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Description: First visit to Kwabeng. Krauss preached - the people all agreed with him -he asked them when they would enter the community - they said sometime he wanted to know when and they could not say. He asked why they did not send their children to learn useful things like counting and arithmetic, reading, writing. They replied (inter al) firstly that they were afraid that if Ata heard that they had sent their children to school he would not return to Akim on his release, and anyway that since the slave emancipation they needed the labour of their children in the fields. En route for Asunafo they stayed the night in Asiamangmen. The Asunafo Salem they found clean and in good order - they were lodged in a house with a large mirror and several large portraits, among other decorations. There had however been severe strife in which several young men had joined with several excluded Christians to threaten the catechist with being thrown out of his house. An attempt by Anoba, Date and a Kibi presbyter to settle the matter had failed because they were too mild. Munz' recipe for settling the dispute seems to have been lecturing the community, promising that exclusions would last longer than usual if people misbehaved, and threatening taking the case before the courts unless the young men's behaviour improved. In Abomосу, though Krauss was again impressed with the outward state of the community their answers to catechising left much to be desired. The two missionaries tried to intervene before the village elders in the case of a widow who had allowed her husband's family to have an undue amount of the property he left behind. They did not know what effect they had had. They dashed the Abomосу presbyter two leaves of tobacco for his help - with several others - in transporting their goods.

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