

Savoy Hotel

28th Jan 1893

My dear Mr Unwin,

Let me thank you for your very frank and kindly letter and the enclosed opinion, which is exceedingly valuable to me as being from a man who has so keenly touched the breakdown of Barrie and Hardy – on an lesser flame also my own in the Commune part of ‘A Galloway Herd.’

I assure you such words as these are just the faithful words which a young fellow needs. I shall not make my story too Scotch – I shall try to give atmosphere without overloading with dialect.

As soon as I get back I shall get under way and let you know how the thing develops.

Of course it will not be fair to ask for any guarantee (in the strict sense) that the story shall be used for the Pseudonym. Your general interest and promise to use it in some way is quite sufficient. But all the same, I mean to make it good enough for that library!

I am glad you like the general sketch. I did not detail the heroine; but I think I have got a charming (and unhackneyed) one.

We shall see.

If I do not take up your time I should be delighted to come and see you again in the city. I am going down to see old Birket Foster on Monday afternoon for a day or two but I have the forenoon of that day. If you dropped me a PC or wired, I could come in. If not we shall see you at the end of the week and I shall be in or about the city till the 10th or 11th, so that I shall see you again at all events.

With kind regards

Yours very truly SRC