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with the work of decorating and furnish-  
ing the interior of Victoria House, have  
asked me to prepare for them an illus-  
trated trifle, to serve in some sort as a  
remembrance of their connection with the  
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I comply with their request with a great  
deal of pleasure; and none the less wil-  
lingly because I have been privileged to



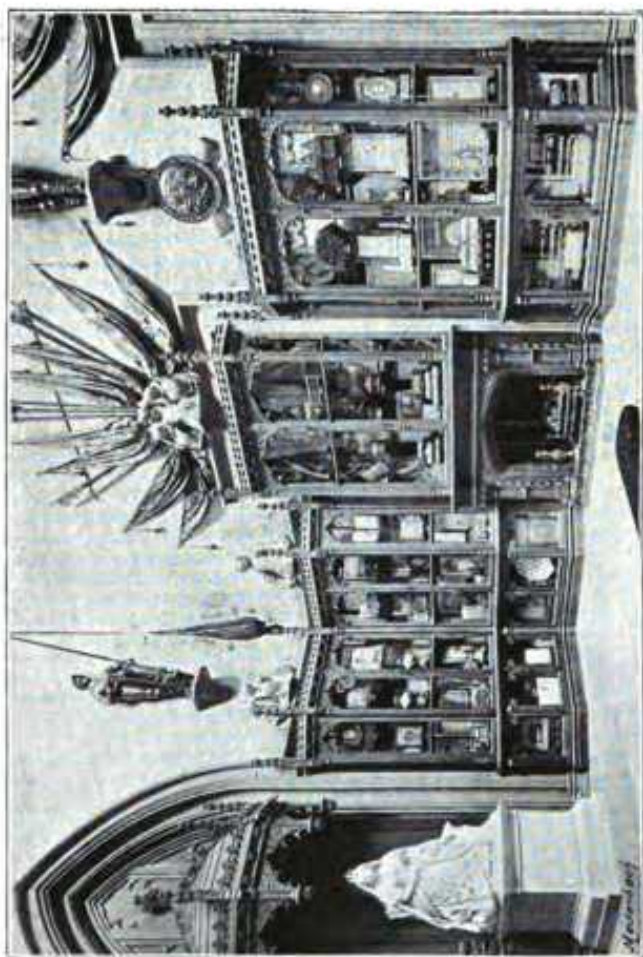
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know the members of the firm personally for a number of years.

But I do so with much more readiness, because from time to time, in London, I have been made familiar with the admirable work they have done for H.M. the Queen at Buckingham Palace, and Windsor Castle;— as witness the several carved cabinets in the State Vestibule, reserved to the display of the Jubilee gifts to Her Majesty, and with other good work there completed by them,— also at Marlborough House, for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and, quite recently, in fitting-up the principal apartments at York House, St. James's Palace, for the Prince's son, the Duke of York.

Furthermore, the opportunity was given me of seeing, as it progressed, an altogether unique and sumptuous suite of decorative, and other furniture, for a Music-Room



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of an American mansion, done by them under Mr. Alma-Tadema's (the well-known English Royal Academician) supervision; than which, I make bold to say, no more beautiful or excellent examples of skilled workmanship, incident to such trade as Messrs. Johnstone, Norman & Co. are engaged in, ever passed from the hands of any Firm, British or Foreign.

For these reasons, then, I gladly enter upon the compilation of this *brochure*, intended to be partly descriptive, and partly commemorative, and wholly (as I venture to hope) in the interests of a Firm of London manufacturers who have done so much to maintain and promote the old-time English renown for care, skill, and thoroughness on the part of the workman; and courtesy, attention, and straightforward dealing on the part of the master.