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A portrait of the Archbishop of Canterbury, subscribed for by more than a thousand members of the Church Assembly, has been placed in the Great Hall of the Church House to commemorate his completion of the longest period in four centuries in the Primacy. Mr. Philip de Laszlo, the artist, exercising all his wonderful skill in portraiture, has pictured Dr. Randall Davidson in his Episcopal robes, seated in the chair used at the last two coronations. The portrait was unveiled by Lord Selborne, who presented to Dr. Davidson an address on vellum, and a list of the subscribers. The Archbishop of York observed that the portrait was that of an archbishop who in quite singular degree had won the confidence, pride, and affection of the Church. Acknowledging the honor, Dr. Davidson said Archbishop Sutton, who died in 1828, held the Primacy for 23 years and 151 days. His own term, so far, was 23 years and 152 days. The Church, he said, had during the last twenty-five years passed, with the State, through more eventful times than had occurred in any Primacy for many centuries, but the Church to-day was a much more organic, living, and pulsing thing in the nation's life than it was, and it was steadily finding its proper position and characteristic as the soul of the nation for higher and better things. Free Churchmen, says the London "Christian World," though naturally they have not always seen eye to eye with Dr. Davidson, have learned to have the highest respect for his Christian character, and they have recognised his desire to promote fellowship with them in all ways possible.