

having said the Prayer, "Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee," &c., covered them with a fair linen cloth. The King, still kneeling, made his .

OBLATION,

offering a Pall or Altar Cloth (which the Groom of the Robes delivered to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and he kneeling to His Majesty, from whom the Archbishop received it) and an Ingot of Gold of a pound weight (which the Treasurer of the Household delivered to the Lord Great Chamberlain, and he to His Majesty, from whom the Archbishop received it) and placed them upon the Altar. The Queen also made Her Oblation of a Pall or Altar Cloth and a mark weight of Gold in like manner as the King.

The Archbishop then proceeded with the Office of Holy Communion. When the Archbishop and the Dean of Westminster, with the Bishops Assistants, namely, the Preacher and those who had read the Litany, and the Epistle and Gospel, had communicated, the Archbishop administered to Their Majesties the Bread, and the Dean of Westminster the Cup.

The King and Queen then received Their Crowns from the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Lord Chamberlain of the Household, put them on, and repaired to Their Thrones; receiving again the Sceptres in Their hands, and being supported and attended as before.

The Archbishop then went on to the Post-Communion, at the end of which the Choir sang "Glory be to God on high," &c., and, the same having been concluded, the Archbishop pronounced the Blessing.

Thereupon the Choir sang the "Te Deum."

In the meantime, the Service having been concluded, His Majesty, attended as before, the four Swords being carried before Him, and the Lords who had carried the Regalia (then lying upon the Altar) descended into the Area, and passed through the door on the South side into St. Edward's Chapel; the Lords who had carried the Regalia received them from the Dean of Westminster as they passed by the Altar into the Chapel.

The Queen at the same time descended from Her Throne, and went into the same Chapel at the door on the North side of the Altar.

Their Majesties being in the Chapel, the King stood before the Altar and delivered the Sceptre with the Dove, which His Majesty had borne in His Left Hand, to the Archbishop, who laid it upon the Altar there.

His Majesty was disrobed of His Royal Robe of State, and arrayed in His Robe of Purple Velvet, by the Lord Great Chamberlain, and received His Crown of State; the Archbishop placing the Orb in His Majesty's Left Hand.

The Lords who had carried the Golden Spurs, and St. Edward's Staff, delivered the same to the Dean of Westminster, who deposited the same on the Altar in the Chapel.

Whilst Their Majesties were in St. Edward's Chapel, the Officers of Arms arranged the Procession for the Return, so that all were ready to move at the moment when the King and Queen left the Chapel.

Their Majesties proceeded out of the Choir, and to the West Door of the Abbey, Their Majesties wearing Their Crowns, the King bearing in His Right Hand the Sceptre with the Cross, and in His Left the Orb, and the Queen bearing in Her Right Hand Her Sceptre with the Cross, and in Her Left the Ivory Rod with the Dove. Their Royal Highnesses the Princes and Princesses wore their Coronets. The Four Swords were borne before the King, in the same order as before. The Dean and Prebendaries of Westminster, and the Bishops who had carried the Bible, the Paten and the Chalice, remained in the Choir. The Lords who had severally carried the Crowns, the Orb, the Sceptre with the Dove, the Golden Spurs, and St. Edward's Staff, walked in the same places as before; those who had Staves and Batons carried the same; Peers wore their Coronets and Kings of Arms their Crowns.

The Swords and the Regalia were received, near the West Door, by the Keeper of the Jewel House.

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