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Convocation Honoring the Founders
February 19, 1976
From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where'er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending loyal we will be --
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight dream till dawn
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on --
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan!
ON THE COVER Superimposed on a 1776 map is the American odyssey of the Greenman family. Departing Providence for the "wilds" of Ohio in 1806, they left behind forever the friends and familiar places in Rhode Island and the shores of Narragansett Bay. In October, the Greenmans arrived in Marietta, Ohio, a frontier town peopled by New Englanders, on the Ohio river bluffs at the mouth of the Muskingum. Some 20 miles above Marietta, Jeremiah Greenman settled on a farm and spent the remainder of his days there until his death in 1828. The following year his son John left with his family for McLean County, Illinois, hauling his possessions by land across Indiana, probably following the National Road part of the way. In 1830, Jeremiah, Jr. with his family and the widow Greenman set off for Illinois, floating down the Ohio to Cairo, where they boarded a steamboat which took them up the Illinois river to Pekin, from which point they traveled the rest of the way to Waynesville by ox-drawn cart.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
CONVOCATION HONORING THE FOUNDERS

February 19, 1976 10:45 a.m. Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall
President Robert S. Eckley, Presiding

ORGAN PRELUDE
Concert Variations on the Star Spangled Banner ........ Dudley Buck
David Gehrenbeck, Organist

PROCESSIONAL
Prelude on "Deus tuorum militum" ......................... Leo Sowerby
Organ and Brass Quartet

INVOCATION ........................................... Chaplain William L. White

ANTHEM
My Redeemer (John ReIly) ................................... William Billings (c. 1781)
Collegiate Choir
David Nott, Director

PSALM
Save Me, O God (Psalm 54) ................................ Charles Ives (c. 1896)
Collegiate Choir

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS .................................. President Robert S. Eckley

ADDRESS
The American Odyssey of the Greenman Family ............ Professor Robert Bray and
Professor Paul Bushnell

MOTET
Matins (George Herbert) .................................... Relly Raffman (1963)
Collegiate Choir

ALMA WESLEYANA

BENEDICTION ........................................... Chaplain William L. White

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE
March in C .............................................. Robert Bankert
David Gehrenbeck, Organist

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