

Bank House
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Mr Laurie

I'm glad you think I did well to draw the teeth of the Herald. You would see the nasty one in The Chronicle. It is nastily intended and written by William Archer I should judge, but there are quotable passages quite as much as you could quote from the best and most favourable reviews. I think I shall advise an advert giving part at least of my Herald selection for several days in The Chronicle.

Lang says very truly that it is my time when the common reviewers say 'go to this chap is coming on too fast. Let us join together and put a spoke in his wheel.' But out of a multitude there will be quite enough for our purposes.

I sent half the Playactress yesterday and will send the other in a day or two. I should like to see a revise. Glad to know that repeats are bringing in and that Mudie's want more also that the West End man thinks the sale ripping. If Mr Unwin will just keep the extracts from good reviewers before the public I think we may have even a phenomenal sale. Besides a slating of a column and $\frac{3}{4}$ in the Chronicle is a distinction unfair thought it be. They praise. [le Gallienne, Gale and Love's] and have squad of Nester's who never sold 1000 of a book in all their lives. Advertise 18,000 and the half column of extracts and draw their teeth.

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SR Crockett

I enclose extract from DC slating it reads admirably. What could you wish for more?