

LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.

THE beautiful Cornish seat of Lord Clifden, which presents many contrasts and resemblances to other houses of its date illustrated in this volume, stands near the high road from Bodmin to St. Austell. It is, unhappily, one of those places which have been devastated by fire, that agency of destruction which has visited so many of our venerable English houses. It can never be without a pang of keen regret that those who love the dear old dwelling-places of our sires, about which historic and family memories have clustered, learn that any one of them has perished in the flames. Fortunately the destruction which fell upon Lanhydrock in the disastrous night of April 4th, 1881, was not complete.

The south wing and the central portion perished almost entirely, but the long gallery and some other chambers on the east side were saved, with many of the treasures which had adorned the parts that were destroyed. Long since the house rose from its ashes, and now that the judicious hand of the builder and restorer has worked upon the place, assisted by the kindly influence of passing years, it is not easy to realise the terrible destruction that was wrought. It is a great thing to recover a house like this from the consuming ravages of fire, and Lord Clifden went the right way to work, reconstructing in the very spirit of the old times.

The estate lies in a very lovely part of Cornwall, upon the slope of a sylvan hill in



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