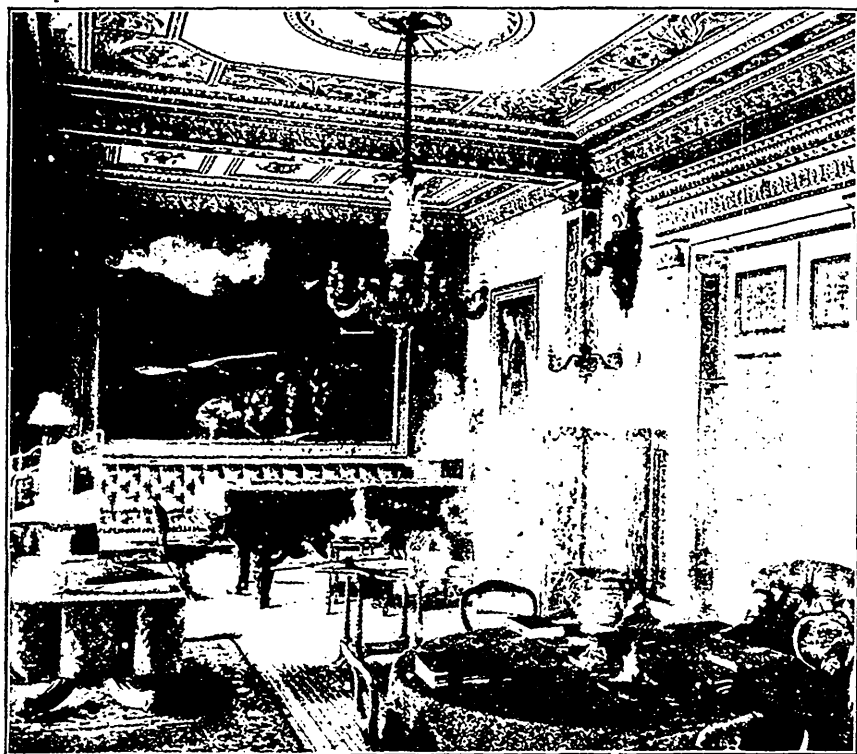


THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE QUEEN.

BY ONE OF HER MAJESTY'S SERVANTS.



THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OSBORNE HOUSE.

THE QUEEN'S RELIGIOUS LIFE.

On the memorable morning of June 20, 1837, when the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Howley), and the Lord Chamberlain, the Marquis of Conyngham, toil-worn and dust-stained with their night ride from Windsor, beat at the doors of Kensington Palace—as the present writer has often heard the late Marquis describe—at five o'clock, and announced to the awakened girl of eighteen that she was the Queen of England, she kissed the extended hands of the kneeling messengers and fell on

her knees between them, saying: "I ask your prayers on my behalf."

This would have been an extraordinary sentiment in any ordinary little lady, but it came naturally from one who we hear from her preceptor, Bishop Davis of Peterborough, had had the Bible read to her every day, and the anecdote is typical of the Queen's entire life, for those who know her well would be only too ready to admit that she is a deeply religious woman, who in all temptations and trials, tribulations and triumphs, has put her faith in God's grace and who