

Letter to Arthur Tidman

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57 Sloane St

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Rev^d D^r Tidman

Dear Sir

It has
struck my mind
several times since
our meeting on
hursday last that
the remark you
made as to my
refusing to do anything

[0002]

for the Society and
the recommendation
to undertake ten or
twelve public meetings
at the principal towns
indicate forgetfulness
of the complaint
in my throat which
disables me from
public speaking.
I got the uvula excised
at Cape Town in
1852. Found that
operation relieved me

[0003]

considerably but a
quarter of an hour 's
speaking in the open
air always causes
pain and loss of
voice since as well
as before the operation .
I made a fair trial
at the Mauritius for

the purpose of raising
a fund for a sailors '
home there - thousands
of our men calling
at that port annually

[0004]
are robbed and abused
by every variety of
bad character but
I found my deficiency
still remaining. I believe
I mentioned this as soon
as I came, to M^r Prout,
but perhaps not
now to you. If it does
not now often prove
a hindrance in
private conversation
but is very distressing
in the open air &
to large audiences .

[0005]
he letter of the Directors
which I at
Quilimane seemed
to imply equal forget-
fulness of the fact
though I surely gave
information of it
from Cape Town .
In this I may possibly
be mistaken.

[0006]
I the message
by M^{rs} L. and will
endeavour to be
with you on the
day specified .