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Description: There is little desire for education in Buem and the scholars can only be kept in the school by love and coaxing. God is working by degrees in the hearts of the community - one confessed (in the preparation period for Holy Communion) that he had once collected rubber in the bush on Sunday - he was clearly ashamed of this, and believed, that the serious illness which had affected him shortly after his return was a punishment from God for this, and Clerk agreed with this idea. Joseph Kwame who lost his first wife by becoming a Christian has found another - Rosina Tawia. Their Christian wedding was attended by many heathen who according to Clerk agreed that a Christian wedding was nicer than their custom. In spite of 4 baptisms the number of members of the community has decreased due to people moving away. 9 baptisms in Gyasekan, including a youth from Guamang. Clerk's version of what occurred in Krakye is that the priest of Dente tried to get the Mohammedans of Kete to 'clean' the path to the fetish shrine - they refused whereon violence broke out, and a Mohammedan woman was clubbed to death and several other people wounded. At this point the German expedition arrived. The other man put to death was the priest's warrantor called Okra. Even the heathen women are happy at the death of the priest who was a bad man.

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