

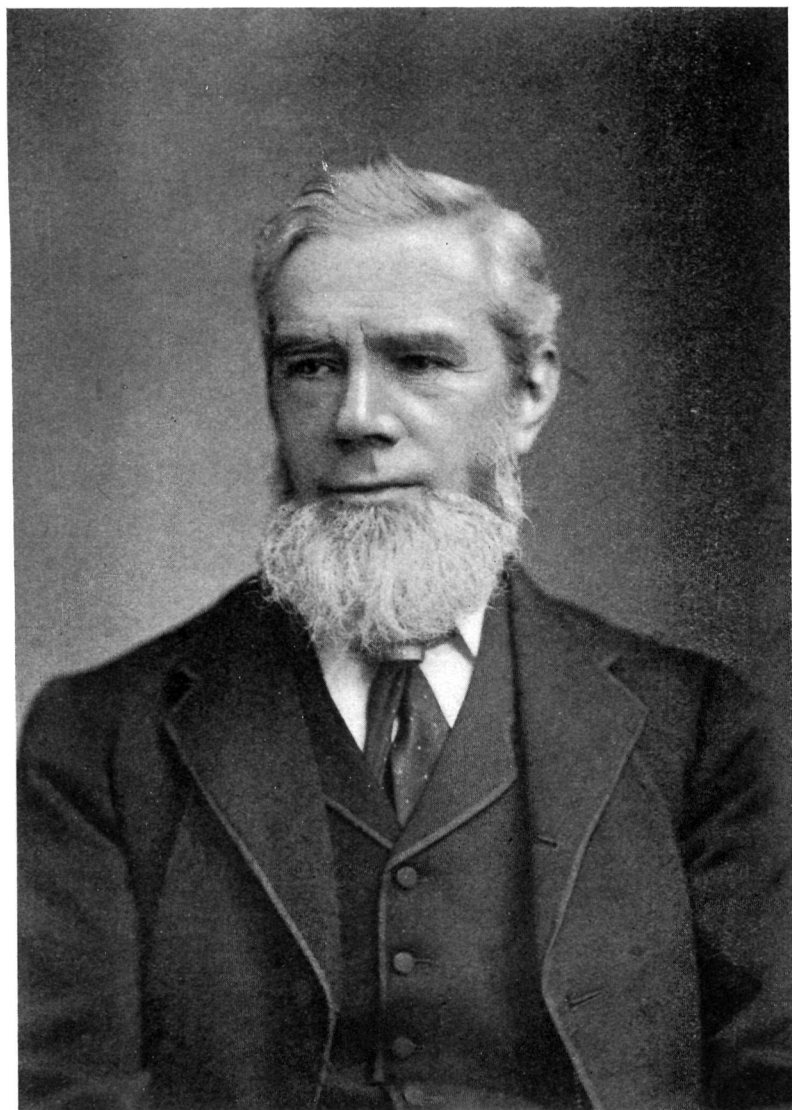
JAMES GEORGE WHITE, DEPUTY.

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BY the death of the late Mr. Deputy J. G. White, which occurred on Tuesday, the 3rd April, 1906, archæology has been deprived of one of its most earnest followers. Born seventy years ago, and baptized at St. Stephen's, Walbrook, the late Deputy Alderman was essentially a City man, entering into business in the Ward of Walbrook in early life, and remaining associated with it till the last. His family has been connected with the Ward over a hundred years, and three generations of it occupied the same house in Cannon Street, where the business, that of a Brushmaker, is still carried on. For the last thirty years or more Mr. White resided at Lee, Kent. The late Deputy was an active member of the Council of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, and was deeply interested in all archæological matters in the City of London: his works on the City churches, and the History of the Ward of Walbrook, being valuable contributions to a subject in which he took so great an interest.

At the meetings of the Society in the City, whether at the Halls of the Livery Companies, the City churches, or other ancient institutions, Mr. White was a capable and enthusiastic guide, and the latter years of his life were divided between the study of archæology and an active participation in local affairs. Among other offices, in addition to that of Deputy Alderman for the Ward of Walbrook, he held the positions of Chairman of the following Corporation Committees:—County Purposes, Gresham (City side), Audit (Commissioners of Sewers), Accounts



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(Public Health Department), and Epping Forest. He was on the Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London, a Guardian of the City of London Union, of which he had occupied the chair, and a Governor of Bridewell Hospital. He was a Liveryman of the Clockmakers' Company, and had been Master of the Parish Clerks' Company. Having passed the chair of the Basket Makers' Company, he became its honorary Clerk. The removal of the Gresham Lectures on Music from Gresham College, where they had become crowded, to the City of London School, was effected at his instigation. At Lee, where he resided, he took an active interest in local affairs, and for some time occupied the chair of the Lee District Board of Works. He also sat in that district as a Justice of the Peace. The acquisition of the Manor House Gardens at Lee, formerly the seat of the Northbrook family, by the London County Council, for a public recreation ground, was mainly due to his initiative. An impressive Memorial Service was held on Friday, the 6th of April, 1906, at the church of St. Swithin, London Stone, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. J. Foxwell) officiated. The service was largely attended by members and officials of the Corporation, including the Lord Mayor (Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan) and Alderman Morris, the Alderman of Walbrook Ward. The interment took place at Lee Cemetery on the same day, when the service for the dead was completed by the Rev. W. J. Foxwell; a large number of wreaths being sent by friends as tributes of respect. This Memoir and the accompanying portrait are published by permission of the family.