

Morleys Hotel,
Trafalgar Square

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My Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your obliging letter. I had taken the usual precautions- looked in "The English Catalogue" - inquired at Stationers' Hall etc but got no notice of the book by Angus MacPherson. I do not think however that the similarity will matter, as the matter is poetry, and relating to quite other times. One can't help these things sometimes. There is of course no copyright in titles, but I would not willingly cause any difficulty, even for my own sake. I had to buy the right to use "The Standard Bearer" for the publishers of a little fourpenny pamphlet, but there the titles were absolutely similar. My agent advises me that I can stand on the difference between o' and 'of' if there is a question of damage. But I think there can be none.

I am exceedingly indebted to you however for calling my attention to the fact of the book's existence. It was most kind and considerate of you.

Faithfully yours

S.R. Crockett