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Description: Discussing Gyadu, Clerk writes that he was meek and lovable, though never properly loved and respected by the Anum community. Clerk offers as explanation for this the fact that he never quite got over his old weakness for drink, and when he had drunk too much his conversation led to strife. Müller adds in the margin that he also informed the missionaries about events in the community which it wanted to keep concealed. Discussing the call to Buem he reports that one complication is that the Buems want to be part of the English colony. Clerk seems sympathetic, he writes that it is questionable whether they could work as well as they do if Anum were in the German area, and although he is not certain, it may be that in 'German' Kpando the slave trade has revived. Much of the report is concerned with Akwamu (assigned to Clerk from the period of Martin's arrival), but he also writes at the end about the Anum community, which it seems has had a troubled year. Clerk writes in a disillusioned tone, about the Christian village being overgrown with weeds, and the houses in it not well built, in spite of the missionaries' efforts towards this. There had been trouble in the year over church tax, freewill offerings, and the Christians have just refused to pay school-tax. However, a number of Christians have given a good account of themselves on their death-beds.

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