

## Letter to William Thompson, 11, 17 October 1853

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Dear Sir,

You fear for the result of my  
going alone. I hope I am in  
the way of duty; my own  
conviction that such is  
the case has never wavered.  
I am doing something for God.  
I have preached the gospel  
in many a spot where  
the name of Christ has  
never been heard, and I  
would work till more in  
the way of reducing this  
Batose language, if I had  
not suffered so severely  
from fever. Exhaustion  
produced vertigo, causing  
me, if I looked suddenly  
up

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up, almost to lose consciousness.  
This made me give up some  
of my sedentary work; but  
I hope God will accept of  
what I do. The temperature  
in the shade is about 100°  
Fah<sup>r</sup>, during the day, and  
often 90° at nine at night.  
But a merry heart doeth  
good like a medicine  
Yours faithfully  
David Livingstone