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A Tribute to Kenneth C. Kinghorn

My mother remembers him as the young adjunct music instructor at Asbury College in the early 1960s who taught band instruments to "the Kinghorn Four and several more" while getting his B.D. at the school across the street. My father, a 1970 graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, describes him as the genial young professor who gave whirlwind lectures on early church history in an irenic style (and who, my father still claims, said the word "irenic" began with Irenaus). My grandfather, Frank Bateman Stanger, who retired from the seminary presidency in 1982, praised him as a rising scholar, loval faculty member and fellow devotee of Methodist history. To me, at Asbury in the mid-90s, he was a humorous and knowledgeable senior professor and distinguished author with a wealth of transparences

to illustrate his lectures – everything from popes to

Kenneth Cain Kinghorn came to Asbury Seminary as a professor of church history in 1965 with a freshly minted Ph.D. on the theology of John Fletcher. He has served on the faculty with distinction for nearly 40 years (including several as the Dean of the School of Theology), living out his ministry as an elder in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The rising young scholar became a nationally known author who has now written 11 popular books-not the least of which is his latest. The Heritage of American Methodism (Abingdon, 1999), an illustrated account of how early Methodism's doctrines and devotion made it a major national denomination. One

of his most famous books, Discoverina Your Spiritual Gifts (Zondervan, 1981), is still a best seller, widely used in seminaries and parishes. In addition, he is the author of many articles and book reviews and continues to speak and preach to church and conference gatherings and on university campuses across the country. His writings, sermons, seminars and lecture tours have updated Wesley's language for modern parishioners, challenged us to renewed discipleship, and reminded us of the centrality of grace and the Holy Spirit to the story and theology of Methodism.

Former seminarians and professional colleagues will always remember fondly Ken's entertaining lectures (and occasional practical-joke multiple-choice test questions), his willingness to meet



Wenneth Kinghorn with and befriend students, and his unquestioned devotion to the history, doctrine and present-day ministry of the United Methodist Church and its predecessors. Thank you, Ken, from the Kinghorn Four and several thousand more.

—Jennifer Lynn Woodruff is the Methodist Librarian, Drew University, Madison, N.J.

The Carl O. Bangs Collection

The Nazarene Archives (Kansas City, Mo.) has acquired the Carl O. Bangs Collection. A president of the American Society of Church History, Bangs was among the world's leading specialists in the theology of James Arminius, the Dutch Reformation and the development of the Arminian theological tradition in continental Europe and England. He was also quite knowledgeable about the history of American Christianity and, after his marriage to Marjorie Friesen, developed a keen interest in Anabaptist history, producing works in these areas also. His pri-

mary books were biographies — an intellectual biography of Arminius (1971) and a social and religious biography of Phineas Bresee (1995), primary founder of the Church of the Nazarene. Bangs spent most of his career as professor of historical theology at St. Paul School of Theology (United Methodist) in Kansas City. The Carl Bangs Collection contains over 50 c.f. of papers, including correspondence with colleagues around the world. Among other topics, the papers document Arminius research, Methodist studies, United Methodist theological education

and the practice of church history in the latter 20th century. The accession has an additional 35 linear feet of books dating from the 17th-19th centuries constituting the bulk of Bangs' personal Arminius research library. The papers are not yet fully processed, but the Arminius library portion is currently open for research and is housed in the Rare Book Room of The Broadhurst Library, Nazarene Theological Seminary, which is on the same campus as the Nazarene Archives.

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Book Review

Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., ed., The Global Impact of the Wesleyan Traditions and Their Related Movements (Lanham, MD: The Scarecrow Press, 2002); 301 pages.

The essays in this volume were presented as papers at a conference on the global influence of the Wesleyan movement sponsored by the World Methodist Historical Society and held at Asbury Theological Seminary in August 2000. The book is divided into three parts: the first concentrates on theological issues, specifically as these relate to Methodist missions; the second part is a selective examination of various elements of the global Wesleyan movement; and, the third section discusses resource materials that may have an impact on the future of Wesleyanism.

Both the articles and the authors represent every continent on the earth touched by the message of John Wesley. However, the purpose of the conference and the book is not simply to provide international representation; rather, the intent is to present a "'global' interpretation of Methodism," to demonstrate the multifaceted way in which the theological and ecclesiological tradition of John Wesley has developed in the world over the past two centuries.

The largest segment of the book is the second, a collection of fifteen essays focused on a wide variety of Methodist institutions and individuals from around the world. These essays will be especially helpful to North American readers who may have been conditioned to think that the Methodism they know is the standard for Wesleyans throughout the world. The articles on Japanese and Korean expressions of Wesleyan discipleship are especially instructive as they demonstrate the creative ways in which these non-Western peoples are appropriating the message of John Wesley for their own cultures. Such perspectives remind the reader that as any people embrace a theology as their own, the process of "enculturation" shapes and further defines that theology.

While of necessity any such examination of the "global impact" of Methodism must be selective, this study would have profited from a more balanced approach. Seven of the fifteen essays in Part II deal with Asian themes, while only one focuses on Latin American Methodism. (The publication in Spanish of Wesley's works does receive an excellent review in one of the two concluding chapters.) One wonders if this discrepancy is due to the strong Pentecostal content of much of

Latin American Wesleyanism. Donald Dayton does mention Pentecostalism as one of the five "streams of Wesleyanism that have informed this conference;" yet, the essays have little to say about this massive movement in Latin America, or elsewhere in the world. A discussion of the worldwide Wesleyan movement that omits the Pentecostal experience — especially in Latin America — is incomplete, to say the least. Still, in spite of this omission this volume provides an intriguing look at the variety of Methodist expressions throughout the world.

Reviewed by Glen Spann, Asbury College.

Correction

In the last issue Neil Semple reviewer of the book *Methodism and the Shaping of American Culture* was miss-identified as Neil Sample. We apologize to Dr. Semple for this error. As a way to atone for our error, we urge everyone to buy Dr. Semple outstanding history of Canadian Methodism, *The Lord's Dominion: The History of Canadian Methodism.*

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