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of Foreign Missions, rendering faithful service in this great cause.

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A letter has been received in the mission rooms from the Rev. Joseph Phipps, written at sea January 1, five days from the mouth of the Congo. Our readers would be interested in some of his observations of the needs of Africa as he noted them at Grand Ses and the Cameroons. These observations are the more interesting because of the writer's quaint, West India idioms. The letter breathes the spirit of an humble and devout servant of the Master. Both the writer and Mr. Verner were well.

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The latest information from the Congo is contained in a mission report from Dr. Snyder, written November 20, 1895. At that time all the members of the mission were well, but their lives were again threatened by a large

tribe, now arrayed against the State, the Bene-Biombi. This people fight much as did our American Indians in the colonial days, and use poisoned arrows. Dr. Snyder writes: "We hear of them fighting only an hour away from us, and for two nights the Bakete have been in readiness for an attack; yet through it all God has kept us so calm. If you want to increase in faith, come to Africa. It is worth running the risk of all fevers and everything else to learn one's dependence on a loving God." In his report, Dr. Snyder thus speaks of Maria Fearing: "A noble woman, who is doing a good work with the children."

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Dr. Drew writes requesting that his postoffice address be changed from Seoul to "care of N. Y. Kaishai, Chemulpo, Korea, Asia." As will be seen elsewhere, the mail will be carried from Chemulpo by monthly steamers to Dr. Drew's new station, Kunchang.