

## Letter to Lady Elizabeth Eastlake, 30 May 1857

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Hadley Green

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Lady Eastlake

I am both  
ashamed and sorry  
on account of  
having entirely  
forgotten your  
most kind  
invitation for  
Wednesday last  
[0002]

I was employed  
during the greater  
part of last week  
in trying to get  
away from the  
bustle of London,  
then the beginning  
of this, was spent  
in removing from  
town to Hadley  
Green, and the  
privilege you had  
most obligingly  
[0003]

placed within my  
reach, of meeting  
the Bishop of  
London and the  
Editor of the Times,  
never once flitted  
across my mind  
until M<sup>r</sup> Murray  
enquired the reason  
of my absence  
this morning.

If your Ladyships  
says "Well he does

[0004]  
not deserve my  
consideration, or notice”  
I cannot say a  
word in my  
defence. I only  
confess my fault  
without any  
attempt to justify  
myself, and though  
you may never  
forgive me I shall  
I shall never be able to  
blame anyone for  
it but myself. I am &c

David Livingstone