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Description: Although there are pupils who need discipline and training, the teachers in the school take pains to make progress, and among the pupils there is a lively and alert attitude and the life of the school is orderly. Much of the report is concerned with a case study, - presumably of John Ayebinim though Rösler simply identifies him as P. He and his mother were from Salaga. Rösler did not know whether they had reached Akim after being taken from their home as prisoners of war, or whether they had been sold away. After the emancipation the mother had joined the community for a time, while her son entered the school. She then lapsed, but her son refused to follow her (Rösler cites him as saying that he would never be separated from his saviour), and when his mother want to fetch the 'police from the town' to take him away by force he hid himself. Eventually she disowned him, and did not troubled about him after till her death. He has proved orderly, not omitting to put the other pupils on the right line. He is not directly supported by the mission as far as books and clothes are concerned, but Rösler sees to it that he has work and wages enough to maintain himself. Rösler writes that what will come of him he does not know, since entering the age of so many temptations. Dan Boagye, the housefather, is much praised as being responsible for the satisfactory spirit in the school. He has put up, with the help of the pupils, a small room where they can eat - previously the women bringing food had often been early, and the food eaten by goats and hens before the pupils emerged from the classroom, since there was nowhere but the open veranda on which to stand it.

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