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- Description:** 2 pupils died during the year - one Ramseyer's houseboy, another an ordinary schoolboy, as yet unbaptised, though Dilger writes in his modesty and patience more of a Christian than some baptised boys. In writing about Ramseyer's houseboy's death, Dilger contrasts the peace and joy and heavenly fight of his deathbed with the comfortlessness, wild, indeed comical conduct of his relatives at the graveside. Two boys left the school under unsatisfactory circumstances - one of the seduced one of Dilger's maids. The remaining pupils are young - indeed some are quite small, which makes the running of the school much easier. Many of them have heathen parents, and the problem remains of leading them to conversion. The school itself does not convert - that depends on the individual. In terms of scholarly achievement he has a spread of results from outstandingly good to rather backward (the latter among the very young). They are slow to send the latter away since to go to school is to become a Christian in local eyes. Half the Kwahu community is composed of past and present scholars, Teacher Koranteng has been suspended. The new catechist is a man whom they can be thankful to have - he counts his calling a real honour. He and his wife are modest and self-effacing - the mission should give them the respect they deserve.
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