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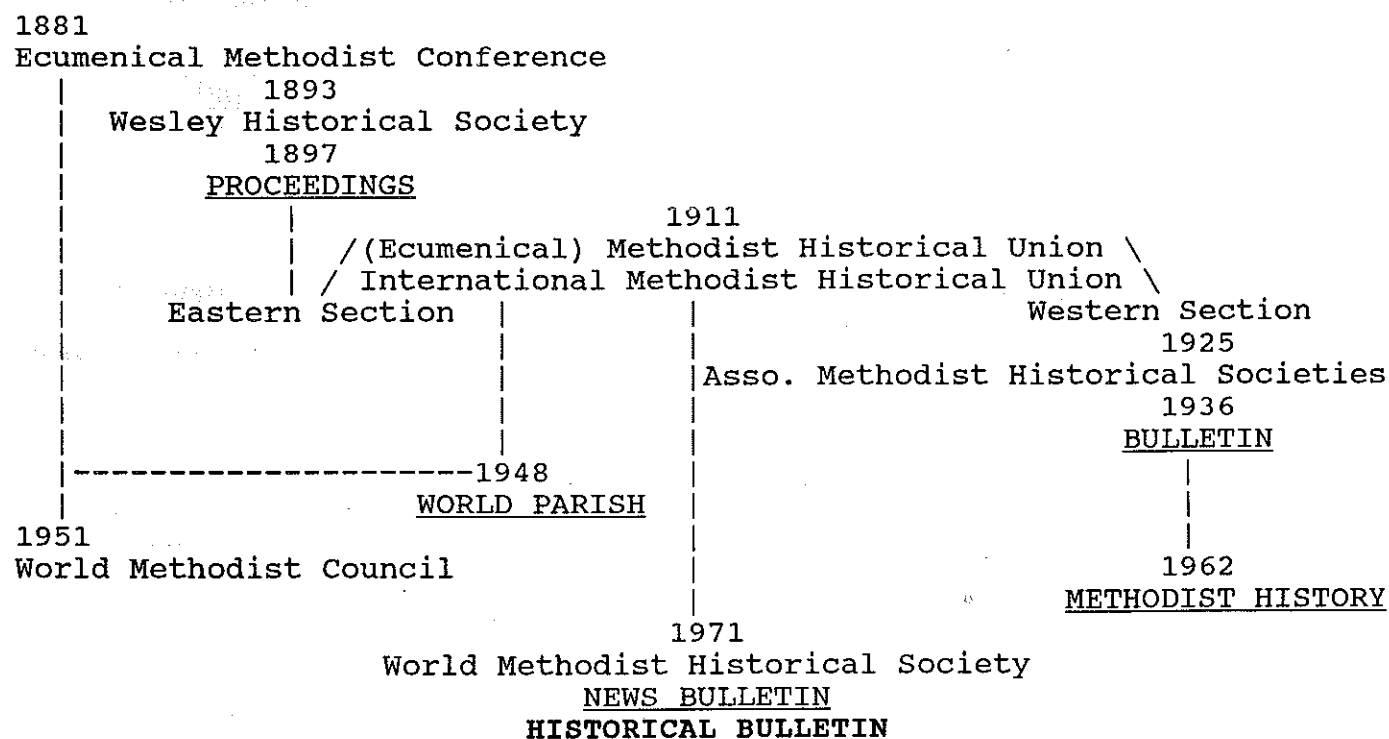
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Anniversary Year

This is truly an anniversary year for world Methodism. It was 115 years ago that the first Ecumenical Methodist Conference was held in London; 85 years ago the first Methodist Historical Union was formed; 25 years ago the current World Methodist Historical Society was put into place with the NEWS BULLETIN, now the HISTORICAL BULLETIN, established as the communication vehicle.

The four issues of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN in 1996 will celebrate this twenty-fifth anniversary. In this issue, beginning on page 3, is a reprinting of "The Origins of The World Methodist Historical Society" by Dr. Frank Baker, which appeared in the first issue of the NEWS BULLETIN. The sketch below, indicating the establishment of the various communication vehicles for world Methodism, is drawn from information in that article.

In the next issue Dr. Frederick E. Maser, who was the first Editor of the NEWS BULLETIN, will review this publication's history. It is anticipated that the issue following the Rio World Methodist Conference in August will have a review of the accomplishments of the World Methodist Historical Society over the past quinquennium. It is hoped that brief statements on dreams for the Society's future, received from members by December 1, 1996, can be printed in the last issue of the anniversary year of 1996.



EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Last week I attended the annual meeting of the Boston Wesleyan Association, a group of twenty laypersons who are responsible for publishing ZION'S HERALD, founded in 1823 as an independent New England Methodist newspaper. We heard reports on the new miraculous technology used to produce this bi-weekly publication.

I'm thinking of this as I type away on my PC to produce copy-ready material that I mail to Madison, New Jersey, to process. This is so much easier than the many stencils I used to cut and run off on a mimeograph machine. Yet I wonder: Will the next Editor of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN be using scanners and sending copy over the telephone wires?

I can't afford a FAX machine, yet I receive copies of messages sent by that means. Will members of the World Methodist Historical Society soon be using one of the various electronic communication networks as the primary way to share news? Surely there will be a place for the printed page for a long time to come. How could historians manage without it?!

Did You Know that

-- William Black is considered the founder of Maritime Methodism in Canada?

-- succeeding Rev. A. Raymond George as Warden of the New Room at Wesley's Chapel in Bristol, England, is Dr. John Newton?

-- Maureen Jones, a mission partner from Britain, has become the first woman bishop in the Wesleyan family of denominations to be elected in Africa, in the Methodist Church of Kenya?

-- a congregation in Kaunas, Lithuania, forcibly disbanded in 1944, is once more a worshipping Methodist congregation?

-- several pastors of the African Methodist Episcopal Church hold government positions in the Republic of Namibia?

-- Bishop M. Stanley Mogoba of the Methodist Church of South Africa is the recipient of the 1996 World Methodist Peace Award?

PREPARATIONS FOR RIO

The next quinquennial meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society will be held August 8-9, 1996, at Rio Centro Congress Hall in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This Society meeting is one of eleven two-day seminars during the World Methodist Conference.

Under the theme, "Wesley, Our Heritage, and the Global Holiness/Pentecostal Movement," presentations will be made with opportunities for discussion. Pre-registration is required. If you have not yet done so, please contact the World Methodist Council at P. O. Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745.

During these two days there will be a business session and the election of officers to serve 1996-2001. A Nominating Committee will propose a list of nominations for all offices. However, the Society's Constitution says, "*Suggestions may be made to the committee by any member of the Society, and all such names should be accompanied by a reasoned statement about the persons recommended.*"

For the officers to be elected, see the complete Constitution in Volume 20 (Fall 1991) of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN. The names and addresses of those currently serving are listed on the back page of this issue.

Whether you are going to Rio or not, we would like to hear from you. Send your suggestions to the General Secretary: Dr. Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. (P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940).

Wesley Wedgewood Teapot

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The Origins of The World Methodist Historical Society

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(This article first appeared in the NEWS BULLETIN of December 1971.)

In August 1971, at Denver, Colorado, a new constitution and a new name were adopted for an organization which has a sixty year history, though one which is little known. Like most international organizations, the World Methodist Historical Society is not a legislative body, but exists for the exchange of information and for mutual encouragement. For most of its life it has been a very informal association--little more than a comparatively small group of people of fluctuating membership who came together when they were able to attend the decennial meetings of the World Methodist Conference, tenuous links being maintained during the intervals by correspondence between the secretaries. The introduction in 1951 of quinquennial meetings for the Conference, allied with other factors, has helped to strengthen the links during the last twenty years, and the new constitution and officers agreed upon in Denver should prove to be the beginning of a vigorous new life.

Throughout its history two things--possibly three--have impeded the society: (1) lack of financial support other than that furnished by the different Methodist denominations primarily for activities in their own countries; (2) infrequency of meetings, allied with the lack of a regular means of communication between those interested; and perhaps (3) the difficulty of securing an executive secretary who was not already burdened with too many other tasks to give adequate attention to this undertaking. Some of the attempts made to solve these problems will here be noted in an outline of the first sixty years of the organization.

