

TELEPHONE:-  
11 WOLDINGHAM.

Off Lamb just now!  
He is so interested in  
Dutch pictures & other  
things - One can't often have  
time for anything.  
Again thank  
you for your  
kind & sincere  
letter. I am  
very sincerely yours  
(Mrs) J. A. Anderson

THE MOORLANDS,  
WOLDINGHAM,  
SURREY.

Dear Sir,

I was delighted when I found  
that my letter sent at random had  
brought me a reply from the W. S. D.  
North whose name I knew so well, &  
whose bibliography I had so often  
found useful - Thank you very much  
indeed for sending me copies of the letters  
inserted in Allan Cunningham's copy  
of the Essays of Elia. The little note from  
Lamb to A.C. is in <sup>The Boston Bibliophile</sup> ~~the~~ edition. Apparently  
it is the only one extant from Lamb to that

particular correspondent. I thought possibly  
it might be a fresh one. The fragment  
from Hersey is very interesting. It is evidently  
addressed to Cunningham, & contains  
a quotation from a letter of Lamb's to Hersey,  
written that same day, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1822, & I  
suppose sent to Hersey by hand -  
It runs thus:

"Dear Sir,

I am glad you like my sweeps. I am  
afraid I shall be troublesome with certain alterations  
which I wish made toward the end.

I have not sufficiently thanked you for the Books  
you were good enough to send me. The Purgatory &  
Paradise at least were quite new to me & a most rich  
treat.

Pray make my acknowledgments to Mr. Cunningham.  
Maxwell is full of all good things, good poetry,  
good nature, good feelings. Assure the author I have  
more than an imperfect sympathy with it. The  
incidents are nevertheless too easy to be forgiven for  
acting.

What is gone of the Opium eater, when is Barry

Cornwall, & above all what is become of Janus Weathercock - or by his worse name of Vink-something. He is much wanted. He was a genius of the Lond. Mag. The rest of us are single Essayists.

You must recant. You will get too serious & old. Janus was characteristic - He talk'd about it & about it. The Lond. Mag. wants the personal note too much. Blackwell owes everything to it -  
Think me it "L"

I saw this at Puttick & Simpsons in March 1918; it was bought by Hays & quoted in part (the rest I memorised) in their catalogue. Henry must have quoted the bit interesting to Allan Cunningham in a letter to that author written immediately after receiving Lamb's, & Cunningham carefully preserved the quotation. I am so much obliged to you for making this clear to me by your accurate transcript.

Another thing I am delighted to know is that you are the owner of the letter to Taylor in which Lamb talks about his namesake Elia, because I hope you will be able to confirm me in my opinion as to its date.

All editors date it July 30<sup>th</sup>, but I feel

pretty positive it should be June 30<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Would you please tell me exactly the lettering of the post mark, as much as can be seen of it? The contraction for June is JV, for July JY; editors frequently assume JV to mean July. I do hope I am right; it will make the arrangement of the other letters about that time so much more satisfactory. If you are at all interested, when I hear from you about this date, I will tell you my reasons for wanting it to be June 30 & not July 30. This is a real piece of luck, ~~that~~ not only that you should have the letter, but also that you should have happened to mention the fact.

I have seen Lincolnton's Bibliographies, but do not yet possess a copy, so if you can furnish one I shall be most glad to have it. I have seen Mr T. J. Wise's copy of the poems by J. L. senior, & of course have read about the other vol. from Lord's library - You have so many good things over there! I have never met S. V. Lucas yet, but have several letters from him. I think he is a little