

Bank House,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.  
7th July, 1902.

Douglas Sladen, Esq.,  
32 Addison Mansions,  
Kensington, W.

My dear Douglas,

I never forget your kindness and my heart is always warm at the sight of your name.

I have several times very nearly crossed your orbit (in Palermo and elsewhere) but as my habitat is chiefly with smugglers and bandits I am afraid you would not acknowledge me, with a striped plaid thrown over my shoulder and a basque cap on my head.

Certainly I would vote for your proposition, but April 1st (awkward date) is long past. I trust you carried your point.

Remember me to all who do remember me. With kind wishes to them and you,

Ever yours,

S.R.Crockett

*I just got back on Saturday after several months in Galloway*