

May 14th 1896

Bank House
Penicuik
Midlothian

My Dear Daniel come to judgement. Merci! I will send the old lady's buik today by post to you. Thank her 1001 times. It was a great pleasure and profit. I got my historian the Rev. John Anderson a stickit one, but admirable only [] to copy all I wanted.

I am sorry I can't come to your Straven town hall opening* - it's no my gait, laddie, but I wuss ye a fine sappy day and a sober hamecomin'. Some quieter day I'll journey Straven wards.

What you say of Dear Old Bob touches me. He shan't want if I have, you bet - But it was nothing to 80. Anyone else would have done the same or more. Rejoiced you like Cleg. I think it is a heart-sound book. Wait for "The Grey Man".

I am a hundred fathoms deep in Lochinvar.

Greetings from the depths.

Ever, my good Dan,

S.R. Crockett

[* Strathaven Town Hall opening, May 1896]