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"Asante's Report of the Year 1874"

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**Description:** The personnel of the Kibi station has changed in that there is no longer a European missionary present and David Asante is in charge. The catechists are as before, but there is a new teacher Simeon Bampo. The community has fallen from 32 to 31, with 18 communicants, 2 non-communicants, 11 children and 2 catechumens. There are 22 boys in the boarding school. Kukurantumi Personnel - Simeon Koranteng replaces Asante. The community has fallen from 14 to 12, with 7 communicants, 5 children and 4 catechumens. There are 5 children in Sam. Ohene's school. Kibi - general account 2 Christians had built small houses on mission land. Before his departure Haas was severely ill, and Asante had severe illness in his family to cope with, as well as the work of the station exacerbated by the fact that it was used as a camp and depot during the war against Asante. For that reason he had travelled little once to Asiakwa, and once on a 10 day preaching journey which took him to Abobiri, Asaman, Asanease, Akanteng, Apiremang, Takyimang, Akem Akropong, and Adade-ntem. On the other hand the two catechista have both travelled 50 days in the year, between them covering 43 villages. The movement of people in and out of the community is mostly in terms of the movement of numbers of the mission and their families. 2 members of the community died, however. The two catechumens are from the family of the most notable Kibi elder one born a house slave reacted to opposition from the elder by threatening to run away to become a catechumen in Accra or Akwapim, citing the new law about slavery as protection. In the school there has been continuing trouble over discipline, though apparently on no very serious scale. Two of the boys are Asantes, brought from his Asante family by a man the missionaries had earlier freed. Kukurantumi - general report Koranteng had travelled for 10 days since his arrival in Kukurantumi, visiting Ati, Tafo, Osiem, Mease, Anyinasin, Osino, Bunusu, Nsutam, and Asiakwa. Street preaching there is often attended by strangers, especially now the road is open to the tribes from the interior. The catechumens are 2 wives of Christians, and a married couple.

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