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Description: 30 people joined the community in 1878, 17 from Kukurantumi itself, and 15 (including children) being freed slaves from the interior. Members of the congregation earn their living by hunting, making palm-oil, the produce of their farms, and-trade. The farmers here, especially the Christians, get but very few or seldom buyers therefore although they get more victuals they are poor in other substances of living. A case study of a Crepe woman called Adsotowu from Eyikpa, 2 days' journey from Ho, who took the baptismal name Rachel. Captured in 1869, brought to Juaben, from where she was taken into the colony by her master (1874), claimed her freedom, choosing to live on the mission premises, where she could live safe and peaceably rather than try to return to her own country - she did not know the way. She was baptised after some time (Koranteng earlier states that ex-slaves asked for baptism after hearing the gospel for 2 or 3 years). Soon after a Crepe man arrived in Kukurantumi trading, she asked him to contact her parents, and four months after a brother of hers arrived, begging her to come with him to greet her mother before her death, having as sign of his trustworthiness an ivory arm-ring of her mother. Rachel made the brother swear to support her if she was asked to do something which was against her vows as a Christian, which he did. She resisted his somewhat angry urging to move from Kukurantumi before Koranteng had written her an introduction to the Bremen Missionaries, Koranteng being out of writing paper at the time.

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