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Description: Before moving to the temporary quarters they had built on the new station, they were living in a house belonging to one Briandt. He has 40-60 workers involved with land-clearing and building: they are paid daily rates, and every Saturday afternoon is taken up with arguments about pay. He himself preaches only on Sundays - people come and listen, but afterwards appears to have a very slight idea indeed of what has been said. Although they often get goods back when they have been stolen (because of lack of caution on the part of the thieves), thieves are never punished: the town authorities think it is satisfactory that the missionaries have their property back. A recent case has been concerned with their own servants - the washerman and the cook took a bale of cotton out of the store at night (they also sleep in the same room). They were caught and bound: but Fetzer spent a whole afternoon trying to persuade the chief and elders that they should have 50 strokes of the cane on their behinds: but was unable to get his way. He adds to the story of the panyarrying that the Akropong people were in Anum as the Missions sawyers and shinglemakers: and that the place where they usually worked was very close to Dzake. The Dzake catechumen had given the missionaries presents, in order to become their friends.

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