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William Blackwood Esq.  
45, George Street, Edinburgh

Dear Mr. Blackwood,

I have had a letter from Wallace saying how sorry he is that he will not be able to join us in the Galt. However, I think there need be no difficulty. If your man falls through I think that Mr. Francis Espinasse who wrote the article in the Library of National Biography would be an excellent man to undertake the care of the text. If you will kindly let me know what books you propose to issue first I could then fix a date for sending you the general introduction; and also it would allow me to keep my mind on the various books that are to be issued first. I was quite sure that you would have no difficulty in arranging with Mr. Watt, and I am glad it is so.

With kind regards

Faithfully yours

S.R. Crockett