

Bank House

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Midlothian

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Dear Professor Wright,

I am asking several of my friends to join the dictionary. It would indeed be a pity if it had to be curtailed or altered in plan. For myself I will send you an extra couple of Guineas every year, as some small acknowledgement of the wonderful labour you and your staff have expended on the book. Remind me if I am faithless. I am deucedly forgetful. Intention weak, execution feeble.

I am exceedingly busy just now, and a [??] in the country, far from the haunts of men who subscribed to dictionaries, but in a month or two I hope to be about again, and shall then do the best I can for you and the great work.

With kind regards

Faithfully yours

S.R. Crockett

Cheque £2.2 enclosed. I don't want any other copies. Let it just go in - a scribbler's mite, into the pot. But did mites go into pots? Sometimes, in cheese.