

## Letter to Arthur Tidman, 26 January 1857

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57 Sloane St

26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1857

Rev<sup>d</sup> D<sup>r</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> Prout,  
but perhaps not untill  
now to you. 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.

[0006]  
I recieved the message  
by M<sup>rs</sup> L. and will  
endeavour to be  
with you on the  
day specified