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Description: The number of the Christian community has increased from 5 to 15, communicants from 4 to 8, children from 2 to 7. There are 4 non-communicants in the community at the end of 1873, 5 catechumens, and 10 heathen school pupils. Asante himself has been having to work on the cleaning of the station from weeds. That the Kukurantumi people were thinking of resettling themselves in Asante as a result of their lost land ease is false. They had thought of resettling themselves further into the interior of Akim, in the area from which they originally came, but decided in the end that even though they had lost land, they were well enough off where they were. He undertook 23 days' preaching journeys in the course of the year. During the year he has acted as host to various officers of Captain Glover's forces travelling in Akim. The school population is still unstable - children are taken away when their parents want to pawn them. Explaining in detail the movement of numbers in the community, Asante explains that there has been no gain from the heathen. The increase is due to the teacher married Mose Badu, the strongest Christian in Kukurantumi, has at last succeeded in finding a Christian wife - Magdalena, daughter of Rosina Osso, once freed by the Basel Mission Slave Emancipation Commission. An orphan boy who had to leave the Haas family when Mrs Haas died and has come to live in the Badu family. There are four excluded Christians under test in prospect of re-acceptance. The second marriage in the community is that of old Jacob, a slave of the Kukurantumihenes, who is married to another elderly slave who has recently asked to be accepted as a catechumen. Asante too regrets that the members of this congregation have no particular economically useful skill and that farming is not the answer so far from the coast.

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