

Art.

Belonging to a family which has had some distinguished artists, Mr. J. Francis Bursill has taken a great interest in Art matters, Year after year he followed the work of South London Artists in the Public Galleries and many a now famous artist had first words of appreciation and encouragement from his pen. The Blake Memorial in Lambeth Library originated with him and works of art he suggested or discovered adorn many Public and Private galleries. His collection of Lambeth Pictures is much valued in the Minet Public Library at Myatts Fields. Mr. Bursill organised several remarkable Art Exhibitions in South London.

Books.

As a Book-lover and Collector Mr. J. F. Bursill has a wide reputation and the dispersal of his remarkable collection is a thing to deplore. He has made Literary "finds" which adorn the British Museum and many Libraries, Public and Private—at home and in the Colonies, His Shakespearian researches were appreciated by Mr. Sam Timmius, his labours for Art by Mr. Samuel Carter Hall. His collection of "Colloquialisms" was used by Professor Barrere in his great "Slang Dictionary." He has been too busy a journalist to do much Book writing (and the failure and death of a Publisher has robbed him of years of labour on "Lambeth") but many "Lantern Lectures" he has written on Historical subjects are known all over the world and many booklets and pamphlets from his pen have had an immense and useful circulation. The late Dr. Richard Garnett showed warm appreciation of Mr. Bursills Biographical and Historical Work.

Politics.

"Tom Hughes for Lambeth" was the cry which first inspired Mr. J. F. Bursill to Political Work. He has been a political worker ever since. He was G. M. Murphys trusted agent at the first School Board Election. He had charge of the Central Committee Rooms for John Morley (in Westminster,) for whom he worked so devotedly that he never took off his clothes for 6 nights. To summarize—as a Civil Servant and Volunteer, a Journalist, an Elocutionist and Lecturer, as Editor, Author, Politician and Publicist, J. Francis Bursill has won Honour, Esteem and Respect—and left his mark for good on his day and generation. He will leave in England many valuable and lasting memorials of his zeal, intelligence, industry and influence.

We fancy Mr. Bursill that we hear you say with Hamlet, "Something too much of this"—so we conclude—leaving many good things unrecorded here—but well remembered.

In conclusion we can only wish you "God Speed"—may you find many friends in the Country to which you are going. Any good news of you and yours will give great pleasure to those who have known you for many year. At Home.

Your Friends and Well Wishers.