

Basel Mission Archives

"Munz' Report for the Year 1882"

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Description: Missionaries severely affected by illness in the course of the year - D. Huppenbauer being forced to return to Europe, and Munz and Krauss being several times forced away to convalesce in Begoro or Akropong. At Kibi the number in the community at the end of the year was 278. In Tete there was one baptism, the community now numbering 10, Deacon Date gives them the testimony of living together like a real community. They have achieved something notable with their building of a chapel with the assistance they have had from the mission. There have been problems in the school with a change of teachers - the staff at end 1882 was W. Tete as housefather, and teachers D. Ofei, Boagye, and Owusu. There were 32 pupils, including 5 non-Christians. Apapam - community declined from 60 to 48, with 4 deaths, 9 removals, and 1 baptism. Cat. Odee 'fell' during the course of the year. Apedma - 6 baptisms, total increase 5 to 13. Evangelist Gyang is working in Apedwa. Munz criticises evangelists as being not enough educated to run a community and inclined to maintain points out of ignorance through pride. Kukurantumi - community at 106, after the baptism of 2 heathen and 8 Christian children. The school in a sad condition with an incapable teacher having too little to do. Opoku was posted to Kukurantumi to replace Koranteng during the course of the year. Tafo - 3 Christians and Ewi - land not yet bought. Koforidua - G. Botwe, another somewhat incapable evangelist is resident in Koforidua working in about 6 villages altogether. Asiakwa - Community 105 following the baptism of 15 heathen and 9 children, there are also 11 catechumen. A chapel is being built - the Christians still do not live on mission land. From Asiakwa Mullings has worked in Agyapomma, and there is a Christian family there. Abomosu - community numbers 58, no baptisms in the year and 3 catechumen. Anoba's influence is having a good effect on the community after 7 exclusions. Asunafo - community 45, increase of 3 (not by baptisms). A crisis after a revolt in the school. Catechist W. Mensah is working in Asunafo. Kwabeng - community decreased by 3 to 12. Tumfa - with Akim Akropong the community numbers 3, a reduction of 2. Things have improved with the substitution of Cat. Labi for Cat. Okanta. Asamang - where Okanta was at end 1882 - 14 in the community including 5 Methodists, and 11 catechumen. Okanta was an improvement on Tete, his predecessor.

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