

Letter to Alexander Macmillan, 8 January 1858

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50 Albemarle St. 14
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1858
To Alexander Macmillan
The founder of the Publishing
House of Macmillan
My Dear Sir

I am really quite
ashamed to find that so much
time has glided away since
I received your most kind
and liberal present of books
and no acknowledgement
been made, I dont stand
lionizing well you see
it makes me forget

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my best friends and I suppose
some of them will be saying
I have "forgotten myself."
So many things have occupied
my attention of late that
time speeds on more swiftly
than ever it did. Indeed
one has scarcely time to
think in this whirl and
glad I shall be if I again
get a little time in Africa
to think. I beg you will
forgive my long silence
I went down to Scotland

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to spend Christmas and New
yearsday and have neglected
many duties in consequence

none of which I regret more
than that ^ which made me of appearing wanting
in gratitude to you for your
liberality. I return you my
warmest thanks for the
books and feel most
grateful for the kind
sentences which accom[-]
-panied them. May our
Heavenly Father abundantly
reward you for all your
kindly feelings.

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Please present my
kindest salutations to your
family nephews for
I suppose your brother's
children stay with you
Hoping you are
of a forgiving disposition

I am truly & gratefully
yours

David Livingstone