

Lauriston, Castle Douglas

Aug 30th 1893

Dear Kindly Critics,

Your help is invaluable. I have gone carefully over the paper, noting the corrections and thank you for every one of them. Everything is as it ought to be now, and the paper is now something like. It still needs some cutting down but I am sure of this, that nothing has been written about the district so exactly true, for a long time – that is praise not for me, but for my guide, without whom, I should have known nothing. I shall certainly come down over a Sabbath when I have been long enough at home to deserve a seek without washing my face, if you can be doin' wid me!' Give my kindest regards to the Mistress in which my Mistress (and Master) joins. We go back on Friday. I think I understand the Pulscaig matter now; but when I come, we shall go over the ground and see for ourselves. I think I shall leave out the paragraph out of this paper, and reserve it for the next. 'Dungeon Land in Winter.' Hows that for a little, offhand?

The bairns are making a dreadful racket and I cannot write,

I shall send you a screed when we get back to Penicuik.

Yours ever gratefully,

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