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Description: There had been considerable problems concerned with keeping the station fed in the second quarter of the year, because the tension with Akwapim was interfering with trade and communications to the coast. Of the Christians baptised by Süß before 1859 not one present at the beginning of 1860. Of the children given to the mission for upbringing only 3 remain because of the threats of the king. Concerning the Christian life the people as it is led by the baptised people on the mission hill, they are among themselves disciplining and warning people guilty of sins like theft. An Analysis is offered of the Christian community and its origins (in which is en passant clear that the catechists are included in the procedures of disciplining above). 2 catechists 1 catechist's wife 2 Christians from Akropong, baptised there, now in the service of the missionaries 5 Christians from Gyadam 1 Fante 1 girl from Akropong There were at the beginning of 1860 no baptismal candidates, except for one 9 year old boy from Gyadam whom the missionaries were not expecting to be ready for baptism for some time. An intense series of customs for the dead, fetish ceremonies and war preparations are already afoot in Gyadam preparative to, the move to Swedru. Mader twice calls the difficulties between Akim and Akwapim in 1859 the Beade revolt. In a postscript he says that the land on which the new mission station is being built in fact belongs to Atta at Kibi, and not the Gyadam people.

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