

Bank House

(June 7th?)

My Dear Harry,

It was a great pleasure to have a greeting across the water from an old 'pal' of mine in C.D. one of the few who really entered into my life. I am glad to hear you are flourishing and that you like my books. They have certainly done amazingly well. We have sold 40,000 Raiders in seven weeks.

You will see I have left the Manse, though not yet the Kirk, I am however on the way probably.

I have many invitations from publishers and others to visit the states and it is very probable I shall do so before long on my way to Samoa to see my old friend R.L.Stevenson.

J.M.Barrie and I had made it up to go, when he went off and took bronchitis. J M Barrie and I had made it up to go, when he went off and took bronchitis. He is however better. He is coming here to bide with us next month. Us means a wife and bairnies three. Are you also a Benedict? It seems quite wonderful to think of you remembering that very shady transaction about the 'Tales of a Grandfather' and it made me laugh heartily. I remember waiting outside the Bank at the back for you to purloin a copy of the Scottish Chiefs which belongs if I mistake not to your brother Bill as he was termed irreverently. On another occasion I remember us lying on our several 'wames' on the wall of your garden looking down on the passers by up the Back Street. We had 'catties' and pease and we practised on the travellers and on the cattle that went to the Market. I was the better shot I always upheld, but you were the provost's son and could make faces at the drovers. This was brought to notice of Mr John Cowper who unfortunately gave us 'something warm' in his accustomed admirable way.

Macmillan of N.Y my Yankee publishers, have sent me some hundreds of American opinions which must read very strangely to you who know all these things so accurately and know how the whole thing is.

If you have a wife and chicks, give them my (and our) kindest regards. If not be ashamed of yourself and go at once and get some

Ever truly Your

old friend

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