Beginnings

The ancestry of the World Methodist Historical Society can be traced back to the organization in 1911 of the "Methodist Historical Union," sometimes termed the "Ecumenical Methodist Historical Union" and eventually the "International Methodist Historical Society". The birth of the "Union" was announced on page 714 of the *Proceedings* of the Fourth Ecumenical Methodist Conference, which met at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Toronto, in 1911: "Pursuant to a call signed by several delegates, and an announcement from the Conference platform, a meeting of those interested in the formation of a General Methodist Historical Society, co-extensive with Ecumenical Methodism, was held in the lecture-room of the Conference Church on Saturday, October 14, 1911." The main purpose envisioned for such a society was that of "gathering information respecting existing collections of Methodist documents, manuscripts, etc., promoting their preservation, aiding in exchanges of the same, and the like." On Monday, October 16, the new international organization was duly approved by the Conference after a brief debate, and officers were appointed, the first secretaries being Dr. J. Alfred Sharp of London and Dr. H. K. Carroll of New York. Like the Conference itself, the Methodist Historical Union recognized that the two main foci of Methodist influence were the British Isles (the "Eastern Section") and Canada and the U.S.A. (the "Western Section").

Little seems to have been done during the following decade to further the objects of the

Methodist Historical Union, in part because of the First World War. Things looked more hopeful in 1921, when the Fifth Ecumenical Methodist Conference met in London, preceded by another meeting of the "Union". A new committee was nominated for approval by the Conference; this comprised fifteen members each from the Eastern and Western Sections, with headquarters in London and New York, their respective secretaries being the Rev. George Eayrs of England and Dr. H. K. Carroll of the U.S.A.

Limited Communication

A means of at least limited communication among the various sections of the Methodist World had already been opened in the *Proceedings* of the Wesley Historical Society. This Society was founded in 1893 and has been meeting regularly ever since. Its object is "to promote the study of the history and literature of early Methodism; to accumulate exact knowledge; and to provide a medium of intercourse on all related subjects". In 1897 the Society began to publish periodical *Proceedings*. A New Year's Message in the issue for December 1919 reminded "members of the Wesley Historical Society and kindred institutions in the United States, Canada, Australia and the Foreign Mission Field" of Wesley's statement in a letter of 1 February 1791 to Ezekiel Cooper--"Lose no opportunity of declaring to all men that the Methodists are one people in all the world." The editor solicited "historical gleanings" from his overseas colleagues in Methodist history. The issue of December 1921 contained notes on Wesleyana in Australia, Canada, and the U.S.A., and stated specifically that from March 1922 the pages of the *Proceedings* would be open for notes and articles dealing with the work of the Union. Actually this gesture proved to be mainly of mind-expanding service to British readers, for the individual membership outside the British Isles increased only from seven (of 276) in 1911 to thirteen (of 315) in 1936, and the articles dealing with overseas Methodism remained negligible.

It is doubtful whether either the Western or Eastern committee of the Methodist Historical Union (by now called "The International Methodist Historical Union") met in full session during this second decade. On the British side, however, the three Methodist denominations appointed "representatives on the committee of the International Methodist Historical Union," at least from 1926; and from 1930 this group met annually and presented reports to their respective conferences, the Wesleyan secretary being Dr. A. W. Harrison. This seems to have been the only effective continuing group on the eastern side of the Atlantic, becoming responsible for the promotion of Wesley Day observances, for the placing of memorial tablets on historic sites, and for suggesting or sponsoring commemorations of major events in the history of Methodism. The interdenominational character of this committee proved a valuable means of preparation for Methodist Union. In their activities they were given moral encouragement by the Wesley Historical Society (of which almost all were members) and financial support by the Methodist Book Room.

The Association of Methodist Historical Societies

In the United States the continuing role of the International Methodist Historical Union was carried on by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, founded in 1925 with the purpose of co-ordinating the various American Methodist historical societies already in existence, and encouraging the formation of new ones. Members of the International Union were invited to become "co-operative members". The secretary from the beginning until his death in 1941 was Mr. C. F. Eggleston of Philadelphia, who was succeeded by Dr. R. L. Shipley of Baltimore. The Association fulfilled for the U.S.A. the functions carried out by the British members of the Eastern Section committee of the International Methodist Historical Union for their own area. In each case the activities were almost restricted to their own countries and their

own denominations or group of denominations; the American committee also was interdenominational, and served as one of the means furthering Methodist Union. In 1936 the Association of Methodist Historical Societies began to publish a *Bulletin* giving news of the American societies, together with occasional historical notes. At a meeting in 1943 Dr. Elmer T. Clark pleaded for the publication of a much more impressive quarterly devoted to Methodist history.

When the Sixth Ecumenical Methodist Conference met at Atlanta in 1931 no official cognizance seems to have been taken of the International Methodist Historical Union, though the lack of an index to its *Proceedings* makes this uncertain. The functions of the organization were being carried out, however, at least on a limited scale, by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies in the U.S.A. and in Britain by the International Methodist Historical Union (Eastern Section), of which Dr. A. W. Harrison continued as secretary after the formation of The Methodist Church in 1932.

In 1941 the disruption caused by the Second World War prohibited any meeting of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference (and therefore of the Historical Union as a whole), but with the end of the war a conference was arranged for 1947, which met in Springfield, Massachusetts. In January 1946 Dr. Harrison died suddenly during the year of office as President of the Methodist Conference and the ensuing Methodist Conference appointed me to take over his duties as secretary of the Eastern Section of the I.M.H.U.--of whose committee I had been a member since 1944. In seeking to discover the status of the Union both in the rest of the world and especially in the U.S.A. I received a reply from Dr. Shipley, secretary of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies in America: "No one over here seems to know anything about it. . . . It looks like the western end of the movement is dead." He also said that even the Association of Methodist Historical Societies itself was "nearly at a standstill," though they were still hoping to publish a historical periodical, either scholarly, popular, or a combination of

both. He was keenly in favour of an international body devoted to Methodist history, however, and promised to convene a group at the forthcoming Ecumenical Methodist Conference.

The Work of Clark and Others

The Seventh Ecumenical Methodist Conference of 1947 did in fact put the seal of its approval upon a resuscitated Historical Union, renamed the International Methodist Historical Society, with Bishop Paul N. Garber as President, Dr. Elmer T. Clark as secretary representing the former "Western Section", and myself as secretary representing the former "Eastern Section". (I was appointed *in absentia*, not being able to attend the Conference.) An Executive Committee was also appointed, charged with perfecting the organization and with preparing a constitution to place before the next meeting of the Ecumenical Conference in 1951. The Society's notepaper prepared by Dr. Clark proclaimed that the Society was "affiliated with the Ecumenical Methodist Council", and the executive officers of each organization were to serve as representatives on the other body. Because the executive committee included members from various countries and the Society was not supported by any funding it was clear that most of the work would need to be accomplished by the secretaries through correspondence.

The Ecumenical Methodist Conference of 1947 also entrusted to the International Methodist Historical Society the publication of a bulletin giving news of the varied activities of Methodists throughout the world. In order to get this under way quickly, a meeting was held in the office of Dr. W. F. Sangster in London on 18 November 1947, the others present being Bishop Garber, Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, and myself. I had the pleasure of suggesting as title for the new publication "World Parish", which met with a warm response on both sides of the Atlantic. Correspondents were secured to contribute notes on Methodist news in their own areas, to which were occasionally added longer

articles on different aspects of Methodist history. For the first year 30,000 copies were printed and distributed gratis throughout the world, the cost being born by the Ecumenical Methodist Council's American offices. Later the publication was at least partly financed by subscriptions. *World Parish* continued as the joint organ of the Ecumenical Methodist Council and the I.M.H.S. from May 1948 until June 1962, achieving a worthy stature both in size and the historical value of its contents. From the outset, however, Dr. Clark was working towards "a larger publication devoted to historical materials of a more basic nature", and his dream was realized in the highly successful *Methodist History*, whose opening number appeared in October 1962.

This magazine, however, was not sponsored by I.M.H.S. but by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies in America. *World Parish* magazine, itself, heretofore published by the I.M.H.S. with the financial backing of the Ecumenical Methodist Council, now became a news bulletin distributed gratis by the World Methodist Council, the new name for the Ecumenical Methodist Council. The International Methodist Historical Society was now without its own publication.

In 1951 the secretaries of the International Methodist Historical Society duly collaborated on a constitution for the I.M.H.S. which was discussed by a committee and then approved by the Ecumenical Methodist Conference meeting at Oxford where the title of this major world Methodist organization was altered to "World Methodist Council", of which Dr. Clark was appointed one of the full-time secretaries. The stated objects of the International Methodist Historical Society were similar to those later established by the World Methodist Historical Society meeting in Denver, 1971, and it was stressed that "the purpose of these activities is not mainly antiquarian, but spiritual." The International Methodist Historical Society was to be "affiliated to the World Methodist Council, the President and Secretaries of each body being *ex officio* members of the other". Sixteen Vice-Presidents were to be chosen from various major Methodist groupings, and

they were exhorted to endeavour to form sectional committees to foster historical work in their own areas. The officers, together with twelve "at large" members, were to form the Executive Committee of the Society, though it was clearly realized that it would be impracticable for them to meet except in connection with an assembly of the World Methodist Council. The first President of the reorganized body was the Rev. E. W. Hames of New Zealand. In 1956, after considerable discussion, the World Methodist Council's Executive Committee recommended that the I.M.H.S. should give up some of its independence and be termed a "department" of the Council rather than an affiliate and this change was accordingly made in the constitution. On this occasion Bishop Odd Hagen of Norway was appointed President, to be succeeded in 1961 by Professor Leslie A. Hewson of South Africa, and in 1966 by Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards of Great Britain.

