

Bank House
Penicuik
Midlothian

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My Dear Major Pond,

Many thanks for your Christmas greetings which I heartily reciprocate. I am at home in my little house in the woods looking out upon some choice specimens of rainy weather. Pray remember me most heartily to my friend Hope, whose kindness I ever bear in my heart. I rejoice to hear of his success.

I am still deep in the writing of books with little time for golf, though I have taken up photography of late, having perhaps caught the infection from your box Kodak which did such execution on the links of St Andrews.

Our warmest regards to Mrs Pond when you get home

Very truly yours

S.R.Crockett