

Letter from A.P. Watt to Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll
Hastings House

13th November 1902
Hampstead N.W.

Dear Nicoll,

Just a line to say that unless I hear from you to the contrary I trust to do myself the pleasure of calling upon you on my way to town on Saturday morning. I hope you are now well again.

You will, I am sure, be greatly interested to know that I have Mr. Crockett's authority to give you the first offer of the British and Colonial book rights of a new novel which he has just completed and which he thinks to be one of the best books he has yet written. Between ourselves, the story was written originally with a view to serial publication in "The Windsor Magazine". The proprietors of that periodical, however, seemed to think that a certain motive in the story was not well adapted for publication in that magazine and Crockett agreed, for certain valuable considerations, to take it back and give them another in its place. We have since sold our story to the Proprietors of "The Graphic" who, as at present arranged, will publish it in their periodical during the first six months of 1905 and you, if you buy it, could publish in the Autumn of that year. You will remember that you already have Crockett's Spring book for the year 1905 (that is the serial which you are to publish in the "British Weekly" beginning some time in September or October 1904.)

With kindest regards ,

Believe me, dear Nicoll,

Yours sincerely

A.P. Watt