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THE FELLOWSHIP PRESIDENT,
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This year I write my annual greeting to the Fellowship between two very special occasions. Last June we celebrated in Westminster Abbey the Tenth Anniversary of the unveiling of the Memorial Stone. The occasion was made particularly memorable by the participation of Dean Edward Carpenter (now retired) who had taken such an active and positive part in the original installation of the stone. As on past occasions he gave a fascinating, scholarly and apparently quite spontaneous gem of a talk, for which we were and are most grateful.

The second special occasion, to which I am looking forward with what is usually known (wrongly I suspect) as keen anticipation, is the publication by OUP in September of Rosemary Ashton’s biography of George Henry Lewes. I much look forward to a considerable addition to the body of knowledge of my antecedents and expect a really worthwhile biography in the Haight tradition.

I should also say, in referring to the last year’s activities, how welcome it was to the London based Members to be able to enjoy another of the Forrests’ superbly organised and musically and gastronomically mouth-watering George Eliot evenings in Earls Court, no doubt fully reported elsewhere in the Review.

Thanks to the Chairman and Secretary must almost be taken as read in these annual messages, but on this occasion I must add to those of others my congratulations to Bill Adams on his twenty years as Chairman, and appreciation for all that he does for the Fellowship.

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