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Description: The woman involved - it seems to have been generally accepted - though often on mission land had no sustained relationship with Asante. She was a mulatto wife of the elder Kwasi Amoako. Asante confessed quickly after the event and the Kibi missionaries were clearly impressed with his penitence. Mader, on the other hand, judged that no mercy should be shown, and that Asante should leave Kibi immediately and on the Basel Committee's confirming the suggestion, be completely excluded from working for the mission for two years. Widmann suggests that this would be a false move in the case of such an able man - if he were completely excluded he would not be able to hold himself in the sort of situation in which he could be easily re-accepted into mission employment. He cites the cases of the catechists Simon Koranteng who during suspension from pastoral duties worked for the Bremen Mission, and Carl Quist who in a similar position worked, on the Anum station, and suggests that Asante should be employed by the Trading Company at Ada or some other place. Mader's harsh judgements are set forth at some length, and include some points about the case and his attitude to it and the many similar ones. This is the third such case with which he had had to deal - Isak Ostertag and John Asare had also fallen under discipline for sexual irregularity. Indeed of the seven people trained in Chr. Asante's class, one now remained in the service of the mission - Kwabi. Furthermore, Mader discounts the open confession made by Asante. At about the time he had written his letter to Widmann he had also written to Boafo, the chief of Akropong asking 57 dollars adultery fees. This means that he knew that the act would not be kept secret by the other party. Boafo is later- described as Asante's 'wicked brother'.

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