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**Description:** Several people from Kumasi and Akim have visited him apparently to hear what he has to say about religion. Another visit to Legon - obviously in the Legon area, since it is described as the first farming village of any significance after leaving Osu. It has about 80 inhabitants. He took most of his pupils, and sent 4 in 2 groups of 2 to visit two small unnamed villages nearby. Stanger's main objective was a family already known to the mission for several years, who have shown signs of wanting to be baptised. Both father and son have only one wife, and there are a lot of children - standing together they look like a row of organ pipes. The wives are interested too - but it all depends on the advice of the grandfather...later the whole village was visited, and gathered to listen to sermons by Stanger and two of his pupils under a large tree. A second visit en passant for the other plantation village is described, in which Stanger and his party spent the night in Legon. They held an evening service, and a conversation went on in one of the houses with Stanger and his pupils until midnight. On the way back to Osu they passed through Legon again, where his pupils were given permission by the inhabitants to destroy a Musu. A third visit is made to Legon (all within the space of eight weeks), again en route for the other plantation villages, this time especially Osirenantang where there were two candidates for baptism. This time Stanger says he visited two villages, both called Legon, and preached in both (He reports the application by a fetish priest from the plantation villages (not specified) for baptism - 17th December). Attached is a list of the members of the Osu station, again subdivided by sex and negro/mulatto, with some info on occupation.

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