

the book. The nature and source of the information should therefore have been indicated more precisely. We wish to assure readers of *Peoples of the Central Cameroons*, as we have already assured Dr. Jeffreys, that there was not the slightest intention of impugning the accuracy of his information or neglecting to acknowledge our debt to him.

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By the death of Father Laydevant at Roma, Basutoland, on 24 November 1954, the field of African Studies has lost a distinguished and conscientious scholar, and this Institute a friend and member of long standing; his connexion with the Institute dated from 1928, when he acted as correspondent for Basutoland.

Father Laydevant first went to Basutoland from Savoy in 1904, and was the founder of the Catholic mission of Emmaus, Thabaneng, where he has now been laid to rest. He was a member of the South African Archaeological Society and of the Basutoland Scientific Association. During his long association with Basutoland he was a keen student of its history, archaeology, and ethnology, and his numerous published books and papers (including contributions to this journal) were regarded as standard works and invaluable source material on the Basuto. In addition his knowledge and advice were most readily available to students and Government commissions alike.