of the church will take place on November 23-24, 1969. Bishop Howard, Bishop Fred P. Corson, and other Methodist leaders will be present for the observance, which will be climaxed with the St. George's Award Banquet on the night of November 24.

Special Workshop in Garrett Summer Sessions

A special course will be offered in the Summer Sessions of Garrett

Theological Seminary in the form of a two-week workshop, the date to be specified later. The course will be *History of Christianity D15. The Source Literature of American Methodism*. It will be an investigation of the sources for historical study of American Methodism, and use will be made of the collection of Methodistica in the Garrett Library, including official records, periodicals, memoirs, letters, and manuscripts.

The class will meet each weekday for two hours in the morning, with the rest of the time being devoted to independent study. For those who desire it, it will carry two hours credit.

Inquiries should be directed to Professor Frederick A. Norwood, the instructor, at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

New Edition of Forever Beginning

The papers presented by some twenty or more scholars at the Bicentennial Celebration in Baltimore in April 1966, were collected and published in a paperbound volume entitled *Forever Beginning 1766-1966*. The publication proved to be so in demand by students of Methodist history and others that the first edition was soon sold out. Orders kept coming in and the Commission on Archives and History took steps to print a second edition of the papers. This printing is now available and can be ordered from Commission headquarters at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745. The price remains at \$2.50 per copy.

Local Church Historian Workshops

The Commission on Archives and History of the California Conference (EUB) has recently conducted six workshops for local church historians. These have been presented by the Conference Historian, the Rev. Floyd B. La Favre. We understand that these workshops have been most helpful to those in the local churches who are charged with preserving their history. The president of the California Conference Commission is Dr. Russell Davis.

Miss George in Dayton Office

Miss Esther George, who was formerly employed by the library of United Theological Seminary and who has worked with Evangelical United Brethren records and library materials for a number of years, is now librarian-curator at the Dayton office of the Commission on Archives and History. She began this work on September 1.

Sites, Landmarks and Shrines Packet

Materials have been prepared setting forth the disciplinary provisions for establishing historic sites, landmarks and shrines. Careful study by the Commission on Archives and History and its Committee on Shrines and Landmarks has resulted in the availability of

these materials. This packet has been mailed to the president of each annual conference historical body. Additional copies will be supplied on request by Commission headquarters at Lake Junaluska.

Seminary Award for Research

The Awards Committee of the Commission on Archives and History has this year added to its program an award on the seminary level. This type of program was offered by the E.U.B. Historical Society and will be continued by the Commission. An annual award of \$200 (first prize) and \$100 (second prize) is offered to the students of the United Methodist seminaries who submit the most outstanding papers on aspects of denominational history. The Commission defines the minimum standards for these papers as follows:

1. The bibliography must be comprehensive and approved by the professor of church history under whom the student has been studying.
2. The paper must be properly footnoted and bear evidence of thorough and reliable handling of sources according to the standard research forms accepted at his seminary.
3. In general, comprehensive subjects on the history of some phase of the denomination will be preferred; but papers on local church or annual conference subjects will be accepted if approved by the professor advising the project.
4. The minimum length will be 5,000 words.
5. Two copies of the paper will be submitted for judging. One of these shall remain and be deposited with the Commission on Archives and History. The other one will be returned after judging has been completed.
6. It is desired that the project be undertaken only after the student has had a course in United Methodist history.
7. Judges for the Commission on Archives and History Award will be appointed by the Awards Committee of the Commission on Archives and History. They will be professional historians, acquainted with the history of the church.
8. Deadline date for submitting papers will be February 1, 1969. By that date it will be required that all competing papers shall be in the hands of the Executive Secretary of the Commission on Archives and History, Box 488, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745.
9. The decision of the judges shall be final. No prize will be awarded if the judges feel that no paper submitted has the required quality of scholarship for an award.

Dr. Godbold

Albea Godbold, executive secretary emeritus of the Commission on Archives and History, is currently assisting Bishop Nolan B. Harmon in editorial work leading to the completion of the *Encyclopedia of World Methodism*. Dr. Godbold is presently engaged in editing the articles dealing with the annual conferences of The Methodist Church and its antecedents.

