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Description: Includes a description of a journey to Anum in May of 1867. As a matter of course the journey involved it using the Keta-Ho route. Between Ho and Anum he spent the night in the village of Atwaome (?). Here he was the guest of a Christian from Accra who had his residence there. The village was at the foot of the first Peki mountain - Adidom (?) He took quinine against an attack of fever which overcame him at this place. Was almost unconscious on his arrival in Peki, and left under a shade-tree in the hammock, while his carriers went to buy food. Found himself surrounded by a semicircle of weeping people, who every time he moved set up a great shout. On the way from the Anum station into the town one passes quickly growing orange and mango trees, and a fine vegetable garden, and a maize farm belonging to the indigenous people on the station. At the first crossing of paths in the town you can see that it is a heathen settlement. By the path there is a calabash with water and yams and often too a young goat or a cat is tied up as offering to the fetish. A subscript from Schrenk reports that Binder went to Anum partly as a mission trader to see what conditions were like.

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