

Letter to Lady Elizabeth Eastlake, 30 May 1857

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Hadley Green

30th May 1857

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^r 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

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