New Wesley Letter

A heretofore unprinted letter of John Wesley has come to light and has been purchased by the Commission on Archives and History and the World Methodist Council. The letter, dated July 17, 1781, "near Leeds," is addressed to "Miss Bolton, In Witney, Oxfordshire." It reads:

My Dear Nancy

You knew that general truth before, "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." But you have now what is far better than mere speculative knowledge, the real Experience of it. It was good for you to be afflicted, to be tried as silver is tried. But the Lord had said to this, as to every trial, Hitherto thou shall go, & no farther. But, my Nancy, if you love *me* as I love *you*, should not you always let me share in your troubles. Do not you look upon me as your Friend? And is not a Friend made for Adversity? This trial may be more profitable for you than any you have had in your Life. It may teach you more of your Weakness, and more of the strength of Him that loveth you. O cleave to Him with full purpose of heart! And give up all to Him

"Him let Israel still adore

Trust him, praise him evermore!"

I shall be near Leeds till after ye Conference. If any thing material occurs, or any thing wherein I can serve you, do not fail to inform,

My Dear Nancy,

Your's most affectionately

J. Wesley

Jesse Lee Prize

The contest for the Jesse Lee Prize is open now to receive new manuscripts. Entries for the 1969 prize concluded October 1, 1968, and several manuscripts are now in the hands of the Awards Committee. Announcement of the winner, providing one is selected, will be made at the annual meeting of the Commission on Archives and History.

As a feature of the celebration of the Bicentennial of American Methodism at Baltimore, Maryland, in April 1966, the Association of Methodist Historical Societies announced that it was instituting an annual prize for the best book length manuscript dealing with some phase of the history of American Methodism. The prize is named for Jesse Lee, author of the first history of Methodism in this country.

In order to be considered for the prize, manuscripts must be in the office of the Commission on Archives and History, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745, not later than October 1, 1970. In order to insure greater competition, the prize is now being awarded every other year.

Microfilming

The Commission on Archives and History is cooperating with annual conferences and boards and agencies of the church in preserving records through the process of microfilming. The Commission owns the finest microfilming equipment on the market today, and a staff member in the headquarters office is trained in operating procedures.

We have completed the microfilming of the records of the Delaware Conference (1864-1965) and the New Jersey Conference (1837-1963) of The Methodist Church, and are in the process of procuring other conference records to put on film. We have also completed filming the following E.U.B. agency records: Boards of

Evangelism, Missions, Bishops, and Christian Education, and Erie Conference (1876-1897) and Cascade Conference (1865-1867).

Records of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief have been microfilmed and a print deposited in our archives.

Grave Marker

The Grave Marker for Methodist ministers, which has long been awaited by interested groups and individuals, is now available through the office of the Commission on Archives and History, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745. The price is \$20 each, or \$15 each in lots of five.

The marker is circular in shape and five inches in diameter. At the top it bears the words "Methodist Minister" and at the bottom the word "United." There is a Latin cross on either side. A horse and rider are superimposed on a globe and face west. The globe has raised lines indicating latitude and longitude.

The marker is made of bronze with raised letters, and is designed so that it can be embedded in a tombstone.

The committee charged with responsibility of designing the marker was headed by Ernest R. Case as chairman. Members were Walter J. Boigegrain, Robert Chafee, Frederick E. Maser, Frederick A. Norwood, and Alfred J. Thomas.

Calendar of Events

- April 22-24, 1969 Annual Meeting of Commission on Archives and History
Little Rock, Arkansas
- May 25, 1969 Aldersgate Sunday
- July 7-9, 1969 North Central Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History
Bismarck, North Dakota
- August 5-8, 1969 World Conference on Records
Salt Lake City, Utah
Theme: Records Protection in an Uncertain World
- August 31, 1969 Pilgrimage to Hay Bay Church
Adolphustown, Ontario, Canada
- October 8-10, 1969 Society of American Archivists
Madison, Wisconsin
- October 24-25, 1969 200th anniversary of landing of Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmore
Gloucester Point, New Jersey
- November 23-24, 1969 Bicentennial observance of dedication of Old St. George's Church and St. George's Award Banquet
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- April 20-24, 1970 Special General Conference
Baltimore, Maryland