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### REMINDERS AND AIDES TO METHODIST HISTORY

#### BISHOP VARICK BRONZE BUSTS PREPARED FOR A.M.E.Z. BICENTENNIAL

Bishop James Varick was elected the first episcopal leader of the group that left John Street M. E. Church in 1796 to form the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. In preparation for this denomination's bicentennial in 1996 two hundred bronze busts of Bishop Varick are being cast as collector's items.

For further information, including cost and availability of other bicentennial mementos, contact Andre Ward, 3638 Forest Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45229; 513/559-9273.

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#### C.M.E.s COMPILE HISTORICAL 125TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

For its 125th anniversary the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church has produced a Commemorative Calendar. Although the dates are for 1995, this is something well worth keeping for years to come. Beautifully illustrated and well organized, the calendar contains succinct information on the history of this Methodist denomination formed on December 16, 1870, in Jackson, Tennessee.

Historical details found in this calendar are invaluable. There are colored photographs and biographical sketches of each of the present ten active and four retired episcopal leaders and pictures of deceased bishops.

Calendars may be obtained for ten dollars each from the office of Bishop Nathaniel Linsey, 2815 Melrose Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206; 513/861-0655.

#### WESLEY AND ASBURY BUSTS ONCE AGAIN AVAILABLE

Artist Lester G. Murphy, a descendant of three generations of Methodist clergy and one of those instrumental in producing portrait busts of John Wesley and Francis Asbury about forty years ago, has announced that the Sculptural Project is to be repeated.

It was in 1953 that Chester C. Engle, a layman of St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia, found an old bust of John Wesley in Ipswich, England. He contacted Lester Murphy and ceramist Rodney T. Rouse and the production of busts in Parian porcelein began.

Lester Murphy says it is now time for this historical project to be repeated for the benefit of worldwide Methodism. The new busts, about 6.5 inches high, "will be superior products and will make unique and handsome gifts." They will sell for approximately \$15 each or \$25 for both. More information and order forms can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Sculptural Project, 633 Cora Place #1, Rahway, NJ 07065-3726.

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#### TRAVELER'S GUIDE FOR UM HISTORIC SITES IN U.S.A.

United Methodism currently has 36 Shrines and Landmarks and over 300 Historic Sites in the continental United States. An illustrated loose-leaf Traveler's Guide with brief historical sketches and travel directions has recently been produced. To order send \$6.50, which includes postage, to the General Commission on Archives and History, P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940.

### EDITOR'S MUSINGS

There's no doubt about it. I'm fascinated by history! The movements of peoples, the interplay of cultures, changes in lifestyles, the ongoing development of ideas, the effect of dynamic personalities on others' thinking, relationships between individuals and groups--what an interwoven tale they present!

As I remember, my love of history began when I was in high school and assigned to write a paper on the conflicts in Canada that led to the expulsion of the Acadians as depicted in Longfellow's *Evangeline*. I did not then know that this historical event was happening at the same time as the Wesley brothers were putting down the roots of Methodism across the Atlantic; but the research skills I learned during that high school assignment led me to write a history of my local Methodist church a few years later. This began a learning process toward an understanding of Methodism.

My enthusiasm for ferreting out historical information continues to this day. So I'm going to the Historical Convocation at St. Simon's Island, Georgia, in August. I eagerly look forward to hearing presentations on how Methodism has affected American culture. I hope everyone realizes what an opportunity this is!

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#### Special Request

The committee preparing for the 250th anniversary celebrations of the birth of Francis Asbury would like to incorporate materials from Asbury's life in America: "prayers or hymns written by or about Asbury, pictures, drawings, stories, poems, etc." If you can help, please contact the Rev. Harry Walkley, 75 Queslett Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 6DR, England.

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REMINDER: Dues are \$5 a year or \$20 for five years. Make checks out to the WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY and mail to P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940.

### PUBLICATIONS YOU MAY WISH TO KNOW ABOUT

*DISCIPLINOGRAPH: A Guide to Methodist Disciplines.* This sixty-six page paperback, compiled by George A. Zimmermann, is a very useful tool. It lists the English versions of the Disciplines of American and Canadian Methodism; German editions (1808-1991) are also given and some other foreign editions from American Methodist missionary outposts prior to the 1968 Union, as well as the 1890 Manual of the Laws & Discipline of the Methodist Church in Ireland of British Methodism! There is also a good bibliography of 23 substantial books on Methodist church administration, etc.

Cost of the volume is \$12.00 and may be secured from George A. Zimmermann, 36 South Chenango Street, Greene, NY 13778.

