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**Description:** Disciplinary Proceedings over the months April-Juli 1881 over Catechist Sakyi. It is not clear from where the investigation started, except that it cannot have been from Begoro, since Mohr writes strongly in defence of Sakyi. Comparatively little is added to the earlier report from Mohr about Sakyi (No 1880/156 above) except that there had apparently been some occasions of 'irregular' behaviour between him and his wife before they were married. His first major success in trading was in ivory, and this followed in train on his being refused permission to go to Salaga with Buss after he had got together resources for the journey. He was charged too with receiving money to write letters or speak for people, but as far as Mohr could see they boiled down to very few occasions. One was his speaking for the refugees from Obo before the court of the Abetifi chief when Missionary Werner knew about the payment. He refused to take £1 from another old man who was in difficulties establishing his right to some ivory, although he later found that the man had paid 1 dollar to the Christians. He had received money on several occasions, especially in Kibi writing letters to the government. Mohr reports that he plead very vehemently against being dismissed as he recognised he deserved, since he had determined to serve the mission for the rest of his life. And Mohr himself reports that he was an exemplary catechist. To this is added (b) opinions from the senior figures in the mission on the Coast - Müller who seems to have taken an active part in the investigations. He reports that he can find nothing out about the report that Sakyi was an agent for a merchant in Accra. Also he has found in an old letter of Ramseyers the report that Sakyi had dealt in traditional medicine, and indeed "Old Anokwa" who had once been with Buss and deals in traditional medicine was recently in Begoro, but Müller could not find out what his business was. The balance of opinions it in favour of keeping Sakyi in his work in view of Mohr's good reports, but insisting on a stringent standard of conduct

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