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Description: Yam festival for Dade and Aktia (p 2). Heavy work: 13 people at table, expensive time. 10 servants. Shepherds neglect 70 sheep, so that 12-15 were lost or stolen (p 3). Journey to Ningo-Shai-Krobe-Akropong (pp 4 ff). Tema chief friendly, permits a school, but says that Methodists plan one too (p 5). Pony Methodists opened school after that Wharton had heard that Stanger had visited there and that the chief's son was in their seminar. Find Ewe traders and Moslem traders from Jamestown (p 5). Prampram: they saw no trace of the supposed Methodist congregation (p 6). Ningo: Coconuts, European house of Lutterodt junior, Methodist chapel. Crossing the lagoon, bad path towards Shai hills (p 7). Sick carrier. Passing the night in the open (pp 8-9). On Krobo plantation: Konor Oloko Patu has quarrel with commander Sam Bannermann, his bullet instead of corn when these two objects were sent to him. A sick old man, many slaves (pp 9-10). His son had been in the Wesleyan mission school (pp 11-12). Look at palm oil presses. Oloko offers them a place to open a school. Does not want the missionaries to go on top of Krobo hill. Fort of Oloko Patu on top of the hill. Difficult journey towards Akropong in the stirrup of the expected arrival of Sam Bannermann (pp 13-16). Plan of a path Akropong-pass Late-Accra plain: Better for horses than the Aburi-path (pp 16-18). Preparing Abokobi for a Christian settlement (p 18). Geographical description of Adangme regions (p 20 ff). Salt preparation in the lagoons described (p 21). Dry coastal plain - fertile inland plain - Cassava etc. (p 23). Poor sketches of the hills (Shai, Krobo, Nodsa) (pp 25 f) and of the natural reservoir from which the Shais get their drinking water (p 26). The caves for refuge on Shai hill (p 28). Oloko Patu's palace of Krobo hill (sketch, poor) (p 26). Sketches of 16 different hair dresses (p 29), explained (p 30). Murder and poisoning (p 32). Violence done by a housegirl to a housegirl, how punished (pp 33-34). How virginity before marriage is considered high (pp 35-36). Description of towns and houses of La, Teshi, Tema etc.: Shade trees in middle of street, houses decorated with blue clay (pp 39 f). At Ningo 75 children on the list of the Wesleyan school services well attended. At Prampram European houses, Governor Bannermann has a herd of cattle there (pp 40 f). Shai and Krobo houses: sketch of the ground plan of such a house. 2-3 two stone-houses in Krobo and Shai, sketch of such a house and explanation (pp 42 ff). Description of Oloko Patu's house under construction (with sketch), built by Ussu stone workers, to whom the chief pays 16 Swiss Francs a month each. Result of the journey: La, Teshi, Tema and Pony should be cared for the other coastal towns, though by agreement belonging to their region should be left to the Methodists. They should concentrate on the inland, mainly Krobo and Shai (pp 46- 48).

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