*The Hymnody of Primitive Methodism.* This was a lecture given previously by Ian Sellers and is now available for \$3.00 from Dr. John A. Vickers, 1A School Lane, Emsworth, Hants PO10 7ED, Great Britain.

*The Papers of Dr Thomas Coke: A Catalogue.* Compiled by Gareth Lloyd in Vol. 76, No. 2, of the Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester. Introduction and index by Dr. John Vickers. Order from John Ryland University Library, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PP, England. Cost including postage: United Kingdom, £9.00; outside of Britain, £11.00.

*People Called Methodists: New Series of Short Biographies* published by the British Methodist Publishing House at \$4.50 each. Titles now available:

Francis Asbury - by John A. Vickers  
Jabez Bunting - by Kenneth G. Greet  
John Fletcher - by Peter Forsaith  
Countess of Huntingdon - by P. W. Gentry  
James H. Rigg - by David Carter

Other booklets in the series are in preparation. Special terms can be arranged on a subscription basis to receive copies as they are published.

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**COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

- 1995      **Third UMC Historical Convocation/HS of UMC Annual Meeting**  
Place: Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia  
Dates: August 25-28  
Topic: United Methodism and Culture  
Contact: Susan Eltscher Warrick (P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940)
- 1996      (1)      **Regional WMHS/WHS Conference**  
Place: Hartley Hall, Manchester, England  
Dates: April 9-12  
Topic: Wesleyan Preaching  
Contact: C. A. Smith (38 Raphael Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 5QQ, Great Britain)
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Contact: Ke Joon Lee (134 Shinchon-dong, Sudaemoon Ku, Seoul, Korea)
- (3)      **World Methodist Historical Society Quinquennial Meeting**  
Place: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Dates: August 8-9  
Topic: Our Wesleyan Heritage and the Holiness/Pentecostal Movement  
Contact: Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. (P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940)
- (4)      **50th Anniversary of E.U.B. Church Union/HS of UMC Annual Meeting**  
Place: Dayton, Ohio  
Dates: November 16-18, 1996  
Contact: J. Steven O'Malley (204 N. Lexington Ave., Wilmore, KY 40390-1199)
- 1997      (1)      **United Methodist European Historical Commission Conference**  
Place: Strasbourg, France  
Dates: July  
Topic: Methodism and Pietism  
Contact: Michel Weyer (Bellinostrasse 35, D-7410 Reutlingen, Germany)
- (2)      **10th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies**  
Place: Oxford University, England  
Dates: August 12-22  
Contact: Brian E. Beck (1 Central Bldgs, Westminster, London, SW1H 9NH England)
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Place: Toronto, Canada  
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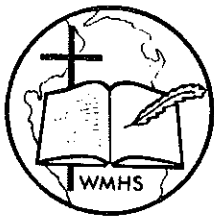
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### CATALOGUER EXTRAORDINAIRE REMEMBERED

Dr. Homer L. Calkin, our Director of the WORLD CATALOGUE OF METHODIST COLLECTIONS, died on Monday, June 5, at age eighty-three. His memorial service was on Sunday, June 11, at Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, DC, where he had been an active member for more than forty years. Born and educated in Iowa where he majored in music and history with a doctoral dissertation on "The Irish Union of 1890," Homer became a valuable member of the staff of the U. S. State Department dealing with records, research and reference; he was Historian at the time of his retirement in March 1977. The same skills used in his employment were given to Methodism.

For many years Dr. Calkin worked diligently on the Committee on History and Records of his local church. He was one of the directors of the Baltimore Conference's Historical Society and served on the editorial committee preparing *THOSE INCREDIBLE METHODISTS* for which he contributed two chapters. He was a member of the Committee to Formulate an Archival Policy during the planning for the 1968 union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church and then served on the new General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church for two quadrennia.

During these years Dr. Calkin published many articles, in French and English, on American and European secular and church history. In 1966 he was awarded second prize in a national Methodist biography contest for his essay, "Henry Foxall - Foundryman and Friend of Asbury"; this is in the October 1967 issue of *METHODIST HISTORY*. He contributed articles for the *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD METHODISM*.

Several years ago Homer wrote, "I attended the regional meetings of the World Methodist Historical Society at Birmingham University, UK, 1978; Wesley College, Australia, 1980; Southlands College, UK, 1981; Victoria College, Toronto, 1978....I have traveled to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Great Britain, Ireland, France, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Hong Kong, Japan, Mexico, and Canada....I have made personal studies of the research materials that are available, microphotography and other new developments in equipment and archival procedures in archival and library institutions in Japan, Sweden, Austria, Canada, Great Britain, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Korea."

