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Description: The part of this report concerning the first baptisms in Fankyeneko is printed in Heidenbote 1879 pp9-10. They are having much difficulty getting pupils for the Begoro school. At the end of June he held an examination for the 7 boys and 1 girl who had been attending, and the results were satisfactory. But when they tried to reopen in August no children came, and the elders said no children should attend unless they were given clothes. Mohr suggested as a compromise a gift at Christmas of simple 'country clothes' to children who had attended assiduously. As a result of this there are now 6 boy pupils, and 1 girl. Mohr feels that people are not to be criticised too severely - the fetish priests, warning about the danger of death if a child went to the school is worrying parents still. The chief has sent his eldest son to Mohr as a houseboy. But the elders apparently felt it was Mohr personally who was cheating their children out of their due presents of clothes.

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