

Basel Mission Archives

"Koranteng to Basel"

Title: "Koranteng to Basel"

Ref. number: D-01.33.XIII..217a

Date: Proper date: 28.05.1881

Description: In the recent past the community had lost two adults (including a Presbyter) by death and 6 children, 4 adults were excluded. In the building of the new chapel the pulpit and altar were built by Buss in Kibi and transported to Kukurantumi. They had difficulty finding a mason, but in the end Buck sent one. One of the first enquirers from Osiem was a young man who was known to Koranteng as a leading, interrupter of street preaching and a leader of a group of young men. His explanation for his changing over was that he had found fetishes and charms were nothing, while 'the ways of Christians are right'. His old companions considered fining him a sheep and some drinks for dishonouring the fetish to whom they had all sworn unchanging loyalty. Koranteng advised him that the problem was Satan being annoyed at having lost him, told him to tell the people to leave Satan to make his own revenge. The idea of fining him was finally dropped. Three more converts have come from Tafo complaining that fetishes mean nothing but trouble and debts. He describes the consecration of the new church at Kukurantumi: 5 missionaries, 3 deacons, 5 catechists, and 2 evangelists were present. There were school pupils from both Kibi and Akropong, both acting as choirs. After the service of consecration in the morning another service was held in the afternoon at which two of the missionaries spoke, followed by 2 deacons, 5 catechists and both evangelists 'with intervention of singings by both the schools'. The occasion inspired a nephew of the chief to come forward as a catechumen after he had been considering the step for a long time.

Subject: [Archives catalogue]: Guides / Finding aids: Archives: D - Ghana: D-01 - Incoming correspondence from Ghana up to the outbreak of the First World War: D-01.33 - Ghana 1881: D-01.33.XIII. - Kjebi

Type: Text

Ordering: Please contact us by email info@bmarchives.org

Contact details: Basel Mission Archives/ mission 21, Missionstrasse 21, 4003 Basel, tel. (+41 61 260 2232), fax: (+41 61 260 2268), info@bmarchives.org

Rights: All the images (photographic and non- photographic) made available in this collection are the property of the Basel Mission / mission 21. The Basel Mission claims copyright on the images in their possession and requires those - both individuals and organisations - publishing any of the images, to pay a users fee.