

Sheila Graham. We indeed have fine representatives of our Atlantic Conference at Houghton.

Elsewhere, in separate articles, the other members of the Committee have reported more particularly on the various administrative departments. In summary, I'm sure the impressions of our first meeting of integration were most favorable. We felt at home as New Wesleyan Methodists — this was not difficult with such sincere hospitality as was extended to us. As a committee, we shared the consciousness that God continues to manifest His approval of our merger, and we anticipate our future relationships in the work of the Lord in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

H. R. I.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was both a joy and a privilege to spend a few days at our Wesleyan Methodist headquarters at Marion, Indiana. Within a five minute drive of the down-town shopping area, and located on a spacious and beautiful property sits this very impressive and serviceable headquarters building.

The people we met inside, however, and the work they were carrying on impressed me even more deeply. Dr. Paul Kindschi, who is an internationally recognized authority in his field, is head of the Sunday School Department. One could not be with Dr. Kindschi and his staff very long without being caught up by the sweep of enthusiasm that characterizes everything they do. I came away with the impression that Wesleyan Sunday Schools are on the move, and the local church that ties up closely to their spiritual and forward looking program cannot help but move ahead, too.

When we visited the Wesleyan Youth Department, I was again amazed that so much is being done by so few. Rev. Robert McIntyre, who heads Wesleyan Youth, carries out an effective program that provides a great deal of practical help and guidance to each of the locals. His warm and personal ministry to the young men in the armed forces is deserving of the prayer support of Christians everywhere.

Naturally, I was anxious to learn of their method of keeping records, and the general treasurer, Mr. G. Barton Carter, proved a most helpful friend. Mr. Carter has had extensive training and practical experience in the field of accounting, and is a very capable financier. The sound thoroughness of their financial and statistical records assured each of us that this is what we have been needing for a long while.

Meeting these men, along with the General Superintendents and others of the headquarters staff, made me feel glad to be a part of Wesleyan Methodism.

S. E. Cameron

Greetings Highway Friends!

I would like to report on my recent trip with your committee to our headquarters in Indiana. Certainly it was an experience of a life-time. The generous hospitality and kindness shown by each department head and the leaders of the Church was greatly appreciated.

Having visited the headquarters, Marion College and Houghton College our feeling is that we have inherited a wonderful heritage. After such a visit I am sure one would find it difficult to single out any one department head. However, as representative of the Home Mission Board, I believe there are better days ahead for us, in the area of Church Extension. Dr. Lovin who is acquainted with many of our people is departmental leader of Church Extension, and

has assured us of his interest and desire to promote the cause of holiness in this area.

The feeling of your Committee and the leaders of the Wesleyan Methodist Church is that it will definitely take some time to work out the details of Church Administration. However, there was no feeling that we should have to make any hasty moves in this area, but that together we should seek God's leading that in a greater measure we might propagate the message of Scriptural Holiness.

I only wish it were possible for all of our people to visit the headquarters and to meet the staff. I am sure you would say with us, "To God be the glory for the great things He hath done." While we know this is impossible, we want to say **thank you** to you our people for making it possible for us to go as your representative. If we can share any helpful information feel free to ask.

Rev. S. W. Steeves

On September 8th it was our privilege to visit Wesleyan Methodist Church of America, Department of World Missions. It is beautifully situated at World Headquarters, Marion, Indiana.

Our committee was first introduced to Dr. Alton E. Liddick, executive secretary and Rev. Robert N. Lytle, assistant. Dr. Liddick was a missionary to India for 17 years before election to his present office. He has also made recent visits to the fields and is well informed on late developments. In the conversation and fellowship that followed, our committee was made to feel we were communicating with a missionary statesman.

We also contacted the leaders of the W.M.S. and Y.M.W.B. (Young Missionary Workers Bands). Literature was given to us giving up to date information on Wesleyan World Missions. Missionary Education is promoted through the Monthly Wesleyan Missionary.

