

May 7th 1894.

My Dear Unwin,

I am glad indeed that you are to have both the books. And as I hope many more. I shall give you the Playactress quite in time for Christmas anyway. I am killing myself over the new Covenanting book. And I should like that off my hands or well on (for Good Words) before I tackle anything else. But if you are 'desperate, anxious', I shall start in after August the 15th (when I have to deliver a quarter of the whole to GW!) I want it to be thoroughly worthy of myself and of you.

We must keep it up. And I mean to. Did you notice that Lang gave us a hoist in replying for literature at the RA dinner on Saturday night. He also refers to us in the current 'Sign of the ship' in the Longman's for May: as Mr Crockett says so in 'The Raiders, that highly satisfactory and picturesque romance' which can be quoted as a good phrase in the lists of press notices in future editions. 'Mr Lang in the Longman's Magazine'.

You see I have an eye for the publisher's adverts as well. Yes, the Pen and Pencil was a swell thing. I must send you one of the menus. I shall write for one to be sent from Penicuik. I have written Mckay about the initial [fracas]. Dear man I quite forgot. I arranged to pay a big Glasgow swell £5 'oot ought my ain pooch' for two drawings for the Stickit. He has finished them and sent them on. They must go in even if I am to stand the cost of reproduction. I want to interest Glasgow in the book, and he is a swell there, and really did them chiefly for love. So you will know about them when they come. You will see what the reproducers say about Thomson's drawing before I write to him. I think it would be wise to put in at least one of the Pennell drawings.

Share lists still a dark cryptic saying. I must have been [dining/drinking?] if I began it. M. Sir Uchtred, I shall simply say as a prefatory note that a few of the chapters appeared in the St James and that will shut the reviewers up. I shall pass proof rapidly when it comes.

Ever truly yours

SR Crockett

I see [Conway] is coming out soon. I shall be glad to see a copy with your autograph. I shall exchange a presentation autographed copy of The Raiders.