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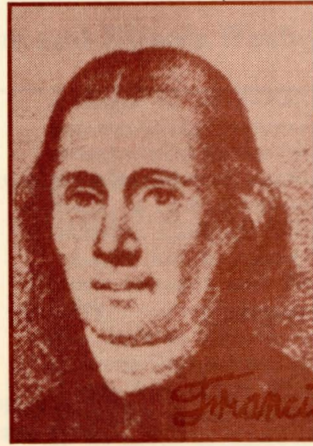
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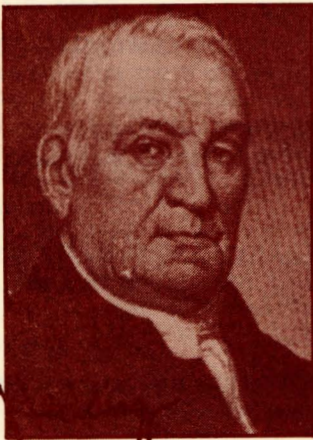
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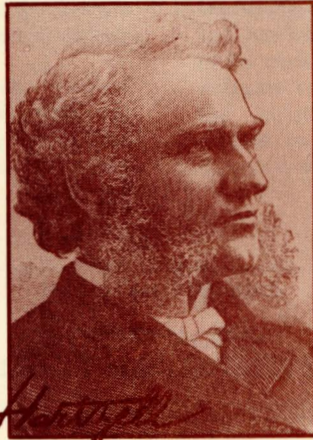
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Honoring the Founders
February 16, 1977



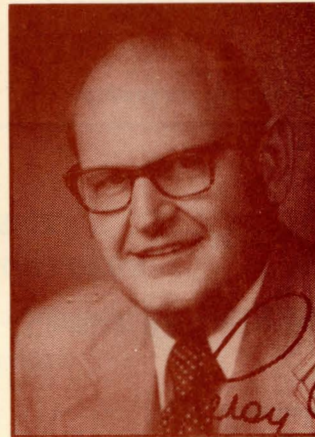
Francis Asbury



Elijah



Joseph Holtzcliff



Percy C. Hodapp

THE WINDHOVER

I caught this morning morning's minion, kingdom of daylight's
dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon, in his riding
Of the rolling level underneath him steady air, and striding
High there, how he rung upon the rein of a wimpling wing
In his ecstasy! then off, off forth on swing,
As a skate's heel sweeps smooth on a bow-bend: the hurl and
gliding
Rebuffed the big wind. My heart in hiding
Stirred for a bird,—the achieve of, the mastery of the thing!

Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume, here
Buckle! and the fire that breaks from thee then, a billion
Times told lovelier, more dangerous, O my chevalier!
No wonder of it: sheer plod makes plough down sillion
Shine, and blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,
Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermilion.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

ALMA WESLEYANA

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!

Convocation Honoring the Founders February 16, 1977

The Bishops, American Methodism and Illinois Wesleyan University

Born during the famed Christmas Conference of 1784, the Methodist Episcopal Church in America elected its first bishop at that historic meeting. **Francis Asbury (1745-1816)**, sent to the colonies by John Wesley, became the foremost creator of the American heritage. He founded the first Sunday School, instructed his "circulation of preachers" in their itinerant ministry, raised the first money for American Methodist education and founded the Methodist Publishing House.

New England born and bred **Elijah Hedding (1780-1852)** carried forward the staunch Methodism of his time during his long episcopacy. Renowned as one of the great constitutional lawyers of the Church, he published numerous sermons and addresses. Four years after his death, a small college in Illinois was named for him. Hedding College, absorbed by Illinois Wesleyan in 1928, is brought to mind as we pass its college bell on this campus each day.

Joseph Hartzell (1842-1928) shared one of the greatest adventures in Illinois Wesleyan history. During his junior year he accompanied the storied Major John Wesley Powell to Colorado as a geologist. Later the '68 alumnus became the first

graduate to be named a Methodist bishop, devoting his ministry to the service of black Methodists as well as white. An ardent worker for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education societies, Hartzell established dozens of institutions across the South. In 1896 he was consecrated missionary bishop of Africa, traveling 1,300,000 miles on 13 tours of the continent.

Latest link to Asbury's zeal for education, Hedding's eloquent sermons and Hartzell's humanism, **Leroy Hodapp (1923-)** espouses the prairie Methodism of his predecessors. Born in Indiana, he received the bachelor of arts degree from the University of Evansville and the bachelor of divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary. In 1961 he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Evansville. He served as pastor of several churches in Indianapolis and Bloomington, Ind., held numerous Church and secular offices, and has been a communications leader in the Indiana Church in its work with radio, television and film. Dr. Hodapp was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1968-70-72-76 and to the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1964-68-72-76. He was elected to the episcopacy in July 1976 and assigned to the Illinois Area.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CONVOCAION HONORING THE FOUNDERS

February 16, 1977

11:00 a. m.

Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall

President Robert S. Eckley, Presiding

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata VI, on the Chorale "Vater unser im Himmelreich"

("Our Father, Who Art in Heaven") Felix Mendelssohn

David Gehrenbeck, Organist

PROCESSIONAL

Prelude and Fugue in D minor Samuel Wesley

David Gehrenbeck, Organist

INVOCATION Chaplain William Luther White

ANTHEM

The Windhover (1943) Michael Tippett

Collegiate Choir

David Nott, Director

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER President Robert S. Eckley

ADDRESS

Roots (based on Isaiah 51: 1-5) Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp

AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE

HYMN

The Windhover (1971) Reginald Smith Brindle

Collegiate Choir

David Nott, Director

ALMA WESLEYANA

BENEDICTION Chaplain William Luther White

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Ceremonial Music Calvin Hempton

David Gehrenbeck, Organist