

--The Methodist Protestant Church had developed in 1830 as an objection to the strictness of the episcopal system. In 1877 began a movement to reunite methodism in general and this effort continued until 1939 when the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church south and the Methodist Protestant church were united. A few congregations objected and out of the Methodist Protestant group came the Bible Protestant Church (now the American Fundamentalist Church)

--Of the Methodist separation groups we note only:

--The Free Methodist Church 1860

--The Wesleyan Methodist Church 1843

--The Evangelical Methodist Church 1946

--The Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren in 1966 (ca) and attained a membership status of over 13,000,000 members. But this has declined in the last two decades.

--Just for a closing note..probably no other large denomination has shown more accurately the affect of the intrusion of liberal theology as has the Methodist church.

—The denomination has been increasingly active in education with many seminaries and colleges. In theology it has accepted the general arminian tendencies and the Wesleyan ideals of a holy life.

--Viturally all of the "holiness" varieites of religious bodies have a methodist connexion in their backgrounds. It is also true the church has been a leader in outreach along several lines. But as liberalism has been more apparent the outreach of methodism has been morein the ecumenical circles and much less in the evangelistic and gospel circles.