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"Eisenschmid to Basel"

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Description: Reflects on his having been two years in Africa - his two comrades who journeyed from Basel with him both having died. Among the Kibi catechumens is a man born a house-slave who himself now owns two slaves. He was wounded in the shoulder - a fight early in the year, the missionaries dressed the wound and after conversations he became a catechumen. Eisenschmid is however, hopeful rather than sure of his faith, since he is going to have to give up his two slaves. More particulars about Kukurantumi - the fetish priest has threatened the Christians with death from the fetish. When the chief threatened to send no more children to the school unless a white man came to live in Kukurantumi, Eisenschmid spoke to him about the fact that he was answerable to God for what he did. He remarks that a horse would be very useful in Kibi for travelling around the Akim villages - there would be fodder for it, and since they apparently survive in Asante, why not in Akim? Atta sometimes visits the station in Kibi riding upon one of his men's shoulders. A Widmann visit to Akim included a trip to Asiakwa where the chief still wants to have a school.

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