

Letter to Arthur Tidman, 26 January 1857

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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

thursday 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 hours

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 untill
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]

the letter of the Directors
which I recieved 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.

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