

The monument to the First Bishop of Southwell, George Ridding D.D. is a full size statue in bronze by Frederick William Pomeroy; it was unveiled by the Duke of Portland in 1907.



Frederick William Pomeroy

by Frederic Hilaire D'Arcis

sepia-toned bromide print, 1910s

6 1/4in. x 4 7/8in. (158 mm x 104 mm)

Given by Marion Harry Spielmann, 1939

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Frederick William Pomeroy was born on 9th October 1856 in Lambeth the son of Charles Henry Pomeroy and his second wife Mary. Charles was a stone mason by trade. On leaving school Frederick was apprenticed to a firm of architectural carvers and from c1877 to 1880 he studied at the London Technical Art College, Lambeth.

From 1881 to 1885 Frederick studied at the R.A. Schools winning a travelling scholarship in 1885 which enabled him to study under Antonin Marcié in Paris, he later went on to Rome to study. He was elected A.R.A. in 1906 and R.A. in 1917. Amongst his works in London are the figure of *Lady Justice* standing above the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) and the statue of William Ewart Gladstone in the Houses of Parliament.

In 1913 Frederick married Dorothy Mary Ellen Cloughlan by whom he had two sons, Frederick and Maurice. He died on 26th May 1924 at Cliftonville, Margate, Kent.

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DR. RIDDING MEMORIAL.
The memorial of Dr. George Ridding, first Bishop of Southwell, unveiled in Southwell Cathedral by the Duke of Portland, takes the form of a monument in bronze upon a pedestal of English alabaster. The late Bishop is represented in a kneeling pose, robed, and with his hands uplifted, in an attitude of prayer before a small priedien. The sculptor has caught the features of his strong face wonderfully, and the statue is a striking likeness. The alabaster pedestal is 9ft. long and 5ft. wide, and is beautifully wrought and carved. It bears in heraldic colours the arms of Balliol College (1846-51), Exeter College (1851-63), Winchester School (1867-84), and Southwell (1884-1904). The Bishop's pastoral staff rests by his side. Upon the base is the inscription: George Ridding, D.D., Ruler, Scholar, Divine, 43rd Head Master of Winchester College, 1867-1884. First Bishop of Southwell (1884-1904). "They will go from strength to strength." The statue is in the easternmost arch of the choir, and is the work of Mr. F. W. Pomeroy, A.R.A. Among those present at the unveiling were the Bishop of Southwell, the Bishop of Derby, Bishop Hamilton Baynes, the Duke of Portland, Lady Laura Ridding, the Countess of Waldegrave, Mr. and Lady Wilfreda Biddulph, Lady Caroline Bertie, Lord Scamsdale, the Hon. Mrs. Curzon, and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Benson.

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