at the Governors office, where I learned that gentleman and lady were invited to dine with the same gentleman, as was also Mr J. T. Gibson and lady, these gentlemen and my self walked up together, to the Orphan Asylum, where when arrived we found our hostess ready to receive us, the dinner hour having not yet arrived we spent some time in pleasant conversation, at length dinner came on and all were seated at table, 6 in number all told, 6 took Palm butter, this was the first I had ever seen and certainly had never before tasted of any, but I found it good then and better now, after an a very agreable time at table we rose well filled and much pleased with our host, who now showed us about the Asylum into the several departments in to which we were shown, mistress showed her beautiful heard, at present the entire management is in the hands of Mr Hoffman, and in to better it can not fall, no more worthy can be found, In to this Asylum is now gathered some 18, or 19 girles, all Orphans, This is the only Institution of the kind that I know of in Africa, I think it is not out of place here, and now for me to say, that, for one to know what the Episcopalian Mission is doing in Africa they must not expect to hear, that they may hear, no, but, to know they must come and

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