

**GATTINONI, BISHOP JOHN
ERMETTE**

Autobiography
JOHN ERMEETE GATTINONI

I was born in Italy on July 24, 1878. At the age of five I entered the kindergarten, but the following year my parents came to Argentina, where I have spent the rest of my life. Here I completed the primary grades, and at the age of twelve began to learn the carpenter's trade, which was also the trade of my father. I continued studying, however, in night schools in order to round out the training I needed for my chosen work.

My parents had settled in the city of Chivilcoy, in the province of Buenos Aires, ^{Argentina,} and there I lived until I was nineteen. They brought me up in a Roman Catholic home, but their form of religion hardly penetrated below my skin. I liked to be considered an unbeliever. I was about sixteen when a friend took me to hear the preaching of the Gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church. I did not understand much of what I heard, but I returned again and again, making friends among the people who attended the services and growing more and more deeply interested. I was about seventeen when I felt a deep desire to surrender myself to the Lord, and from that moment I was conscious of an intimate inward relation with Christ. Directly upon my conversion there was born in me an ardent desire to carry to my neighbors the knowledge of the source of spiritual riches which I had found. This desire drove me to the Bible and to every other useful book I could secure, in order that I might impart to others the new light which I had discovered.

That was a time when different philosophical and religious tendencies struggled for supremacy in Argentina. Atheism was rampant (although few understood what it meant, everybody talked about it); anarchism was rife among the workers; and the Roman Catholics, although they were losing much of their power, did everything they could, in their own ways, to gain the upper hand. This situation awakened in me a combative and controversial spirit. I used to go out into the public square with my Bible and with religious tracts written for the purpose of refuting atheism, anarchism and Catholicism. I learned by heart the arguments by which I could defend myself from my adversaries.

The tracts were the opening wedge; they were like a spark to set off the flame of discussion. How happy I was in those debates! I cultivated satire and irony,- a form of discussion which I had learned in a Roman Catholic school which I attended for a time after finishing the primary grades. These are methods which I can no longer approve.

The anarchists were the ones who were most difficult to overthrow; and even though I was generally defeated, I would never admit it. My defeat was only a fresh stimulus to read and study the books which would provide new arguments ~~ask~~ against my opponents, many of whom were personally my friends. This was how I spent the holidays and moments of leisure.

I was about eighteen when I decided to go to Buenos Aires to complete my training as a carpenter. There I joined Third Church, and later our church in Barracas. I was granted a Local Preacher's licence and made a teacher in the Sunday School. I was often invited to preach in some service and in the public "plazas".

In order to prepare myself better for life and to increase my knowledge, I enrolled in a night school to study bookkeeping and other subjects.

After a year in the city, I felt the call to give my life to the service of the Lord. I went to the Rev. Andrew M. Milne, Agent of the American Bible Society, and offered to begin work as a colporteur. Mr. Milne accepted me, gave me many wise counsels, and put me in ^{the care} ~~charge~~ of a veteran colporteur named John Suarez. Suarez was a very curious individual, most original in his ways, most extraordinary in the way he could sell Bibles. Every day he sold out his stock of scriptures. My contentious spirit, on the other hand, made me lose time in argument and discussion, and I sold nothing; and, selling nothing, I earned nothing. I had left Buenos Aires with a blue suit; I returned with a green one, not because it was new, but because it had changed its color! And so after a year's work I confessed defeat. I thought the call I had heard was nothing more than an illusion and a deceit. Just as Simon, after the death of Jesus, said, "I go a fishing," so I said to myself, "John, back to the carpenter's bench!"

But God had other plans for me. Carpenter's work was scarce, and I found employment in an office. I soon gained the confidence of the head of this commercial house, and my financial future seemed to be assured. My new work left me considerable time for work as a layman in the church and for study. I was altogether happy in this position, when suddenly a cloud arose on the horizon and for a time covered the sky of my life. On June 24, 1901, the Rev. John Robles, pastor of the church in Barracas, Buenos Aires, invited me to his home. There he said to me: "I have a letter from Dr. Greenman, ^{the} District Superintendent, who tells me there is a scholarship awaiting you in the theological seminary, and he hopes you may go at once to begin your studies." It was a terrible moment for me. I thought of my former illusory call and of the failure I had suffered. I asked myself, "Is not this another diabolical form of deception, which will make me lose the promising position I have? My work leaves time for work in the church. Would I not fail again in the ministry?"

