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**Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America
Little Rock Annual Conference minutes**

Title: Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America Little Rock Annual Conference minutes

Collection No: MSS.410

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet

Inclusive Dates: 1890-1952 and undated

Abstract: The collection consists primarily of a ledger containing the minutes of the annual Little Rock, Arkansas, district conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America held in various locations in Arkansas from 1890 to 1934. There are also undated pastor statistical reports and a statistical report from the 1952 Annual Conference.

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Publication date: March 2014

Administrative information

The Colored Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E) Church began on December 16, 1870, when forty-six black delegates met in Jackson, Tennessee, to form an organization that would allow them to appoint their own bishops and ministers without the necessity for them to be officially sanctioned by the white Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The white church, which was represented at the Jackson meeting, supported the formation of a separate black denomination at the 1866 General Conference because so many of its black members had left to join other Methodist bodies. By 1890 the church's membership was 103,000. The name of the church was changed to the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1954. The church held annual Episcopal District conferences presided over by a bishop, and a General Conference every four years.

Scope and contents

The collection includes a ledger containing the minutes of the annual Little Rock, Arkansas, district conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America held in various locations in Arkansas. The entries begin with the second day of the session on November 27, 1890, and the last complete entry is for the forty-fourth session held November 29-December 2, 1933, presided over by Bishop Elias Cottrell. There is a final and incomplete entry for the forty-fifth session held in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The collection also contains undated pastor statistical reports for the Pine Bluff, Fort Smith and Little Rock, Arkansas, districts, and a statistical report from the 1952 Annual Conference.

Subject terms

African American churches—Arkansas.
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Statistical report of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of America Little Rock Annual Conference, 1952.
- 2 Pastor's statistical reports for the Pine Bluff (2), Fort Smith, and Little Rock, Ark., Districts, undated.
- 3 Photograph (cabinet card): Warren H. Doyle, Memphis, Tenn. Photographer:

Moyston, Memphis, Tenn.

Poem: "Twas Night in the Noisy City: A Christmas Poem" by W.N. Roundy.
Unfoldered Ledger: Minutes of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of
America Little Rock Annual Conference, 1890-1934.