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Description: Werner's marriage has been arranged. He is currently in Begoro, having travelled there on his horse newly bought from Salaga. Contrasting the progress of the two stations, he says that the main problem at Abetifi is the existence of slavery. All the people working on the buildings are slaves of someone else, and so have no free will when it comes to becoming a Christian or not. Equally they cannot decide whether their children should come to school or not. However, Werner thinks that given an institution the children are boarded and clothed by the mission or a grant of money to cloth pupils twice a year (he calculates £20 p.a. for 30 pupils), they would be able to recruit a reasonable school. Governor Freeling during his visit to Akropong asked that the Kwahu missionaries should advise him over the following: - What is the state of political relations between Asante and Kwahu? - Are the missionaries well received by the Kwahus, and have they anything to fear from the Asantes? - How close is the connection between Kwahu and Salaga? - Would it be profitable or is it necessary for Kwahu to come under British protection? If so in what way should this be done? Werner says he has answered to the best of his ability.

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