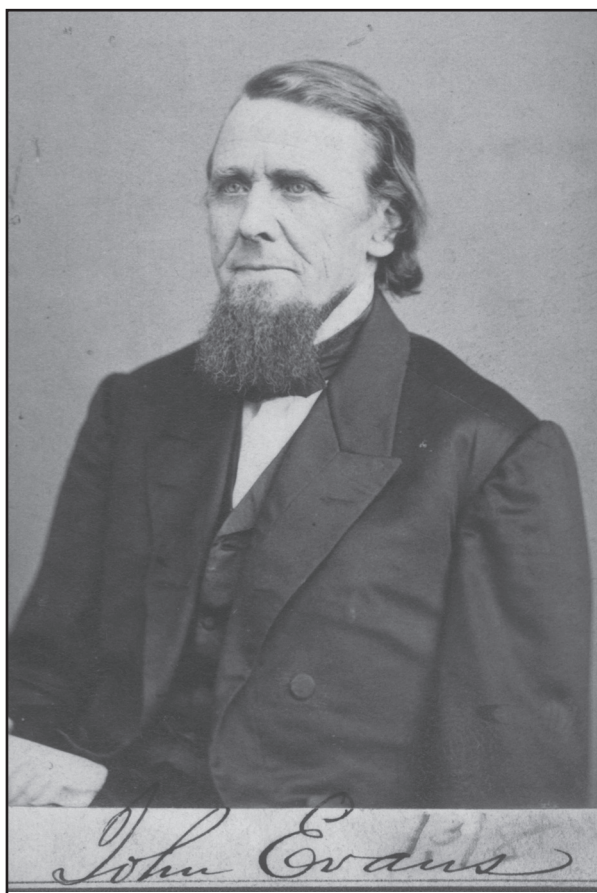


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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue continues the practice of publishing some of the papers presented to the working group on “Wesley and Methodist Historical Studies” at the 2013 Oxford Institute. In this issue is a paper by Daniel A. Bruno. I am keen on publishing essays about Methodism in countries other than the United States. Dr. Bruno’s paper makes an important contribution about the relationship of the church to broader currents in society. Bruno’s is a work from someone working in his second language. I am grateful for the intensive editorial work of Nancy Topoleski as well as the patience and assistance of the author.

Darius Salter’s paper focuses on John Chivington, John Evans, and Bishop Simpson and makes important connections between three figures of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the massacre at Sand Creek. The General Conference of The United Methodist Church in 2012 passed a resolution calling for authorizing an independent researcher to examine the historical record concerning Sand Creek and the role of any individual Methodists as well as the complicity of the wider church in this atrocity. While Dr. Salter is not that researcher, the paper is made available as Dr. Salter is working on a biography of Bishop Simpson. Gary Roberts, who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma writing his dissertation on the Sand Creek massacre, is the researcher hired in response to the General Conference action. Dr. Roberts reviewed this paper and for his contributions, I am grateful.

This will be the last issue of *Methodist History* that I will serve as editor. Great appreciation is expressed to Michelle Merkel-Brunskill for her dedication in doing the page layout and thanks to all who assist in preparing the issues. It has been an honor to serve in this way. As of July 1, the General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church and editor of *Methodist History* will be the Rev. Alfred T. Day, III. Rev. Day brings wide experience in the church including years as a pastor and district superintendent in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, as well as election to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Most recently he has served as pastor of Historic St. George’s United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, a Heritage Landmark. While there, he, along with the Rev. Dr. Mark Tyler, Pastor of Mother Bethel AME Church organized a “Great Gathering,” bringing together the two congregations at Historic St. George’s, symbolically reversing the well-known departure of Richard Allen and others due to racially discriminatory practices in the late eighteenth

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