Edmund Storer Janes (1807-1876), born in Massachusetts, was first trained as a lawyer and admitted to the bar in 1827. Hearing the call to ministry, however, he joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1830, and served churches in New Jersey, Philadelphia and New York. He also spent several years under appointment as an agent for Dickinson College, and as Financial Secretary for the American Bible Society. At the General Conference of 1844, Janes and Leonidas Hamline became the last two men elected bishop by a united church; the next year the Methodist Episcopal Church split north and south over slavery. Just 37 years old at the time of his election, Janes was the youngest man ever elevated to that post. In 1864, he presided at the founding session of the Delaware Conference (see article on pages 37-42). Philadelphia’s Janes Memorial United Methodist Church is named for him.