Combining his love of Methodism, history, research, and travel, Dr. Calkin became Editor and Director of the World Methodist Historical Society's *WORLD CATALOGUE OF METHODIST COLLECTIONS* - Cataloguer Extraordinaire! Eleven volumes have been published:

- Part 1 -- ASIA
- Part 3 -- AUSTRALIA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS
- Part 6, Section 1 -- GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
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- Part 6, Section 3d -- NORTH ENGLAND
- Part 6, Section 3e -- CHANNEL ISLANDS
- Part 6, Section 4 -- GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
- Part 6, Section 5 -- GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

**EDITOR'S MUSINGS**

I hope all Methodists realize this is the year of Francis Asbury who, as much as the Wesleys, binds British and American Methodism together. British Methodism trained Francis; but he had the ability to coordinate Wesleyan principles with an administrative plan of itinerancy and governance suitable to spreading Methodism across a vast continent.

There's a brief article by Charles H. Goodwin summarizing the life of Asbury, "The Greatest Itinerant," in the May 1995 PROCEEDINGS OF THE WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Celebrating Francis' 250th birthday is important to me. So I'm flying to England with my sister to attend the August 19-21 events in Salisbury and West Bromwich. Hope I'll find other World Methodists there.

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**REGIONAL WMHS/WHS CONFERENCE  
PLANNED**

A Regional WMHS/WHS Conference will be held April 9-12, 1996, at Hartley Hall of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England. Dr. Donald English, Chair of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council, will give the keynote address on the conference's theme, "God's Extraordinary Messengers."

Other speakers will be WMHS Vice-President Peder Borgen, John Munsey Turner, Peter Barber, Norman Taggart, and Margaret Batty. There will be a tour of the Methodist Archives at the John Rylands Library.

For more information and a registration form write to Colin A. Smith, 38 Raphael Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 5QQ, England.

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Planning to attend the next meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil? It will be held during the World Methodist Conference, August 7-15, 1996. Watch the HISTORICAL BULLETIN for further information. To register contact the World Methodist Council, P. O. Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745; 704/456-9432 or FAX 704/456-9433.

**"UNITED METHODISM AND CULTURE"  
Theme of August Historical Convocation**

The third United Methodist Historical Convocation will be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia, August 25-28. Using the theme, "United Methodism and Culture," there will be scholarly papers, workshops, hymn sings, panel discussions, and business sessions.

Dean Dennis M. Campbell of Duke Divinity School, co-director of a study being made on the convocation's theme, will be keynote speaker at a banquet on Friday evening, August 25. On Saturday evening, an address will be given by Professor Justo Gonzalez of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia.

To register for this event, contact Susan Eltscher Warrick, P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940.

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**E. U. B. Heritage History Project**

The Center for the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage is offering two awards (\$300 and \$200) to students enrolled in institutions of higher learning who submit the best papers on some aspect of E. U. B. Church history, theology or church life. This award is given in memory of Audrie E. Reber, former missionary, author and active church woman.

Three copies of papers no longer than fifteen double-spaced pages must be submitted before October 2, 1995, with a letter of nomination from a supervising instructor. Address for submission and/or further information: Director Elmer J. O'Brien, 1810 Harvard Boulevard, Dayton, OH 45406; 513/278-5817 ext. 118.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

- that Graciela Alvarez is the first female bishop of the Methodist Church in Mexico?

- that there were once more than 1400 Methodist schools and colleges in South Africa which "evaporated" under the apartheid system, and that the John Wesley School in Pinetown was the first to emerge and now educates some 375 students?

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Topic: Hymns on the Lord's Supper  
Contact: Charles A. Green (P. O. Box 6095, Philadelphia, PA 19114-0695)
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## QUINQUENNIAL MEETING WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

August 1996

The next meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society will be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the 17th World Methodist Conference, August 7-15, 1996. This conference, which "promises to be one of the most significant global meetings of Methodists in this century," will have the theme, "*Holy Spirit: Giver of Life.*"

The meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society will be one of eleven seminars held Thursday and Friday, August 8-9, the second and third days of the conference. Dr. Ted Campbell and Dr. Don Dayton are planning a program using the theme: "Wesley, Our Wesleyan Heritage, and the Global Holiness/Pentecostal Movement." There will also be a business session and election of officers. Recognition will be made that the HISTORICAL BULLETIN will have its 25th birthday in 1996. (Watch for special articles in the 1996 Anniversary issues of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN; you won't want to let your dues lapse!)