Dr. Liddick plans to be a guest speaker during our Missionary Convention, Sussex, in November. He will also meet with our Foreign Mission Board. This contact will assist in merging our missionary program with Headquarters. We are happy to belong to the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America and anticipate an accelerated missionary program.

A. D. Cann

The last time I saw the Wesleyan Headquarters Building at Marion, Indiana, it was a tangled mass of twisted steel and shattered glass. As I walked the spacious halls a few weeks ago and entered the various departmental offices, the disastrous tornado seemed but a bad dream buried in the yesterdays. Upon arrival we found that arrangements for our comfort were complete and were indicative of the thoughtfulness of the General officers throughout our visit. Everywhere we found that the new Atlantic Conference had captured the imagination of our fellow Wesleyans, and any information we gave about our local activities was received with appreciation and intense interest. All the General Officers expressed the same concern that integration be carried out slowly, with consideration of our methods and procedures. I am convinced that the merger will impart new life and progress to every phase of our operation. New doors will be opened to future missionaries, a larger scope of service for pastors, added strength to our program of education, and assistance in extending the kingdom in Home Mission opportunities. On the return journey we stopped at Houghton College and shared experiences with Lawrence and Vesta Mullen and Sheila Graham. This was a special treat and added much

to the enjoyment of our trip. In the area of finances, which of course is of special interest to me, I was pleasingly surprised to discover that the total expenses of our conference will not exceed the present level, and in some areas be less demanding. This includes the benefits of a Publishing House and a pension for pastors. The first session of the Atlantic Conference in July will make clear much that is confused and foggy now. Let us continue to pray for the help of God during these days of change and progress.

N. E. Trafton

## WELCOME TO A NEW CONFERENCE

Now there are 29 rather than 28 continental conferences in The Wesleyan Methodist Church. The 29th conference extends the borders of Wesleyan Methodism for the first time into a new time zone, the Atlantic.

The conference is yet unnamed. It could be called the Maritime or the East Canada Conference, if a geographical name were adopted. The conference includes all that territory and all those churches formerly included in the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada.

The story of the final action merging the Reformed Baptist Church with The Wesleyan Methodist Church has been told by General Superintendent B. H. Phaup (The Wesleyan Methodist, August 3, page 3). Dr. Phaup includes full statistical information about our new conference in that article. It must have been a particular pleasure for Dr. Phaup to be present at the Alliance session when the Baptists voted to become Wesleyans. And it must have been a delight for our Reformed Baptists to enjoy the fellowship and preaching of Dr. Phaup during their great camp meeting, Beulah Camp.

It has been the Editor's privilege to preach at Beulah Camp several times in the last 12 or 15 years. Never has fellowship been more sweet with fellow Christians, and never has greater courtesy been extended to me. Some precious spiritual experiences are associated with Beulah Camp. All Wesleyan Methodists are the richer for the addition of these people to our fellowship.

By this merger, Wesleyan Methodism has enlarged. Full membership in our continental conferences now numbers 42,500, with total world membership of exactly 70,000. Present Sunday school enrollment has increased by 5,000 to about 132,000. For the first time since the closing of Houghton Seminary (in 1943) Wesleyan Methodists have a Bible school, in Sussex, New Brunswick.

Through this merger we have two more mission fields, Rhodesia and the Republic of South Africa, and 21 more missionaries. We also have a new conference periodical, **The King's Highway**, edited by Rev. N. E. Trafton.

Denominational lines no longer separate us. Conference ties now unite us. This is a joyous moment in the history of these two denominations that are no longer two but one.

News from our newest conference will appear regularly in the columns of **The Wesleyan Methodist**, and articles by some of their excellent writers will shortly appear.

Wesleyan Methodists in the United States no longer think of themselves as a U.S. denomination, when we remember that 3400 of our members are in Canadian conferences. Just to remind you: The president of our Canada Conference is Rev. J. S. A. Spearman and the president of our newest Canada conference is Rev. R. Ralph Ingersoll.

—G.E.F.