Two Decades of Progress

By 1951, therefore, the world Methodist historical organization had possessed an improved means of communicating in *World Parish*, an approved constitution, but still no financial resources. This was in part remedied by Dr. Elmer T. Clark. Dr. Clark was an indefatigable and shrewd organizer, and was now the chief executive officer alike of the World Methodist Council, the I.M.H.S., and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies. At the American General Conference of 1948 he had managed to secure the official recognition of the latter body, and an agreement that its bills should be paid up to a limit of \$6000. In 1952 the General Conference approved the first constitution of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies together with an appropriation of \$12,000 a year, an amount which by 1960 became \$39,000, and has increased through the quadrennia. From this secure base he was able the more readily to further the work of the international society also, of which in effect the American Association was the executive and sustaining component, although aid came also from his World Methodist

Council office, these operations all being directed from the World Methodist Council Building in Lake Junaluska, another of his projects. With Dr. Clark's retirement as Secretary of the World Methodist Council in 1961 Dr. Lee Tuttle was elected in his place, and shortly afterwards became Editor of the altered *World Parish*. When in 1963 Dr. Clark retired from the secretaryship of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, Dr. Albea Godbold succeeded to that position, and also became Secretary of the International Methodist Historical Society. At the 1968 General Conference of the United Methodist Church the Association of Methodist Historical Societies was renamed the Commission on Archives and History, with Dr. John H. Ness, Jr. as Executive Secretary. Dr. Godbold, however, continued as Secretary of the International Methodist Historical Society, and was almost solely responsible for the arrangements leading to the gathering at Denver in 1971. Because of my own coming to the United States in 1960 it had been necessary for me to resign as secretary of the "Eastern" or British section of the I.M.H.S. and the Rev. Thomas Shaw had succeeded me.

During the time that Dr. Clark was the highest executive officer of the International Methodist Historical Society, the World Methodist Council and the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, he gave leadership to numerous projects and solid achievements, many of which were financed directly or indirectly by the two latter bodies, but which were given moral support and in some instances the original impetus by the International Methodist Historical Society. Among these notable achievements were the securing of Epworth Rectory for world Methodism in 1957 and the preservation of Francis Asbury's boyhood home, opened to the public in 1959. In 1951 was inaugurated with the blessing of the World Methodist Council the observation of Aldersgate Sunday, the Sunday falling upon or immediately preceding May 24, as an occasion for worldwide spiritual renewal. At the World Methodist Council of 1956 the title "Fellow in Methodist History" was conferred upon twelve

people, supported by a citation and a suitably engraved diploma, but this activity seems to have fallen into abeyance, and only four of those thus honored are still living. Markers have been placed in many centres in many countries, official greetings conveyed at celebrations, pilgrimages arranged, lectures delivered, books and articles published, in most instances initiated and sustained by local enthusiasm, but often with recognition or even sponsorship by the International Methodist Historical Society to add a distinctive touch of importance to the occasion. The Society also collaborated with Dr. Clark in what Mr. Walter Vernon in his biography terms "a fistful of historical projects", including the *Who's Who in Methodism* and *The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury*. In many ways what may be considered his major literary project is now nearing completion under the general editorship of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, *An Encyclopedia of World Methodism*, in which also there has been noteworthy collaboration by a great team of writers brought together by all three of the bodies of which in his later years Dr. Clark was secretary.

We end where we began, however. This brief survey of the events and trends during the last sixty years of international co-operation for the purposes of Methodist history underscores the need for adequate and independent financial undergirding, as well as for some means of keeping all members in touch with the more important activities in our field, in part by a regular publication, in part by the co-ordinating labours of an energetic and imaginative Executive Secretary. The indications are that we are now embarked on what may well be the most fruitful stage of our history.

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Publications

Albert Outler the Preacher, Albert Outler the Churchman, Albert Outler the University Professor. Edited by Bob W. Parrott. Available from Cokesbury, 201 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203.

These are the first three of the eight-volume Albert Outler Library, a collection of the theological contributions of one of contemporary Methodism's greatest Wesleyan scholars.

Firing the Heather: The Life and Times of Nellie McClung by Mary Hallett and Marilyn Davis. Fifth House, \$26.95.

Nellie McClung of an Ontario Methodist family was one of the "Famous Five" who in 1929 won women the right to sit in the Canadian Senate. She also campaigned for twenty years for the ordination of women and became one of the first women elders in the United Church of Canada.

John Wesley's Conception and Use of Scripture by Scott J. Jones. 296 pages, 1995. Paperback ISBN 0-687-20466-6, \$16.95. Abingdon Press: P. O. Box 801, Nashville, TN 37202-0801.

Jones argues that Wesley had a fivefold locus of authority: Scripture, reason, Christian antiquity, the traditions of the Church of England, and personal religious experience.

Volume 23 of *The Works of John Wesley: Journal and Diaries VI (1776-1786)*. Edited by W. Reginald Ward and Richard P. Heitzenrater. 496 pages, 1995. ISBN 0-687-46227-4, \$49.95. Abingdon Press: P. O. Box 801, Nashville, TN 37202-0801.

This new volume is the sixth of Wesley's Journal, documenting a climactic period in the consolidation of Methodism. Still available: Vols. 1-4: *Sermons*; Vol. 7: *Collection of Hymns*; Vol. 9: *Methodist Societies*; Vol. 11: *Open Letters*; Vols. 18-22: *Journals and Diaries (1735-1775)*; Vols. 25-26: *Letters*.

The Letters of John Pawson (Methodist Itinerant, 1762-1806) edited by John C. Bowmer and John A. Vickers. 3 volumes. £15.00 each. Order from Methodist Publishing House, 20 Ivatt Way, Peterborough PE3 7PG, England.

Pawson's letters give what has been called a "can-of-worm's-eye view" of early British Methodism and its leading figures.

The Making of Methodism by Barrie W. Tabraham. Epworth Press, 1995, 130 pages, £9.95, ISBN 0-716-20499.

This is first in a series *Exploring Methodism* and a useful starter for the Methodist history novice.

Methodism in Russia and the Baltic States: History and Renewal. 1995. Abingdon Press: P. O. Box 801, Nashville, TN 37202-0801.

Methodism was introduced to Russia and the Baltic States more than a century ago. This book, prepared as a new Methodist Russia initiative ends a sixty year lapse, contains a good historical summary.

The Sunday Service of the Methodists: Twentieth-Century Worship in Worldwide Methodism. Edited by Karen B. Westfield Tucker. 352 pages, 1995. Paperback ISBN 0-687-01134-5, \$17.95. Abingdon Press: P. O. Box 801, Nashville, TN 37202-0801.

Examination of the theological, historical, cultural, and practical implications of Sunday-morning worship in churches of the worldwide Methodist and Wesleyan family.

Wesley and the People Called Methodists by Richard P. Heitzenrater. 338 pages, 1995. ISBN 0-687-01682-7, \$34.95; paperback ISBN 0-687-44311-3, \$19.95. Abingdon Press: P. O. Box 801, Nashville, TN 37202-0801.

This study is the story of Wesley's pilgrimage of faith and also brings to life many of the people who helped develop the theology, organization and mission of the 18th century Methodist movement.

