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Description: Report of a missionary journey south and east of Kumasi. The bulk of is printed in *Le Missionaire* 1897, pp70-71. Additional material: The paths were on the whole well-kept. He visited Juaso (Dweso) now ruled by the queen-mother and some elders in the absence of the chief, exiled with Prempeh. He had been one of Prempeh's main supporters, and a firm opponent of the English policies. The catechist is very welcome in Kwafo, except among a few of the older people who long for the majestic things of their pagan days. Only 20 pupils have been gathered for the school, however, and there are as yet no baptismal candidates. In Kwaaso there were 16 pupils in the school - Ramseyer pressed for at least 30. En route from Juaso to Kwaaso they passed through a number of villages, the biggest of which was called Sienimpong. They passed 5 small villages on bowomtwe before arriving at Brodekoano, The first of these was called Obo. There is a large population around Bosomtwi. En route for Kumasi from Bosomtwi, he reports that he visited Kokofuo. The town is in ruins and the people scattered in Akim, but the chief had visited him in Kumasi and begged for a teacher at least for later. He found him building a temporary house. Gyasan is an Asante from Afidwa who had been a member of the Abetifi for a long time - more than ten years before he had had to be excluded, but later had married a friendly wife and since then had lived to the missionaries' great satisfaction.

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