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Fr. Alexandre Moreira de Aranha Furtado de MENDONÇA

Born in Ordins, Lagares- Penafiel, in Portugal, on April 27, 1858, he studied at Colégio de Campolide. He attended the Faculty of Theology at the University of Coimbra. He entered the Society of Jesus on October 12, 1880, in Barro. He studied philosophy in Oña, Burgos, Spain and did his regency at the College of São Fiel. He returned to Oña in 1889 for his theological studies. He was ordained priest on July 27, 1891, in Oña. He took his final vows on February 2, 1893, in Barro. Then, he was sent to the Zambezia Mission (Mozambique) in 1897, where he was appointed its General Superior in 1898, a position he held until 1905. He went on vacation to Portugal where he presented an extensive report about the Mission to the Government (Cf. APSI, 313/07). He returned to Mozambique in 1907 and was appointed superior of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception of Chupanga. He left Mozambique in 1914 and died on April 29, in the Red Sea. He published the following books: *Resumo da História Sagrada*, Lisboa, 1906 (in Echuabo, language from Quelimane); *Practical Grammatical notes of the Sena language*, edited by Fr. Paul Schebesta, Viena, 1924; *Princípios do Catecismo para crianças, Catecismo de Pio X*, mns. APSI, 318/02; *Via Sacra, mês de Maria, Orações*, prayers in Sena, mns, APSI, 318/03; *Novo Testamento – Os Evangelhos de N.S.J.C.*, em língua de Sena, mns. APSI, 318/04; *Katekismo ikulo*, (adultos), vol. I e II, em língua de Sena, mns, APSI, 318/05; *Mapfundisiro akutoma a Katekismo. Tonerana engano* (catecismo crianças), em língua de Sena, mns. APSI, 318/06; *Contos e conversação em português e Chisena*, mns. s/d.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas - Barro's Noviciate, 1870 – 1881, 213/02; Necrológio; Diccionario histórico de la Compañía de Jesús, III, p. 2742 – 2743; *P. Alexandre Moreira*, in *Cartas Edificantes da Província de Portugal*, V, p. 318 – 328; *P. Alexandre Moreira Aranha Furtado de Mendonça, SJ, missionário e linguista*, in *Brotéria*, 178 (2014), p. 143 – 156)