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Lamb's autographs & MSS that
are in America. Some one there
for instance has a copy of
John Wood's that differs greatly
from the published one; but
probably I have a complete
description of this. I have
Mr Livingston's article regarding
John Lamb's pamphlet on
humanity in animals & also
I have certain memoranda of
John on Lamb, from
the Boston Society. I hope
I am not wearying you
unseasonably. Believe
me your faithful
E. S. Lucas

86, GREAT PORTLAND STREET,
W.

February 22, 1901

To Ernest Denel North Esq.
Dear Sir I take the liberty
of writing to you of the advice
of Mr A. L. Humphreys of Picca
dilly. She assures me that
you will not resent it.
My reason for troubling you
is in connection with a new
edition of Charles Lamb's
writings, in several volumes,
on which I am now at
work & have been working
for some time. To be pub-
lished by Messrs Methuen.

one of the ideas I have set my
self is the collation sheets
possible, of the text of the
letters with the originals - is
now to get back Lamb's pecu-
liarities of writing - capital
letters & initials - also
to supply any omissions. My
experience so far tells me
that all writers alike have
copied very carelessly.
According to the catalogue
of the Dalrymple the
order of the letters the
MS has 58 letters

Wanted to
from Lamb to Manning & others
from Mary Lamb &c. so
you think it would be possible
to get a collation of those that
are already in print & copies
of those that are not? I think
would willingly pay a copyist,
if permission could be obtained
would supply a copy of
Ainslie (there is an American
edition I presume) for purpose
of collation. Any thing you can
tell me about this project or
is feasible will be of great
service & also anything
you can tell me of other