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## St. Martin's-le-Grand.

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St Martin's Letter Bag

Answers to Correspondents.

OUR readers will be amused at the following epistle recently sent us in reply to a request for a photograph. We hope that there are not many men occupying important positions in the service who would have sent such an answer, or who would have taken so perverse a view of our little magazine, which we have reason to believe is read and appreciated as much by telegraph as by postal men :—

"I have not been in the hands of the photographer for some time past, and have no picture I could send you; but a man in ----- has what he calls an excellent negative if a print from that would do for you. Before I allowed it to appear, however. I should want to know something more of the publication to which you refer. During the whole twenty odd years I was in ----- I do not remember to have seen or heard of it, and though I have seen it since I came to -----, on the tables of the true (postal) Israelites, I have supposed it was something in which we Samaritans (of the Telegraph Branch) had neither part nor lot. I am naturally of too modest and retiring a disposition to intrude myself, or my likeness, into such distinguished company as I imagine the journal represents."

### Comments on this section from the Editor of theSamaritanUpdate.com

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It appears someone sent a request for a photo of the Samaritan High Priest and the priest was nice enough to respond. Whether the letter was written in English is unknown but the lines indicate that it must have been written in a language other than English and that the lines represent unknown words to the translator.