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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 [0002]attending a meeting of the members.

The object of the club does not appear very prominently on the face of the constitution contained 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 [0003]

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

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