

*d'Union*, Paris, has lately been made the recipient of a testimonial in the shape of a portrait in oil of himself and a jewel of honour, from a large body of the craft throughout France. It will be remembered that Bro. Hubert was the unflinching defender, both in his paper and in the Grand Orient of the clause in the Constitution which required from all Masons a belief in the Existence of God, and the immortality of the soul; and although he was powerless to prevent the elimination of those articles from the Constitution, he well merits this honour conferred upon him; and it is an evidence that there are still many Masons in France who are not willing to open the portals of Freemasonry to the infidel and the sceptic.

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### Masonic Correspondence.

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To the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

SIR,—In the September number of the CRAFTSMAN I note a communication signed "B." which attacks that of "Acacia" in lively style, and I must say it is a gratification to me to know that I have had at least one reader for my little effusion, though I would have been better pleased to find that my remarks had been treated with more charity—I mean that broad mantle of a Mason's charity—that we all stand so much in need of to

cover our imperfections. Bro. "B." looks at the subject from his standpoint and the light of his experience. I do the same from mine, but seemingly, we come to different conclusions. Of course, such differences must be, but surely we can agree, each of us, to do all the good we can, to as many as we can, whenever and wherever we can, each in his own sphere and in his own section. Without being guilty of egotism, I might tell Bro. "B." that I heard a brother read "Acacia's" article, and when he had finished it, he pronounced it "good," but then he was a past-master who through misfortune had become poor, was known to be in reduced circumstances; that his wife and little ones had been in actual want, never asking for nor receiving Masonic relief, yet the members of his Lodge, brimful of brotherly love, knowing all this, suspended him for N. P. D. So you see the "Iron had entered his soul." May it never enter yours, Bro. "B." Not long since, in visiting a Lodge, the secretary stated that he had notified a certain brother that he was in arrears for dues, when a R. W. Bro., a member of his Lodge, rose and stated he was aware the brother in question was hard up just now, but before sitting down he moved, and a seconder was found, and (still worse) the motion was carried that the defaulting brother be summoned to shew cause why he should not be suspended at the next regular communication for N. P. D. Now these are not sample cases that one has to go back years to discover them, but have occurred in the year past. Perhaps you will tell me the fire of Masonry is nearly extinct when such can occur. If you do, you and I are alone on the subject. Can't we change it? That is what I want. Let us do what we can. Lend us your helping hand, good brother. I also can speak as past secretary, as past warden, and past master, and with the experience of twenty years' observation. Of the higher grades I