As I listened to the fatherly exhortation of Mr. Robles, my doubts were like a tempestuous sea. I asked for two weeks in which to give my answer. It was a fortnight of real agony. I prayed to God with deep earnestness that He would show me the way I should go. I did not wish to refuse His call, nor did I want to be deceived again. After the two weeks were gone, I asked for ten days more. I found it almost impossible to decide. The displeasure it would cause my parents, the financial aspect of it, the fear of failure, all joined to make my decision most difficult and painful. The sermons I heard ~~heard~~ and the books I read only served to increase my torment. At last I resolved to accept the invitation; and making my preparations, I left at the end of July for the Seminary.

The financial problem seemed to me specially difficult, for my savings were very small and were soon gone. After a few months in the Seminary, I was offered the place of janitor in our nearby church. I took the place gladly and gratefully, for though I received only ten pesos a month, this small sum covered my personal expenses during the

four years of study in the Seminary. During the vacations I was supply pastor in the churches of Mercedes and Chacabuco, some two hours apart on the Pacific railroad, and thus I earned my board. When I entered the Seminary it was with the firm conviction that during the months of study nothing ~~else~~ should be allowed to interfere with my preparation for the pastorate. For the same reason I avoided all "entangling alliances" with the young women of our congregations. But during my fourth year I relaxed a bit (and thank God for that!). A girl of English parents succeeded in drawing me out from that hermit-like existence, we came to understand one another, we became engaged, and on March 2, 1906, we were married. From that moment I began to do things better. My wife was a wise counsellor, the most severe critic of my sermons, and the exemplary mother of my children. She has suffered and rejoiced with me, "for better, for worse," always courageous, never complaining, never discouraged by any circumstance.

After finishing my Seminary studies, I was pastor successively in Mercedes (Uruguay), Junín and Chacabuco (Argentina). In 1911 Bishop Bristol appointed me to Central Church in Montevideo. The following year the theological seminary was transferred to Montevideo, and I was asked to take charge of a number of classes. This work of teaching has been a great blessing to me through the years, for it has obliged me to go on studying and searching. During my pastorate in Montevideo we were able to complete the church. It stands upon a strategic corner as a permanent testimony to the faith of Uruguayan Methodists. A picture of it may be found on page 82 of Dr. Diffendrofer's report, "A Voyage of Discovery."

In 1919 our much loved Bishop Oldham appointed me a delegate to the Centenary celebration in Columbus, Ohio, as a representative of Uruguay.

In 1921 I was transferred to Second Church, Buenos Aires. After nine years as pastor of this church, Bishop Miller appointed me Superintendent of the Districts of Buenos Aires and Uruguay. During the same period I was continually teaching in the Seminary, which had been transferred again to Buenos Aires.

Through the kindness of my brethren in the ministry, I have had the privilege of attending all the Central Conferences which have been held since 1924.

In 1932 Bishop Miller appointed me again pastor of Second Church, Buenos Aires, which had just undertaken the building of a new church. A picture of the completed structure may be seen on page 68 of Dr. Diefendorfer's report.

In the same year (1932) Bishop Miller, resident bishop for South and Central America, after making three appointments, was obliged to enter the hospital for an operation on the 6th of January, the very day that our East South America Annual Conference met in annual session. The Conference had to elect its president, and the honor fell to me. Feb. 9, 1932. All the pastors cooperated splendidly in the work of the Conference.

It was during that Conference that the question of the election of a Bishop was raised, since the Central Conference would meet the following month in Santiago de Chile. The date was fixed for proposing candidates. In the meantime I was approached by several pastors, who surprised me by saying, "We believe that you should be a candidate for the episcopacy." As was only natural, I smiled at them for such an idea and plainly told them not to think of such a thing. It had never passed through my mind. They presented a series of reasons for my acceptance of the candidacy. I insisted that I could not. When the hour came for naming candidates, my name appeared again. I asked my brethren in the Conference to count me out, for I did not feel able to carry such a load. We gave ourselves for a time to prayer. When the voting was resumed, my name appeared again in the list, and I protested. But it was pointed out that we had been praying and asking God for His guidance, and that I should not stand in the way. From that moment I maintained silence, hoping that God would free me from this thorn which my brethren--though with much love--were placing in my flesh. God did not free me from it. As it turned out during the year 1932, I had to occupy three positions at the same time: pastor, district superintendent and bishop.

