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Ninth Annual Report.

- THE Council submit the following Abstract of the affairs and proceedings of the Club for the year ending 31st January, 1899. The CHIEF EVENING MEETINGS held during the above term were as follows;—
- Feb. 9th.—Eighth Annual Meeting. Exhibition of Gum-bichromate Prints by ROBERT DEMACHY.
- ,, 16th.-Photographic Tips. Mr. John Smith.
- ., 21st.-Lantern Night.
- ,, 23rd.—Velox Printing Demonstration by Mr. IBBOTSON.
- Mar.2nd.—The Thirty-fifth Public Lantern Show. F. E. Ives, F.R.P.S., on "Colour Photography." Members' Slides by Messrs. Maclean, Rogers, Wratten, and Isaac.
- " 16th.—The Fifth Annual Rummage Sale. Conducted by Mr. W. J. Allbright.
- " 23rd.—Experiments with the Optical Lantern. Mr. A. E. ISAAC.
- " 30th.-The Eighth Annual Dinner at the "King's Arms."
- APL.13th. Easter Experiences. By the MEMBERS.
- " 20th.—Making of Enlarged Negatives. Demonstrated with the Club Enlarging Lantern by Mr. W. H. Rogers.
- MAY 4th.—The Development of a Dry Plate. Address by the PRESIDENT. Demonstrations by Messrs. CARLEY, NOAKS, WATSON, TAYLOR, ISAAC, and WRATTEN.
- " 6th.—Evening Visit to the Crystal Palace Photographic Exhibition.
- " 10th.—Soiree at Crystal Palace. Lantern Lecture by the Astronomer Royal.
- " 18th.—Electric Prints with Photographic Re-agents. Demonstration-Lecture by W. FRIEZE GREENE, Esq.

JUNE 15th.—A New Print Out-Paper by Mr. V. Bender.

Gas-light Scenery. By Mr. H. K. Tayler.

Oct. 5th.—Opening of Winter Session. Short Address by the PRESIDENT.
The Photography of Interiors. Mr. I. T. Sandell.

" 12th.—Simple Means of Making Lantern Slides by Reduction.
Messrs. J. Chadwick-Taylor, and S. H. Wratten.

.. 19th.-Lantern Night.

" 26th.—On Various Ways of Toning Lantern Slides. Demonstrations by Messrs. MacLean, Wratten, and Isaac.

Nov. 2nd .- Lantern Night.

... gth.—The Amateur Photographer Prize Slides.

" 16th. The Thirty-sixth Public Lantern Show.

Mountaineering from a Woman's Point of View. By

Mrs. E. Main, and Members' Slides.

" 3oth.-Lantern Night.

DEC. 7th.—Enlarging on Bromide Paper (by means of the Club Enlarging Lantern). Mr. Charles Boxall.

" 12th.—Lantern Night.

. 14th.-The Thirty-seventh Public Lantern Show.

A Trip to India. By HENRY KEATLEY MOORE, Esq. Moving Photographs by Mr. J. WILLIAMSON (of Hove), and Members' Slides.

" 21st.—The Development of Negatives. Demonstrations by Messrs. Isaac, J. Smith, and Lionel G. Kough.

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JAN. 4th.-Lantern Night.

,, 11th.—A Practical Comparison of Flash Lights. By Messrs.
J. SMITH and Councillor NOAKS.

., 16th.—Lantern Night.

" 18th.—The Thirty-eighth Public Lantern Show.
Australian Natural History. Py W. SAVILLE KENT, Esq.,
F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c. Moving Photographs by the Velograph
and Members' Slides

Demonstration by Birt Acres, Esq., F.R.P.S.

Besides the foregoing 32 meetings, a number of others have been held of a conversational character, and for mutual help in various kinds of

photographic procedure.

The attendances at the ordinary Wednesday evenings at the Club attained the satisfactory average of 24 per meeting. The above average takes no account of meetings between May and October, nor of Public Lantern Shows. Various current photographic novelties and advancements have been well illustrated by the Club. Thus, nearly a year ago, we were able to exhibit the then novel and useful passibilities of developing bromide paper in ordinary gaslight, by means of a brush, and without needing a developing dish, Mr. IBBOTSON demonstrating how this could be done with the since well-known Velox paper. Very great interest and curiosity were also evoked by a remarkable demonstration lecture of an experimental character given by our member, Mr. W. FRIEZE-GREENE, in the course of which he exhibited the strange affinities between the

action of electricity and light in producing images upon surfaces treated with re-agents usually employed in developing negatives.

