

Penicuik NB  
(Crossed out Craven St)  
Ap 6?

My dear Mr Gosse,

I am immensely glad you liked the Lilac. It is my idyll I put what I know of love into it, and no one has read it in England save yourself. I have been out of town for two days and only got your letter now. Pardon delay in replying. Ap 9 (Penicuik) Somehow this note slipped aside and I have just come on it now. To see you rejoiced me much. I took 'Narcisse' into the country with me and I was quite later out of myself altogether. It has an old garden accent – like Southern wood on a sunny slope. It may be made on your last or anothers, at any rate it is a good last.

We have not yet got settled and indeed I am just going over to bide a few days with Lang at St Andrews – wish me good weather.

Let me say that no episode of my London sojourn gave me more complete pleasure than seeing you and yours. I hear that you saw 'mine' before you saw me. My wife sat beside you at a Manchester Literary Club Picnic at Sefton or some such place when she was Miss Milner in old days which at least she has not forgotten.

Also, I have not forgotten the kind eyes of your wife and her goodness to

Yours always

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