To add to all these surprises, on May 7, 1933, during the service of consecration of the new Central Church, Buenos Aires, and after reading the ritual, Bishop Miller said, "I have a surprise for Bishop Gattinoni." (Let me confess my sin. I thought the Bishop would surprise us with several thousand dollars to cover the debt on our church!). "I have the honor," he went on to say, "of announcing to you and to this congregation that the famous Willamette University, the first university founded in the great Northwest of the United States, has entrusted to me the task of conferring upon you the degree of 'Doctor of Divinity.'" I hardly dare mention this unmerited honor. I have done nothing to justify it. I have only tried, in whatever position I was placed, to do my duty as I saw it. But I am bound to express my gratitude to Bishop Miller and Bishop Lowe, as also to the President of the University, Dr. Carl G. Doney.

To whom do I owe all these distinctions? First of all, to God; then to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which proclaimed to me the Gospel of Christ, a Gospel which changed the whole plan of my life. I have given my life to the Church, in order to contribute my part to the establishment of the Kingdom of God among men. Whatever may be the place which God assigns to me in the future, I shall do my part with all faithfulness, whether on the mountain top or ~~in~~ in the plain; for the work of God is to be found among men who need Christ, for all are sinners who need redemption. The positions we occupy represent different responsibilities only in form; all tend toward the same ~~great~~ great end, the salvation of the world.

My prayer is this: that God may bless the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which I form a part; that He may preserve in her a fire of divine enthusiasm, to the end that she may faithfully fulfil her task of awakening a personal ~~own~~ Christian experience in the hearts of men.

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Caption for picture of Bishops at Latin American Central
Conference at Santiago, Chile -- Nov. 2-9, 1952

Left to right:

Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni (retired bishop of the L.A. Central Conference)

Bishop Julio M. Sabanes (newly elected bishop of the L.A. Central Conf.)

Bishop Enrique E. Balloch (retired at this session)

Bishop W. Angie Smith (representative of the Council of Bishops from U.S.A.)

Bishop Santi Uberto Barbieri (relected at this session)

Bishop Robert F. Elphick (retired bishop)

Bishop Gattinoni

Longest in office of the four Methodist Bishops of Latin America is Bishop Juan Gattinoni, of the Buenos Aires area, who was elected in 1932. He is a man of evangelistic zeal, held in love and esteem by all his preachers. His area includes Argentina, Uruguay, and Bolivia. The membership is small, but its per capita giving is high, reaching last year an average per member of \$13.50 in Argentina, and \$16.90 in Uruguay. For over a decade, there has been no net gain in membership, the strength of the church being absorbed in its own support. But the tide now seems to be turning. Aided by small financial grants from the Board of Missions, a general evangelistic campaign is being carried on with enthusiasm. Protracted meetings are being held in every church, and a large use is made of the secular press, tracts and pamphlets, and radio. Freely given cooperation of secular newspapers in inland towns is especially gratifying.

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Women of some forty Methodist Episcopal churches in Oil City and in the surrounding communities of the Brookville and Grove City Districts of the denomination, are planning to send delegations to the special missionary meetings to be held in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Oil City on Friday, March 27. They will also attend other meetings at which visitors from South America will speak in the same community.

Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which has auxiliaries in these churches, are especially interested in this "Mission of Fellowship from South America" of which the women's meeting is a part. These auxiliaries are helping to support the missionary work which Methodism has carried on in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Uruguay during the past one hundred years.

Two women members of the South America fellowship will tell of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church on that continent, and picture the changing condition of womanhood there during recent years. They are Mrs. Margaret Ross Miller, wife of Bishop George A. Miller of Santiago, Chile, and Mrs. Minnie E. Gattinoni, wife of Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni, of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mrs. Miller will speak on "Women Under the Southern Cross," which is also the title of a book she wrote in 1935; and Mrs. Gattinoni will speak on "Women's Work for Women."

Mrs. Miller has shared Bishop Miller's journeys and his service as minister-interpreter of North to South, and of South to North. She

has been especially active in work among the women of Chile. She was born in California, and educated at Leland Stanford University.

