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Description: The letter includes a report of yet another attempt to revive Atie Yaw. A new Atie Yaw appeared, after the word had gone around that the Atie Yaw found the previous year was not the real Atie Yaw - after all, after the expulsion of Bowi the real Atie Yaw had fled to Asante. The Abetifihene had refused to receive the new Atie Yaw, but he had found a place with the Kwahuhene. The latter, however, was having a two-stony house built for him (with shingled roof) by Christian carpenters; he refused to send them away when the fetish asked him to, and they in turn unmasked the 'fetish' one night. Haasis describes the events which led to notable increases in the numbers of members of the Christian community in Agogo. Previously there had been much strife between the Catechist (Meyer) and the chief. In April 1896, however, a man and wife had announced themselves as catechumens. The man was in the course of the same day beaten with cudgels, and his wife held prisoner. She got free by a trick, however, and Haasis arriving in Agogo that day was able to hold a meeting with the chief in which he explained that under English law the Agogohene could neither prevent people becoming Christians, nor prevent them living on the mission station. These were the first converts - since several married couples have followed.

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