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Midlothian.
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My Dear Editor,

Thank you. Yes (March Temple Bar) *page 20 Line 14 “little desired” is of course right. page 19 line 16 “blared like a trumpet.” Yes. I think that's all right. Have you any babies and did they never do just that when you had an article to write and wished them – well, elsewhere!

* I have altered the text accordingly

But mainly what I wanted to say is this. Use your own discretion with the final proofs. I am going back to the wildest wilds of Aragon and the Pyrenees about the 27th of this month and won't be home till the entire “Firebrand” is written. Hence I may miss a proof or two but my friend (Spanish) J. Guardia of Messrs Newman and Guarda 92 Shaftesbury Avenue has undertaken to see to it that all the Spanish words are right. Will you send him a proof? It will let me go away with a very easy mind.

I am done with part V but I got a dreadful cold on writing in this bleak weather and have been a fortnight in bed. But I'll have it in July by the 26th.

This is both explanation and apology.

Faithfully yours

S.R, Crockett