

## Letter to Alexander Macmillan, 8 January 1858

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50 Albemarle St. 14  
8<sup>th</sup> January  
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.

[0004]

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