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"Christaller's Report on the District in the Year 1865"

- Title:** "Christaller's Report on the District in the Year 1865"
- Ref. number:** D-01.17.VII..32
- Date:** Proper date: 12.01.1866
- Description:** Statistics - Christaller and Eisenschmid in Kibi with their wives, Kromer at Kukurantumi. Chr. Asante is the catechist at Kibi, Kromer is assisted by teacher Andreas Ewyi. At Kibi Jonathan Palmer is Christaller's language informant. At Kibi the community numbers 25 (20 in previous year) with 16 communicants and 5 catechumens. The school numbers 14, with 8 boarders. In Kukurantumi the numbers in the community have dropped from 13 to 12, with 7 communicants and 3 catechumens. There are 13 boys in the school, 4 of whom are boarders. Apart from the schoolboys coffee plantations (now at c900 trees) there is no farming on any scale on mission land - only gardens. In the course of the year they preached in Adadeentam, Apapam, Asiakwa, Sekyedumase, Tete, Tafo, Ati and Pano. Chr. Asante was a younger brother of the Akropong chief Boafo who died in August of the year. Adolph Burkhardt resigned from the mission. The Kibi baptisms were made up of 3 youths, 2 boys, 1 older girl (an Akwapim servant of Christallers's.). The elder who went back to Osu was called Abr. Atitshogbe. There was one exclusion. The adult non-communicants (of whom there were several) had not been brought forward to baptism on account of long absences from the station. Vis-a-vis the heathen little progress - they can be convinced of the illusoriness of their fetishes and admit that the truth is all on the side of the mission, but that still does not bring them to break with the thousand-year chains of heathens. One problem is that property and status is measured in slaves, though the status of the latter is not too oppressive - many of them have little if not nothing to do for their masters.
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