

Bank House,
Penicuik,
Midlothian.
15th May 1897

Dear Mr Baillie,

I hurt my leg while cycling a fortnight ago and had to have it surgically treated so that I received your delightful package of books in bed and have been reading them ever since. The Polish novels seem very strong, full of character and action. They are a remarkable find to a novelist like me. Many thanks for the "Cleg Kelly" poster, which is striking and artistic. I fear our ancient Smith Elder are not up to date with their methods.

We all remember the bright evening we spent with you. I think it was brightest to myself, because I have had no one to understand my first editions since you left.

My kindest regards to your wife, and many thanks to yourself.

Very truly yours,

S.R. Crockett