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Undated (16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1893?)

Dear Mr Unwin

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your note and specially for the kind tone of it. I thought about £21 was the right thing from Wylie, but I do not doubt that his reckoning is the correct one. Of course I shall never mention your kind letter to him, nor that fact that I knew he should be due about that amount. There was no agreement written when he was to pay. I have some recollection that he said casually that of course he would pay when he got paid himself, as people were slow with their money this year. But so little impression did it make on me that I had forgotten all about it till when I called his attention to the small amount £8 accounted for he reminded me of the fact. I understand that when he wrote to you about royalties he was to pay himself. Naturally I was desirous of what I could get in this term, for our poor folks have rather needed to be helped than asked to contribute this bad season with the mills running half time and the pit men out. Of course I might have insisted but Wylie pays me a good deal in the year for the Leader journalism, and I couldn't afford to quarrel with him. He claims the right of communicating with you about the Stickit as he introduced us, but I daresay we can manage well enough ourselves.

I am glad to hear that the matter of the Raiders (or whatever the name of the thing is to be) and the Playactress is settled – at least practically. Also that you are going on reprinting the Stickit. The fourth edition since April 1<sup>st</sup> of a book is somewhat encouraging. I always regretted that you were away from home when the first edition ran out. There was an awkward gap of nearly five weeks when no copies were obtainable, which had you been at home would not have occurred. I think perhaps you might print the page of selected pressnotes and bind at the end of the fourth edition. Is it not strange that the Spectator has never noticed the book – a slating, likely is in store.

I have a note from Dr Nicoll, which closes characteristically with the dictum that Murray's new man, Gabriel Seaton is 'no good!' N is a good judge of a Scottish book, the best perhaps. I think his notice did the Stickit a power of good. If you take the Raiders I would like to be setting up to begin as soon as possible so that I may take my time over the proof. But we shall talk over that matter soon I hope. What of the Illustrated Stickit? I hope it is to go apace soon?

With all kind regards

Ever Truly

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Did you notice Stevenson on the Stickit all the way from Honolulu. It would be the best of adverts. I enclose cuttings from 'The Scotsman'