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- 1996 (1) **Canadian Methodist Historical Society Annual Meeting**
Place: Markdale, Ontario
Dates: June 16-19
Topic: Methodism and Mission in Grey County, Ontario
Contact: Glenn and Phyllis Lucas (Box 501, Markdale, Ont. N0C 1H0)
- (2) **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)
- (3) **Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Annual Meeting**
Place: United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio
Dates: November 16-18
Topic: 50th Anniversary Celebration - The Evangelical United Brethren Church
Contact: Center for EUB Heritage (1810 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH 45406)
- (4) **Wesleyan Studies Group of American Academy of Religion**
Place: New Orleans, Louisiana
Dates: November 23-26
Topic: Wesleyan Perspectives on the Situation of Children in Conditions of Poverty
Contact: Ted A. Campbell (4500 Mass. Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016)
- 1997 (1) **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)
- (2) **United Methodist European Historical Commission Conference**
Place: Strasbourg, France
Dates: August 24-29
Topic: Methodist Life in Milieu of European Pietism until 1918
Contact: Michel Weyer (Bellinostrasse 35, D-7410 Reutlingen, Germany)
- (3) **Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Annual Meeting**
Place: Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Mass.
Dates: October 3-5
Topic: 150th Anniversary Celebration - Birth of Anna Howard Shaw
Contact: Patricia J. Thompson (7 Epworth Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769)
- 1999 **WMHS North American Section Meeting**
Place: Toronto, Canada
Dates: June 20-23
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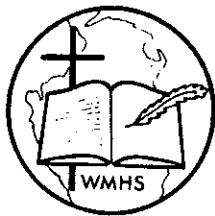
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Methodist Remembrances Continue

This year Methodists are remembering that fifty years ago the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren Church joined together to become the Evangelical United Brethren Church which then formed a union with The Methodist Church in 1968 to establish The United Methodist Church. There will be two celebratory events November 14-18, 1996:

In Johnston, Pennsylvania, where the actual uniting service took place on Saturday, November 16, 1946, there will be several observances, including a reenactment of the handclasp that became a symbol on the logo of the EUB Church. The other observance will be in Dayton, Ohio, where the Center for EUB Heritage, United Theological Seminary and the Historical Society of The United Methodist Church will pay tribute to the distinctive history and heritage of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

At the recent General Conference of The United Methodist Church, Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, who had been a delegate at the first EUB General Conference at Johnston in 1946, gave some historical background for these observances. Here are excerpts from his remarks:

"The Evangelical Church came out of the preaching of Jacob Albright who preached among the German-speaking people in the colonial days. He was born in Pennsylvania, reared and confirmed in the Lutheran Church, later joined the Methodist Episcopal Church because he was attracted by the spiritual discipline that he witnessed among the Methodist people. As he preached, congregations were formed, and in the early 1800's three of them came together and organized the newly organized Methodist Conference. Then they changed the name to Evangelical Church and elected Albright as their bishop. When they came into the union

This second issue of 1996 continues the remembrance of the 25th birthday of the World Methodist Historical Society. On pages 3-6 Dr. Frederick E. Maser, the first editor, reviews the history of the NEWS BULLETIN/HISTORICAL BULLETIN. Further recognitions will take place August 8-9 at the quinquennial meeting of the Society to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during the 17th World Methodist Conference.

in 1946, they brought four conferences from Germany, two conferences from Canada and work in Nigeria and Japan.

"The United Brethren Church was a result of the preaching of Phillip William Otterbein who preached among the people of eastern Pennsylvania and in the Shenandoah Valley. Otterbein was reared in the Reform Church. He and six students came to the American colonies in response to an appeal that was made by a Mr. Slatterer in the chapel of Hetterbaun University where Otterbein was teaching. They landed in New York in 1752, began preaching among the German-speaking colonists.

"Otterbein had a pastorate in Baltimore. One day he met Martin Boehm preaching to the Mennonite preachers. He went up to him after the sermon and said, "Der seine bruder." Otterbein and Boehm brought together a group of preachers in 1800 and organized the United Brethren Church. When this church came into the union of '46, we brought conferences from Sierra Leone, the Philippines, Japan and China, and Hong Kong. I've been told that there are thirteen bishops of the present Council who have their spiritual roots in the Evangelical United Brethren Church."

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Reading recently about the beginnings of written history in Mesopotamia, thought to have taken root in the second quarter of the third millennium B.C., two statements "popped out" at me: "History is an intellectual activity." "History distorts reality." Then I heard Dr. Walter G. Muelder, United Methodist clergy and noted historian of Christian social ethics, say, "History is the only reality we have."

All three of those statements say a lot. Is the reason why so many Methodists seem uninterested in their own history because they don't want to use God-given brains to discover the whos, whats, whens and whys of where we are today? It's so much easier to let scholars, the intellectuals, preserve the facts, and we may get around to reading them if it doesn't take too much effort.

But if we leave others to digest the past for us, are we not perhaps letting history distort reality? Any one person can only focus on a very small portion of human experience. Is that not why history, even Methodist history, can be distorted because of omissions, insufficient information or presentation of only one point of view?

History is the only reality we have. I truly hope that during the next quarter of a century the HISTORICAL BULLETIN will be able to present a more complete historical picture of our diversified world-wide Methodism and not distort reality.

CHARLES WESLEY ESSAY CONTEST

A Charles Wesley Essay Contest has recently been established with a prize in the amount of \$150 or £100. The theme for this first contest is "Charles Wesley and His Family" with competition open to students who are matriculated in undergraduate, graduate, or theological schools at the time they submit the essay. Deadline for submission is May 21, 1997; send to The Charles Wesley Society, Archives and History Center, Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940.

DO YOU HAVE A WESLEY LETTER?

The following communication has been received from Philip Olleson of the University of Nottingham in England:

"I am preparing an edition of the collected letters of the composer and organist Samuel Wesley (1766-1837), the son of Charles Wesley and nephew of John Wesley.

"Although I think I have now traced all letters by Samuel Wesley in public collections, I am aware that there must be many letters in private hands of which I am unaware. I would like to include as many of these as possible in the edition. I would be most grateful to hear from anyone who either owns or knows of any Samuel Wesley letters in private ownership. All information will be gratefully received and the ownership of all letters included in the edition will be acknowledged.

"I would also be most interested to hear of any relevant letters in private ownership either to or from other members of his immediate family. These include his father Charles Wesley, his mother Sarah Gwynne Wesley, his sister Sarah (Sally) Wesley, his brother Charles Wesley, his wife Charlotte Louisa Wesley (nee Martin), his common-law wife Sarah Suter, and his numerous children: Charles, John William, Emma Frances, Samuel Sebastian, Rosalind, Eliza, John, Matthias Erasmus, Thomasine, and Robert Glenn."

If you can help Philip Olleson, please contact him at the Department of Continuing Education, University of Nottingham, Cherry Tree Buildings, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, England; telephone: +44 (115) 951-3715; FAX: +44 (115) 951-3711; E-mail: Philip.Olleson@nottingham.ac.uk.

Note: Portrait busts of John Wesley and Francis Asbury are now being sold in bookstores on campuses of United Methodist-related schools of higher education. For more information contact Lester G. Murphy, 633 Cora Place #1, Rahway, NJ 07065-3726.

Twenty-five Years of History

by FREDERICK E. MASER

The HISTORICAL BULLETIN of the World Methodist Historical Society this year celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary. It has been published for a quarter of a century under two different names, two different logos, and seven different editors.

It was born in 1971 when at a Conference in Denver, Colorado, Frederick E. Maser was elected as the first Executive Secretary of the newly organized World Methodist Historical Society. The new organization was in reality the successor body to the International Methodist Historical Union. Unfortunately, the international organization had been merely a list of officers duly elected from time to time but seldom functioning in any way. With the advent of the Denver meeting, the World Methodist Historical Society became an active organization holding occasional regional conferences and international quinquennial conferences, and publishing a NEWS BULLETIN.

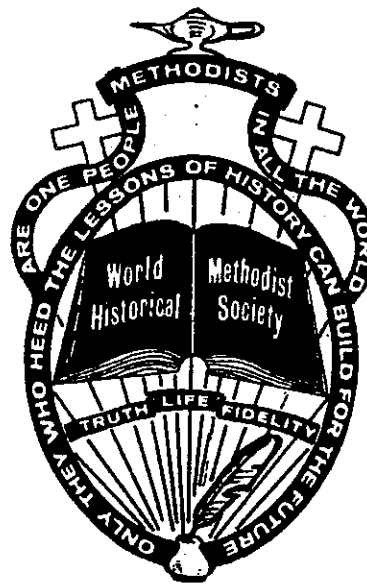
Three Vice Presidents of the WMHS were elected at the Denver meeting. These were later increased to five, representing five different sections of the world. Later the number of Vice Presidents was increased to twelve. These represented Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Great Britain/Ireland, and Oceania. The establishment of regional conferences and a quinquennial conference at the time of the meetings of the World Methodist Conference created great interest in the Bulletin where all these events were reported. As a result news of the regional sections became a regular feature of the Bulletin. Funds for these enterprises were raised from the dues now required of member bodies. In addition, gifts were received from Mary Louise Maser and a grant was provided by The George Ruck Trust.

Beginnings

From the very first issue of the NEWS BULLETIN a different name was sought for

its rather prosaic title. Leland Case, then Editor of *Together* magazine, suggested Methodist Magazine. Bishop Nolan Harmon protested that the slim Bulletin could hardly be called a magazine, and Dr. Douglas Chandler of Wesley Theological Seminary said that the suggested title would earn the ill will of most librarians as that title would "revive a name already cluttering their archives...with confusion." He facetiously added, "Why not call it Maser's Master Piece?"