Subsequently some interesting comments were made to the Club upon Mr. FRIEZE GREENE'S lecture by Mr. HENRY SOAR, who dissented from

certain of the lecturer's deductions.

The practice and popularity of the kinematograph have so largely increased, that arrangements were made whereby Mr. BIRT ACRES, F.R.P.S. was prevailed upon to give a demonstration lecture upon the subject at the Club. This he did so recently as the 25th ult., when he very thoroughly explained the modus operandi of taking, developing, printing, and projecting the films. This lecture, which was illustrated by means of the Birtac, was one of the most well appreciated and useful given during the past season, and has induced more than one Member to take up the practice of making "Moving Photographs" during the coming season.

As regards the other meetings, detailed comment is not called for, except to congratulate ourselves that so many Members of the Club have come forward to illustrate and demonstrate branches of the art science. These include Messers. John Smith, A. E. Isaac, W. H. Rogers, S. Carley; Councillor J. Noaks, G. W. Watson, Chadwick Taylor, S. H. Wratten, Victor Bender, H. K. Tayler, J. T. Sandell, H. Maclean and Lionel G. Kough. One point suggested by the above deserves mention—viz., that from an enlarged negative made at the Club, with the Club lantern, by Mr. W. H. Rogers, at his demonstration, Mr. Rogers took a print which gained the silver medal in the Photography Gum-bichromate Print Competition. Moreover, the original quarter-plate negative was taken at the Club Good Friday Excursion to Tonbridge.

The Public Lantern Shows have been held as usual in the Small Public Hall, and, despite that the accoustic properties and other conveniences are not perfect, the attendances have been of a very gratifying character; moreover, by skilful management, all the displays have produced a balance in favour of the Club, particulars of which will be laid before you. Four of such shows were held. Our Member, Mr. F. E. Ives, displayed Colour Photography on the screen for the first time in Croydon, except in the Club Room. Mrs. E. Main charmed everyone by her wellfinished slides, her notable subjects, and her attractive talk. Our worthy townsman, Mr. HENRY KEATLEY MOORE, was also a great success, and delighted our audience by demonstrating that, although the sun might be, the merriment of astronomers was by no means eclipsed when they were engaged in their momentous investigations. Finally a quite unique series of strange and rare examples of Australian life was shown by Mr. W. SAVILLE KENT, F.L.S., F.Z.S., who has thereby not merely made a lasting impression upon those fortunate enough to be present, but has earned the Club's heartiest thanks.

The following is a list of Members who displayed slides at the Public Shows in 1898-9. Messrs. Davies, Fuller, Irving, Isaac, G. W. Jenkins, Maclean, Rogers, H. K. Tayler, Chadwick Taylor, Andrews, H. E. Holland, J. Willcocks, Underhill, and Councillor Noaks,

The Summer Excursions have been much better attended than in 1897. Appended is a list of the five chief outings during the past year;—

APRIL 8th—(Whole day).

" 23rd—(Half day).

MAY 7th—(Half day).

June 25th—(Whole day).

Sept. 1oth—(Half day).

May 7th—(Half day).

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Tonbridge ...

Kingswood, &c.

Groombridge, &c.

Penshurst Place
Broombill ...

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At the above the average attendance was 18 per excursion. (The average attendance for 1897 was 10 per outing).

Other excursions were held to Balcombe by Mr. John Smith, and to Keston by Mr. W. I. Alleright.

The successful nature of the Tonbridge excursion has already been indicated. Of the others, the visit to Penshurst Place, by special permission of LORD DE LISLE AND DUDLEY, was an ever-memorable occasion; a large number of photographs were obtained, which will form the mainstay of our next lantern show. The visit to Broomhill was equally delightful. Not only were Members able to participate in all the wonders of this "mansion of many marvels," but were personally entertained by Sir David Salomons with attentions which were exceedingly gratifying, and for which we cannot adequately thank our most courteous host.