Mrs. Gattinoni was born in England, and removed to Argentina at the age of five. She was educated in Methodist and government schools in Buenos Aires, and was a teacher in Nicholas Lowe Institute. After her marriage to Dr. Gattinoni, she helped in the educational work of the churches of which he was pastor. Mrs. Gattinoni is the mother of a wonderful family of ten children, one of whom is a Methodist minister. She was for years president and is now the honorary president of the Methodist Federation of Women in Argentina.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the auspices of which the "Mission of Fellowship from South America" is visiting this region, carries on not only religious work but medical and educational services as well in the southern continent. Its Santiago College for girls has pioneered in the emancipation of Latin womanhood and stands at the head of women's colleges south of the Rio Grande. Other colleges and secondary schools for boys and girls have been leaders in the educational field. It has pioneered also in medical and school service for the neglected Indian population of the highlands and for the peons on the farms and estates.

"The influence of women in every sphere of life is increasing in the more progressive republics of South America," says Mrs. Miller. Everywhere men have come to a new respect for women as contributors to our advancing civilization. Women are interested in international peace ideals and in other educational ideals such as are shared by the best-trained women of the United States. The winds of intellectual freedom and advance are today blowing in through the windows of state universities and evangelical missionary schools."

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A "Mission of Fellowship from South America", consisting of six prominent church leaders from that continent, will visit Cincinnati, and vicinity on Sunday and Monday, April 26 and 27, and speak at a number of meetings especially arranged for them. The meetings are for all Methodist Episcopal churches in the Cincinnati District, of which Dr. James L. Simmons, of Cincinnati, is superintendent.

The visiting delegation consists of Bishop and Mrs. Juan L. Sattinoni of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Dr. Roberto Alphonso, of Santiago, Chile; Dr. George L. Howard, evangelist to all South America; the Rev. Daniel L. Hall of Montevideo, Uruguay; and Dr. Joaquin Torrores of Concepcion, Chile. Their mission of fellowship is in celebration of the first one hundred years of missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in South America. It was in 1820 that the Rev. John Chapman, a prominent pastor in the English Conference, New York State, became the first pioneer missionary in Buenos Aires.

Dr. Howard, pastor of the First Methodist Church of New York City, will be in charge of the mission of fellowship. He will be accompanied by Dr. Alphonso, Dr. Torrores, Dr. Hall, and Dr. Sattinoni. The mission of fellowship will be held at the First Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Sunday, April 26, and Monday, April 27, 1920.

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wood Church, Cincinnati; Dr. Hall, Oakley Church, Cincinnati; Dr. Alcock, Hartwell Church, Cincinnati. Also in the evening there will be a rally of young people from the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues of the District, held at the Lyde Park Church, Cincinnati. The speakers will be Dr. Forregras and Dr. Hall.

The program of Monday, April 27, will include sessions of ministers, laymen and laywomen of Cincinnati and vicinity at 1:15 and at 8:00 in Grace Church, Norwood. All six speakers will address these meetings.

At 7:45, Monday evening, a mass meeting for Methodist men and women will be held in Oakley Church, Cincinnati. Superintendent Brannon will preside, and the speakers will be Dr. Forregras and Dr. Howard.

In their major addresses, Bishop Gattinoni will speak on "To our Brethren of the North"; Mrs. Gattinoni on "Women's Work for Women"; Dr. Howard on "The Religious Awakening of Intellectuals in South America"; Dr. Forregras on "Our Galilean Youth"; Dr. Alcock on "What Christ Means to My People"; Dr. Hall on "The Youth Movement in Paraguay". They will speak on other related topics before special groups. There will also be opportunities for questions and discussions.

Bishop Juan M. Gattinoni, the first Latin American to be elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is an exponent of the renaissance of recent centuries to the continent. Born in Italy, he was called to minister to the people of the United States, and he has been a pioneer in the development of the church in this country. He has been a member of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has served as a delegate to the World Methodist Council. He is a member of the American Bible Society, and he is a member of the American Council on Education. He is a member of the American Council on the Americas, and he is a member of the American Council on the Americas. He is a member of the American Council on the Americas, and he is a member of the American Council on the Americas.

Central Conference of Latin America. He was re-elected for a four-year term in February, 1935.

Mrs. Minnie E. Gattinoni, wife of the Bishop, was born in England, and removed to Argentina at the age of five. She was educated in Methodist and government schools in Buenos Aires, and was a teacher in Nicholas Love Institute. She was for years the president and is now the honorary president of the Methodist Federation of Women in Argentina.

The Rev. Daniel S. Hall is pastor of the Central Church (Spanish) of Montevideo, Uruguay. As a youth he was an active lay worker, and in 1921 joined the East South America Conference. He was pastor in Buenos Aires, in Concordia, and in Cordoba before appointment to Montevideo. He has translated many Christian books from English to Spanish.

