

## Church History Senior S 5

Wesley. It was not carried on in the early days as an attempt to expand Methodism but as an attempt to expand the gospel. The Presbyterians had already in western Pennsylvania begun the holding of camp meetings. Presbyterians had come together in large numbers and had camped for a period of time to hear the preaching of the gospel and this institution which originated with the presbyterians was taken over by the methodists and developed far beyond the amount of use that the presbyterians had made of it, this of having camp meetings. For instance, in August, 1801, there was a camp meeting at Cambridge, Kentucky, where about twenty-five thousand people were in attendance, including . Seven stands were erected so that seven ministers could preach at the same time. Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist ministers preached and according Presbyterian minister at Cambridge they were of one mind and soul. This meeting lasted about seven days and nights and is just typical of a great many meetings which were held at this time in which different groups participated, and the Methodist circuit riders at that time had a great interest in the extension of the knowledge of Christ but <sup>there</sup> was not a great emphasis on a denominational development among them at that time. That was to come later on.

Now just a word about the Lutherans. Lack of time prevents that we go into much detail on the work of the Lutherans, which came over here of the German church. As you know the beginning of the reformation in England was marked by groups of , there were twelve Germans. They used that title, though they were fullblooded Englishmen. They called themselves the Germans, or other people did, rather. They

called them the Germans because they were were using Luther's works, and they were being greatly influenced by Luther, and the reformation came into England from Germany. We criticise Germany as the source from which the higher criticism came into England. Germany, we should remember, is also the source from which the evangelical doctrine came into England. The Germans are greater as originators; the English take the thing which they receive and carry it to much greater length. They develop it much more fully. And so Lutheranism had never developed as an institution in England and among the English settlers in America