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le 5th March 1895.

Dear friend Miss,

I duly received your two letters, but business affairs have compelled me to put off replying to some from time to time until now.

The last letter I could not lay my hands upon, when on the point of starting from home on Saturday last, so you must excuse me if any questions are not answered. Of course you visited

this gay city when you were over here. Have been over some fifteen or twenty times, but a day or so always satisfies me & am therefore glad to be on my way back to England. However, I believe the people here live are much more happy as a rule than the English or even the Americans. Business combined with pleasure is much to be preferred to business & little or no pleasure, but it takes one some time to accustom himself to such ^{seemingly} frivolous ways as they bear here, as a rule Americans & English, however, seem to readily

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fall into French ways. There are several thousand of these nationalities who live here permanently. In fact there are so many that they support a daily evening newspaper - the Paris edition of the New York Herald & the "Evening News". We have an agent here, an American, John G. ~~Stewart~~, who has resided here over 30 years - married a French woman & has three boys none of whom can speak English.

My daughter has recently passed an examination in ^{Instrumental & Theoretical} Music at the Royal Academy of Music, London which entitles her to add the letters L. R. A. M. (Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music) to her name. She is very proud of it, and it places her in a high position in musical circles. Only five ladies have succeeded in passing the examination in twenty three years. A friend of mine in London a member of the Society of Arts, has been asked & has agreed, to read a paper on "The Santal Wood Procession", before that Society on April 3rd. I am helping him prepare it & think it will be interesting. Will send you a copy of the Journal containing the paper when published.

I have sent for a copy of your book, but it has not yet arrived. Am sure that it will be interesting & instructive. I hope some day to write a book on "Santal Wood". Anything outside of this would not be in my line, and my whole life has been bound up in it since 1869.

I hope yourself & family are well. You must send me a photograph of them all including yourself & I will do the same as regards my family. My son is an somewhat of an expert in Photography & will do the needful as soon as the October is fit. Sincerely Yours, J. E. Matheson.