

MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC HOUSES BURDENS OWNERS

Viscount Lascelles Suggests
Partial Relief From
Taxation.

Public Gets Benefit—Alter-
native will be Sale of Prop-
erty and Dispersal of
Valuable Art Collections.

London, June 14.—(By N. B.)—Vis-
count Lascelles, at the annual gen-
eral meeting of the National Art Collections
Fund, held at Burlington House yester-
day, made an appeal that the owners
of historic houses, kept open only
for the benefit of the public, should be
relieved of a part of the burden of
their maintenance.

He had, he said, a certain historic
sense which made him feel that while
he had done his best to reconstruct
Chesham House, they must go to
other houses to see the right thing.
Their society existed to enable the
public to view the finest works of art,
but their activities should not be lim-
ited to the greater arts. The country
found itself at this moment in such a
position, that many of its great houses
were no longer inhabited by their own-
ers. Those owners were still at consid-
erable expense, however, to pay rates,
pay for the upkeep of the houses, and
if the public were allowed the benefit of
seeing them, to guard and maintain
them, while the public looked around.
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There were owners who could not
afford to keep up the houses. If they
put the objects contained in them on
the market they could realize many
thousands of pounds. When the col-
lections were put up it might be pos-
sible to buy just the pick of the things
for exhibition in a museum. This was
the most that could be done, as, if the
buying was on a large scale, the mus-
eums would have to be enlarged. There
was also the consideration that a pic-
ture removed from its associations
might be a great work of art, but when
a collection was broken up the individ-
ual exhibits in it became of minor im-
portance. As a complete whole Syon
House was unique in its value to Eng-
land. He felt that pressure must be
brought to bear, if not on the Govern-
ment, at any rate on the public to take
the greater number of great works of
art did not pay death duties, but that
was not sufficient when there were
possibilities of sale from which the
owners might derive a large income and
this was sacrificed partly for the ben-
efit of the public.

He asked in conclusion whether the
society could not bring pressure on

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The Chancellor of the Exchequer
to recognize this fact and to agree that,
if an owner guaranteed that certain in-
teresting portions of his house should
be shown to the public, further relief
from taxation might accrue to him.

Sir Robert Witt, who presided, said
that the society had now about 3,400
members on their books. They had to
deplore reductions in the ordinary
grants to the British Museum and Vic-
toria and Albert Museum. Like the
recent imposition of entrance fees, there
was an economy which this country
could not afford. He had previously
pointed out how fatal to the best in-
crease of art were these six-penny pen-
sions, and the overwhelming protests
against the proposal to extend them
to the British Museum showed that
there was a general consensus of
opinion on the subject.

It was high time to put an end to
the two extra pay days at the National
Gallery. They were imposed as a tem-
porary measure, and had lasted too
long. He was glad to be able to say
that negotiations were proceeding from
which he hoped for good results.

Appeal Is Supported.

The Times makes the following edi-
torial comment on the matter:—Today
the National Art Collections Fund ap-
peals to the public for help. The appeal
is made by Lord Lascelles at the meet-
ing of the National Art Collections Fund
on behalf of places of artificial beauty,
namely, the historic mansions, often
of great magnificence, which threaten
in large numbers to become too ex-
pensive for their owners to maintain.
Examples must be known to almost
every one. What is to be the fate of
these houses? Their possessors cannot
afford, in days of heavy taxation, to
live in them, and if they are put on
the market they do not readily find buyers.
Stowe House was an instance; but its
destruction was happily averted by its
being taken over by the promoters of the
new public school, though the institu-
tion which helps can be relied upon in
such cases as few. Lord Lascelles, at
the meeting, pointed out the expense of
public dwelling on the expenses to the
public-spirited owners are put in keep-
ing their houses open to visitors, made
two suggestions. One was that the
State, recognizing the social and artistic
value of noble architecture, should af-
ford relief to owners who allow the
public to visit their houses; the other
was that a society should find the money
necessary for the upkeep of historic
and all but derelict mansions. The
first suggestion, though it is easy to
raise the objections which would be
forbidden to it, is in accordance with
recommendations of the Ancient Mon-
uments Advisory Committee, and if
judiciously applied, in the first instance,
to mansions within easy reach of ur-
ban centres, might in time command
emphatic support.

The alternative to maintenance is de-
cay, or, in suburban areas, demolition
and the sale of the site for building
either of which, in the case, for ex-
ample, of Syon House, which Lord Las-
celles cited, should be impossible under

a healthy and instructed public opin-
ion. A third course, perhaps, lies in
acquisition by municipalities, of which
the recent transference of Temple
Newman to Leeds affords an encourag-
ing precedent. By one means or an-
other we have it in our power, if we
realize it, to do what the Middle Ages
were powerless to do, but what we
wish they and subsequent generations
had done for many a work of architec-
ture which now survives only in frag-
ments. The regard which is now had
for the really ancient deserves to be
extended to masterpieces of all periods.
On aesthetic and on historic grounds,
the mansions of Augustan England
ought to be quite as well worth saving
as the Elizabethan or Norman. They
are no less a part of the national in-
heritance than the statecraft of Walpole
or Chatham, the art of Hogarth or Reynolds, or the writings
of Fielding and Gibbon.

Artist Refuses To Put In Claim

While Mother Laments Over
Withdrawal, Rival Offers
Sympathy.

New York, June 11.—Destiny has
wrought a singular change in the for-
tunes of the winner of the 1923 Chal-
oner Paris prize and the man who was
second-in-almost the loser. The situa-
tion was really a complete reversal
of that on June 8, when Miss Ena
Lange, of Zurich, N. Y., and Max-
well B. Starr, of this city, received the
verdict of the jury of award at the
National Academy of Design.

The first significant word from the
home of Miss Lange since the begin-
ning of the controversy over her pic-
ture, "Lament," which has been de-
prived of the \$5,000 scholarship, told a story
of blasted hope.

It came from the girl's mother in
response to an inquiry as to Miss
Lange's plans, hopefully begun in an-
ticipation of five years' study in Paris.
"How can Enna make plans to go
now if she won't give the prize to
me?"

This was all the family had to say
of the decision of the Chaloner Founda-
tion trustees to forego this year's
award in view of charges that Miss
Lange's painting bore a striking ressem-
blance to one by James Williams, an
English artist, whose "Lament" was
reproduced in the "International
Studio" of October, 1916.

Miss Lange herself has maintained
strict silence, except to insist her
painting was original, not once per-
sonal expression to be given to her
feelings. Yet the mother's comment
seemed to speak also for her daughter,
who, it had been said, had begun pre-
paration of her wardrobe and other in-
cidental necessities to take her trip
to the Fontainebleau School of Art.

Maxwell B. Starr, the unsuccessful
competitor with Miss Lange for the
prize, was full of sympathy yesterday
for Miss Lange. He remembered his
own disappointment when he listened
to the jury's decision in favor of his
girl. He deeply regretted that she had
been deprived of the prize which had
brought her six years of study.

He said she was a very fine girl, and
he hoped she would be successful in
her studies. He said he was sorry that
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very good results, advised me to take
it and I did. It did me wonders of
good. I have gained twenty pounds
and have not felt so well for a long
time. You may use this letter as a
testimonial to help others if you think
it worth it." — Mrs. MARY E. HALL,
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