

Egbas against us. It was useless. We are fixed in very large tracts of land refused to the Protestant sects, but given to us gratis. It is the good God, and He alone, Who has done this, with St. Peter, under whose protection we placed this mission before we left Lagos. Abbeokuta is a country of rocks. St. Peter will found his Church there, and hell will not prevail against him.

"I left Pere Holley, with a boy who went with us, to take in hand this new and interesting mission. All our possessions consist of a bell, a vestment, and a chalice for Holy Mass. I have written to France to obtain some assistance, and the God who has blessed us hitherto will provide for their subsistence. Pere Holley has written to me that his health is excellent on the mountains of Abbeokuta, and that he lives on the same food as the natives, without bread or wine, and that his strength is excellent. I was there for more than twenty days, and can assure you that living as the natives do, so far as food is concerned, I never was better. Fever there is unknown. There is abundant cultivation, with a good supply of river and spring water. There is neither lagoon nor pestilential miasma. The air is pure and healthy, and our missionaries, who are so tried on the coast, will go to Abbeokuta to recruit their health and strength, instead of making an expensive voyage to France. As missionaries I do not believe we could wish for more.

"As regards the probable success of Christianity in this country, I believe that in this point also Abbeokuta affords the best field, both because of its vast population, and also because the Egbas are less corrupted than the other African tribes, and they are the most active and best workers. Their country is entirely cultivated, and never in Africa have