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"Mullings' Report"

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**Description:** The report is two-thirds concerned with a journey to West Akim. He talks about Kotoku and mentions Katawere as being a major source of opposition to Christianity. In Asuboa the people flocked to write down their names, saying their fetish had been taken away from them. Discussing his Asiakwa Gemeinde he reports that 2 out of 10 catechumen were away from the town when the time came for their baptism. He reports an old woman, Sofia Korama, who near her death told him that she became a Christian out of gratitude to God - she and her mother were sold for £1 each, and her 2 children for £4 each, but all have obtained their emancipation. Another potential convert was a 12 year old girl whose mother was dead - she wanted to give herself up to God especially since her father was unsympathetic. He threatened to curse her before the fetish, Theodora Awua. An excluded Christian had been criticising the others excluded for going back to the elders and asking forgiveness - the moment he said this he was struck with a deadly sickness - that evening he sent for the elders to ask pardon for him. They did so, 'but his strong heart cannot repent'. His death brought a great fear on the congregation. Mullings has been visiting Nsutam, and a man decided to enter the catechumenate but died soon after. The local people believed the fetish had killed him, but Mullings told them the fetish could not move of itself and that it was the priest who poisoned him. He has also been visiting Samang and Sadwumase and though the people welcome him and are interested there are as yet no converts. The Agyapomma converts are in fact a family group. No school in Asiakwa on account of school fees, there are occasional evening classes 'because some of them are unwilling to learn'.

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