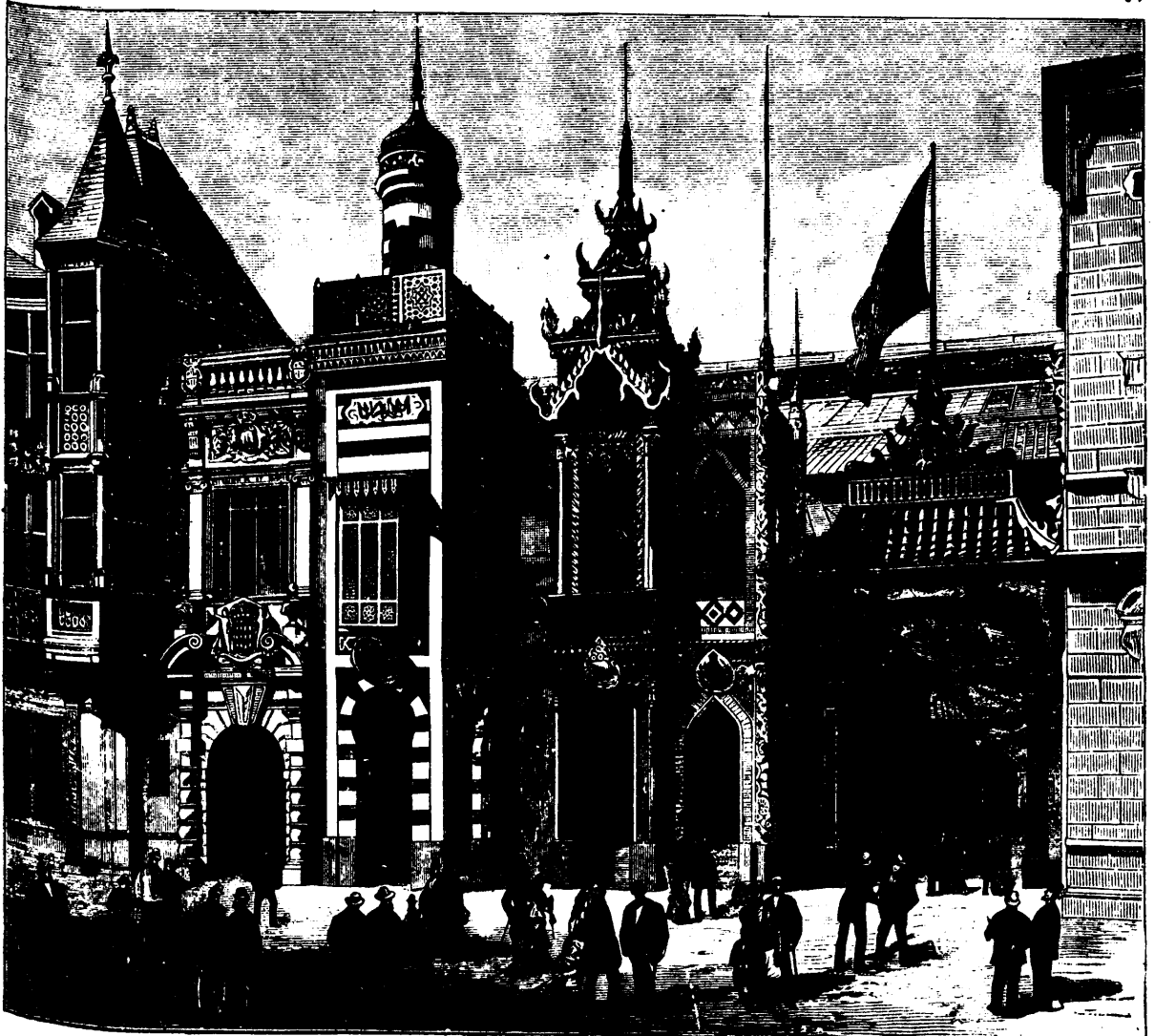


some of the causes of the present difficulties, and which the people, we trust now, from their past and costly experience, and the new parliament in the plenitude of its wisdom, will be able to remove. The question is indeed a very difficult one to be dealt with, and the Government of the country have no light task on hand. We all know that the professions of any party, before an election, cannot possibly be carried out to the letter; and it is to be hoped that those who returned them to represent their views before parliament, will be moderate in their expectations. Too great protection would probably be as great an evil as too little, and therefore we advocate the advice of Appollo to Phæton: "*Medio tutissimus ibis*,"—by steering a middle course we shall not give a monopoly to one party to the detriment of another. We trust that as the present depressed state of the country cannot altogether be set down to the want of high protective duties, but must be attributed as much to our own want of foresight and judgment and the general depression throughout the world, that the rock we have grounded on will, in future, bear a beacon and be avoided; and that we may sail for the next five years over smoother waters. It is the first duty of every political representative to serve his country faithfully, and in a great day

of trial, like the present, he should, for the benefit of his country, sink all political bias and rancour and work in unity with any side of the House, in all matters introduced—which are not strictly political opinions—for the public weal, and bear in mind the statesmanlike and friendly advice given to us in the parting words of our late most excellent Governor-General.

And, as a warning note to all those following mechanical trades, we trust, when the days of prosperity again return, that they will remember the past, and not fetter the hands of their employers by vexatious strikes, under the erroneous supposition that the manufacturers were making fortunes gained through their labor, when, perhaps, they were on the verge of bankruptcy. Let them also remember the past in this way too, that as there is no knowing when an evil day may come upon them, to learn to save; a few cents laid by daily is something considerable at the end of a year, and small savings often bring about great gains. We would further advice many young men who are following mechanical trades, and who feel themselves wanting in that natural mechanical gift of eye and hand, which some men possess over others, to put aside their mechanical implements, and become farmers on the fertile lands of this country,



PARIS EXHIBITION—THE FACADES OF ANNAM, PERSIA, SIAM, TUNIS, MONACO, AND SAN MARINO.