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"Ramseyer to Basel"

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Description: Another annex to Kwabi's report. This is written from Aburi - Ramseyer is grieved that Dilger does not write to him as his superior, and to find out about the Agogo expedition. He (Ramseyer) was forced to write direct to Kwabi and enquire why he has left his station for so long. Part of his anxiety was on account of rumours he heard in Aburi that Kwabi was heavily involved in trade, although Ramseyer is pleased to report that this is calumny. Ramseyer's letter adds nothing to one's knowledge of the conflict itself, only to the administrative side of the mission's reactions. He says Kwabi has a gift for settling such matters, but he should never have taken money from the Agogo people. This suggests to them that he has been an arbitrator (they do not understand the concept of paying for time expended) whereas the missionaries are supposed to steer clear of politics. They may however, settle disputes. Ramseyer wishes he had preached in the surrounding villages and that the acceptance of the money has formalised his position. Ramseyer has in fact once before (in 1882) made him return money received from the Kwahu chiefs for writing a letter on their behalf. Ramseyer also says he thinks Dilger's judgement that there was danger for the Abetifi station far-fetched - Agogo is a town of 3000 and whatever had happened to it could not have represented much danger for Abetifi.

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