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The London Branch held a George Eliot Supper Evening at St. Philip's, Earls Court Road, W.8. in celebration of her 171st birthday on 22nd November. Sunday 18th was chosen, and the whole occasion was finely organised by Michael and Suzanne Forrest. The principle guest was the actor Robin Bailey. Some 50 or so guests were wined, dined and entertained by two young musicians, the pianist Roger Owens and the harpist Susannah Bale. It was good to see the parent organisation represented by Bill and Kathleen Adams.

Dr. Beryl Gray, vice-chairman of the London Branch, devised the programme of readings which was given by Robin Bailey. These were from *Middlemarch* and *Daniel Deronda* under the general title, 'The Story of Three Marriages'. During a short interval for coffee, London was invited to share the Nuneaton Birthday cake.

At the close of a very enjoyable evening the President of the Fellowship, Jonathan Ouvry, warmly thanked Robin Bailey and presented him with a suitably engraved goblet. It is hoped to mark the birthday occasion in a similar way in London in 1991.

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