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Description: There was an epidemic of influenza during the year due to the exceptionally heavy rains. They are still losing pupils through the pupils' disinclination for schooling. At the end of the year the numbers stood - 48 boarders+ 11 day boys + 15 girls. Discipline seems to have been a problem - during the building of the new sleeping quarters they had a battle to maintain a proper tidiness among the boarders. There is also a considerable amount of disobedience. One boy had to be beaten for persistent theft, and on being conditionally excluded simply lapsed directly into heathenism. On one of their preaching tours they met him in Buruku wearing the sign of a fetish from Nteso on his forehead - the boy was from Pepease. The pupils do not like earnest work - but their slow progress is partly a result of the teaching methods, which is very mechanical, enforced with the stick, and not careful enough to ensure that the basics are well understood. At the examination all classes were satisfactory, but they were especially pleased with the two youngest groups where Monitor Kwapong had taken considerable pains to make sure that they all knew the story of Abraham and Joseph without prompting. Benjamin Martinson is senior teacher, and Catechist Hanson teaches part-time. 5 boys have been recommended to the Middle School at Begoro, including boys from Pepease, Bepong, Nkwatia. The new buildings were put up with the zealous help of the pupils.

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