

I was laid up for a week with influenza and read [On the cars and off] – a famous book. I enjoyed it muchly!!

Bank House,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.  
3 Dec 1898

My Dear Sladen,

Many thanks for your Kind letter about the 'Vagabonds.' I am still in the cold north and expect to be here for a long time yet. I think the chilly breezes are good for my soul - and body too.

How are you getting on? I hope not working quite as hard as usual. The "Red Axe" is doing famously! We have sold over 25,000 copies in the few weeks since it was issued. I hope you will like it.

With kindest regards to you and yours

Ever truly your friend

*S.R. Crockett*