
This work by Father Estermann was published in Portuguese in 3 volumes in 1961 by L’Institut de Recherches d’Outre-Mer de Lisbonne. There are three parts: Part I: “Les Peuples non Bantous”; Part II: “Le Groupe Ethnique des Ambos”; Part III: “Le Groupe Ethnique Nyaneka-Nkumbi.”

At the back there is a beautiful collection of plates with many photographs.

This work, together with several others, won for Father Estermann the title of Doctor honoris causa from the University of Lisbon.


In this issue there is also a short message from Father Jean Ferron, C.S.Sp. “Libermann aujourd’hui,” an extract from *Province et Mission*, February 1977.


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Amadeu MARTINS, “Atenção a Deus, segundo o Ven. P. Libermann” in the review Ao Servíço de Rainha do Mundo, a publication of COR UNUM – Movimento dos Apóstolos do Coração Imaculado de Maria para a difusão da Mensagem de Fátima, Braga (Portugal).


LABURTHE-TOLRA, Philippe, Minlaaba. – This is a thesis presented to the University of Paris on June 19, 1975 (3 vols., 1977, Librairie Honoré Champion, 7 Quai Malauais, Paris). Minlaaba is one of the oldest missions in South Cameroons. Founded by the Pallotines, it was administered by the Spiritans until recent years when it was handed over to the local clergy. Laburthe-Tolra’s work is the fruit of a considerable amount of inquiry and research. It goes beyond the mission itself. In reality, it is a masterful study of the whole region of which Minlaaba is the center. We can only thank the author for this remarkable book. He is a good friend of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN¹

“O my good Mother, you have known for a long time that I am your child and that I love you. See how great are my needs, and I find help nowhere but in you. I have a consuming thirst; give me to drink from that life-giving water of salvation which can make me pleasing to my Savior. Give me the kiss of peace. You see how earthly mothers, when their children are sad, kiss them and thus make them joyful and happy again. Well, my good Mother, you love me thousands and thousands of times more than those mothers love their children, and would you leave me in sadness without coming to help me? It is not possible! Show that you are my dear Mother and I am your child: Monstra te esse matrem.”

¹ Composed by Father Libermann on Octobre 23, 1830 for the seminarian Edward de Farcy – N.D. I, p. 143.