Dr. George S. Howard, evangelist to the studying youth and the educated classes, makes a unique contribution to the evangelical movement in South America. Born in Argentina, the son of Methodist missionaries, educated in Argentina and at the Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, he is equally fluent in English and in Spanish. He understands the Latin psychology, and is an outstanding interpreter of evangelical Christianity to the Latin. His lectures on religious and moral questions draw large crowds as he travels his continent—the circuit.

Dr. Liphick is a bishop-elect of the Central Conference of Latin America. He is a native of the United States, and was educated in the United States. He completed his theological studies at the Garrett Biblical Institute, and obtained a ministerial diploma from the same institution in 1914.

time of his election to the episcopacy, he was pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Santiago, and superintendent of the Central District of the Chile Annual Conference. He visited the United States in 1926 and in 1928 as a delegate to General Conference.

Dr. Torregrossa is a leader of the younger evangelical ministers of Chile. He is pastor of the largest church in the city of Concepcion, and superintendent of the Concepcion District.

BISHOP JUAN E. GATTINONI
Buenos, Aires
Argentine



7:45—Board of Foreign Missions Anniversary
Dr. W. H. Bransford Presiding
"To Our Brethren Of The North"
Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni, Buenos Aires
"The Youth Movement in Uruguay" Rev. Daniel L. Hall
Montevideo, Uruguay
"The Religious Awakening of Intellectuals of South
America" Rev. Geo. P. Howard, Buenos Aires

Friday Morning, April 17

8:00—Devotions Bishop Blake
9:00—United Business Session
Combined Report of District Superintendents
Rev. E. A. Hall, Supt. Richmond Dist

12:15—Adjournment
12:30—Asbury College Luncheon
12:30—Veterans of the Cross Luncheon—Main St. Church

Friday Afternoon

2:00—United Business Session
Representation of World Service Commission
Corliss P. Hargraves and M. E. Holmes
4:00—Evangelistic Hour Rev. Wesley Pugh, President
Prayer Rev. James C. Bean
Message Dr. M. S. Rice
5:30—DePauw Banquet—1st Presbyterian Church

Friday Evening at Grace Church

7:30—Music by Meistersingers of Kokomo
Meistersingers Concert to be given at the Grace M. E. Church
Kokomo, 7:30-8:15 P. M., Friday, April 17, 1936
Robert J. Hamp, Director and Founder

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(Central Standard Time)

Monday Afternoon, April 13

Treasurer's and Statistician's Staff at Grace Church

Tuesday Afternoon, April 14

1:00 P. M. Board of Examiners—W. B. Freeland, Dean

Wednesday Afternoon, April 15

Opening Conference Session
1:30 Devotions—Bishop Blake
The Holy Communion—Bishop Blake assisted by District
superintendents.

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In Memoriam

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Memorial Sermon—"Evaluating Life" The Rev. Earl Pittenger
First Church Wabash

4:00 Evangelistic Hour Rev. Wm. Arnold Presiding
Prayer Rev. Fred Hill
"Broken Bootstraps" Dr. M. S. Rice
Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich

Agnes Lee Smith, organist. Mrs. Loren E. Coombs, pianist.

1. Jolly Fellows W. Rhys-Herbert
A Toast Francis Adams
Morning Oley Speaks
The Meistersingers
 2. Selected—
Mr. Newell Schmalzried, Tenor
Bless This House May Brahe
Holy Art Thou Handel
The Meistersingers
 3. Selected—
*Mr. George M. Cameron
 4. Kentucky Babe Adam Geibel
Plantation Steiner
That's Why Darkies Were Born
The Meistersingers
 5. Selected
Male Quartet
 6. The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away H. F. Holden
On The Sea Dudley Buck
In A Monastery Garden (Chant of The Monks) Ketelby
The Meistersingers
 7. Selected
 8. Song of The Marching Men Protheroe
*Dear Land of Home (from the Tone Poem "Finlandia") Sibelius
The Meistersingers
- *Mr. George M. Cameron our most youthful singer, a true Scotsman past eighty-one years of age.
*Special piano and organ accompaniment

The Meistersingers, founded November, 1932, were organized in Kokomo, Indiana, January 18, 1933, for the purpose of promoting group singing, a greater musical appreciation, understanding and interest in the moral and spiritual improvement of the community. It is non-sectarian and non-political.

