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Description: Has decided to stay on in Gyadam alone and says will be therefore have to do without the help of the Mission. Therefore he has been working in the fields. Technologically he seems to be introducing the axe and scythe. He complains about the way he has to stay by his workmen all the time if they are to work steadily, also the petty theft problem. Although he is used to sweat the conditions are such in Gyadam that he cannot work as he does in Germany - a tree the thickness of a man he could only oen third hew before being quite out of breath. He expresses frustration at not being able to work as he does at home, and amazement at the locals who work scarcely one quarter or one sixth of the hours of a German farmer. There is no information as to the origins and size of his labour force, nor does there seem any account of developments in the holding of the services.

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