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#### Lewis Oliver Hartman

Bishop Hartman was born in La Grange, Ind., May 3, 1876. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston University School of Theology, receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Boston University in 1909, more recently receiving honorary degrees from both Ohio Wesleyan and Boston University. Ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1903, he served three churches, all in Ohio, and in 1910 became associated with the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1920 he became editor of Zions Herald and it was from this position that he was elected to the episcopacy. He was a delegate to the General Conferences from 1924 through 1944, a member of the Uniting Conference in 1939, a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conferences of 1921 in London, and 1931 in Atlanta, Ga. Bishop Hartman was married Dec. 21, 1922, to Helen Marion Nutter of Newton Upper Falls. There are two sons, Mason Nutter, now in the Army, and Richard Otis in high school. Bishop Hartman has been assigned to the Boston Area.

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#### BISHOP LEWIS O. HARTMAN DIES

Bishop Lewis O. Hartman, 79, retired, died June 30. After a career as pastor, Christian educator, he became editor of "Zion's Herald," Boston, in 1920. He served as bishop of Boston Area 1940-44. Funeral services were held at St. Mark's church, Brookline, Mass., July 3.

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amounted to \$86,866.32 over the same  
period a year ago. In commenting on  
the report, Mr. Orrin W. Auman, Treas-  
urer, says, "We were a little fearful lest  
the fine increase for the World Service  
fiscal year just closed might overdraw  
our resources for the new year. But  
the new year starts off well with an  
increase of \$86,866.32 or an advance of  
88.22% over June of last year.

"Forty-seven conferences remitted in  
June this year as compared with thirty-  
nine conferences remitting in June last  
year.

"Now that we are about to begin on  
the campaign to raise the \$25,000,000 in  
connection with the Crusade for Christ,

TO plead for the farm family on the mode-of-life farm  
is not to grow sentimental in favor of a type of economic  
organization that has served its day. Tilling the soil is  
not a quaint occupation unrelated to American efficiency.  
We desperately need the family-type farm, with all of  
its intangibles that cannot be measured by accounting  
methods or dealt with by efficiency experts.

That we must find ways to increase the use of farm  
machinery, extend farm credits, restore and increase the  
fertility of the soil, improve farming methods, lengthen  
the hours of leisure for the farm family and help them  
discover better methods for using their hours—all that

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could unite forces on such a project as churching the  
wide-open spaces or the nonfarm rural areas where rural  
slums are likely to develop.

It might well be said that no denomination is stronger  
than its rural church. That is especially true of Method-  
ism, which is, statistically as well as historically, a church  
of the towns and countryside. May God help us, in the  
convocation soon assembling, to plan effectively for the  
church that joins with the farm and the family to teach  
us much about our stewardship for all of life.

*Otto Wall*

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BISHOP LEWIS O. HARTMAN  
Resident Bishop of the Boston Area of  
The Methodist Church

(retired 1948)

Elected to the office of a Bishop by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The Methodist Church, meeting at Ocean City, N. J., June 7-11, 1944, and assigned to the Boston Area.

Born in La Grange, Indiana - May 3, 1876.  
Married Helen Marion Nutter, December 21, 1922.

Education: A.B., Ohio Wesleyan University, 1899, A.M., 1902, D.D., 1922,  
Litt.D., 1935;  
S.T.B., Boston University School of Theology, 1902;  
Ph.D., Boston University, 1909., L. H. D., 1941.

Pastorates: Ordained Methodist Episcopal Church, 1903.  
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, O., 1903-04;  
Christie Chapel, Cincinnati, 1904-09;  
Union, Cincinnati, 1910.

Positions: Editor of ZION'S HERALD, independent Methodist weekly.  
Trustee: Boston University, Wilbraham Academy,  
New England Deaconess Hospital.  
Member Boston Branch National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People.  
President Board of Trustees of New England Conference.  
President (1941-43) Associated Church Press.  
Chairman of the General Conference Commission on Central  
Conferences.  
Chairman Personnel Committee, Board of Missions.  
Ohio State Superintendent of Board of Sunday Schools of  
The Methodist Episcopal Church, 1910-12; Superintendent,  
Department of Institutes, 1912-14; Superintendent of  
Foreign Department, Board of Sunday Schools, 1914-20.

Clubs: Beta Theta Pi; Pi Gamma Mu fraternities; Authors Club;  
Lincoln Group of Boston; Twentieth Century Club; Puddingstone;  
Eight O'Clock Club.

Delegate: General Conferences - 1924-28-32-36-40-44.  
Uniting Conference, 1939.  
Ecumenical Conference, London, England 1921.  
Atlanta, 1951.

Author -"Popular Aspects of Oriental Religions" (17).  
Contributor to numerous religious journals.

Bishop and Mrs. Hartman have two sons, Mason Nutter and Richard Otis,  
the former being in military service.

Re Bishop Lewis O. Hartman

L. O. Hartman's interest in the Christian World Mission goes back to his student days -- Ohio Wesleyan, the class of 1899, Boston University School of Theology in the class of 1902. From 1914 to 1920, he was superintendent of the Foreign Department of the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, during which time he made a tour of the foreign mission fields. He became a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1924 and of its Executive Committee and its Committee on Candidates. In 1933 the latter committee became the Personnel Committee and he was made its chairman and presided from 1936 to unification. In the present Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, he has been chairman of the Personnel Committee from the beginning. On this occasion, therefore, we are recognizing a life time of devotion to the missionary work of the Church. Summarizing these years of service, we find three major interests: religious education in the foreign field; the missionary education of the church at home; and the recruiting, selecting and training of missionaries. It is in the latter connection that we do him honor today.

When the futures of young lives are at stake and the success and standing of the Christian movement are vitally concerned, a good presiding officer is necessary and Bishop Hartman has been an able wielder of the gavel. He has always exercised good judgment in guiding debate and discussion, being patient in bringing out the various points of view and yet firm in his decisions. A marked characteristic has been his insistence that all candidates have fair and adequate consideration, a most important element in a personnel committee chairman.

Bishop Hartman has been particularly helpful in his awareness of the magnitude and variety of the missionary task at home and abroad, of the changing status of missionaries and the need for their services. We have been particularly fortunate in his progressive and liberal outlook on religion and in the kind of Christianity which is worth exporting, together with his broad interpretation of the meaning of evangelism. It is rather extraordinary that during his chairmanship the Board has had no theological dissension in its Personnel Committee and has been able to send to the fields representatives of all sections and all points of view found in our Methodist churches and educational institutions. On one platform only has he insisted in this regard. He unceasingly has cautioned against the acceptance of uncompromising militants of any and all points of view! Bishop Hartman has always upheld for all candidates the highest standards of excellence in Christian character, educational preparation and professional training. That all missionaries should have sympathetic attitudes toward the people of other lands and their religions and mores has been with him a major emphasis.

We have come together, therefore, to pay our respects to our retiring chairman, to honor him and to thank him for these years of devoted service in which we speak for the Board, its secretaries and also for hundreds of Methodist missionaries throughout the world.

Photographs from this  
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