WAKEMAN'S WANDERINGS

HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The Date Right Most Dear to Descendants of the Celtic Race, Though the Queen Herself Honors Its Observance, Witnesses in Scotland and Ireland.

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LONDON, Oct. 20.—One often hears it said that the old customs and traditions are all fast being swept away. Perhaps they are fast, and say this are themselves merely growing away from them, and in a manner passing through age and shifting outclothes, out of their own former existence. Some of the more ancient customs are surely becoming obsolete, and with no loss to humanity. But there will ever remain in the Christian world a few of the great all days of antiquity and mysterious which no change or innovation can ever so efface.

Halloween is one of them. Whether its origin was pagan or Christian is of no consequence. Halloween would have been invested with just the same tender touch of superstitious and practices if it had fallen on the Sunday of Easter, or, Friday Day or the Fourth of July—if the latter had had the whole board of saw upon it. The hearts of men and women, maids and youth, fond upon a time for Cupid worship; the yielding of truths, for the divining of what love might have in store.

In the remoter districts of England, and especially in the ancient villages where little change has taken place for centuries, the older and more innocent features of Halloween still prevail, and are invested with unbounded zest. In the larger towns and villages the observance has never quite since "leaven of Easter," Good Friday and Pentecost, and Christmas, and