

## Letter to John Burns, 10 September 1864

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My Dear Sir

I return my very  
hearty thanks for your  
kind invitation to join  
the "Gaiter Club." but  
I had engaged to go to the  
meeting of the British  
association at Bath,  
and [also] arranged to leave  
this for the south  
on monday where I  
shall be for two or  
three months. I fear  
I am thus precluded  
from the pleasure of

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attending a meeting  
of the members.

The object of the club  
does not appear very  
prominently on the face  
of the constitution con-  
tained in the pamphlet  
for which I have to  
thank you - unless  
flumina amo silvasque  
denotes rollicking  
among woods &  
waters to which I  
have had a strong  
propensity ever  
since I first opened  
my eyes

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Although I am prevented  
from waiting upon  
you I very highly  
appreciate the

kindly feeling with  
which you remembered  
my name and am  
yours very cordially

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