

Bank House,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.  
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My Dear Shorter,

I am deuced sorry I could not manage it. I did my best, but Watt showed me my limit [ ] clearly. The "Windsor" and "Cornhill" people stood on their rights and I have to come up to time.

Well, it can't be helped, but I shall be glad anyway of longer time to do myself justice - for the I.L.N.

I have even a better thing than the "Red Axe" in my head after I get clear of these things I am on now.

But of this more anon. If ever you want anything let me know on time. I am always engaged a good bit in advance and I should like to do a decent thing for you.

I have had a fine summer's golf and am now again at work.

With my kind regards.

I am,

ever truly

*S.R. Crockett*