

Bank House  
Penicuik  
Midlothian

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Dear Mr. Blackwood,

I am sorry to be so long with the Galt. I would have had it in before it is; but I was taken ill in London and my wife had to come up and nurse me. We have been back here two days. I am still very weak and weary and so work slowly. But I have been two days at the Galt and have done about 2000 words of the six. I hope if I get straight to do the rest soon. I am grateful to you for your considering consideration and forbearance with me! I feel nothing but a noble vein [?]; but the air of the Pentlands will set me up soon, I hope. Continue your patience and I will pay you all like the man in the parable.

Have you a copy of "The Omen" and "Tales of the Study" and "Laurie Todd" in your repositories. I should like to see them if you have. I read the "Omen" years ago and thought it fine I remember.

I think Mr. Meldrum should include A's excellent memoir of Galt, cutting out most of the letters which strike me as dull.

It is horrid not to be able to work - I never felt it before.

With regard

Very truly yours

S.R. Crockett

I have just bought a complete set of Maga!!! To read myself to sleep with a-nights. Capital reading - none better in the world.