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Description: Concerning Evangelist Okanta. It has appeared that Okanta had been dealing in India-rubber. When faced with this he eventually admitted this was true, and accused most of his local colleagues of the same. Pressed he named Sakyi. Marquart also discovers there was trouble between Okanta and the presbyter, one Daniel. The next day in Okorase Marquart met the oldest Aaiamang Christian, Moses, This men complained that over the last two months most of Okanta's duties in the community had lapsed and he had been acting as middleman organising the collection of rubber to despatch not to the Mission Factory but to Merchant Fischer. A young man who had stolen money from him after being engaged in the trade had had to be chased from the area around Okanta's house. He had also told the community not to tell any white man or any of the other local agents of the Mission, what was occurring. While all this testimony was being provided Boakye and James Okae gave the unasked-for information thst in 1882 Okanta had embezzled an amount of church tax, taking it from people baptised only at Christmas, which was not necessary, and then not reporting it. (The matter then got mixed up with the illness of Mrs D. Huppenbauer and some misunderstandings between the missionaries). Marquart uses a strong language when he found his testimony appeared to have been doubted in Akropong. A similar bout of forthright speaking is to be found in Huppenbauer's comment on the Müller report in doubting the actuality of the response to the Mission reported previously in Asuum and district (Huppenbauer was then resident in Schorndorf).

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