

Bank House.

'Homewood bound '

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Dear Mr Lawrie,

I have the LS stop. It is exceedingly handsome. I see one or two slips, surely made in correcting other things - pure literals. I shall note them, if not in time for the 2nd at least for the 3rd edition. . I send one of the two copies to Mr Lang, who will likely review it somewhere. But he likes adventure books better than Idylls. But on my soul, I think the Lilac the better book. I have a curious feeling about letting it go. There is such a desperate lot of myself in it. Every Cotter ploughman heard every cricket's chirr, every hen scratching was just so and just my friend when I was a boy.

But no one will know that. I am always a little depressed when I launch a big book.

But what you tell me about the orders rolling in is certainly very cheering. Please send on my three dozen and 6 to Penicuik when you can. You might wrap them for me like a good soul and leave me to add string and inscription.

truly yours

SRC

PTO

I shall send proof of Play actress as soon as I get first time [ ]. I should like revise etc. I shall return at once. It is worth it I find. SRC.