BISHOP JOHN L.
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Zurich,

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Wednesday Evening

7:15 Program of Music by Kokomo Spiritual Harmonizers

The Old Ship of Zion.
Good news.
My Lord what A morning.
Let the church roll on.
Hard trials.
Sit down.
King Jesus is listening
Swing low sweet chariot.
Heavy load.
Climbing up the mountain.
My good Lord's done been here.
Good by.

7:45 Allen B. Rice Presiding
Address—"New Frontiers in Christian Education"
Dr. W. W. Whitehouse, Dean of Albion College,
Albion, Mich.

Thursday Morning, April 16

8:30 Devotions Bishop Blake
9:00 Conference Business Session
Conference Organization
Address of Welcome Rev. Rees
Vice Pres. of Kokomo Ministerial Association
Response for Conference..... Bishop Blake
Introduction of Kokomo Ministerial Assn. by Dr. Kemper
10:00 Laymens Association at Grace Church for Program
see page 8
10:30 Annual Meeting of Preacher's Aid Society
12:15 Adjournment of Conference

Thursday Afternoon

2:00—Joint Anniversary
Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. W. Werking
Women's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Fred Thornburg
"A Centenary Nobody Knows" Bishop Geo. A. Miller
Chili, S. A.
"Women Under the Southern Cross", Mrs. Geo. A. Miller
Chili, S. A.
"Women's Work for Women" Mrs. Juan F. Gattinoni
Buenos Aires
4:00—Evangelistic Hour..... Rev. A. P. Teter Presiding
Prayer Rev. R. C. Plank
"It Must" Dr. M. S. Rice
5:30—Taylor University Banquet 1st Presbyterian Church

Thursday Evening

7:15—Music by Taylor University Choir
Professor R. E. Kreiter, Director

Unfold, Ye Portals (Redemption)	Gounod
Blessed Jesu Fount of Mercy (Stabat Mater)	Dvorak
Surely, He Hath Borne (Messiah)	Handel
Open Our Eyes	McLarlan
Repent Ye	Scott
The Vesper Hymn	Russian Air
God so Loved the World	Stainer
Bless the Lord	Ivanoff
Alleluia! Christ is Risen	Kopulyoff
	Mixed Chorus

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NEW YORK (UMI) -- Bishop Juan E. Gattinoni, 91, the first South American to be elected a Methodist bishop, died January 7 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since retiring from the episcopacy in 1945, he had made his home with a daughter in the Buenos Aires suburb of Ramos Mejia.

Prior to Bishop Gattinoni's election by the Latin America Methodist Central Conference in 1932, all Methodist bishops in Latin America had been North Americans, either elected in Latin America or assigned by the church in the United States.

The first bishop of the newly-formed (in October) autonomous Methodist Church of Argentina is Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni, eldest son of the late bishop.

Born in Italy July 24, 1878, Bishop Gattinoni emigrated with his family to Argentina at the age of six. At 12 he began to learn carpentry and study at night school. He became an Evangelical (Protestant) Sunday school teacher, local preacher and colporteur.

At 24 Bishop Gattinoni enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. After graduation, he entered the Methodist ministry and was pastor of leading churches in Argentina and Uruguay. At the time of his election to the episcopacy, he was a district superintendent in Argentina.

For 13 years, Bishop Gattinoni served as episcopal leader of Methodism in Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia. After retiring he was for a time advisor and preacher on the Union Theological Seminary faculty, as well as a member of its board of directors. He had taught at the seminary before becoming a bishop.

Bishop Gattinoni received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Methodist-related Willamette University, Salem, Oreg., in 1933. He served as a representative of Methodism in Uruguay at the celebration of the Centenary of Methodist Missions in Columbus, Ohio, in 1919.

He is survived by two daughters and eight sons.

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In 1933 Willamette University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Bishop Gattinoni was married on March 2, 1906. Mrs. Gattinoni was born in England, and removed to Argentina at the age of five. She was educated in Methodist and government schools in Buenos Aires, and was a teacher in Nicholas Low Institute. After her marriage to Dr. Gattinoni, she helped in the educational work of the church in which he was pastor. Bishop and Mrs. Gattinoni are the parents of a wonderful family of ten children, one of whom is a Methodist minister. Mrs. Gattinoni was for years president and is now the honorary president of the Methodist Federation of Women in Argentina.

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