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ERNEST A. JACKSON PAPERS**

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Biographical Sketch:

Ernest A. Jackson and his wife Janette Beasley Jackson were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as missionaries to Brazil in 1903. Ernest Jackson was born in Glade Springs, Virginia on August 13, 1877. He attended Roanoke College and Emory and Henry College. He later attended the Missionary Training Institute in Nyark, New York. Janette Beasley Jackson was born in Esset, Virginia. She was educated at Southside Institute in Burkeville, Virginia. She married Ernest Jackson on December 21, 1902. They were appointed as missionaries on January 1, 1903.

Rev. Jackson served in both the North and South Brazil mission districts. He began his mission work in Santa Ritta in 1904. By 1914, he and his wife were assigned to the Bahia Mission. After a two year furlough due to illness the Jackson's returned to Brazil in 1918 to work in the Victoria Mission in South Brazil. In 1922, they were in Campo Grande. From 1925 to 1928, they were in Rio de Janeiro. The Jackson's with their son Carey died on their journey back to Brazil from a furlough in 1928 when the Vestris shipwrecked and they drowned.

A. R. Crabtree in the annual report of the Foreign Mission Board in 1929 described Rev. Jackson in these words.

He traveled extensively, especially in the early part of his career, and was widely known and greatly beloved. He spoke Portuguese so perfectly that no one could recognize from his speech that he was a foreigner. He had a special gift for personal work, and there is a wide circle of believers in the north, south, east, and west in Brazil who were led to Christ through personal conversation with Bro. Jackson, as well as by his fervent evangelistic preaching.

Scope and Content:

The collection consist mainly of correspondence to the Jackson's and copies of letters from Ernest Jackson. The collection spans the years 1899 to 1928. Also included in the papers are clippings (English and Portuguese), programs, documents, a notebook and photographs.

The correspondence is both personal and business related. The correspondence relating to the mission work includes reports about activities, location of mission work disagreements among missionaries and financial matters. The correspondence illustrates the work of early 20th century Baptist missionaries and their relationship to the Foreign Mission Board. Of special note are the letters to Jackson from Louis M. Reno where he discusses their harsh disagreement. Correspondents with Jackson include:

L. T. Rites, Director of Brazil Baptist Publishing House
 J. F. Love, Corresponding Sec., FMB
 Arthur O'Rear, friend from Missionary Alliance School
 Lemuel C. Quarles
 T. B. Ray, Foreign Mission Board

Louis M. Reno, Brazil missionary
 W. B. Sherwood, Brazil missionary
 Harry Whittington

The photographs include images of family members, friends from the Missionary Alliance Training School, Brazil Baptist and S. D. Goode. The collection consist of ½ linear feet of material.

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