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Description: In the Kukurantumi community one person was re-accepted, and the few members of the community moved into the schoolmaster's house on the mission compound while building their houses on mission land. Andreas Ewi and Josua Abisa, according to what Kwabi has heard, have settled that they want to serve the Christian God again, and with this in mind no longer support their wives in their superstitious customs. On the other hand, two youths, Jonas Apiasa and Immanuel Yawn not only failed to attend services, but also conducted themselves like heathen. Because of the school he was not able to travel as much as usual, visiting Osiem Naase and Anyinasing 12-15 times each, and attempting to preach in Tafo 3 times. In Tafo the fetish has forbidden preaching, and when he has tried to preach the people have all left the street. In Osiem he always has listeners, the chief and his wife are especially attentive, and the wife indeed recognises the truth of the gospel, though she is far from cutting free from heathenism. In Maase he has had to speak seriously about the peoples' foolishness in expecting him to dash them tobacco and spirits before preaching, The school re-opened with 12 pupils, but once they found that they were not to be paid half left immediately, and Kwabi has to go round the village seeking out the rest every day, so that the school lasts only for two hours. During the year an excluded Christian, Paul Teaseye, died. 3 days before his death he was persuaded, partly because a fetish priest would do nothing for him unless he renounced Christianity - to die a Christian - signifying this by laying a hand on his forehead and a hand on his breast. Near his death a 'crownprince' of Kukurantumi, Atte Kwaku, tied a fetish round his neck by force, though the man himself later tried to get rid of it when he was too weak. At his death he asked to be taken out into the open air, in order to die looking at God, and Kwabi took this as enough evidence of his dying a Christian to bury him in the Christian cemetery.

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