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A. Methuen

Stedman

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Dear Mr. North:--

I have an inquiry from the London publisher A. M. Methuen concerning collections in this country of Lamb material. We are publishing in connection with the Methuens, their library of Standard Literature. This Library is to include a set of Lamb's works edited by Mr. Lucas. Methuen desired to secure for the use of Mr. Lucas, as many original Lamb letters as can be found. He understands that there are in America "one hundred or more of such letters." Some of these were ^{he states,} in the possession of the late Augustin Daly, and others were in the hands of other collectors who were particularly interested in Lamb. Mr. Methuen

wants my help in securing information concerning these letters, and in obtaining copies of such ~~that~~ ^{as} may be within reach. Bearing in mind your old-time knowledge of and interest in Lamb material, I thought you might possibly be able to give me the names of certain American collectors who have such material in their possession, and with whom I could come into correspondence on behalf of Mr. Methuen. Any information that you might be in a position to give to me, I should be cordially appreciative of.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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