

Bank House  
Penicuik  
Midlothian

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Dear Mrs. Blackie,

What an animal abhorred by the Jews you must think me! But wait and hear.

I have been travelling in parts unknown, untouched by H.M. Mails. I have been at St Andrews by the sea and a thousand places else. So I never got your letters till last night.

I was a student of John Stuart Blackie's and I always bear in my heart his kindness and breezy freshness. I am much touched then to have your letter - more pleased than I can say. I wish he had been spared to read.

I was a Cameronian which is to say - I am one yet and in some fashion for good or ill, I wrote the book with my heart's blood - not for fame or siller (though I despise neither) but because I wanted to do justice to noble men.

Pardon my haste in consideration of my sincerity. I hope some day to see you and thank you in person.

With many regards

faithfully yours

S.R. Crockett