

**MOVEMENT FOR REVISION.  
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SOUTH. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.  
Movement for Revision (Methodist Episcopal  
Church, South) collection, 1917-1922, undated**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Movement for Revision. Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Executive Committee.

**Title:** Movement for Revision (Methodist Episcopal Church, South) collection, 1917-1922, undated

**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 427

**Extent:** 0.1 cubic feet (1 box)

**Abstract:** Contains correspondence and literature related to the Movement for Revision of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, an organization created to promote the limitation of episcopal powers.

**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

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A Report on the Movement for Revision by Robert B. Eleazer is available in Pitts Theology Library special collections (193- ELEA).

#### **Citation**

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## **Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Historical Note**

The Movement for Revision was an organization spearheaded by laypersons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The main objective of the organization was to promote a limitation of the powers exercised by bishops in the church, most notably to set limits on the length of episcopal service. The group also supported a shift toward democracy within the denomination, which included more lay representation in the General Conference.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains correspondence, form letters, pamphlets, and other materials created by the Movement for Revision. The form letters were sent to laypersons and delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in order to gain support for the movement. The correspondence between Robert B. Eleazer and Robert A. Meek demonstrates the type of resistance that the movement faced in their attempt to limit episcopal power. The pamphlets and the typescript piece are indicative of types of materials that the organization published.

### **Arrangement Note**

Material arranged by type.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Form letters from the Movement for Revision, 1917-1921
1	1	Correspondence between Robert B. Eleazer and Robert A. Meek, 1917-1918
1	1	Pamphlet: "An Address. To the Preachers and Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," undated
1	1	Pamphlet: "How Long Should a Bishop Serve? Some Practical Observations on a Timely Topic," [1922]
1	1	Pamphlet: "Legislative Suggestions of the Movement for Revision M. E. Church, South," 1917 Dec 28
1	1	Typescript document from Executive Committee of the Movement for Methodist Revision, undated
1	1	Clipping: Robert B. Eleazer, "Concerning a Term Episcopacy," <i>Christian Advocate</i> , [1918]

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