

EN AVANT! THE B.H.S.

Brief survey of the year by the

Hon. Secretary, Miss Sylvia Dickie.

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The year 1962 was one of quiet achievement.

In February King William's Town was visited and Dr. A.W. Burton took us on a most interesting tour of the town showing us the old buildings. From this an historical survey of King has been made illustrated by slides, taken by Mr. G.G. Smith with a commentary by Dr. Burton which has been tape-recorded. This is to be shown at King William's Town after which it will be available for exhibition at East London. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested persons to attend this premiere showing of a survey undertaken by the B.H.S.

## Historical Photographs

Dr. Joseph Denfield's excellent Salon of Photographs of "Early East London" dating from 1880 to 1920 is to form the basis of a similar historical survey of East London. During his talk on the further developments as a result of his exhibition, Dr. Denfield asked us to collect:

- a) Photograph Albums (Souvenir and private)
- b) Scrap Books and Diaries
- c) Christmas Annuals and Supplements issued by the Daily Dispatch or other newspapers
- d) Red Books and Directories
- e) Time Tables (S.A.R.), Bus and Tram Tickets
- f) Souvenir programmes and Menus
- g) Postcards
- h) Negatives, no matter how faded.

From these it is hoped to compile an accurate history of East London as Dr. Denfield's collection of photographs will form the basis of an historical survey of East London for which the commentary will be supplied by a Committee member, Mr. H.H. Driffield.

## Battle of Gately House

The battle for Gately House continues and it is hoped will end successfully with the acquisition of this house as East London's Town House. Mr. John Gately was East London's first Mayor and it is very fitting that his home, furnished now as it was in his day, should be the home of East London's historical records.

Two other outings of great interest took place last year; one to Grahamstown to take part in the 1820 Settler celebrations, the other to Frankfort where Pastor Schwer and his wife, gave us a wonderful afternoon showing us the old school, church and homes, and afterwards entertained us to a wonderful tea. The Society is much indebted to Mr. Malcomess who made the necessary arrangements.

## Anticipation

We look forward this month to an account by Miss M. Courtenay-Latimer of her overseas tour, illustrated by slides made by Mr. G.G. Smith.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in April, and in May, Mr. D.J.J. Pretorius (who has been appointed Editor of our magazine) will give us an account of the unveiling of the Bible Monument in Grahamstown to be illustrated with a colour film of the event.

Some very interesting programmes can be enjoyed at our meetings which are held every third Tuesday at the Museum at 8 p.m. All are invited.

Sylvia Dickie

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