John Vickers of England urged that the title NEWS BULLETIN be retained "since this designates what the little paper purports to be." This last suggestion was accepted and the paper was called NEWS BULLETIN of the World Methodist Historical Society until 1982 when the present name HISTORICAL BULLETIN came into use.



The original logo was a highly elaborate insignia (too detailed to describe here). In 1991 it was simplified to the logo now in use - a circle with a token outline of the world on which is superimposed a Cross, a book, supposedly the Bible, with a quill pen, below which are the initials WMHS. Most of the issues of the Bulletin have been black print on white paper, but some have been printed on different types of colored paper.

The Editors

Seven different persons have served as editors since the NEWS BULLETIN was launched in December 1971. With this first issue the NEWS BULLETIN was underway. Except for one or two years, the NEWS BULLETIN/HISTORICAL BULLETIN has been issued quarterly ever since its beginnings.

Frederick E. Maser

The first Editor of the NEWS BULLETIN was Frederick E. Maser, new Executive Secretary of the World Methodist Historical Society. It was hoped that each Vice President would send him information about Methodism in their particular section of the world. In the beginning news was slow in coming. However, space was filled with special reports, biographies, and articles on Wesleyana. In 1974, on the advice of his physician, Maser resigned as Executive Secretary of the WMHS and also as Editor of the Bulletin.

John H. Ness, Jr.

In 1974 John H. Ness, Jr. succeeded Dr. Maser both as Executive Secretary of the WMHS and as Editor of the Bulletin. He continued Maser's work with enthusiasm and efficiency. Ness was an author, scholar, and brilliant administrator. He was General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church. Here he distinguished himself by awakening the interest of The United Methodist Church in the whole subject of Methodist history. Ness remained as Editor only for a year or two, appointing Louise Queen in his place.

Louise Queen

Soon after Louise Queen took over for John Ness, she was officially elected to the office and continued as Editor until October 1978. Louise Queen had a firm grasp on Methodist history and had assisted Bishop

Nolan Harmon in the publication of *The Encyclopedia of World Methodism*. She was a facile writer and the author of a number of articles in the Encyclopedia. Also for many years she had been connected with the world of the Commission on Archives and History of the general church. She was well suited for her task. She not only published the reports of the Vice Presidents but also encouraged regional conferences and, through well written articles, aided the Wesley's Work Project, the publication of all the works of John Wesley.

Brooks B. Little

Louise Queen was succeeded by Brooks B. Little who had completed twenty years as director of the Upper Room Devotional Library and Museum in Nashville, Tennessee. He also was Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History. He continued the brilliant work of Louise Queen, often using pictures to illustrate the Bulletin and its purpose.

Frederick A. Norwood

In 1981 Little was succeeded by Dr. Frederick A. Norwood who had served for twenty-six years as Professor of the History of Christianity at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. By this time the Bulletin had grown to a larger number of pages than the original eight. Its size, however, varied according to the amount of news being gleaned from the regional Vice Presidents, and at times it was published with only four pages.

Theodore L. Agnew

In 1986 Professor Theodore Agnew was elected to succeed Dr. Norwood at a meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. At the time Agnew was Professor of History, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. He had been a member of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council, and the author of a number of articles and a history

of the South Central Jurisdiction. Agnew had difficulty gathering news, and in one or two years the HISTORICAL BULLETIN was published twice rather than four times a year. However, his work was meticulous and his term as Editor proved inspiring and helpful.

C. Faith Richardson

Dr. Agnew was succeeded in 1991 by Dr. C. Faith Richardson, the present Editor of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN. She had been Secretary of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church from 1984 to 1988, and is current President of The United Methodist Historical Society. For many years she was the Administrative Assistant of Bishop James K. Mathews of The United Methodist Church, and in 1992 she was presented the Pioneer Woman Award by the Anna Howard Shaw Center at Boston University School of Theology. By her editorial skills she has already demonstrated that the greatest years of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN lie in the future under her leadership.

Contents

The first issue of the NEWS BULLETIN featured an article on "The Origin of the World Methodist Historical Society" by Dr. Frank Baker of Duke University who wrote a definitive statement about the Society, carefully outlining the complicated background of the WMHS. It stands as the only adequate description of the formation of the organization. In addition, the Bulletin contained a summary of the Minutes of the Denver Meeting, the new constitution of the WMHS, a list of the new officers, and a number of fascinating news items.

Ness' first issue contained a lengthy appreciation of the work of Maser in firmly establishing regional conferences and launching a news bulletin "which has helped to hold the membership together". Other articles included a memorial of Maldwyn Edwards, a distinguished British clergyman who had been President of the International Methodist

Historical Union from 1966 to 1971. Included also were letters to the Editor, reports from the Vice Presidents and a calendar of future events.

As we have indicated, news from each of the sections of world Methodism has been one of the features of the Bulletin. In addition, the Bulletin has published short biographical sketches of its deceased or retiring leaders and short biographies of some of its incoming officers.

In 1987 the HISTORICAL BULLETIN announced the election Dr. Charles Yrigoyen to succeed John Ness in his important post. Dr. Yrigoyen studied at the University of Pennsylvania, Lancaster Theological Seminary and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received an earned doctorate from Temple University. He served several churches, and in 1968 became Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania. In 1982 he became General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, and in 1987 Executive Secretary of the WMHS. Popular as a preacher and a teacher, he was twice nominated by his colleagues for the episcopacy. A noted author, he has written numerous articles for learned journals. He collaborated with three colleagues in the writing of *United Methodism in America - A Compact History*. He twice was selected to write the study book for the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Besides written brief biographies, the Bulletin has announced new books on Methodist history and biography and heralded any appropriate news from the World Methodist Council and its Museum at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. It has set up a calendar of future events including dates of regional conferences and the complete program of the quinquennial meetings held at the time and place of the meeting of the World Methodist Conference.

Following the first regional conference at Bristol, England, the Editor of the NEWS BULLETIN joined with the editors of the

African Methodist Episcopal Zion *Historical Review* and *Methodist History* magazine in arranging for the publication of all the addresses presented at the Bristol Conference in a combined issue of the publications. The Bulletin has also published from time to time many of the addresses delivered at the quinquennial conferences.

In addition the Bulletin has taken notice of Methodist memorabilia such as Wesley's traveling pulpit presented to the World Council Museum at Lake Junaluska. The pulpit was sent to the World Methodist Council as an expression of thanks for the support given by world Methodism in restoring Wesley's Chapel in London. It is one of three of its kind in the world.

The Bulletin has also recognized and encouraged acts of restoration such as that of a group of women at Calvary United Methodist Church in Frederick, Maryland. They agreed to provide the costs for restoring the grave marker of Susanna Wesley which had deteriorated through the years.

The HISTORICAL BULLETIN has kept track of the major Methodist Collections, noting in 1978, for example, that "the Methodist Archives formerly housed on City Road in London has been completely transferred and the holdings are now located at the John Rylands University Library, Manchester, England." This announcement was followed by an article on how best to gain admission to these records. In the same issue of the Bulletin was a helpful article on two major collections presented by the Masers to Drew University Library: a Wesleyana collection of 362 items and a prayer book collection of 153 items.

The Bulletin gave complete coverage to the joint meeting of the WMHS and the Benedictine Order which met in Rome, July 1994. The meeting had been the dream of James Udy of Australia, President of the WMHS, who worked indefatigably to bring it to fruition. In 1991 the HISTORICAL BULLETIN noted that Udy had been enthusiastically re-elected President of the World Methodist Historical Society for a

second quinquennium. The report stated that Udy "works tirelessly in support of Wesleyan history, and WMHS has grown under his leadership. Jim and his wife, Anne, are directors of the Yaraandoo Life Centre in Fiddletown, Australia."

In the same issue it was noted that "a banner for the World Methodist Historical Society was designed and made in Singapore. Thus on July 31, 1991, the Society joined the colorful procession with the World Federation of Methodist Women, the World Methodist Council's other affiliate organization, and representatives from most of the Council's sixty-four member churches, as the Sixteenth World Methodist Conference in Singapore closed in a dramatic display."

In 1994 the HISTORICAL BULLETIN also noted, with important articles, the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the birth of Francis Asbury, August 1745. In the following year the Bulletin marked the renovation of Charles Wesley's home in Bristol, England, and the anniversary of some of his hymns. It has already announced the quinquennial meeting of the WMHS in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August of 1996.

Its Influence

In spite of its small circulation - it distributes 200 copies each quarter - the HISTORICAL BULLETIN exerts a far-reaching influence on world Methodism. This is partly due to the fact that it is an important representative of world Methodism and partly to the significance of the events and announcements it carries.

