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Description: In January 1894 the new school house was consecrated. In Haasis account of the movement of pupils in the school he reports that the Kwahu teacher, Preko, had recruited four relatives, the Abetifi chief two of his own children, a heathen man, who some time before had stopped his wife becoming a Christian after she had entered the catechumenate had sent two boys to the school. Pupils were coming from the Kwahu outstations, and the first three pupils from Asante Akim had been accepted - rather older than usual, but having a good influence through their zeal to learn, and working in their spare time as the missionaries' servants since their relatives had proved unwilling to provide them with the food-fees of 1/- per month. On the other hand 6 pupils had run away from the 6th class because they refused to take punishments they had earned. Numbers: 52 boarders + 19 day girls + 11 day boys. During the year the English expedition had a baneful influence on the scholars - the cook of the head of the expedition tried to tempt the top class to go to him in Accra, and indeed the 6 who ran away found their way to Accra where one of them has become a messenger in the telegraph office. The rest found no job, and had to return penniless and disappointed to Accra, though Haasis fears the top class are not entirely free from the thought of Accra.

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