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"Station's Conference Minutes"

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**Description:** An appreciation of the situation in Akim following the two attempts by Haas to collect more pupils for the school. Much of the discussion is taken up with detailed reactions to Akropong decisions over transfers and the interpretation of Basel Committee decisions. The general line of policy suggested, however, is that the Kibi School, in view of the general lack of success in recruiting more pupils, should be scaled down until it can be handed over to a catechist and a teacher - claiming a missionary's time only in that he would be the overseer. This would enable one missionary to devote himself to the community and station business, leaving one free for preaching journeys. These they considered the growth-point, since on Haas' recent journeys the people who were responsive to the appeal for pupils were commoner heads of families - chiefs and elders were universally hostile. To enable preaching journeys and the promotion of outstations to be carried on energetically they suggest 4 or 5 missionaries at the one (Kibi) station. If they found more stations it will simply mean that more than one missionary remains tied to the stations' administration. This increase would involve an increase in catechists - without a catechist 'a missionary has neither entry to the families, nor is he understood'. There is also the point that they have to calculate that there will be a lot of sickness they cite the preceding year in which Haas was tied to the school, Kromer to building, and Lodholz was almost constantly ill and twice needing to go to Akwapim for convalescence - it was a direct result of the latter that Asiakwa for example, was so little visited. There is also a plan for move financial support for travelling - Haas' last circular journey in Akim cost him one pair of boots, two of shoes, let alone the clothing destroyed.

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