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Description: Building - the walls of his house are finished, and those of the teacher's house soon will be - and in the course of the year they have built a chapel. They have had considerable help from the scholars and catechumens. In Worawora the entity is less than it was - in particular the hostile elder Ampesa is now friendly and has sent a boy to the school. The fetish priestesses are, however, still hostile, and certain Christians have suffered persecution. One youth was persuaded to lapse after being threatened with the block. A woman catechumen was promised a sheep and a slave if she would recant. James Kwame (baptised late in the year) was threatened with the loss of his bride, but he has refused to be intimidated saying constantly that he would rather not marry than either not become a Christian or go through the heathen marriage rituals. Guaman and Apeso have sent boys to the school, and Clerk judges that in the former and Gyasekan-Akura the doors would be open for them if he had assistants he could actually put to reside there. With the members of their own families they have 20 in the school - one boy had to be sent away for theft - he was an ex-fetish priest and tried to be excused on the grounds that the fetish had made him do it. The community in Worawora consists of two baptised in the course of the year, and a-Methodist. Clerk has met 5 Christians in Buem - 3 Basel Christians (one of whom had lapsed) and 2 Methodists, and remarks that though the latter were very ignorant they had stood much firmer than the Basel Christians. They have 2 youths learning carpentry from Thomas Akyea, and three more learning the sawyer's trade. The other man baptised late in the year was called Charles Kofi. This was also the day of the consecration of the chapel, both events being attended by the chief and several elders - 4th December.

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