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Summary

Main Entry: Milledge Theron Rankin Collection

Date Span: 1935 – 1952

Abstract: Collection contains articles, lectures, and sermons by M. T. Rankin, a Southern Baptist missionary and Executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Size: .5 linear ft.

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Biographical Sketch

Milledge Theron Rankin was born July 28, 1894 in Newberry, South Carolina. A Baptist minister's son, Rankin attended Furman University and graduated from Wake Forest University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was appointed as a missionary to China in 1921, and he was also a teacher and later president at Graves Theological Seminary in Canton. In 1935, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention elected him secretary for the Orient to supervise Southern Baptist mission work in China and Japan. When the United States entered World War II, he was captured by the Japanese and imprisoned for nine months.

Rankin was elected executive secretary of the Board June 6, 1944, and he served in that position until his death in June, 1953.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of typescripts of articles, lectures, and sermons by M. T. Rankin. The articles and lectures usually deal with some aspect of work related to the Foreign Mission Board. Some of the papers deal with the effect of World War II on the Orient and the mission work in China and Japan. Several items were written for inclusion in Convention publications.

The material in the collection dates from 1935 to 1952 and includes 94 separate items. The articles and other writings are grouped chronologically. The material was collected and donated to the library by Albert McClellan.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically and alphabetically within the dates

Provenance

Collected and donated to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives by Albert McClellan.

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Rankin, Milledge Theron, 1894 – 1953
Southern Baptist Convention. Foreign Mission Board.
Missions – China
Missions – Japan
Missions – Foreign
World War II, 1939 – 1945 – Religious aspects

Related Materials

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- War in China, March, 1939
- Address over radio XMHC, returning students radio station, October 17, 1937
- China missions, November 22, 1938
- Evangelism in China missions
- Let us pray for Japanese Christians
- Some open doors of opportunity in the Orient, August 14, 1935

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- Missions in war-time. 2nd quarter, 1940
- The madness of missions, 1940?
- Good news from the Orient, October 14, 1942
- Pursuing the task of missions in the old day, February 25, 1943
- Missions in midpassage from the old day to the new day, February 25, 1943

- Pursuing the task in the new day, February 26, 1943
- Resources for the task in the new day, February 26, 1943
- Looking at the aims of an old task in a new day, February 24, 1943
- With faith in God, we face tomorrow's missionary task, November 28, 1943
- Rehabilitation
- Survey of present condition of Southern Baptist mission work in Orient, 1943
- Missionaries were there too, December, 1943
- Sharing Christ with the nations.

- New and old in missions in the Orient, November, 1943
- Christian cooperation versus corporation

Folder 3 – Writings, 1944

- A brief survey of Southern Baptist missions in the Orient in 1944
- Evangelism and the present imperatives in Christian missions, January, 1944
- How did it happen? November, 1944?
- World missions a task for global citizens, 1944?
- Round-table discussion, 1944?
- Missionary vision for a world in ruins, January 30, 1944
- The Orient, 1944

Folder 4 – Writings, 1945 – 1949

- Foreign missions and the cooperative program, October 9, 1945
- On Location, March, 1949
- Are we matching their devotion? July 12, 1949
- Foreign Missions Conference of North America, July 23, 1948
- Editorial on world missions for March issue of the Sunday School Builder, August, 1948
- Between the centuries, April 26, 1945
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering appeal, August 1, 1945
- The world is a rich harvest field, May 14, 1945
- Some present imperatives in Christian missions, February 20, 1946?
- 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas offering appeal.
- China Relief, September 5, 1946
- Removing the peg on foreign missions, November 14, 1947
- Only the tithe can “unfreeze” this budget, September, 23rd issue, 1948?
- Statement to be considered by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1949
- Centennial, 1945
- One minute statement from the Foreign Mission Board for centennial broadcast, May 6, 1945
- Praying for the Orient, 1945?
- What tithing will mean to the Foreign Mission Board, 1948?
- The relation of Baptists to other groups.
- Shall Southern Baptists peg our program of foreign missions? October 7, 1947
- Baptist in the Orient, February 11, 1946

- Post war missions, 2nd quarter, 1946 Quarterly Review

Folder 5 – Writings, 1950s

- Lottie Moon Christmas offering appeal for Ambassador Life, July 20, 1950
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering appeal for World Comrades, July 20, 1950
- Into all the world, November 9, 1951
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering appeal for Royal Service, July 20, 1950
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering appeal for Window of Y.W.A., July 20, 1950
- Into all the world, May, 1952
- For world comrades, June 13, 1952
- Urgency is the keynote of advance in foreign missions, April 23, 1952
- Work of the Baptist Mission in Hilo, Hawaii, August 21, 1951
- What will you say, 1951
- Baptist work in Nigeria, West Africa, August 21, 1951
- The China Story.
- Lottie Moon Offering has made advanced achievements in foreign mission work in last five years, June 13, 1952
- Non-denominationalism, inter-denominationalism, & church, November 26, 1952
- To correct a mistake, November 27, 1951
- Missionary day, January 25, 1951
- The hour has come.
- Japan's day of salvation, 1950
- Missionary is first essential in a program of foreign missions, August 19, 1949
- Young women seen in Baptist churches and schools around world, June 13, 1952
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering, June 13, 1952
- Lottie Moon Christmas offering, April 5, 1951
- Correspondence of days Rankin spent in Japanese internment camp, October 12, 1951
- Advance in new areas, October 26, 1951

Folder 6 – Writings, undated

- Why I accepted
- Southern Baptist Missions in the Orient
- Between the centuries.
- Communists in Far East.
- Christ the global answer.
- Statement made at Oklahoma City on relationships between Southern Baptist and other Christian bodies.
- The unbrotherliness of the sons of God.
- A Battle-scarred hospital still stands.
- Promoting the cooperative program.
- Simultaneous evangelistic crusade brings people into a vital experience of God's saving love in Christ
- As Christians we have world obligations, Jan., Feb., March Issues Brotherhood Commission.
- The cooperative program.

- My riches personal experience in soul-winning.
- Madras Conference.
- Ecumenical Missionary task of the church.
- Statement on Foreign Mission Board reserves.
- Tragedy and Glory in World Missions.
- Today's missionary imperatives.
- Christian Missions faces question of primacy.
- Mission strategy for world crisis. November issue – The Teacher
- What war has done to missions.
- Rehabilitation in Foreign Missions.
- Resolution to unite the various Baptist Constituencies in Japan into one Baptist denomination of Japan to conform to the Religious Bodies Bill of the Japanese Government.