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**Description:** Reports Clerk's expedition to Krakye and the need to take up the opening quickly - Pastor Hall once reported that the young people had long been waiting for a teacher, and that many were sighing under the oppression of the fetish. So they should go to work to take this yoke off their necks, and bring in the day of freedom for the people sighing under Dente as well. He also reports the reactions of Clerk and Martin to Ramseyer's report that the English officials believed that the slave trade had moved from Kintampo to Krakye. Clerk had written that it was a fact that slave-selling goes on in Kete, not so much in the market as in the houses. Over the whole area buying and selling goes on unchecked. The people thought that German regulations over slavery were simply directed to seeing that the he were not badly handled. Martin pointed out that he German emancipation involved the Government paying the owner a certain sum, and the slave then working this off through employment with the Government. This is not much liked by women and the old, and though they can flee onto English soil, this is not easy. Müller writes in conclusion that it was high time the German regime followed the English example, and got itself out of its alliance with the smuggling and so forth which this amount of slavery involved. Under the counter the merchants are in cahoots with the colonial officials, and the former do not want slavery abolished.

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