

"all infidels and unbelievers, who attack the Cross with the sword.

"That I will *not* shed in anger the blood of a brother of the Temple, unless it be in the just wars of Sovereign Princes and States, but will on the contrary, defend him to the utmost of my power, whenever his life or his honor be in danger, and I will prefer him always and everywhere, to any *not* connected with the Fellow-Soldiery of the Temple, my own dear kindred excepted.

"That I will uphold and maintain the statutes and regulations of the Great Priory, and be obedient to the lawful commands of the Grand Master, and of my superiors in the Order, the interests of my Sovereign and my Country being in no way compromised.

"Finally I will employ my sword, strength and life in the cause, defence, honor and fame of the Christian faith, my Sovereign and my Country, the Order of the Temple and its Fellow Soldiers.

"All of which I now, before the Knights present, do solemnly vow, with the assistance of God, to perform, and do distinctly affirm and profess as my vow, which vow I am now ready to ratify, and to *sign* in the Register of the Preceptory."

*Aspirant kisses the Gospels once, but remains on his knees. The Knights lower the points of their swords.*

CHAPLAIN.—We acknowledge you as the servant of the poor and sick, and as having devoted yourself to the defence of Christ crucified.

NOVICE.—I acknowledge myself as such.

CHAPLAIN.—The Lord receive thee into the num-