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Description: Reporting on health he writes that a couple from Nta had suffered from 'Gyato', a local disease. 2 members were excluded in the year, two suspended. He is doing street preaching in Kukurantumi once a month, and only once travelled to Tafo/Osiem or the Juaben villages (he makes no report on Ewi's work). However he usually visits the town on the afternoons when the townspeople are usually to be found talking under the shade tree. Among the new baptisms was a nephew of the chief and the mother of the present chief, the oldest members of the royal family. At one stage the chief came to take her back into the town since they could not do without her knowledge of custom. Koranteng remonstrated that he would not allow them to interfere with the church as Ata had, and then called the woman herself who said she had become a Christian of her own free will to escape the customs 'in which I had no rest and peace', and refused to go with them. 3 adults and 4 children were baptised froth Tafo/Osiem - a 5th man had to be thrown out of the class because he relapsed into his normal crime of theft, though begging to be allowed to continue a catechumen. Mmase now numbers one man, his sister and their three children. The husband of the sister has 'fallen'. Morale was low among the local heathens early in the year when the chief fetish priests at Osiem and Kukurantumi both died. In August a new priest of Obo-Kukurantumi was selected, however.

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