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Description: Despite the date, the report is still being written in October. It seems to have been printed in full in Heidenbote 1886 pp43-46. One point omitted is a further episode from Boakye's biography. After the incident described in the printed text the missionaries thought Boakye should be moved from Kibi, especially as he had been called on 10th May to the court and offered the Job of Chancellor. He refused on religious grounds whereat the King insulted him. He therefore went to Asuum as journeying preacher. At Asuum he had run into further trouble, along with the Christians of Asuum and Otumi because the fetish Apenim had commanded him to leave the town and he would not. The missionaries then asked Ata to settle the matter, but repeated instruction from him to bring the people responsible to Kibi were ignored. Though Ata asked them not to, the missionaries in the end sent the case before the Governor in Osu on the last occasion arranged to discuss the matter Ata had been drunk. As Huppenbauer wrote the final paragraphs (11 January apparently) there was a meeting of the chiefs of Akim to amend the laws lessen the temptation to become a Christian. The king's oath was to cost £7 and not £14, but Ata was not getting his own way with his request that a yearly head-tax should be collected for him.

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