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"Protocol of a General Conference at Osu"

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**Description:** Section 1 of the conference is a discussion leading to the fixing of a scale of wages for BM catechists and teachers, with a differential allowing for the higher cost of living on the coast. Section II is concerned with Süß and Gyadam. Little is said about this other than in connection with mission policy, except that when the conference discusses the Basel Committee's suggestion that Alexander Clerk should be posted to Gyadam work with Süß, and particularly Clerk's wishing the appointment to be for two or three years only. Süß then says he believes that Clerk's wife is the cause of this suggestion and that she is afraid of meeting no Accra people in Gyadam. In fact, says Süß, there are more Accra people in Gyadam than in Akropong. There is general agreement, however, that' it is a waste of time sending Clerk to Gyadam for only three years, view of the length of time it takes to learn the customs etc It also appears that Süß has been living in a house which he has rented (presumably from the King, since the rest of the paragraph is about purchasing land from the king for the mission station) for nine Thalers per year. The only substantial information emerges as to Süß' relations with the Gyadam people is that he says that most evenings in the last two months he has held a singing hour, with prayers following. The objectives was to add to the possibilities when he held Sunday services, and also to communicate to the younger people in the village, and through them with their. families. However he found he was teaching songs to older people as well, and his room became too small for the event (Though when Mader and Dieterle visited him in March they slept in another house, and the most obvious reason for that which nothing in any of the descriptions so far offered contradicts, is that Süß' house was too small for the three of them - see Mader's report No. III.17).

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