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Description: An orthodox extended statement of the difficulties of working in Anum in the sense that no reactions are being obtained from the Anum people themselves. Following points: 1. Three times stated that clothes are a major concern of the Anum people - no details whether this is European clothes or local, but the statements are all about the population as a whole. 2. Simultaneously it is said that the Anum people go about painted, and wearing many charms, to protect themselves from bad spirits. 3, One Anum catechumen turned out to be wanting to have a debt paid: on discovering the missionaries would not pay, lost interest. 4. Early in 1866 Müller had met 12-15 elders grouped in the shade of a tree who had just been discussing a case. He enquired if they were interested in anything he could tell them - after some hesitation one pointed out to him that the season for planting maize was almost over and they had had no rain: 'I ought to give them something to eat'. 5. Cites as an example of the local slackness that they plant far less cotton than they could.

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