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Description: Part 1 of the report is in number 41, Part 3 in number 45. Anum-Boso together with their villages may number 6000 people. In Anum several of the people who had been Christians before the destruction of the station are still to be found among its members -- especially those who were brought up by the missionaries. Müller feels the large and attentive audiences at street preaching indicate the likelihood of large increases in the number of Christians in the near future - he seems not to be used to this phenomenon. They were happy to be listened to by many children, but Müller notes that many seemed quite weak, if not outright undernourished. 'Family life is not properly organized among the heathen - indeed the whole of their life is faulty in this way, now often it happens that the mother does not provide food regularly because she is leading an irregular life in the dancing and playing of the many obsequy ceremonies.' The enthusiasm for singing among the Christian women of Anum has been caught from Boso; at a burial of an Anum Christian Boso women knew so many hymns that the Anum women developed a zeal not be left so far behind. In this report he gives a figure of 30-40 adults in the community. He advised them to maintain unity in the face of heathen persecution - and said that love was the bond of unity. He also warned them to be consistent and firm. The Christians he describes as mostly young people, fathers and mothers of families - although there are a few older people among them. Kpalime - 20 schoolboys, and 30-40 older people in the Christian community. 5 of the Kpalime families are from Tsatey, 2 hours to the Eastwards, and have asked very energetically for a teacher of their town. Their village numbers about 300 people. Müller feels the increase of the Kpalime community is partly because teacher Okanta is an energetic man - he heard one of his sermons and was very pleased with the way it concentrated on teaching about Christ.

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