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Augustus John Pictures

A feature of Mr. Augustus John's exhibition which opened to-day at the Leicester Galleries is a pencil drawing of Mr. Churchill done last year. Though technically it shows all the master's skill in draughtmanship, this drawing cannot be said to have succeeded as a likeness. Other drawings are of Sir Thomas Beecham and Sir John Anderson; an almost frightening study of the late Aleister Crowley, of black magic fame; an exquisitely drawn portrait of Lady Killlearn, and a fine study for a portrait of Miss Vivien Leigh.

Of the oil-paintings—only a few of them recent, but hardly any shown before—many are flower studies, a branch of painting that no great artist seems to neglect.

In another room of the galleries are Mr. Roger Furse's imaginative designs for the new "Hamlet" film.