

Morleys Hotel
Trafalgar Square
11th Feb 1907

My dear Marion and John,

The years go past and I do not get up to see you. Engagements thicken and the grey hairs come though as yet not in great quantity. But don't think I love you two less – the best and dearest folk in Galloway to me ever.

I hope to go farther afield every year for my subject matter. A man cannot live by Galloway alone in the book writing line. I have one boy in the Navy and the other entering the Army (Indian). I think it must be the warlike Raider blood coming out for I have always been a peace loving person myself – except with my fists at school! Perhaps my sailor (or soldier) boy and I will come up to you (if God give us time) this next year. Old Uncle Willie has 'keppit' us often at Auchencairn. He is the last of the Duchrae Crockett's of the old breed but is now very far through.

If there is any paper you would prefer to the Scottish Farmer please say so – [it is a great pleasure to me to send it but I want to send you what you like]

writing S.R. Crockett
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That will reach me
God bless you both, you true-hearted folk
Your loving friend,
S.R. Crockett

PS I have some grey hairs about the back o' the lug.