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EDITOR'S NOTE

It's summer here at the United Methodist Archives and History Center. This means long warm days, life at a slower pace, time for long walks, relaxing in the cool shade and away from the rest of the year's regular daily drill.

Summer also means one more thing: a chance to catch-up on the things you've intended to read all year long but have not had the chance to.

Whether your summer break is spent at the beach or in the backyard, in mountain, lakeside, or country respite, here's hoping *Methodist History*—past issues or this present one—is packed with what you're taking along.

Laura Arksey's "The Rev. David E. Blaine (1824-1900): From Seattle Pioneer to Oregon Circuit Rider" began as a librarian's discovery of some heretofore undiscovered journals of Methodism's pioneer circuit rider in the Pacific Northwest. Arksey's excitement in and insight from this find grew from simple uncovering to informative, insightful essay.

Charles Yrigoyen's "The Methodist Church of Mexico: Its 85th Anniversary" celebrates the beginnings of one of United Methodism's autonomous, affiliated partners in ministry. Yrigoyen's essay traces the beginning and growth of Methodism as a missionary outreach of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1872) and considers its path to union and autonomy, holding its first General Conference and electing its first Bishop (1930).

David Bundy's "Thomas Coke as Mission Historian: A Case Study of the Bahamas" is an excellent addition and further elaboration to his article in the previous issue of *Methodist History* about the development of Methodism in the Caribbean.

Good summer. Good reading.

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