

Bank House
Penicuik
Midlothian

January 16, 1896

Dear Geddes,

My good and most interesting and distinguished friend R.H. Sherard – critic, biographer of Daudet, Zola et al, is coming to Edinburgh to study the Antiquities and the Manners and Customs.

I am too far out, and Mrs. Crockett's health prevents me asking him here. He wants a lodging 'in a picturesque part' i.e. I presume with a view. Have you such a thing in your vast caravanserai - or can you put in in the way of anything - I mean consider him as a Colleague, in fact. He is a charming fellow and has fought sixteen duels and pinked his man each time. But withal is gentle and modest and my bairns dote on him.

His address is

Seathwaite,
Ambleside.

Perhaps you could drop him a line or to me.

With

Every kind regard

Ever yours truly,

S.R. Crockett