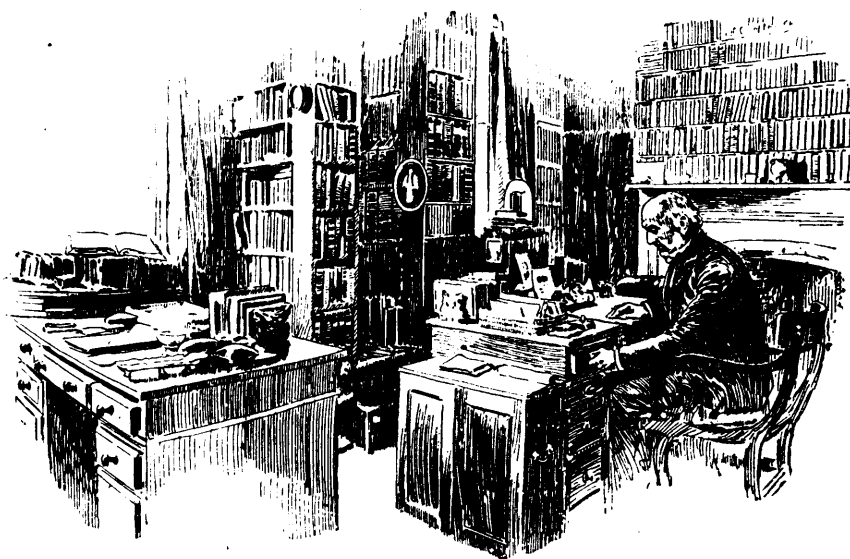


borate in Mr. Gladstone's method of working. Interruption is almost fatal to him, but his power of concentration is so great that conversation, so long as it is consecutive, may buzz around him without his being conscious of any disturbance.

It is in truth difficult to say in Mr. Gladstone's life what is work and what is play. Everything he does is characterized by energy and intense vitality.

surprised their wives, and awed them not a little, by filling up all odd bits and scraps of time with study or work. Out of their pockets would come the inevitable little classic at chance times of leisure.

No member of the Hawarden household can for a moment compete with Mr. Gladstone in regularity and punctuality. Always in his library, his "Temple of Peace," by eight o'clock, he has, if in his



MR. GLADSTONE IN HIS STUDY.

One reason why he gets through in one day more than most people do in a week, is his economy of time. This is a habit which must have been acquired long ago, as in the year 1839—that of the double marriage of Mr. Gladstone and Lord Lyttelton to the sisters Catherine and May Glynne—the two brothers-in-law

usual health, never been known since the year 1842 to fail to appear at church, three-quarters of a mile off, at half-past eight, for morning service. Nothing but illness has ever hindered him from daily attending this service. This is only carrying out a principle which was exemplified in his earlier days by the

idolized by the people. We know of no other statesman who has been in public life so long.

For over sixty years his policy has been not one of foreign aggrandizement but one for the elevation of the people. Even his enemies being the judges,

"Through all that tract of years
He wore the white flower of a blameless life."

Every incident about the Grand Old Man in this juncture is of special interest. We therefore reprint a little sketch by his daughter, Mrs. Drew, indicating his manner of life and work at Hawarden.