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**Description:** The school was opened on 1st July with Emmanuel Dako as teacher. In the first month the women supplying the food were paid 1/6 -.this was too little and it has been raised to 2/-. The school opened with 12 pupils, and they were joined by another after a short while, but greatly to the missionaries' surprise after 2 months 5 left. Perhaps the teacher was too strict with them and perhaps too the school did not come up to their expectations as a place where food and clothing was provided, since it involved work with the head and the hands. Shortly after Christmas they made a journey around the main Kwahu towns to recruit more boys for the school. They seem to have been well received everywhere (Aduamoa, Obo, Obomeng, Mpraeso, Bepong, Sakraka, Taro), with the possible exception of the first place where the chief sent to say he was too sick to see them. In Obomeng a custom was stopped in order to let Werner preach. Obo promised 4 boys and so did Mpraeso: both those places seem to have kept their word. Tafo promised but no boys have arrived. Little emerges as to the life of the school. At Christmas the boys received a new suit of clothes, and there was a Christmas tree with presents from friends in Berne. Often in the evening when you visit the boys' quarter you find them at prayer.

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