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Description: They have been having a somewhat better response to invitations to send boys to the school - 2 have been sent from Apapame and after Lodholz' tour of western Akim, 2 more were sent (home towns not specified) and a third came later from Kwaman. However, there is also a definite movement among potential pupils to find their own way to school and set aside the hindrances imposed by the elders. In the last quarter they had received boys from Apapam, Date-Ntem, Abomosu, Kwaben, 7 in number, all fleeing to them without permission. They cannot on the station guarantee to keep such boys against all the manoeuvres of their families, and they have a rule never to buy such a boy free or out of a debt. But they themselves insist on repayment of the money spent on feeding such pupils if the attempt is made eventually to take them away, and this acts as a deterrent. They depend on the boys' own determination to stay, of course, and of this seven 2 have run away again, and the others have needed to be warned and encouraged.

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