

against spiritual wickedness in high places ; Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of GOD, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the *Breastplate* of righteousness ;

*1. Here the Pilgrim's robe is taken off, and the Breastplate buckled on, over which is placed the white tunic.*

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace ;

*2. Here remove the Pilgrim's Sandals, and re-place boots.*

Above all, taking the *Shield* of faith, wherewith you may be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked.

*3. Here place the Shield upon the arm.*

And take the *Helmet* of salvation, and the *Sword* of the Spirit, which is the word of GOD.

*4. The Helmet is placed on the head, and the Sword buckled on.*

PRECEPTOR.—Being armed as a Soldier of the Cross, I will now entrust you with the Modes of Recognition, when you will be at liberty to retire ; but I must first require of you to make these professions which your predecessors have always made, on being admitted to the Order. You will, therefore, repeat after me, suiting the action to the words, that is, by drawing the sword out of the scabbard, and holding it aloft, and then returning it.

FIRST.—“I draw My Sword in defence of our Holy Christian Faith, my Sovereign and my Country.”

*Draws, &c.*

SECOND.—“I draw My Sword in defence of all Knights Templar, and of those near and dear to them.”

*Draws, &c.*