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Description: Arriving in Adele at the beginning of February 1896 he discovered that Smallpox had broken out, and the villages were deserted because all the people had fled to their farms. Mischlich himself was able to avert a battle between the Adele people and the Tsantso people: the latter had brought the smallpox into the area, and the Adeles wanted to drive them away but keep their cattle. At a meetinc of the chiefs at Pereu Mischlich was welcomed - they were pleased they were going to be instructed in the Word of God, though they could not give up their fetish-worship. They were eventually persuaded to send one boy to school each - they wanted to send fewer, and see how useful the school was. Mischlich also told them to stop using the Odum ordeal. Nevertheless a few days later a woman took shelter with him after she had been accused of procuring the death of her husband. He argues for a European mission station in the area, partly on the grounds that so many people travel through that it would be a good place to study the languages of the Sudan. Usually caravans passing through Adele rest at Katsenke, the capital. The caravans are mostly composed of Tsantse people, but you also find people from Sugu (Lugu?) Borgu, Dahomey, and even Yoruba there. They are mostly taking sheep and horses to Krakye to exchange for kola nuts.

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