During June, 1898, the South Eastern Union of Scientific Societies, of which the Club is a Member, held its third Annual Congress at our Town Hall, in connection with which the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Sidner Edringe), gave a reception to Members of the associated Clubs and Societies, which was a gratifying recognition of the value and importance of the various scientific branches represented. The Club's exhibit of photographs formed a very important feature of the collection displayed on the walls of the Town Hall. It included a striking assemblage of Mr. J. T. Sandell's architectural studies; a fine selection of Mr. W. Saville Kent's prints, and numerous other works by the Members of the Club.

During the Congress Mr. MACLEAN conducted a large party of visitors from Associated Societies over the Old Palace.

In addition to those whose services are elsewhere acknowledged, we desire to express our indebtedness and convey our thanks to the following: Sir David Salomons, Bart.; Lord de Lisle and Dudley, for his permission to photograph Penshurst Place; Mr. J. Williamson, of Hove, for his admirable kinematograph display, than which none has been more successful; Mrs. E. Main, Mr. W. Saville Kent, F.Z.S., and Mr. Henry Keatley Moore, for their attractive and delightful lantern lectures; Mr. Jesse W. Ward, for the consistent support given the Club in the Croydon Advertiser; Mr. Thomas Bedding, for the not less sustained support in the pages of The British Journal of Photography; Miss Cumbers, Mrs. Privett, Miss Wain, and Mr. L. G. Kough, for their much-valued help with the music at our lantern shows; Mr. Flack, for his readiness to help us advertise our meetings; Mr. W. J. Allbright, for his services in the rostrum at our rummage sale; and Mr. S. Carley, for arranging our railway excursions on specially favourable terms.

The Eighth Annual Dinner, held at the King's Arms Hotel, was even more enjoyable than ever. The music, in charge of Mr. Claude Packham was at all points good. The attendance was satisfactory, and included several interesting guests, such as Messrs. T. Bedding, Horsley Hinton, F. E. Ives, and Jesse W. Ward.

The arrangements for the future are being made with due regard to members' requirements. They include lectures by John H. Gear and by the Rev. A. H. Blake; three public Lantern Shows; a demonstration of Dekko; the Rummage Sale; a specially prepared Lecture by Mr. F. T. Beeson, F.R.P.S.; and the Annual Dinner of members and friends. At Easter one or more whole day outings will be arranged.

Since the beginning of December a gallery has been built at 16, Park Lane, which is so admirably designed for the exhibition of prints and other pictures that we have decided that the Club should lose no time in arranging and holding a display of Photography. To this end the matter has been discussed and considered, and an open Photographic Exhibition will be held in the above gallery during the fall of the year.

The roll of membership this last year (for the first) attained to three figures, and the number of new members have steadily increased. Not

less than thirty having been elected since the past year, we may reasonably look forward to the day when we shall number a couple of hundred members.

The Club funds have been managed by the Hon. Sec. with a full regard to economy, so that the cash balance in hand carried forward is $\pounds 36$ 16s. 3d., which is the largest amount on our record; besides which, whilst we have now no outstanding liabilities whatever, our assets (including cash in hand) are valued at $\pounds 81$ 13s. 9d. The Hon. Sec. will presently read the Balance Sheet and other accounts, which have been duly checked and audited by Mr. Hicks.

In accordance with the general custom of this Club, the Council has drawn up a list of those gentlemen who are recommended for election to the various offices comprising the Clubs' executive.

The above Report was, with the balance sheets and other accounts duly passed by the Members assembled at the Annual Meeting on 8th February, 1899. Of the other matters brought forward on the same occasion the most important were, a slight modification in Rule 11 (relating to nomination of candidates for the Council, &c) which was adopted, the approval of holding the Club's third Photographic Exhibition during 1899, and the presentation by the President, on behalf of the Club, to Mr. A. E. Isaac of a handsome Tantulus Spirit Case, bearing the following inscription:—" Presented to A. E. Isaac, Esq., by the Croydon Camera Club, as a mark of esteem, and of the appreciation of his services as Honorary Lanternist, February, 1899."

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Revised to 12th March, 1899.

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