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"Marquart's Report for the Year 1883"

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Description: Contrasts the uplift of the consecration of the Kibi chapel-in the presence of Buck and wife, W. Huppenbauer and Krauss with the fact that within a comparatively short time all but Huppenbauer were dead, and he was forced to go to Akwapim for extended convalescence. He himself has worked alone - apart from the Obomosu community he is deeply impressed with the congregations' self-supporting spirit - they have built chapels, some of them big ones, of which they are very proud, being their own handiwork. And 'there are Christians here who have grasped their Saviour, and are held by Him'. Marquart looks forward to the day when Kibi is a Christian town - he feels it is not too far away. The Kibi-presbyters are a model to the whole of Akim. Sunday and weekday services are regularly attended by large numbers they will soon have to build an extension to the chapel. The school of the community has increased to 40, is now taught by Charles Ousu, while Imm. Boakye and Amoa work on preaching tours. The school under Boagye, Ofei and Gyima is no longer losing pupils, but in fact has ex-pupils asking to be re-accepted. In Apapam Ofori was stationed for a short while, later replaced by Cat. Anoff. In October they threatened the local opposition that they would take their behaviour before the English courts if it did not improve. Apedwa - teacher Dako - a small but fine chapel. Kukurantumi --increase of 15. Yomfo and chief had tried in every way to limit the increase of the community the school had got a lot better under teaches Oforidee. Tafo - land has been bought and cleared and the Christians are now building. Ewi leaves something to be desired in both work and conduct. Asafo - promising new station - G. Botwe more industrious than before. Asiakwa - increase of 30, has sturdy lay leaders though Mullings wants a transfer, Marquart thinks because the work is getting more with the larger congregation. Abomosu - only 3 baptisms. Serious difficulty - Buck had threatened to remove their Deacon if they had not improved their attitudes by Christmas. A stubborn group is led by the two Presbyters, and though e.g. they seemed to J. Müller on a visit not to be as delinquent as he had been led to expect in fact shortly after his visit one of the Presbyters spoke openly and impudently in Kibi in a way that left little room for hope. Buck had cried out 'Oh, Abomosu, Abomosu', on his deathbed. Asunafo - a chapel built, though difficulty over paying for it. Tumfa - 2 baptisms of heathen - new chapel built - Cat. Labi still works there. Tete - 3 baptisms and an appeal for a teacher from both heathen and Christians. Kwabeng - has been given up, but then it had been run by men since dismissed in Akwapim - Meyer and Anang. The local people ask urgently for someone else to be sent them. (Date had been posted to Nsaba). Asiamang - 5 baptisms. The Christians had suffered some violence from the heathen after clearing the mission land. A subscript from Müller remarks that Abomosu had been judged too harshly they had prepared shingles and timber to add a veranda to the catechist's

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