On its twenty-fifth anniversary the HISTORICAL BULLETIN is a strong, newsy, informative paper on current and historic Methodism. Congratulations!

Dr. Maser now regularly edits a section entitled "Discovery" for METHODIST HISTORY published quarterly by the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church.

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- 1996 (1) **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)
- (2) **Wesley & Methodist Studies Centre Day Conference**
Place: Westminster College, Oxford, England
Date: November 2
Topic: The Pursuit of Holiness
Contact: Phil Meadows (Westminster College, Oxford OX2 9AT, England)
- (3) **Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Annual Meeting**
Place: United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio
Dates: November 16-18
Topic: 50th Anniversary Celebration - The Evangelical United Brethren Church
Contact: Center for EUB Heritage (1810 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH 45406)
- (4) **Wesleyan Studies Group of American Academy of Religion**
Place: New Orleans, Louisiana
Dates: November 23-26
Topic: Wesleyan Perspectives on the Situation of Children in Conditions of Poverty
Contact: Ted A. Campbell (4500 Mass. Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016)
- 1997 (1) **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)
- (2) **United Methodist European Historical Commission Conference**
Place: Strasbourg, France
Dates: August 24-29
Topic: Methodist Life in Milieu of European Pietism until 1918
Contact: Michel Weyer (Bellinostrasse 35, D-7410 Reutlingen, Germany)
- (3) **Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Annual Meeting**
Place: Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Mass.
Dates: October 3-5
Topic: 150th Anniversary Celebration - Birth of Anna Howard Shaw
Contact: Margaret W. Bickford (P. O. Box 247, Canaan, VT 05903)
- 1999 **WMHS North American Section Meeting**
Place: Toronto, Canada
Dates: June 20-23
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WMHS MEETS IN RIO

During the 17th World Methodist Conference held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 7-15, 1996, the World Methodist Historical Society held its quinquennial meeting. About one hundred persons gathered in Riocentro on August 8-9 to worship, hear and discuss presentations under the general theme of "Wesley, Our Wesleyan Heritage, and the Global Holiness/Pentecostal Movement," and plan for the next five years.

Important Presentations

The two days opened on Thursday morning with a worship service led by Bishop Nathaniel L. Linsey of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. With Dr. Rebekah L. Miles of Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas, moderating, three exciting presentations were given. Dr. Richard P. Heitzenrater of Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina, gave a glimpse of his current research on who were the poor in 18th century England and the Wesleyan response to these persons. Telling of his research and experience, Dr. Ted A. Campbell of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, presented a paper on "Perceptible Inspiration' and the Varieties of Methodist Experience." The informative presentation by Dr. Tim Macquiban of Westminster College in Oxford, England, was entitled "Soup and Salvation: Social Service as an Emerging Motif for the British Methodist Response to Urbanization in the 19th Century."

On Friday, August 9, the focus shifted to the history of Methodism in Latin America and the development of Pentecostalism. Dr. L. Elbert Wethington, President of the Wesley Heritage Foundation, Inc., led the opening worship service. With Dr. Donald W. Dayton of Wesleyan Northern Baptist Seminary in Lombard, Illinois, as moderator, Dr. Jose Miguez Bonino of Buenos Aires, Argentina, gave the historical background in a paper

Zablon Nthamburi New WMHS President

Dr. Zablon John Nthamburi, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya, was enthusiastically elected as the new President of the World Methodist Historical Society. The Vice-Presidents representing the six WMHS regions and other officers elected, who together form the Executive Committee for the next five years, are listed on the back page of this issue of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN.

Pages 3-5 contain the minutes and reports from the quinquennial business session held on August 8th and a meeting of the new Executive Committee held on August 9th.

entitled "The Wesleyan and Methodist Experience in Latin America." Dr. Dayton then told about "Methodism and Latin American Pentecostalism." The two days of interesting, informative programs ended with one of the Latin American pastors, Manuel Ossa, telling the story of Victor Mora and the "Mission Wesleyana Nacional."

We await the publication of these important papers. One of the results of the presentations was a resolution sent by the new Executive Committee to the World Methodist Council (see page 5).

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

This is the first issue of my sixth year as Editor of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN. Can't believe it!

My dream is that over these next five years this communication vehicle for the World Methodist Historical Society can really portray world-wide Methodism. Members of the WMHS Executive Committee, especially the Vice-Presidents who represent the various regions, are being urged to send in stories of Methodist history, either of persons and events of the past or things happening in the present. Why shouldn't there be articles in languages other than English?

I hope readers will help to make my dream come true! Let's share our world-wide Methodist history.

THE CHARLES WESLEY SOCIETY

The 7th annual meeting of the Charles Wesley Society will be held at the Center of Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, November 1-3, 1996. There will be a Hymn Sing using *Hymns on the Great Festivals and Other Occasions (1746)*, a new facsimile reprint of which is to be released at the meeting. There will be four major presentations:

- "The Disruptions in the Publishing Partnership of John and Charles Wesley" by Frank Baker
- "Holy Larceny: Elizabeth Rowe's Poetry in Charles Wesley's Hymns" by James Dale
- "African Methodism and Wesleyan Hymnody" by Dennis Dickerson
- "Cappadocian Influence on the Hymnody of Charles Wesley" by Beryl Ingram-Ward.

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

A one day conference to explore John Wesley's theology for today will be held on Saturday, November 2, 1996, at the Wesley & Methodist Studies Centre of Westminster College in Oxford, England. The conference will focus on the *recovery* of John Wesley as a theologian, *reflection* upon contemporary issues in the light of Wesleyan theology, and the *restatement* of Wesley's theology for today. There will be small group discussion and plenary sessions. Topics covered will include:

- "The Spread of Scriptural Holiness: Methodism's Unfinished Task" by Donald English
- "Fleeing from the Wrath to Come: Eschatology and Evangelism" by Herbert McGonigle
- "Wesleyan Witness in an Interreligious Context" by Elizabeth Harris
- "Wesley's Evangelical Economics" by David Deeks
- "Wesleyan Perspectives on Ecology" by John Harrod.

The beauty of holiness, of that inward man of the heart which is renewed after the image of God, cannot but strike every eye which God hath opened--every enlightened understanding. The ornament of a meek, humble, loving spirit, will at least excite the approbation of all those who are capable, in any degree, of discerning spiritual good and evil. From the hour men begin to emerge out of the darkness which covers the giddy unthinking world, they cannot but perceive how desirable a thing it is to be thus transformed into the likeness of Him that created us.

- John Wesley, Sermon XIX

MINUTES
WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
August 8, 1996

The quinquennial meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Acting Interim President, Donald W. Dayton. Those present remembered those who had died during the past five years, including Vice-Presidents, Wesley A. Chambers (Oceania) and Sione Latukefu (Oceania), and Homer L. Calkin, Director, World Catalogue of Methodist Manuscript Collections. Robert J. Williams, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted as presented. Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., General Secretary, presented a brief report (*see next page*).

Mortimer Arias requested information and support for the establishment of a regional group in Latin America. Dayton indicated that each region may initiate a group and conference at any time. Some funding is available to assist with holding regional conferences (*see Executive Committee minutes page 5*).

The report of the World Catalogue of Methodist Manuscript Collections prepared by Mary K. Calkin was distributed to the members.

Robert J. Williams presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was received and the slate of officers proposed by the committee was elected (*see back page of this HISTORICAL BULLETIN*). It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint a second Vice-President for Oceania.

C. Faith Richardson, Editor of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN, presented a brief report and asked for persons to send information about Methodist historical events during the ensuing quinquennium. She will be pleased to receive news about completed and forthcoming events.

It was unanimously agreed to send greetings and to express the Society's gratitude to James S. Udy for his leadership and vision during the two quinquennia of his presidency. It was noted that Jim is still suffering from the effects of heart surgery and the stroke complications which followed.

Among the WMHS Regional Conferences scheduled for the immediate future are:

European Section, Strasbourg, France, August 25-29, 1997

North American Section, Toronto, Canada, Summer 1999

Great Britain/Ireland, Spring 1997

An invitation was issued to all present to join or renew membership in the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.
General Secretary

REMEMBER: Dues are five dollars a year or twenty dollars for five years. Make check out to the World Methodist Historical Society and send to P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940, USA.

QUINQUENNIAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It has been five years since the Society gathered at St. Francis Xavier Seminary in Singapore. The intervening years have produced joy and sadness. Regarding the latter, we have mourned the deaths of officers and friends such as Sione Latukefu and Wes Chambers, Vice-Presidents from Oceania, and Homer Calkin, the Director of the World Catalogue of Methodist Manuscript Collections. We also remain very concerned about the health of James Udy, who has been our President for the past ten years and has remained in serious condition following surgery in September 1993. Nothing would please him more than to be able to be present for this program.

