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President Henry M. Whiston,
Lawrence College,
Appleton, Wis.

Dear Sir:

In preparing to issue the Sixtieth Anniversary Number of the Wesleyan Argus, it occurs to us that you may wish to send us a few lines of good wishes on this occasion.

We are asking some of the former editors to favor us with reminiscences of bygone years in Argus history. We realize that this is probably your busiest time, but would be immensely grateful if you could send us a line or two concerning your experiences on The Argus in 1910-11-- the joys and difficulties of editing; how the paper progressed during your years at Wesleyan; memories of fellow editors. And of course we would appreciate your opinion of The Argus to-day-- criticism, suggestions, good wishes.

Perhaps you will not have time to write all you would like to; but if you can send us just a few words which will reach us not later than June 15, when the issue goes to press, we shall be greatly pleased.

Thanking you for any help you can give, and apologizing for the haste of this request, I am

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Bragdon

June 13, 1928.

My connection with the Argus began in days when there was concern over the future of the college. Our class was one of the smallest in years, the president had resigned, endowment was needed, and there were plenty of pessimists. During the period of my connection with the Argus, President Shanklin came, and was inaugurated amidst pageantry which dramatized the importance of Wesleyan in the educational world. New courage and faith entered into the life of the student body. The great growth in resources and in the number of students was begun.

During that same period, the Argus was changed from a weekly magazine to a semi-weekly newspaper. The use of football charts and cuts, and a daily edition at commencement made it a lively sheet with which to be associated.

I have every reason to treasure that experience. I learned much both by the successes and by the failures of the paper,- more from the failures because they were more numerous. My memories of those days often serve me in good stead in giving me some understanding of the student point of view today.

I do not believe that those were the golden days, however. The Argus is a better paper now than it was seventeen years ago,- better in editing, in composition, in typography, and in appearance, and I can heartily and sincerely congratulate you on the sixtieth anniversary, for I still read the issues,- every one.