

them, and descended from their Thrones, supported and attended as before, the King's Sword being borne before them, and went to the steps of the Altar, where, taking off their Crowns, which they delivered to the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Lord Chamberlain of the Household, Their Majesties knelt down. Then the Bishops delivered the Paten and the Chalice into the King's hands; and His Majesty delivered them to the Archbishop, who reverently placed them upon the Altar, and, 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) 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); and the Archbishop received them from the King and placed them upon the Altar.

The Queen also made her *Oblation* of a Pall or Altar Cloth and a Mark weight of Gold, which Her Majesty received, and delivered to the Archbishop, in like manner as the King.

Their Majesties then returned to their Chairs of State on the South side of the Area, supported and attended as before, and knelt down at their Faldstools.

The Archbishop then proceeded with the Office of Holy Communion. When the Archbishop and the Dean of Westminster, with the Bishops Assistant, namely those who had read the Epistle and Gospel, had communicated, the King and Queen advanced to the Steps of the Altar and knelt down, and 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, and, putting them on, repaired to their Thrones, supported and attended as before, and received again the Sceptres in their hands.

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 being concluded, the Archbishop pronounced the Blessing.

The Choir then sang the " Te Deum."

THE RECESS.

In the meantime, His Majesty, supported and attended as before, preceded by the four Swords and accompanied by the Lords who had carried his Regalia, descended into the Area, and passed through the door on the South side of the Altar into St. Edward's Chapel; the Lords who had carried the Regalia receiving them from the Dean of Westminster as they passed by the Altar.

The Queen at the same time, descending from her Throne, supported and attended as before, went into the same Chapel at the door on the North side of the Altar.

Their Majesties being in the Chapel, the King, standing before the Altar, delivered the Sceptre with the Dove, which His Majesty held in his left hand, to the Archbishop, who laid it upon the Altar there.

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

His Majesty was disrobed of his Royal Robe of State and arrayed in his Robe of Purple Velvet by the Lord Great Chamberlain, and, wearing his Imperial Crown, then received in his left hand the Orb from the Archbishop.

While Their Majesties were in St. Edward's Chapel the Officers of Arms arranged the Procession for the return to the West Door of the Abbey.

The Procession was formed in the same order as on entering the Abbey, except that the Bishops who had carried the Bible, the Chalice, and the Paten, and the Dean and Prebendaries of Westminster, remained in the Sacarium, and the Representatives of the Church of Scotland and of the Free Churches, the Domestic Chaplains and the Chaplains, remained in their seats. The Four Swords were carried before the King, and were received near the West Door by the Keeper of the Jewel House. Peers and Peeresses wore their coronets and Kings of Arms their crowns.

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, were conducted through the Choir to the West Door of the Abbey, and returned in State to the Royal Palace.