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554 **Minutes of annual sessions, 1930-1931.**
 Two volumes.

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These are published minutes of annual sessions of the St. Louis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Included are membership rolls and pastoral assignments, minutes, reports, obituaries, and statistics.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was the "Northern" wing of Methodism, counterbalanced by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The St. Louis Conference first met in 1869, and these records are from the sixty-third and sixty-fourth annual sessions, held at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Farmington, Missouri, 24-28 September 1930, and the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Missouri, 23-28 September 1931. The Conference was composed of congregations in southern Missouri, including the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas, and in Arkansas. District associations had headquarters in Carthage, Kansas City, Sedalia, Springfield, St. Louis, and Warrenton in Missouri. A Little Rock (Ark.) District was included in the record for 1931.

The annual session, presided over by a bishop, conducted the official business of the Conference. At that time pastors were assigned to local charges, reports were offered on the status of the denomination and its programs, departed brothers and sisters in the faith were eulogized, and detailed statistics were gathered concerning the membership and finances of local congregations, the Districts, and the Conference.

A useful segment in both volumes is an extensive list (*In Memoriam*) of former pastors who were affiliated with the Conference, including the year each member "Entered Itinerant Ministry," "Time of Death," "Place of Death," "Age," "Conference Relation," and "Years in Traveling Ministry." There is also a "Pastoral Record" that summarizes the career of each current member of the Conference.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Presiding Bishop</u>
1930	Farmington, Mo.	Frederick T. Keeney
1931	Kansas City, Mo.	Ernest Lynn Waldorf

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