

Letter from A.P. Watt to James Clark

Hastings House

June 21st 1899

Dear sirs

referring to my conversation of yesterday afternoon with your Mr Herbert Clark. I now write to say that it is Mister Crockett's present intention to publish a new novel in book form (through Messrs Smith Elder and Co) in the spring of the year 1901. The first of the two novels he has agreed to write for you in book form in the summer of 1901 and a third novel in book form (through Messrs MacMillan and Co) in the autumn of 1901. He will not, I understand, make arrangements to publish any other long novel in book form during the year 1901. During the year 1902 he will publish a novel in book form (through Messrs Macmillan and Co) in the spring, possibly a second long novel in the summer and the second story he has agreed to write for you in book form during the autumn. He will not I understand make arrangements to publish any other long novel in book form during the year 1902. He of course reserves the right to publish books other than novels at any time it may seem advisable to him to do so.

With regard to the publication of novels serially Mr Crockett will not publish any other long novel serially during the year 1900 than the one which you have commissioned him to write for publication in the Christian world etc. etc. During the year 1902 he will not in any case arrange for the serial publication of more than one novel while you are using the one which you have purchased and should he arrange for the publication of a second story serially while you are running yours he will do his best to arrange that the second one shall not begin as you will begin yours in the first week of January 1902

I am dear Sirs

your sincerely.

AP Watt