

/3/ total person interest

/4/ subjectivity in intent and understanding. Objectivity is not denied but it is not of very great interest in comparison.

(e) Doctrinal Standards: The Book of Discipline, etc.

(f) Views on Education:

/1/Wesley's one dilemma

/2/an unplanned ideology

/3/ a reversal in order

/4/ corrective moves

/5/ current emphasis.

(g) In summary: Methodist history, like that of other bodies, is intensely interesting stuff. Unfortunately we never get to a lot of it and you either have to read it on your own or be propagandized in that direction. Suffice it to say that it was the growing church of the 19th century. Its growth on the frontier was particularly gratifying. But it gained in every area of American life...not just the frontier...and actually developed the high/low church mentalities that faced episcopalians and even baptists. It moved vigorously into societal and educational commitment and we will say more of this in time to come.

(2) Brief note on Methodist organization...in brief as it helps us to see how things have gone with the group:

(a) the local church

(b) the district

(c) the conference

(d) the bishops

(3) Early inroads of modern unbelief:

(a) Educational institutions

(b) the Minister's Home Study Course