

stone steps of the chapel are worn in deep hollows by the feet of pious generations.

The "frowning keep," nearly hidden by the green foliage of the surrounding trees, may be accepted as an emblem of the Castic where reign tranquillity and peace, instead of fierceness and broil. Warwick, while it has lost little of its grandeur, has obtained much of grace from time. Time which—

Moulders into beauty many a tower,  
That when it frowned with all its battlements  
Was only terrible.

#### BURLEIGH HOUSE.

Few characters in English history are more noteworthy than Queen Elizabeth's noble Treasurer and faithful adviser, William Cecil, Lord Burleigh. The maiden monarch delighted to visit the stately halls of Burleigh House, and was twelve times royally entertained by its hospitable owner, for several weeks together, with lavish expenditure. As the Lord Treasurer was pointing out the beauties of the demesne, the Queen, tapping him familiarly on the cheek with her fan, said, "Ay, my Lord, *my* money and *your* taste have made it a mighty pretty place." And many a monarch since has graced the pageantry of the baronial halls.

The park is seven miles in circuit, and the buildings, with their many turrets and chimneys, present a singularly picturesque appearance.

The deer across the greensward bound  
Through shade and sunny gleam,  
The swan glides onward with the sound  
Of some rejoicing stream.

The visitor to Burleigh House is admitted through a massive archway to a great quadrangle, around which are grouped the halls and corridors and chambers of the mansion. See engraving on page 106. Queen Victoria's Hall is a magnificent banqueting-room, with an open timbered roof sixty feet high. Queen Elizabeth's bedroom, with its great state bed, hung with green velvet gold-embroidered tapestry, remains as when used by her maiden majesty, three hundred years ago. So magnificent were