

the cross and despise the shame ; let the example of Thy love and patience prevail against the tremblings of his heart. May no terrors shake his conscience. Endue him with a steadfast mind, and true courage, and make him Thy true and faithful Soldier until his life's end. Amen.

*The Chaplain may now read 1st St. Peter, Chap. ii, Verses 1 to 17 inclusive.*

PRECEPTOR.—Raise the covering. Brother.

*Here the Veil is taken off the Skull by Penitent.*

PRECEPTOR.—You have now before you the earthly remains of man. Learn humility therefrom. Is it not written, dust thou art and unto dust thou shall return ? But in that cross surrounded by the twelve lights behold the emblems of your Saviour and his twelve Apostles. By the former we commemorate the perils and hardships to which our Brethren of old were subjected, and which you in your passage from life to death must pass through. By the latter, that new life which you may attain by believing in Him, and that faith which, like the Apostles, you now undertake to maintain.

PRECEPTOR [to one of the Sponsors or the Sub-Marshall].—Place the emblems of mortality in his right hand and one of the lights in his left.

*Which having been done.*

PRECEPTOR [to the Penitent Knight].—Let the emblems of life and death remind you of the uncertainty of your earthly existence and exhort you to be prepared for the closing hours of your mortal life, mentally invoking the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity on your undertaking, and keeping your eyes fixed on the