

Bank House

Penicuik

Midlothian

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My Dear Yedditor, [Macleod]

A thousand thanks, and a thousand more. Overtoun is a gentleman and we can (for old sake's sake stand his idea) of fun or a Dean of G. or anything but Mr. W.A.Wylie, who in his own place is excellent no doubt but ----

It was good of you to take the trouble and I'm very grateful.

You will be glad to hear that the "Men" is all on paper. It is ended, but of course that means that I begin the second writing. The end is exceedingly dramatic, and will I think please you also.

Overtoun as "Can't-take-a-joke" would be immense. If he is chairman, I would lay one for him somewhere.

Ever,

S.R. Crockett

We have the Barries- And a very nice dog of Mrs Bs and are all very happy together.