

IT has been suggested that it should generally be made known that a Subscription is being raised to erect a Monument to the memory of CHARLES LAMB in Edmonton Churchyard, to replace the tasteless headstone that now exists there. The Tomb and Bust will be executed by THOMAS WOOLNER, Esq., and Subscriptions in furtherance of this object will be received by Messrs. Moxon.

*October, 1866.*

## CHARLES LAMB

IT is felt that the occasion of the centenary of the death of Charles Lamb, which occurs on December 27th of this year, should be marked by the erection of a suitable memorial in the London that he loved so well and so often eulogised. London indeed has never had a truer champion, yet she is without any proper commemoration of his life and worth and writings.

A fountain stands in the Temple Gardens, opposite his birthplace in Crown Office Row, but in a part of the precincts not accessible to the public. As for the house at Islington where he and his sister lived for five years, it cannot be said that the premises or their surroundings any longer do justice to the association or serve as a journey's end.

All over the English-speaking world there is increasing recognition of Elia's brave and unselfish career, of his humanity, wisdom, and humour, and of his unique position among writers. In this view a movement and a fund have been started by the Elian Society to collect contributions for the erection of a memorial as near as possible to the old site

of Christ's Hospital, the Blue-Coat School which nourished his genius and endowed him with lifelong friends.

For four centuries the school chapel was Christ Church, just off Newgate Street, and the seclusion of its garden makes it an ideal site for a Lamb memorial. The church authorities have accorded the necessary permission, and the suggestion favoured by the Elian Society is that of a commemorative tablet in bronze, with a bronze portrait bust in the centre. The scheme is to include a shelter or recessed background of stone, with seating accommodation for six or seven pilgrims or passers-by.

We earnestly hope that the response will be prompt and generous enough to allow of the work being commissioned and completed at an early date. Donations towards this end are now invited.

J. M. BARRIE.  
E. V. LUCAS.  
EDMUND BLUNDEN.

The following, representing the Elian Society and as joint hon. secretaries of the Appeal Fund, will be glad to answer any inquiries: J. P. Collins, St. Michael's, Thirlmere Road, Streatham, S.W.16, and J. N. Hart, 22 Northumberland Avenue, W.C.2.

Cheques or postal orders, made payable to the "Lamb Centenary Memorial Fund," may be sent to the honorary treasurer, Wm. Kean Seymour, care of Midland Bank, Ltd., 337 King's Road, Chelsea, London, S.W.3. Or the following Bankers' Order may be used:—

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