

Bank House,
Penicuik
4 July 1896.

My Dear Mr Carryl,

Your letter brought me much pleasure upon my return from a short tour of exploration, not in the cesspools but among the wild Farne Islands. I thank you for 'Graciosa'. It is worthy of its name. Arcady breathes in it, and I seem to scent the growing flowers and the grass. Go on and prosper. Such work as that will not be thrown away, although it may take a little while to mature. I am glad indeed that any words of mine, or any book of mine, should have proved the seed from which you have grown such an excellent crop - or at least the first fruits.

With kind regards,
Faithfully yours,
S.R. Crockett