

A TRIBUTE TO FREDERICK E. MASER, D.D.

Frederick E. Maser began to edit the DISCOVERY section of this journal with the January 1970 issue. Except for a few years, when his good friend Kenneth E. Rowe did the editing, Fred has prepared DISCOVERY with great skill, insight, and sensitivity. Furthermore, he has been the delight of the Editor because he has never failed to meet a deadline—often sending his contributions two or three months early. He has continually discovered beautiful gems in Methodism's historical mines.

Some of us have known Fred Maser for many, many years. We have valued his friendship and benefited from his addresses, books, and articles. His contributions to Methodist historical scholarship are legendary. His generosity to the church, its historical organizations, educational institutions, and especially the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church is unsurpassed. It may be truly said of him that he is *a gentleman and a scholar*.

This issue of *Methodist History* marks that last DISCOVERY section edited by Frederick E. Maser. There are not sufficient words to express our gratitude for his faithful and outstanding writing for this journal. We wish him many more years of health and happiness.

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