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MY DEAR DOCTOR,

Around an ancient royal burgh, erected by a charter of the Gaberlunzie King, linger associations of our ancestors, and from the irregular streets, quaint lanes, and generous gardens, the fragrance still arises of a world that once was young and sweet and hale. For many dignified years you have lived and laboured day by day within the sphere of the influence of that noble sonnet in stone which adorns our beautiful Capital, that princely edifice born almost three centuries ago of the genius of Inigo Jones and of the bounty of the goldsmith Heriot. So it comes that whether I picture you standing in the ancestral garden, under the spacious cherry tree whose age no man can tell and whose blossoms never fail, or entering the grand old gateway through which generations of eager boyhood have passed to the pure delights of ampler knowledge, the presentment is as one, who, keeping abreast of the best of his period, is pleasurably at home with the best of bygone days. If these metrical comedies, ballads, and lyrics, carry with them a flavour to your liking, then is their dedication as fortunate as the felicity of their forthcoming.

Yours faithfully,

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