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Dear Mr Unwin,

I thank you for your letter which is specially humanising and kind. I return the title page. I think now that it will be better simply *The Raiders*. I do not like my own addition now that I see it in type. It does not look clean somehow. The rest is all right, only I think that 'Author of the *Stickit Minister*' had better be added, for this time at least, after the author's name in small italics. Perhaps when the English reputation is made we can leave it out. I am glad to hear that Appletons's showed their appreciation of the *Lilac* which they have by wanting the *Raiders* which they have not. O yes, I can put books to all my titles, I find it easier to write a book than to please myself with a title. I shall be glad to hear further from the publisher's reader – who is only cruel to be kind – as our fathers after the flesh used to say when they chastened us for our soul's good.

Mrs Crockett and I are glad to hear of dear old Lady Larid. We had some very happy days at Cassencary long ago, and we always hear of her with great pleasure. I hope to see her when in London again, but in the present state of my wife's health I cannot come. By and by however,

With kind regards, ever truly

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