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Description: Concerned with a preaching journey into Nkonya May-June 1887. The Tsate outstation is led by Ator, a man who had attended services for a long time Akwapim, Boso and Kpalime, before he became a catechumen, and who then in his zeal was able to persuade several of his family members to join him (the Tsate community consists of 4 Christian families, and the Kayera community 3 families). Now he goes out preaching in the villages around, repeating what he has heard in sermons other people have preached - and he is keen to learn Christian songs to minimise the temptation to go back to the heathen songs of his heathen days. He met no people in Abofrom since they were all on their farms - he was disappointed in this because the Tsate people said that there were young men who would join them if they had a teacher. In Botoku an elder told him that it was no good coming to them on journeys --they must have a teacher who would teach them every day. From there he preached in 6 Wusuta villages, Anvoi villages and Atawuranu villages. The latter, especially in their chief town Agbesie pressed for a teacher - they said they could see that this was a religion of power, but the preaching journeys were not enough to convert them. A youth from Agbesie went a long way with Asante on the next day discussing the Word with him. In Nkonya he preached in Ntwutruru, Kagyebi, Atomda, Tapa, Wurupon, Praprawase. Nothing notable seems to have occurred - in several places he was short of hearers because the people were on their farms. In Kpando the chief and elders pressed for a teacher - the chief gave Asante a son to have educated. He was terrified at the thought he was being sold. The same request was made urgently in Anvoi.

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