There have been a number of events during the past five years for which we can shout our Alleluias. We have time to mention only a few highlights.

First, we were co-sponsors with the Wesley Historical Society in Great Britain of a World Conference in July 1993 in Cambridge, England. The theme was "Methodism in Its Cultural Milieu." Ninety persons from thirteen countries participated in an outstanding program.

Second, we were co-sponsors with the Benedictines of a conference on "Sanctification in the Benedictine and Methodist Traditions" near Rome in July 1994. This meeting was a dream conceived in the mind

of Jim Udy and bore considerable fruit. More than 125 Benedictines and Methodists, men and women, from more than twenty nations explored the theme, worshipped together, and enjoyed the facilities of Mondo Migliore. Vice-President Febe Rossi and her planning committee were instrumental in caring for our needs. The papers of the conference were recently published in the *Asbury Theological Seminary Journal*.

Third, there were a number of superb regional conferences during the quinquennium. These took place in England, Europe, Asia, and North America. Each drew a number of scholars and others interested in our Wesleyan and Methodist heritage. Plans are proceeding for regional conferences in Europe in August 1997 and North America in June 1999. The Wesley Historical Society in Great Britain holds a conference every other year.

Finally, our membership remains at about 200. We hope to increase it significantly as a result of this gathering, which is probably one of the largest meetings we have ever had. We need your support if we are to continue to promote and encourage interest in our common history. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to support you in your ministry on behalf of our heritage.

Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.

NOTE

John Vickers writes that when "Circuit Life in 1825," his paper given at the Cambridge Conference of 1993 ("Methodism in Its Cultural Milieu"), was published in Westminster Wesley Series, No. 2, 1994, two of the three statistical tables were omitted in error. "Without these, parts of the text are virtually meaningless. I will gladly send copies of these two tables to anyone who asks for them. Please enclose an international reply coupon (or within Great Britain, a second class stamp." John's address is on the back page of this HISTORICAL BULLETIN.

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORLD METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
August 9, 1996

Active Interim President Donald Dayton called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Others present included newly elected President Zablon Nthamburi, Peder Borgen, Ted Campbell, Ronald Gory, Tim Macquiban, Julio Sabanes, Robert Williams, Charles Yrigoyen, and D. William Faupel, Director of the Wesleyan/Holiness Studies Center at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, USA.

Bill Faupel presented an invitation to have a World Conference at Asbury Seminary in the summer of 1998. The committee unanimously accepted the invitation and asked Faupel to work on specific dates during the mid-August 1998 period. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the planning committee for this event include Dayton, Faupel, Nthamburi, Weyer, and Yrigoyen. It was moved, seconded, and passed that \$2000 of Society funds be set aside for this event.

It was unanimously agreed that the following additional expenditures be approved:

- (1) \$500 to be allocated immediately to the Wesley Heritage Foundation to help finance the Spanish edition of Wesley's Works.
- (2) \$2000 be set aside for the next Quinquennial Meeting in 2001.
- (3) \$600 be made available to any Regional Conference held during the quinquennium.

It was agreed to forward the following resolution to the World Methodist Council:

The World Methodist Historical Society urges the World Methodist Council to initiate a dialogue with sisters and brothers of Holiness and Pentecostal churches. Our discussions in the last two days have shown that there is a kindred spiritual inheritance between Methodist, Holiness and Pentecostal Churches, and we share many specific points of common history. Although we recognize that many Pentecostals are not interested in ecumenical dialogue, others have expressed an interest in relating the Pentecostal movement to ecumenical Christianity. We urge the World Methodist Council to represent global Methodism in serving as a catalyst to help our sisters and brothers in the Pentecostal movement relate to global ecumenism.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Arlow W. Andersen, who had served as a faculty member in several colleges and universities, most recently as professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, died on Monday, May 27, 1996, at the age of 90. He also served for a number of years as historian for the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is known among world Methodists as the author of a number of books on Scandinavian-American history, including *The Salt of the Earth: a History of Norwegian/Danish Methodism*.

DID YOU KNOW that

- William Booth, the British Methodist who formed the Salvation Army, published a best seller, *In Darkest England*, with C. T. Stead?
- Sarah Crosby was the first woman Local Preacher in the history of Methodism?
- in March 1996 the Rev. Ireneu Cunha was elected the first bishop of the now autonomous Portuguese Methodist Church?
- Gustavo Cruz Diaz is the new bishop of The Methodist Church in Cuba?

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Growing Up with Primitive Methodism by Harold Miller. 44pp., £2. Order from Rev. John Banks, 36 Wilton Crescent, Alderley Edge, Cheshire SK9 7RG, England.

This was the Fifth Chapel Aid Lecture in 1995, an autobiographical account of a Derbyshire Primitive Methodist who became a distinguished physicist.

THE HAY BAY GUARDIAN edited by J. William Lamb. 24 pp., \$5. Order from Hay Bay Guardian, 24 Princess Margaret Blvd., Etobicoke, Ontario, M9A 1ZA, Canada.

The 1996 edition contains, among others, articles on "Charles Wesley's Loyalist Poetry" and "The Old Wooden Stave Churches of Norway."

Issues in Education: Some Methodist Perspectives. 1996, 165 pp., £10, ISBN 1 874677 95 6. Order from Westminster College, Oxford OX2 9AT, England.

This is the 4th volume in the Westminster Wesley Series with articles on John Wesley and Education, education in England and Northern Ireland, and contemporary perspectives.

Meet James Varick by James David Armstrong. \$5.50. Order from A.M.E. Zion Historical Society, P. O. box 31005, Charlotte, NC 28231-1005, USA.

A monologue in one act, this is an in-depth portrayal of the founder and first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Workaday Preachers. The Story of Methodist Local Preaching edited by Geoffrey Milburn and Margaret Batty. 1995, pp. xiv+367, £10, ISBN 85852 058 4. Order from Methodist Publishing House, 20 Ivatt Way, Peterborough PE3 7PG, England.

Volume was compiled to celebrate 1996 as bicentenary of the first formal recognition by the Wesleyan Conference of the Circuit Local Preachers' Meeting.

OBRAS DE WESLEY

The Wesley Heritage Foundation, Inc., se complace en anunciar la publicación de los primeros cuatro volúmenes de las OBRAS DE WESLEY de una colección de catorce. Estos cuatro volúmenes incluyen todos los sermones de Wesley anteriormente publicados en castellano, más un número que no se había traducido anteriormente.

Tanto estos cuatro volúmenes como la mayoría de los que han de seguir son una nueva traducción de los escritos de Wesley, basada en la magna "Edición del Bicentenario" que se prepara y publica actualmente en Norteamérica y Gran Bretaña. El Editor General es Dr. Justo L. González, ampliamente conocido por sus obras históricas y teológicas. La Junta Editorial está integrada por: Rectora Rev. Rosanna Panizo, Lima, Perú; Dr. Mortimer Arias, Obispo Jubilado, Salinas, Uruguay; Rev. José Pacheco, Casa Nazarena de Publicaciones, México; Dr. González; y Dr. L. Elbert Wethington representando a la Wesley Heritage Foundation.

El resto de los volúmenes se publicarán antes de marzo de 1998. Envíe sus pedidos a The Wesley Heritage Foundation, 801 S. LaSalle St., Villa 5, Durham, NC 27705-3789; FAX (919)-682-3349; E-mail LEWETH@aol.com.

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 Place: Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, USA
 Dates: November 1-3
 Topic: Hymns on the Great Festivals
 Contact: Charles A. Green (P. O. Box 6095, Philadelphia, PA 19114-0695, USA)
- (2) **Wesley & Methodist Studies Centre Day Conference**
 Place: Westminster College, Oxford, England
 Date: November 2
 Topic: The Pursuit of Holiness
 Contact: Phil Meadows (Westminster College, Oxford OX2 9AT, England)
- (3) **Historical Society of The United Methodist Church Annual Meeting**
 Place: United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, USA
 Dates: November 16-17
 Topic: 50th Anniversary Celebration - The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 Contact: Center for EUB Heritage (1810 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH 45406, USA)
- (4) **Wesleyan Studies Group of American Academy of Religion**
 Place: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
 Dates: November 23-26
 Topic: Wesleyan Perspectives on the Situation of Children in Conditions of Poverty
 Contact: Ted A. Campbell (4500 Mass. Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016, USA)
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This is the final issue of the HISTORICAL BULLETIN's 25th Anniversary Year. In the issue that began 1996 it was suggested that members of the World Methodist Historical Society might like to dream about the Society's future. The Rev. Lorna Lock-Nah Khoo, one of the Society's Vice-Presidents, responded with her

DREAM!

