IN MEMORIAM THOMAS BONNAR

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649337583

In memoriam Thomas Bonnar by A. L. Simpson

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

A. L. SIMPSON

IN MEMORIAM THOMAS BONNAR



En Memoriam.

THOMAS BONNAR.



your truly Thomas Banner

En Memoriam

THOMAS BONNAR.

BY

A. L. SIMPSON, D.D., F.S.A., Scot.

> EDINBURGH. 1876.

CONTENTS.

BIOGRAPHICA	L SKET	CH. B	r A. L. S	impson,	D.D.,			7
APPENDIX,			ar.	·		***	4.6	्रअ
I. Descr.					OF T			30
II. CRITIC	AL NOT	CE OF	DECORATI	ON OF	WARWICE	к Виш	DINGS,	
P.	TERNOST	Row	LONDON	01997	20000	20202	2000	4

* = ** N a

THOMAS BONNAR.

HAT the relatives and more immediate friends of the late Thomas Bonnar, of the Firm "Bonnar and Carfrae," Edinburgh—so long and honourably connected with the art of Interior-Decoration—

should wish to have some permanent memorial of him, however brief, is by no means surprising. It is the natural consequence of the many amiable qualities which he possessed,—qualities which were such as to endear him most to those who knew him best. As a husband and father, he was distinguished by such a tenderness of affection as easily won for him the love and esteem of every member of his household; and to them he has left a memory fragrant with whatever is most dear to the human heart. Those, on the other hand, who, outside the family-circle, were privileged with his acquaintance and confidence, found him a sincere and steadfast friend; while in all his business relations he was singularly straightforward and honourable. These are claims to recollection which are not easily overlooked.

Apart, however, from what he was in his more private relations, there is more than sufficient reason why he should not be allowed to pass away without some commemorative words. In his professional capacity he was long conspicuous and eminent; and the references to some of his principal achievements in the way of interior-decoration, embodied in this memoir, or appended to it, will indicate the important service which he rendered to Decorative Art. An artist by nature, in so far as feeling and proclivity were concerned,and from his earliest years surrounded by influences tending to strengthen and develop the feeling, yet, through a combination of circumstances, kept back from the pursuit of Art, strictly so-called,-he carried to the execution of his work as a house-decorator, both a higher idea of what that work should be, and a much greater amount of artistic knowledge and skill than had been even thought of before as either necessary or appropriate in that sphere of endeavour. And the consequence of this was, the inauguration of a class and style of work much more intellectual and truly artistic than had been previously exemplified in this country.

In addition to an exquisite feeling for colour in its most delicate gradations, and in those subtle combinations from which come richness of tone and quiet harmony of effect, Mr. Bonnar was gifted with inventive power in no inconsiderable degree; to which he added the attainment of thoroughly matured executive skill. He was conscientiously painstaking