

Bank House
Penicuik
Midlothian

March 28th 1896

My Dear Fellow,

Of course - as soon as I can and welcome. Yes there is plenty of money on the way. I see my way to over two thousand next year of grace. But curiously it has not come yet. I have never got but a hundred pounds for the Raiders owing to Unwin's plan of paying only to the year before, nominally to let him make up his American and Colonial accounts; really to keep a poor author waiting.

I don't touch anything worth having till September 30th of this year, i.e. in six months exactly but if you care to send me a bill for say October 8th i.e. at 6 months for fifty pounds, I would sign it payable at the shop! Would that be any service.

I have to go abroad to recover time and get up matter for "Lochinvar" and that will cost something. The Lilac the Play Actress etc won't realise till this time next year so - there is nothing but waiting is there.

Let me hear if this will suit.

I feel enormously indebted to you for your long and generous belief in me - George's also - now I trust a fair way to being realised.

Ever cordially your friend
(of nigh twenty years)

S.R. Crockett