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Description: Presents the possibility of the Gyadam chief moving as very real, to a site three days' journey away 'in Fanteland'. Three reasons are offered two repeat those offered in the earlier letter (vis-a-vis the Asantehene 'with whom Agyemang has constant dealings' and Atta at Kibi who Süss says is trying to bring Gyadam under his authority). The third reason is that the bulk of Agyemang's subjects already live in the district to which he is planning to travel. This subject had concerned the .people of Gyadam before Süss came there; for a year; it had not been much in the air, but for a month now has been discussed. Agyemang has pressed Süss for an assurance that he would accompany them. After temporising Süss' answer is: If there is a formal agreement a.) that 'Agyemang would assure him of a present of land b.) build a missionhouse and a church c.)that Sunday, and not Monday and Friday, is made the day of rest d.) that he and the elders attend services e.) that no fetish priest will be tolerated in the new town. Süss is undecided over the question whether as mission policy it is better to remain in close contact with a town or start new Christian Communities (already the Gyadam people are calling the area. around his house his quarter. He wonders whether there might not be some point in setting up a mission town on the Afram, which he finds is one day's journey from Gyadam: it would be a good position for trade. He asks that the new missionary coming to join him (Baum) should pay special attention to medicine and botany. This would be a good start for investigating from time to time local medicines.

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