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Ernest Dressel North Esq:

Dear Sir,

XX I have just received your letter of Jan. 28th, from which I find that we have both misunderstood our previous correspondence. In your last letter to me you named \$100 as the price for which you would be willing to let Messrs Methuen have the use of your collations of Lamb letters now in America, most of which, you said, had passed through your hands. I replied at once asking for a list of these collations, in order that my publishers might know what they were paying for. As no reply to this request ever reached me, and as I am making steady progress with Lamb and am wanting the American material, I have had to take other steps to try and procure it; but the chances of success seem small.

A Mr Ingpen, for many years with Smith & Elder, is making my Bibliography.

I have written nothing in the Athenaeum about Canon Ainger's shortcomings. You must be thinking of an article signed by Mr Thomas Hutchinson.

Believe me

Yours faithfully,

E. V. Lucas

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