

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

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Hampstead N.W.

My Dear Nicoll,

Referring to our recent conversation I now have the pleasure of informing you that I have got the "Graphic" people to agree to the publication of Crockett's "May Margaret" in book form some little time prior to the conclusion of the serial publication in their paper. Under these circumstances I now take this opportunity of putting formally on record that it is agreed between us that, instead of publishing "Peden the Prophet" in book form in April or May and "May Margaret" in October as originally arranged, Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton are now to publish "May Margaret" at the end of May (this I take to mean not earlier than the 30th of May) and "Peden the Prophet" in September or October, i.e. after you have concluded the serial publication of the story in the "British Weekly", which serial publication I understand now to begin about six or seven weeks hence, on the conclusion of the serial publication of Q's novel "Shining Ferry".

I am glad to have been able to solve this difficulty in what I think you will agree with me is a very satisfactory way and with kind regards,

I am, my dear Nicoll,

Yours sincerely,

A.P. Watt

P.S. I hope you will have a good time on the continent and return all the better for the holiday.