A.F.S. ARTISTS HELP BROTHER BLITZ HEROES

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The Royal Academy is hardly the place you'd expect to meet the firemen who saved London last winter; but art lovers have found that there are many artists in the AFS and the first day of the firemen's exhibition saw a large attendance admiring the pictures.

The opening speech was delivered by Mr. Herbert Morrison who explained that proceeds will go to the Firemen's Benevolent Fund.

Norman Hepple, who had several pictures in the show, was touching up the self-portrait in Noisy Nocturne.

Naturally many paintings portray various aspects of the blitz and put on record many scenes which only firemen saw. But they're not all blitz. Mr. Morrison, with Chief Commander Jackson, saw the latter's portrait - this too by Norman Hepple.

The Flooding Tide, by W.S. Haines. Given a modern twist is a picture called Walpurgis Night the pagan witches festival of May 1st.

This picture, shows the wall-collapse which killed two friends of the artist, Leonard Rosoman.

Now the lighter side, by R.E.S. Coram. We hope that this winter the firemen artists will have more time for painting, with no men working overhead.