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Description: First night at Osino, second at Anyinam, third in a bivouac, mid-afternoon on the next day at Mpraeso. Very friendly reception at Mpraeso - they had a choice of accommodation. 600 people including the chief and his elders listened to Asante's preaching the next morning, and he had the impression that people in Mpraeso were very pleased with the news that the mission was starting a Kwahu station. The hill surveyed in Obo was to the North-West of the town, 10 minutes away. To Weimer it was the water question which was decisive in deciding against it. They were not able to see the chief in Obo - he was involved in a fetish ceremony. From Obo to Abetifi they passed through a sizeable village -Aduamma. In Abetifi they first found themselves lodgings, then got permission from the chief to choose land for themselves although they did not meet the chief because he was celebrating a fetish festival - he returned two days later. The purchase process lasted about a week, with the local idea first that the land should be given to the mission - though this turned out to be really a form of rent with an unfixed present due to the chief every few months. They were not familiar with the idea of land purchase and two days were spent in consultations between the Abetifi chief and the other Kwahu Chiefs over what was to be done. Eventually the purchase was agreed on at 110 dollars, and on their side the letter of purchase was signed by the chief, 2 linguists and an elder (The land is described as a triangle, 3000 paces along each side).

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