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Description: In Ntwumuru Hall's house was indeed the first to be put up with European-style doors and shutters. Müller reports many families living per house, and says this is because they are farmers and spend much time out of the town. In the early part of 1889 there had been a street fight in Ntwumuru and one man was killed. Müller implies that Hall had played an energetic part in the arbitration which followed and had helped to avoid further bloodshed or damage to property. Müller forwards extracts from Hall's letters: 5 September 1888: First visit to Alavanyo villages - although he tried to persuade the people by talking to them about religious matters that he was no Government official they could not believe this and they were very cautious with him and refused to come to a formal preaching. 14 September 1888: Through Tepa Antomda to Wurupon where though he had a large and attentive audience people complained that he had not come to reside there - Müller comments that this was the original plan but that the bitterness caused by the visit of an English official in Wurupon had forced them to drop the idea. 28 September 1888: Praprawasi - several people promise to send children to the school 17 October 1888: Visit to 6 Alavanyo villages, this time with a friend who introduced him to the Alavanyo chief. The latter wanted a teacher for their children. Altogether, judging by these extracts, he made 34 short preaching expeditions in the year, apparently experiencing no opposition after the one incident noted in connection with Alavanyo. On two occasions at least he was accompanied by his wife. Villages and towns visited - Kagyebi, Wurupon, Atomda, Tepa, Praprawasi, Amfoi, Vakpo, Tesi, Aban, Tayi, Agbenotwe, Dafo, Okysrefo, Kpame, Erntiti, Agohoe (the last three Alavanyo villages, he also preached in other Alavanyo villages which he does not name the' he seems to reckon there are 6 altogether), Kagyebi, Kpando. In a few cases he mentions that he found no-one or very few people in the villages - in Praprawasi in February the people were all out rubber collecting. He uses pictures in his work. In Wurupon he was called to a sick Christian carpenter. Preachings - information is scanty, some texts are mentioned: Acts 4.12, our resurrection, John 3.3, Tim 2.5-6

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