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Description: The last section of the report is an account of his Kwahu journey in 1882. Lists the four Juaben villages as Koforidua, Asokore, Afidwase, Oweko. In Koforidua they were able to borrow a bell from a young man to call the people together for preaching. The Juabens say 'We like the Word of Gods', but refuse conversions till their king comes back from Lagos. En route for Kwahu from Anyinam they stayed the night at a rest place called Kankani, where there were two hunters' huts. In Kwahu the walls of King and Cabodeers are beautifully decorated with proverbial pictures of animate creatures such as men, elephants, tortoise, crocodiles, serpents, fishes etc. which is very beautiful to the eye. On the first night travelling from Kwahu into Asante Akim they stayed at Akwaboa - the people were not helpful and it was only with difficulty that they got a lodging. This place is said to be owned by Atta Fua the chief of Akim Kotoku. 2nd day they fished in the Pra and went through Ahyiresu and Fweresu to Auboa. The people were all away killing fishes at a certain place. On the third day out they made a detour to Odampon lying one hour south west, and through the small village Asankari came to Bompata. Fourth day - Bompata to Adomfe (nearby Mmoso was still under Kumasi with no communications with the 'independent' part of Asante Akim). Fifth day - Adomfe to Wanky to Dwaso, along a forest path seldom used. Dwaso is a small settlement near the large town Dwaso destroyed by the Kumasi people during the Juaben war. They stayed the night in Obogu. There the finest house (very high and decorated) belonged to the fetish priest Kumi Komfo. He made much money by claiming on behalf of the fetish possessions of people the fetish was said to have killed - even long after their death. However one person whom he sought to use as an accomplice revealed his activities to the town, and if he hadn't fled that night he would have been beheaded the next morning.

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