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Description: This report seems to have been printed in full in Heidenbote 1888 pp2-4. Reports a trip around the West Akim outstations. He writes that some groups of Christians have returned to their homes, others have gathered together and are living as communities. Even those in their homes, however, are living with some worry and will do until the situation in Kibi has been clarified. Meantime no Okyenhene has yet been chosen. Rösler offers as explanations that the chiefs are not united in their choice, and that a petition has recently gone to the coast from Ata's brother, the Queen Mother, and Okyerewa, that if Christians are going to be allowed to live again in Akim they will simply not choose a new Okyenhene. Rösler lists Apedwa, Apapam, Bansa and Tete as supporting the petition. Nevertheless at last Acting Governor White has called the Christians to Accra to negotiate about compensation and then to have them conducted back to Kibi. The Christians of Fankyeneko-Osino—Abompe-Dwenase have all been excluded because after Ata was taken to the case they were all intimidated. They have mostly already asked for re-acceptance. Anyinam - the greater part of the community fled to the coast where they have re-settled. A smaller group went off into Kwahu, and have now returned. Another small group, the native Anyinams among the Christians were forced to swear that they would leave the Christian quarter. A presbyter has lost his wife who was a pawn sent by a Kwahu man to Anyinam in return for credit, had then been emancipated and was now sold off to Kwahu by her former master. Lethbridge had sent two Hausas after her, but they were laughed at in Kwahu they had no legal standing. The man himself went, and the new master has promised to free the woman if he is paid £6. The children did not want to let their father go away again.

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