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Description: Learning Ga (p 1). Teaching singing in school. The sight of the stick quietens the children and makes them sing nicely (p 2) Burial of Mulattos, description (p 3). The chief wanted him to buy his gun. He needs money for funeral customs. Otherwise his dead sister would kill him, he said (p 4). Visit to Teshi. The school in bad state, but Abraham makes them much joy. Visit to the house of fetishmaker, the father of a boy who wants to come to school again. His former teacher had beaten him too much. Description of his decorated fetishhouse: the courtyard was decorated by many clay masks (?Lehmfratzen). Inside, however, it was furnished in the European style, with quite a few armchairs, stools and several tables along one wall. Opposite (the tables) was a bedstead which served as a sofa, along another wall were several boxes symmetrically arranged, and the ceiling was decorated with three rows of jars, the middle one of which were porcelain with golden rims (sic) (p 5). Preaching at Labadi on the way back (pp 5-6). Visit to Aburi. Find mission house occupied by Paramount chief, does at first not want to give room (p 7). Conference at Akropong.

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