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Description: Christian Okobi is named as catechist designate for Abokobi. (This is on a full list of the buildings and personnel of the station. Stanger's report seems unusually formal and full, and there is a list of the wages paid to the indigenous teachers and linguists). In his account of the half year's work he describes an extension of their regular visiting commitments to include Labadi, Teshi and Abokobi - if not by the missionaries then by one of the senior and responsible local people at Osu. Stanger's report on Obobi is that he is more thorough than Lomote (one of his contemporaries), more dependent in character, and more intelligent. He makes the missionaries often anxious, and must change before he becomes a blessing to them (no further details). There is the usual note on new catechumens/catechists, including a paragraph on the baptism of the six sons of Afutu in Teshi, and a paragraph on Imm. Kwabela, the converted fetish priest. The latter is a Labadi man, who lives in the village of Adan close to Abokobi. Aged about 35 years. He was one of the worst fetish priests and widely feared. Baptism delayed a long time because of his unwillingness to recognise his sins. In the end he underwent a thorough change and wanted no longer to be publicly baptised. Since his baptism he has been working busily to earn his own living. There is also a list of the members of the community.

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