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My Dear Sir

I return my very
hearty thanks for your
kind invitation to join
the "Gaiter Club." but
I had engaged to go to the
meeting of the British
association at Bath,
and [also] arranged to leave
this for the south
on monday where I
shall be for two or
three months. I fear
I am thus precluded
from the pleasure of

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attending a meeting
of the members.

The object of the club
does not appear very
prominently on the face
of the constitution con-
tained in the pamphlet
for which I have to
thank you - unless
flumina amo silvasque
denotes rollicking
among woods &
waters to which I
have had a strong
propensity ever
since I first opened
my eyes

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Although I am prevented
from waiting upon
you I very highly
appreciate the
kindly feeling with
which you remembered

my name and am
yours very cordially
David Livingstone
John Burns Esq.