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The "Travels in South Kensington" (Tinsley and Co) by Mr. Mon-
more Conway, are
more extensive than
the title would imply.
For he not only takes
us on a walk
through the Museum,
indicating its most
remarkable features
with the quick apprecia-
tion of a master, but
he invites us to accom-
pany him into some
of the private dwellings
in London, which have
either been decorated
as a labour of love,

The prosperous artists
who inhabit them, en-
riched by the taste
of millionaires who
are discriminating pa-
trons of the arts. As to
the Museum some of
the facts and figures
given by the Comway
are equally satisfac-
tory and startling.
We are told, for exam-
ple, that while "its
building and contents"
have cost the nation
about one million
pounds, an auction
on the prices to-day
could not bring less
than 20 millions."

It has made its way
partly by subsidies

purchases, but chiefly
by generous donations,
and the absorption
of magnificent
collections. While
as regards the ad-
vances of decoration
and, the country show
that few people have
any conception of
them. Reclaiming
Wood architecture
in London is found
to be a mistake,
since smoke and
dirt must speedily
deface it. But you
may pass the
threshold of many
a noble looking man-
sion in our streets
or squares, or trace
yourself in the admi-

ation of a family-like
museum of the art
of all ages and
countries.

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