

Letter from A.P. Watt to S.R. Crockett

Penicuik, N.B.  
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My dear Crockett,

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P.s. Nicoll having got rather mixed up in his serial arrangements for the "British Weekly" informs me that he will be unable to begin "Peden the Prophet" until about the end of February; (you will remember that he was originally to have begun some time in October or November and then at a later date he promised to start in January). As he had agreed to publish "Peden" in book form in April or May and "May Margaret" in book form in October this new arrangement was of course rather awkward. I am glad to say, however, that I have been able to solve the difficulty in a way which I trust will be as satisfactory to you as it is to Nicoll. I have got the "Graphic" people to agree to allow us to publish "May Margaret" in book form at the end of May, i.e. some four or five weeks before they conclude the serial publication, and Nicoll is accordingly to transpose the two books - "May Margaret" is to be published in book form at the end of May (title rather appropriate for the month, as you will note) and "Peden the Prophet" is to come out in September, a month or so after the serial publication is concluded in the "British Weekly".

Watt