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Arbitration Proceedings

Sir Charles Russell

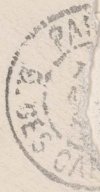
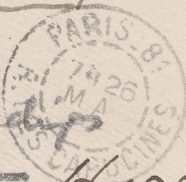
Sir Richard W. ~~W.~~ ^{Notes.} Harrington

Mr Robinson - Wallbrae Place

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My dear Anna,

I have wd I fear
written to you for some time
but try to write to know me at
least every week or so, even if
there is nothing of particular
interest to say. It now
begins to look as if the
arbitration proceedings might
come to an end sometime,
but scarcely I fear before
about the middle of June.
Sir Charles Russell is still
speaking, as you are so

doubt ~~dashy~~ ² informed of the
newspapers, but he will
probably close his argument
in one or at most two days
more. Sir Richard Webster
will then probably occupy a
few days & Mr Robinson
is to follow, but very briefly.
The vis. then has a right of
reply by Mr Phelps & Webster
It will be short or long I do
not know, but this should
end the arguments unless
the Court expresses a wish
for some further matter - which
I should think they would be
very chary of doing. It is very
interesting to see how all the

facts one has heard talked
over actually come out in
the spoken argument, & there
are of course many other interesting
items connected with the business
- rumours & suggestions heard
from all kinds of sources
& facts suddenly turning up which
require reference to London
or to Canada. I have not been
at all continuously busy
of late, but have never been
quite free or in search of
other occupation & so cannot
be said to have particularly
increased my knowledge of Paris,
though one might very pleasantly
spend a week or two here
in simply loafing or sight seeing

& announcements.

Last Sunday I dined with a
 Mrs Crawford, who is the Paris
 Correspondent of the Daily News
 & met a lot of rather interesting
 people there - interesting &
 specimens of various kinds,
 & partly French partly belonging to
 the Anglo-French community of
 a miscellaneous kind which is
 somewhat large in Paris. There
 was some very excellent singing by
 two young ladies, whose names I
 forget, who are in training for
 professional musicians.
 Also one day this week, a
 party of us went to the Palais
 de Justice to see the Anthropometric
 method in use there for the purpose of

Identifying  prisoners.

All the persons convicted of any crime are carefully measured & described by an elaborate but easy system, & photographed in full face & profile to a given scale. All the particulars are entered on a printed card in each case, to which the photographs are attached, & the thousands upon thousands of resulting cards are filed away in drawers very like an immense library Catalogue, in such a way that beginning with the length of the head, & following with the breadth etc. you gradually

Eliminate. The two wearments
referred to probably set rid of
three quarters of the whole
number of cards, & with the
new wearments in hand it
does not take more than five
minutes to discover whether
the individual in question has
ever been convicted before & to
connect him with all his
previous record. We had
for demonstration a man
charged with a murder, who
did not deny a previous
conviction for robbery, but if

He had denied it, it
would not have done him
any good, for he was measured
& identified without any delay
or difficulty.

Yours
Smyth.

