

Banthe Sherbro

Rev. J. Howe, West Africa, Feb 7th 1881
Huntington, Ind

Dear Brother in Jesus. This morning it is nice and cool so I thought I would write to you and let you know that I am still among the living, and trusting in God.

He is very good to me, I'll give what news I have to you thinking that they might be of some interest to you. Rev. A. F. Stolly and I have purchased a lot last week in Banthe for the Rest Home.

I think I can go to work now at the building. I will proceed at once with it as fast as I can. I sent word with Rev. A. F. Stolly to Nanville for lumber, but you not till now, soon I will get it, every thing goes very slow in this country. It takes two natives one whole day to saw two boards or a couple of lumber.

I asked the natives to bring stone for the foundation. Before I can start to make Cement Blocks, I must first dig a well to get water free from salt. I will also build some kind of a shed to work under. The sun is very hot here and, the White Man must be very careful. We can use this same shed for the Green Cement Blocks in case of rain. I brought with me, ^(as you know) Thermometer to test the Climate in Sierra Leone. Last week it was 90 in the shade and, in the Sun 124 how is that? The heat is always nearly the same, some times ^{hotter and} some times less, but in the rainy season it is not so hot. I have Clarence Wadding for my cook boy. he is also going to school. I am pleased with the Keene Stone. Rev. A. F. Stolly & wife are in good health, and, as busy as ever looking after the work to which God hath called them. We are all well, and saved in the Holy Ghost. I pray for us in the work of H. Linker