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Description: Describing the station at Gyadam says it is "negermässig", i.e. after the fashion of a local hamlet - two huts were actually built, and a third was still only being built and was intended for the use of himself and Hönger. The plantation was simply a mass of work needing to be done. In the intervals of fever he was involved in furniture making, using as a bench a stump left after some of Süss' tree felling. He had trouble getting the tools which Süss had used fit for use again, since they had so rusted. He comments that one of the things which made Gyadam so unhealthy for the missionaries was the fact that their local employees wanted to work so little, and so work devolved onto the missionaries. He was living in Gyadam in a house with no door or windows, an old piece of wax-cloth has to serve. He reports youths coming out of Gyadam to attend evening prayers, and help with the building of the house and the chapel. He also reports that when he was being carried back to Akropong alone and very sick (by carriers who had been sent out by the Akropong station), the carriers wanted to take him by a route not usually followed, but shorter, which passed through Asante territory.

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