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# London Topographical Society.



ADDRESS BY MR. LAURENCE GOMME, F.S.A.,  
VICE-PRESIDENT,

*Delivered at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Society.*

I T now becomes my duty and pleasure to give the annual address to the Society, and I commence my task by venturing to make two observations—one of commiseration and one of congratulation. The observation of commiseration is because you have me to follow so distinguished a President and personage as the Earl of Rosebery, and the observation of congratulation is to say that the effect of last year's address by his lordship has been to give us a very tangible result. Since that date twenty-eight new members have joined the Society, and an additional thirty-four guineas has found its way into our coffers. I am sure I am only echoing your views when I say that once more we thank Lord Rosebery for the help he has given us.

Our object is a great one. It is no less than to trace the progress of London from a community occupying one square mile to a community occupying one hundred and twenty square miles, and this community which has thus grown is a wealthy one, second to none in the world. Historical personages have trod over almost all its pavements in all periods in British history. We have had the Roman governors, the Saxon princes and the Norman dukes, and in the great improvements which are being carried out we are constantly coming upon new facts which illustrate the careers of distinguished people who have lived or died in this great London of ours. There is hardly a spot which has not become sacred in consequence of this, but I