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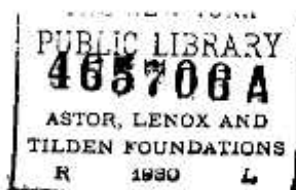
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SIR JOHN COWAN, OF  
BEESLACK, BART. :

*Dear Sir John,*

*It cheered me that a man reverend  
by years and of approved wisdom should  
care for my child's love tale.*

*Will you accept of it from me, not  
for what it is, but for what is behind it*

S. R. CROCKETT.

*Redway 17 Jan 1930*





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## CHAPTER I.

### SABBATH DAY IN THE KIRK OF THE HILL.



It was the preacher's opening prayer. William Greig, elder, was in his place, and there was not a seat vacant in all the silent church. The Old Hundred had gone up with a grand rush, swinging from the hearts of these plain Scottish folk like the tramp of armies. William Greig always