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Description: Teacher Adu at Begoro is from Kukurantumi, a small but busy man, of the best students of his year. He has just married a very simply Christian girl from his home town, and seems happy and at peace. (He seems too on good terms with Eisenschmid). The marriage was carried out in the most modest way in order to ensure that he did not start his married life in debt. He remarks over school attendance etc. that the numbers are not as large as they were led to expect when the station was being opened. The figure seems to fluctuate down to 6 attendances - 23 are on the roll, and when he held an examination there were only 13 present. He remarks that the reason for this is superstition connected with the typhus epidemic, and comments that the death of one member of the congregation, plus the death of a maidservant of Mohr's late in the previous year had strengthened the base of the fetish priests. Nevertheless, considering the circumstances, one can be satisfied with the educational progress of the group who were examined. Teacher Dako is of the same class as Adu in Kukurantumi, and although his theoretical grasp is not brilliant, he takes pains to bring everything up to standard, and that is something to be treasured in him. He has a bride in Kibi, and Eisenschmid will be happier when he has brought her to Abetifi. The regular scholars number only 10 at the moment, but Eisenschmid hopes that with the establishment of a boarding school more will be attracted. Kibi Boarding School - Date has brought order and cleanliness into it. When he was having trouble getting the teachers to start lessons on time he would himself go in and start the lesson. Although there is a lot of movement out - of the 52 pupils classes II, III, IV number only 19. The school gets a very moderate report for its scholarly achievements, with arithmetic particularly weak. In Kukurantumi the people cannot understand why their scholars do not receive financial support from the mission as those in Kibi do - at Christmas they had themselves banded together to give their scholars presents.

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