To attend the 1996 meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society one must register for the World Methodist Conference. The fee is \$115; send check to World Methodist Council, %Edna Alsdurf, P. O. Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. Travel and hotel reservations can be made through Wilcox World Travel and Tours, 1705 BB & T Building, Asheville, NC 28801-3407.

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### METHODISM IN BRAZIL

The Methodist Church in Brazil, which became autonomous in 1930, is one of the smaller Protestant churches in that country with about 83,000 members and 200,000 constituents in six Annual Conferences and a Missionary Conference. It maintains an extensive network of schools, social centers, orphanages, and homes for the aged. The Church of the Nazarene, the Free Methodist Church, and the Wesleyan Church, with a combined membership of about 13,500 and 19,000 constituents, are also part of Brazilian Methodism.

Methodism got its start here when workers from the U.S.A. had a Brazil Mission

from 1836 to 1841. Following the U.S. Civil War, a Methodist circuit was organized for emigrants from the post-war South who had settled near Santa Barbara, SP. Soon there was the founding of churches and schools in other Brazilian states.

The Brazilian Annual Conference was organized in 1886, with three clergy members: J. L. Kennedy, pastor, first historian of Brazilian Methodism; J. W. Tarboux, pastor, elected first bishop in 1930; and H. C. Tucker, Bible Society Secretary, pioneer in social services. Cesar Dacorso Filho was elected the first Brazilian bishop in 1934.

(from WMC Handbook of Information 1992-1996)

## EDITOR'S MUSINGS

It's Christmas morning 1995 as I write these words--in Americanized English! The grounds surrounding my home here in New England are white with snow. There's a chill in the air. Somehow this doesn't seem the appropriate setting for preparing a publication for World Methodism!

I'm trying to visualize those of you who will be reading this and wish I could express myself in all your native languages. Some of you are in warm climes, certainly not wearing layers of clothing as I am. Others of you, however, may be sweater-clad.

Isn't it truly remarkable that in spite of all the differences of culture, climate, and language, we do have a common interest? Each of us brings to Methodist history something of ourselves and our various backgrounds and experiences. We have a common bond, a Wesleyan heritage!

When you read this we will probably be in a new year. Wherever you are, please join me and sing a Doxology lustily:

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.*

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## Death of Vice-President Latukefu

Word has been received that Dr. Sione Latukefu, one of the Vice-Presidents of WMHS, died in Australia on June 2, 1995.

Sione's widow Ruth writes: "His death was sudden...he was in the garden digging in a bulb when he collapsed and died a few hours later." His funeral was held in Canberra, Australia; his ashes are buried in his home village of Kolovai on Tonga.

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## Note:

The Australian Methodist history publication is CHURCH HERITAGE, not CHURCH HISTORY as stated in the last issue. It is published twice a year and may be obtained by sending a check for \$12 plus sufficient amount for postage to Church Records and Historical Society, P. O. Box 2395, North Parramatta, NSW 2151, Australia.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

Several of you sent information to share with other members of the WMHS:

Dennis C. Dickerson, *Religion, Race, and Region: Research Notes on A.M.E. Church History*. Paperback, 144 pages. \$13 including postage. Order from author (P. O. Box 301, Williamstown, MA 01267).

**Ten scholarly, provocative essays on spread of Wesleyan Movement and impact of A.M.E. personalities "upon several continents and across racial, language, and cultural differences."**

Jarvis Harriman, *The Man from the Hills*. Tucson, AZ: Westerners International, 1994.

**Most interesting biography of Leland Case, editor of *Together* magazine and Methodist historian.**

Charles L. Helton, editor. *CME Church Commemorative Essay's Book*. Paperback, 84 pages. \$5 including postage. Order from P. O. Box 161212, Memphis, TN 38186-1212.

**Bishop Helton has edited nineteen essays for the 125th anniversary of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, explaining heritage and mission.**

Franklin Wilder, *John Wesley Rides Again*. Paperback, xiii + 225 pages + illustrations. Vantage Press, 516 West 34th St., New York, NY 10001, 1995. \$10.95.

**Information on the Wesley family name and ancestors and interesting biographical sketches of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, three sons and eight daughters.**

*Some Diaries of Thomas Brocas, Salopian*. Transcribed and annotated by Doreen E. Woodford, 1995. pp iv + 150 + Appendix including map and 1813 Shrewsbury Circuit Plan, spiral bound. Order from author (7 King Street, Much Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6EL), £9.50.

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