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Dear Mr Unwin

The 'Stickit' has turned up and I need hardly say that I am very much pleased with it. I would be hard to please if I was not. You have given it a very pleasant dress, and it is not your fault if it does not catch on. It is thicker than I thought it would be, but that will be an advantage, in the eyes of the common bookseller. It certainly looks – to use the dialect, 'douce an' sonsy baith.'

Yes, the critics must soon take their will of it. I am sure to start with a dressing down from the National Observer and the Scotsman, being politically at daggers drawn with the conductors of these admirably 'Tory Savage' papers.

But they say a good slating does not hurt.

With kind regards, I am ever truly yours SRC