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Jan. 10. 1899.

7, Gray's Inn Square:
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My Dear Matthews,

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Please let me have a line.

Very sincerely yours

L. M. Johnson.

To

Miss Mathew Esq.

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JOHNSON, LIONEL (1867-1902).
Essayist and poet. London.

A.L.S. to Elkin Mathews. 10 Jan. 1897.
1p. (half of an octavo sheet.)

He inquires about his second book of poems, which have been ready for a long time. If the poems can be published in the spring, his promised book of essays will be ready by the fall. But if that program cannot be followed, he must make other arrangements. Mathews evidently met the conditions, for Johnson's second book of poems, Ireland, with Other Poems, appeared in 1897. Mathews had published the previous volume in 1895. Johnson is now perhaps best remembered as the man who introduced Lord Alfred Douglas to Oscar Wilde.

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