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Description: On account of Christmas many Akim Christians were at the coast but he was able to meet the assembled community nevertheless. He was impressed by the spirit of the Kibi community - it did him good to feel it - and felt that there there was little likelihood of evil coming out of the events of the previous month or two. At the final conference Marquart and Baur told to the local agents that the earlier missionaries had ruined the situation, and so they were going, as Schott had to. In a postscript Ramseyer reports that he had met a catechist who in surprise at hearing that Marquart had a low opinion of the state of things, said that he had never spoken in the chapel at a service. As far as the Akim district was concerned, one serious problem was that the two missionaries left Begoro on January 4th before their replacement (Reimer) had arrived (see Weiss' letter dated 10 January 1885, No 113). The delay between their letters of resignation and their departure and replacement was partly because Weiss as General Präses held up their Resignation letters until the two missionaries confirmed that they wanted them sent on to Basel, in an attempt to get them to reconsider their step. One problem was that the mission was in the process of sending out a bride for Marquart (see his letter to Basel dated 5 December 1884, No 107) and this does not seem to have been appreciated by the senior missionaries who held up the resignation letter.

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