

she was dead he hastened to Hatfield and was at Elizabeth's first council. A man of strong personality and great power was this creator of Wilton House. Of his building there, the east front, much altered, alone remains, together with the elaborate porch

Sidney, is commemorated in the famous epitaph assigned to Ben Jonson, but really by William Brown :

"Sidney's sister, Pembroke's mother!
Death, ere thou hast slain another,
Wise, and fair, and good as she,
Time shall throw a dart at thee!"



A CHIMNEY-PIECE IN THE DOUBLE CUBE ROOM.

traditionally associated with Holbein, and now standing by itself in the grounds of the house. Improvements were effected by the second Earl, a man of high attainments, whose third wife, the sister of Sir Philip

It was this great lady's son who rose to such eminence in his time—"the Hamlet of Charles's Court," as the late Dr. S. R. Gardiner calls him—and who became a new Mécenas in his patronage of men of letters. Shakespeare,