



THE QUEEN AT THIRTEEN.

in public business. The childhood of Victoria seems never to have been idle: "all her moments were golden—for study, or work, or healthful exercise, or play." She is described by Lord Albemarle as being (at seven years old) a "bright, pretty little girl;" by Lord Campbell as "lively and good humoured." Other observers give instances of her thoughtful kindness; and every bud of promise was tenderly cultured by her judicious mother.

A tourist of more than half a century ago tells us how he wandered one day into the churchyard of Brading, in the Isle of Wight, to see the grave of Elizabeth Wallbridge, whose early piety is recorded in Leigh Richmond's beautiful story of "The Dairyman's Daughter." He found seated beside the mound a lady and a young girl; the young girl reading aloud, in a full melodious voice, the touching tale of the Christian maiden. The tourist turned away.