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HERTFORD HOUSE,

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12th April, 1928.

DEAR SIR (OR MADAM),

In connection with the celebration of the first twenty-five years of the Fund's activity the following arrangements have been made :—

1. The British Antique Dealers' Association have arranged an important Exhibition of Works of Art including old furniture, porcelain, pottery, bronzes, enamels, arms, glass, coins and medals, miniatures, etc., to be held in the Grafton Galleries from Tuesday, May 1st to May 26th, and have very kindly offered free entrance to members on production of their membership cards, and to hand over one-half of the proceeds of the Exhibition to the Fund.

2. The Trustees of the London Museum have invited members of the Fund to a Soirée to be held at Lancaster House, St. James's, S.W., on Thursday, May 31st, from 9.15 p.m. to midnight. H.R.H. Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, accompanied by the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Lascelles, K.G., will receive the guests. Music and refreshments will be provided.

3. By kind permission of the Board of Education, a Soirée will be held at the Victoria and Albert Museum on Tuesday, June 5th, from 9.15 p.m. to midnight. Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and the Duchess of York have graciously consented to be present. Here, also, there will be music and refreshments.

For the Soirée at the Victoria and Albert Museum an invitation will be issued to any member applying for one on the attached form, but as the space available at the London Museum does not permit more than a limited number being invited, invitations to this Soirée will be issued, subject to the discretion of the Committee, in priority of application. Members are requested, in the interests of the small staff available, to send with their application a large envelope stamped and addressed to themselves in which the invitation card will be sent to them. Those members who have not yet paid for 1928 should also enclose their subscriptions.

4. Messrs. Agnew and Sons have arranged an Exhibition towards the end of May in their Galleries, 43, Old Bond Street, of the works of T. Gainsborough, R.A., the bicentenary of whose birth was celebrated last year. The charge for admission to this Exhibition will be 2s. 6d., including Catalogue, payable by all visitors, and Messrs. Agnew have very generously undertaken to defray all expenses and to pay over the whole of the proceeds to the Fund. Members will be informed as soon as the date of opening is fixed.

Particulars of further arrangements, which will include special Exhibitions at the British Museum and at the Victoria and Albert Museum, from June 2nd to 16th, a garden party at Hampton Court on June 22nd, and a Banquet, will be issued, together with the Annual Report for 1927, about the end of April.

Yours faithfully,

ALEC MARTIN,

Hon. Secretary.