

Bank House
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D.G. Mowatt Esq.
30 Belmont Gardens
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Dear Mr Mowatt,

Many thanks for your delightful letter which cheered me greatly. As you say Stevenson is a terrible loss. The night after, I found myself waking time and again and saying "Stevenson is dead, Stevenson is dead".

Hardly yet do I seem to realise what it means to us all. He was my first friend, the first one who reached a hand to me. Many thanks for all the kind things you say about the "Lilac", the "Playactress" and my other little works. Many thanks also for your kind words about the Manchester address. I heard that there were some Englishman present who quite thought that I was abusing them wholesale, and were much hurt at the insult to themselves. Poor souls! All that they want is a headpiece. Their intentions are wholly good. Kipling is excellent reading. I think the correspondence in the Academy did me a great deal of good . . I let out at them pretty freely.

Ever Faithfully yours,

S.R. Crockett

P.S. Of course come any Saturday afternoon I don't work then hope to see you in Glasgow and after the Grey Man is so surely come to dig bunkers in your golf courses under the tutorial of DGM