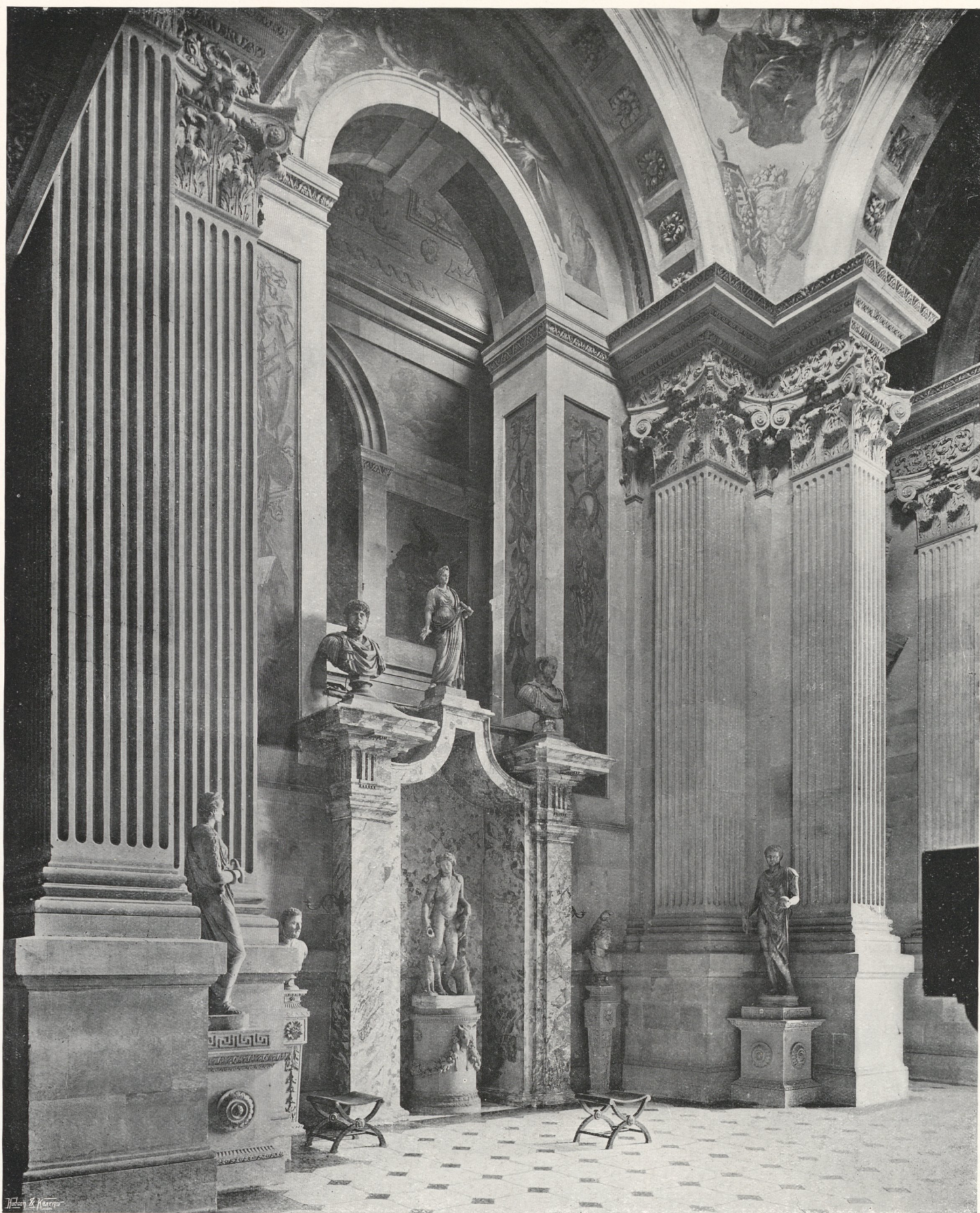




*THE WEST SIDE OF THE HALL.*

the other palace. Walpole, who visited Castle Howard forty years after its completion, when it had been greatly embellished and much enriched with artistic splendours, wrote enthusiastically about the place. "Lord Strafford had told me that I should see one of the finest places in Yorkshire; but nobody had informed me that I should at one view see a palace, a town, a fortified city, temples on high places, woods worthy of being each a metropolis of the Druids, vales connected to hills by other woods, the noblest

lawn in the world, fenced by half the horizon, and a mausoleum that would tempt one to be buried alive. In short, I have seen gigantic places before, but never a sublime one."

Spacious stateliness and architectural grandeur are the dominant notes of Castle Howard, and it is difficult to say whether the magnificence of the structure, the splendour and richness of its internal character, or its unrivalled collection of art treasures, should command the greatest amount of attention. It should be noted that the west