

The Queen, ascending the Theatre, passed on the south side of Her Throne, to Her Chair of State, on the south east side of the Theatre, being the RECOGNITION CHAIR, and, after Her private devotion (kneeling on Her Faldstool), took Her seat; the Bishops, Her supporters, standing on each side; the Noblemen bearing the Four Swords on Her Majesty's right hand, the Sword of State being nearest to the Royal Person; the Lord Great Chamberlain, and the Lord High Constable on her left; the other Great Officers of State, the Noblemen bearing the Regalia, the Sub-Dean of Westminster, Deputy Garter, and Black Rod, standing near the Queen's Chair; the Bishops bearing the Bible, the Chalice, and the Patina, stood near the Pulpit, and the Trainbearers, the Lord Chamberlain of the Household, and the Groom of the Robes, behind Her Majesty.

The Mistress of the Robes and the Ladies of the Bedchamber passed to the seats prepared for them on the north side of the Sacarium, at the west end of the Bishops benches; the Maids of Honour and the Women of the Bedchamber went to the seats provided for them on the south side of the Choir.

The Master of the Horse, the Gold Stick, the Captain-General of the Archer Guard of Scotland, the Captain of the Band of Gentlemen at Arms, the Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, and the Lords in Waiting, passed to their seats as Peers; and the Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse to a seat provided for him on the south side of the Choir.

The Officers of the Yeomen of the Guard and the Exons stood within and near to the Choir door; and the Yeomen of the Guard stood in the nave on the outside of the entrance to the Choir.

As the procession passed up the Choir to the Theatre, the Queen's Scholars of Westminster, from the Lower Choir Galleries, greeted Her Majesty with repeated shouts of "VIVAT VICTORIA REGINA."

#### THE RECOGNITION.

Upon the conclusion of the Anthem, the Archbishop of Canterbury advanced from his station at the south east pillar, and, together with the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Lord High Constable, and the Earl Marshal, preceded by Deputy Garter, moved to the east side of the Theatre, where the Archbishop made the Recognition thus:—"Sirs, I here present unto you QUEEN VICTORIA, the undoubted QUEEN of this Realm; wherefore, all you who are come this day to do your Homage, Are you willing to do the same?" and repeated the same at the south, west, and north sides of the Theatre; during which time Her Majesty stood up by Her Chair, and turned towards the people on the side at which the Recognition was made: the people replying to each demand with loud and repeated acclamations of "GOD SAVE QUEEN VICTORIA;" and, at the last Recognition, the trumpets sounded and the drums beat. The Bearers of the Regalia during the Recognition remained standing about Her Majesty.

Her Majesty then resumed Her seat; and the Bible, Chalice, and the Patina, were carried to and placed upon the Altar by the Bishops who had borne them, who then retired to their seats.

The Great Officers resumed their station near Her Majesty.

Two Officers of the Wardrobe then spread a rich Cloth of Gold, and laid a cushion on the same, for Her Majesty to kneel on, at the steps of the Altar.

The Archbishop of Canterbury then proceeded to the Altar, put on his cope, and stood on the north side. The Bishops who read the Litany, also vested themselves in their copes.

#### THE FIRST OFFERING.

The Queen, attended by the two Bishops Her Supporters, and the Sub-Dean of Westminster, the Great Officers, and the Noblemen bearing the Regalia and the four Swords, going before Her Majesty, passed to the Altar. Her Majesty, then kneeling upon the cushion, made Her first Offering of a Pall or Altar-Cloth of Gold, which was delivered by an Officer of the Wardrobe to the Lord Chamberlain, by his Lordship to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and by him to the Queen, who gave it to the Archbishop of Canterbury, by whom it was placed on the Altar. The Treasurer of the Household then delivered an Ingot of Gold, of one pound weight, to the Lord Great Chamberlain, who having presented the same to the Queen, Her Majesty delivered it to the Archbishop, who put it into the Oblation-basin.

Her Majesty continuing to kneel, the Prayer "*O God, who dwellest in the high and holy place,*" &c. was said by the Archbishop. At the conclusion of the Prayer, Her Majesty arose and went, attended as before, to the Chair of State on the south side of the Area.

The Regalia, except the Swords, were then delivered, by the several Noblemen who bore the same, to the Archbishop, and by his Grace to the Sub-Dean of Westminster, to be laid on the Altar; the Great Officers of State (with the exception of the Lord Great Chamberlain), and the Noblemen who had borne the Regalia deposited on the Altar, going to the respective places appointed for them on the south side of the Altar, where they remained until the Inthronization; the Bishop of Durham remaining on the right hand of Her Majesty, with the Noblemen carrying the Swords on his right hand; the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Her Majesty's left hand; and, near him, the Lord Great Chamberlain.

The Noblemen bearing the Swords continued to stand on the south side of the Area until the Inthronization.