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Description: The report is a more detailed account of the day-to-day events of March in Gyadam: much of it is printed as an appendix to the annual report for 1860 (p.134). Additional material in the manuscript includes the following: About 15 Gyadam women had been seized by the Kwahua en route for Swedru (they heard this on March 24th) 26th March - News came in that 12-15 people had been taken prisoner by Kibi forces on one of the Gyadam plantation villages. There is a more detail about the battle on 27th March also. One section of the Gyadam forces under Safohene Kwadjo Kokoroko was sent onto the Abomsu road to hinder the advance of the Abokrofo. The people from Mosease lay in the woods to the east of Gyadam. On the day when the Gyadam people left finally, one of the Christians came to bid farewell to the missionaries, and he was presented with a twi gospel for all the Christians, and promised to try to visit the Akropong station via Accra. About 12 foreigners had taken refuge on the mission station during the battle - people from Keta Accra Cape Coast, and Fante. The mission house near the town had been left unmolested for more than a fortnight by the soldierts of both sides. After sacking Gyadam, Atta took his forces to Moseamo and burnt it. Haas remarks that Moseamo was under the protection of the God Bosompra. A detachment was left in Gyadam under Diedu, Atta's father in law. Atta went on to Asiakwa with the intention of attacking Agyeman again. The winding up of the station was difficult - people were hoping for plunder, and there was a rumour about that the missionaries had been given the Gyadam state treasure for safe-keeping. A Kibi prince, with Emanuel Gyekyi were sent with 40 soldiers to investigate this and were pressing. One Gyadam Christian went as servant with Missionary Kromer, who had a hard time protecting him. Another Gyadam Christian remained with the missionaries - he like Kromer's servant, had been bought out of slavery by Süß. 4 went away to Swedru with the rest of the Gyadam people. Soon after the evacuation of Gyadam some Akropong people journeying out of Asante brought the news that a great Asante army had been collected and was likely to make a surprise attack on Gyadam. Captain Cochrane was accompanied by 6 soldiers, an officer sent to ensure Agyeman's safe journey (Captain De Rouvaign, a Swiss from Canton Waadt) was accompanied by 20 In Tafo on the journey evacuating the station Haas dressed the wound of a Kukurantumi man who in gratitude gave him the key of his house so that he could sleep there while he stayed in Kukurantumi. There is also in this annual report a letter from Auer on the Akwapim end of the Akropong Gyadam conflict.

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