

Colonial Evangelism: A Socio-historical Study Of An East African Mission At The Grassroots

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Thomas O. Beidelman. *Colonial Evangelism: A Socio-Historical Study of an East African Mission at the Grassroots*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1982. xix+274 pp. Tables, bibliography, index. \$29.95, cloth; \$12.50, paper.

Colonial Evangelism is the culmination of Beidelman's study of a mission community as one type of colonial institution. In a series of preparatory works, brilliantly synthesized in the first chapter of the book, he argues for the need to apply Weber's theory of bureaucracy to everyday colonial life. Correctly, he maintains that the mission station provides a representative model of colonial institutions which affected processes of cultural change at the local level while offering suggestive insights into institutional changes at the macrolevel.

So convincing is the first chapter, however, and so well-written is it that what follows is almost an anticlimax. The first chapter, "Anthropology, Culture, and Colonialism: Mission Theory and Analysis," is a tour de force. It reviews the literature, discusses theoretical and methodological issues, and charts the path of future research. It sets the reader up to expect a continued brilliant exposition. Do not misunderstand; what the reader gets is solid ethnohistory. The story of the Church Missionary Society (CMS) in Ukaguru in various periods up to independence is a substantial work of scholarship. Beidelman carefully presents, describes, and analyzes "traditional" Kaguru culture, traditional CMS mission culture, and the precise processes of contact and change. He, almost lovingly, describes and analyzes the various options and actions of the CMS under the German, British, and early Tanzanian governments. Moreover, his portrait in chapter 10 of the real life of a real mission station is valuable to anyone seriously interested in mission studies.

Nevertheless, the concluding chapter is rather pedestrian in light of the soaring hopes raised in the opening one. Middle-level theory is advanced, a solid achievement in itself. But the advance of broader sociological theory which Beidelman calls for awaits, unfortunately, further work. Meanwhile, this book provides a substantial case study of a colonial institution at the "grass roots."

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Robert Boeder. *Alfred Sharpe of Nyasaland: Builder of Empire*. Blantyre, Malawi: The Society of Malawi, 1981. 152 pp. Illustrations, maps, tables, bibliography, index. No price given.

This book is a lucid and well-written biography of Alfred Sharpe, the second commissioner of Nyasaland as well as a contemporary and compatriot of Harry Johnston and Frederick Lugard. The author not only discusses Sharpe's career in Malawi, but he has added chapters on the colony's economy and administration between 1904 and 1910 as well. Economic and demographic statistics from the colony's early years can also be found in the appendices.

The data for this study include Colonial and Foreign Office files, articles and memoirs by colonial officials (with an extensive list of articles by Sharpe himself)

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