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"Müller to Basel"

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Description: The Basel Committee have suggested, in view of an earlier Anum report over unhealthy grass fields on the Mission land, that the Anum missionaries should encourage immigrants from other areas to come and cultivate the land. Müller explains how impracticable this idea is, in terms of the ease in which land can be acquired for farming, and the difficulties of keeping goats and sheep out of the patch of land in question. It is, in fact, near the Mission House; they get milk from their goats; to keep them out of a farm would require expensive fencing. He also explains how unsuitable the land is for farming: it is stony, and in various places the people break the stone for building. What they do with the grass is have it cut when it reaches 10': that costs little. Then in the dry season they burn it. Discussing the communications situation, he reports that they owe a lot to the friendliness of the Bremen brothers, who are bringing in their post and food supplies for them via Ho. He himself hopes to get through to Odumase in the near future by joining himself to a large number of Akems and Anums who are travelling out: the land way is closed to single travellers.

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