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"I dream of little Methodist 'studies centres' sponsored by WMHS sprouting in various parts of the world. At the moment, most Wesleyan scholars are from North America and England. By the year 2000, most Christians of the world will be found in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It would be important that Methodists in those parts of the world are enabled to discover their unique heritage and, in so doing, enrich the whole (universal) Body of Christ.

"Since I can not speak of the needs of the other regions, I will focus primarily on a possible model for Asia (more narrowly, South East Asia). This model might be useful for other parts of the world.

"The Methodist 'studies centre' could organize a cluster of events each year lasting not more than 4 weeks. The first week would provide intensive training, research tools and a forum for Methodist scholars who are trying to write up about their regional Methodist history. The second week would be a teaching week, focused on some aspect of Wesleyan theology. The third week would be a 'think-tank' week where some concrete key regional or local issues would be discussed critically in the light of Wesleyan theology so as to enable the participants to reflect practically, in their church life, the Wesleyan ethos. The final week would be a WMHS type of meeting where papers from various scholars in the region would be presented and discussed.

"Wesleyan scholars from the 'first world,' who have had more knowledge of the Wesleyan corpus, can be invited to work with local/regional Wesleyan scholars in providing the four-week long courses. Pastors, seminary students, archivists, interested lay people can come for any one of the weeks, provided that they have fulfilled some basic theological requirements. (Participation could be by invitation only in some cases.) The cost of board and accommodation for all involved will be kept to a minimum, so as to enable those from economically disadvantage countries to attend. Grants would have to be found to pay for the cost of importing the overseas expertise (one person each time), accommodation and board, small honorarium, subsidies for regional expertise (accommodation and board/transportation), study materials, publicity, correspondence, etc. (possibly less than US\$10,000 per year). If credit could be earned from the Open University for instance, participants could

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1997 CANADIAN CONFERENCE

calls for papers

EUROPEAN SECTION WMHS

to meet August 24-29
in Strasbourg, France

See inside for details

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Does it seem peculiar to focus on dreams of the future in a publication devoted to matters historical? I suppose so. Yet in his *Ode* Arthur O'Shaughnessy proclaimed:

We are the music makers,
We are the dreamers of dreams.

.....

We are the movers and shakers
Of the world for ever, it seems.
For each age is a dream that is dying,
Or one that is coming to birth.

I hope members of the World Methodist Historical Society will take Lorna Khoo's dreams seriously. For unless we make a real effort to keep the history of the Wesleyan traditions alive throughout the world, we might well be "a dream that is dying." Let's be "one that is coming to birth!"

Wesley & Methodist Studies Centre

The Wesley & Methodist Studies Centre at Westminster College in Oxford, England, is dedicated to the study of the diverse aspects of the Wesleyan traditions. In Oxford, the birthplace of "the Methodists," there is access to specialist libraries with a wealth of Methodist resources. Oxford is close to major Methodist heritage sites at Epworth, Bristol, and London. The Director of the Centre is Dr. Tim Macquiban.

Two other Vice-Presidents of WMHS, Takeo Kega and Lorna Khoo, have recently added to the international dimension of the Wesley & Methodist Studies Centre by being part of ongoing research programs. The Centre recently held a highly successful conference on *The Pursuit of Holiness*. If you are interested in copies of the papers given at the conference, or other information about the Centre, please contact Dr. Tim Macquiban, Westminster College, Oxford OX2 9AT, England; phone: 01865-247644; FAX 01865-251847; e-mail: t.macquiban@ox-west.ac.uk; <http://www.ox-west.ac.uk/wmsc/>.

Dream! Dream! Dream! (continued)

work towards a degree in a period of several years. (This might mean that the above structure has to be slightly modified to fit the requirements of the University.)

"The 'studies centre' organizing this program does not need any full-time staff. A willing volunteer organizer (possibly a Vice-President of WMHS) and perhaps some clerical assistance (paid or unpaid) would be needed. WMHS can be the sponsor the 'centre,' supplying the names of Wesleyan experts in different parts of the world who are willing to give of their time to come, providing some form of assistance with regard to getting accreditation for courses run, helping with the financing (i.e. sourcing grants) and monitoring the use of the finances. It would be good if WMHS members from other regions could try to attend each other's 'studies centre' programs. Their participation and contributions would be invaluable to the locals.

"How this is going to materialize will depend on the response of the WMHS to this proposal. Enough of dreaming."

**1997 CANADIAN METHODIST
HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

The Canadian Methodist Historical Society will hold a conference on June 22-24, 1997. The sessions will be at Emmanuel College at Victoria University in Toronto, Ontario. Two presentations have been scheduled to date: "An Examination of Wesley's Understanding of Christian Perfection" by Victor Shepherd; and "Methodist Books of Discipline" by Robert Buchanan.

Call for Papers

Other papers on "Aspects of the Wesleyan Tradition" are invited. If interested, please submit no later than February 28, 1997, a working title and brief outline of no more than 100 words to Canadian Methodist Historical Society, %United Church Archives, Victoria University, 73 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1K7.

The World Methodist Historical Society (European Section)
 Die Historische Kommission der Zentralkonferenzen
 der Evangelisch-methodistischen Kirche in Europa
 The Charles Wesley Society

Séminaire Protestant
 1A, quai Saint-Thomas
 Strasbourg, France
 August 24 - 29, 1997

This is an International Meeting. The official languages will be German and English; simultaneous translation is planned. The meeting is not only for historians, but is open to everyone who has an interest in the subject. Meetings, meals, and lodging will be in the Lutheran building of the "Eglise de la Confession d'Augsbourg." There are easy-access connections to Strasbourg (airport: Strasbourg-Entzheim).

Historical explorations will be directed to the following question: How has the relationship between Pietism and Methodism been formed? The question concerns the continental European countries, as well as the Scandinavian ones, in which there is still Methodist work today. There will be many opportunities for discussion.

*Methodist Life in the Environment of European Pietism
 from the Beginning to 1918*

Sunday, August 24

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
 Welcome and greetings.
 Preliminary information and introduction of participants.

Monday, August 25

The Influence of German Pietism on the German Branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America (W. Nast, "Christlicher Apologete") - Rev. Friedermann W. Burkhardt, Wüstenrot, Germany
 Workshop: *A German Methodist View of the Relationship between Pietism and Methodism* - Dr. René Gerger, Grasbourg, France and Dozent Dr. M. Weyer, Reutlingen
The Periodical "Christlicher Botschafter" (Christian Messenger) as a Medium of the Influence of German Pietism on the Evangelical Church in America - Prof. Dr. Steven O'Malley, Wilmore, KY/USA
The Pietistic Contributions to the First Hymn Books of German-speaking Methodist Churches in America: A comparison with the First Hymn Books in German-speaking European Methodism - Rev. Dr. Hans Hauzenberger, Basel, Switzerland

Tuesday, August 26

George Scott and Carl O. Rosenius: Aspects of Their Contribution to Pietism in Sweden and Norway - Rev. Friedermann W. Burkhardt, Wüstenrot, Germany
Carl Magnus Wrangel and Methodism - Bishop Dr. Ole Borgen, Oslo, Norway
 (other presentations to be announced)

Wednesday, August 27

Between Pietism and Enlightenment: Aspects of the German Perception of Methodism prior to Its Emergence on the Continent - Dozent Dr. Michel Weyer, Reutlingen, Germany
 Afternoon tour of Alsace: *"Tracing the Steps of Jacob Philipp Spener, the Father of Pietism"*
 Concert in St. Thomas Church

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Thursday, August 28

Moravian Antecedents of the Founding of Methodist Congregations in Switzerland - Rev. Dr. Patrick Streiff, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

The Role of Methodist Churches in the Organization of the "New Pietistic Movement" in Germany - Rev. Karl Heinz Voigt, Kiel, Germany

Charles Wesley and the Language of Pietism - Dr. S T Kimbrough, Jr., Bay Head, New Jersey, USA
 Songfest: *German Composers (John Lampe, G. F. Handel, and others)* and *Charles Wesley* led by Dr. S T Kimbrough, Jr.

Friday, August 29

The Pietistic Contribution to the Literature read by German-speaking Methodists - Rev. Dr. habil. Karl Zehrer, Oelsnitz, Germany

Closing worship at Zion Church - Bishop Heinrich Bolleter, Zurich, Switzerland

Departure following 1:00 p.m.

The cost of participation in this five-day meeting in Strasbourg is FF1700 per person (2 beds in a room) or FF1900 (single). Everything is included in the price with the exception of the Thursday afternoon tour of beautiful Alsace. To register please send a deposit of FF250 to

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