

known to us, and having zealously performed his duties as a Novice, he is entitled to our fraternal consideration. Frater Marshal, admit the Novice to our presence.

*The Sub-Marshal leads in the Novice, who on entering crosses his arms on his breast, and standing before the Preceptor, says :*

NOVICE.—Eminent Sir, I am come before you and the Knights, and in the face of Heaven, pray and beseech you to admit me into your society, and allow me to participate in the good deeds of the order, as one who will faithfully serve it through his life long.

PRECEPTOR.—Brother Novice, although our order is not now subject to physical hardships and trials as of old, yet our moral regime is rigorously imposed, and what may now appear to you a venial fault, is considered by us as of serious magnitude. Have you, then, well and seriously considered the duties and self-denial to which you wish to be called, for you are desirous of a great matter ?

NOVICE.—I have, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—You may retire, while we consider your petition.

*Sub-Marshal then conducts him back to the Ante-room.*

PRECEPTOR.—Brother Registrar, do you certify that Brother A.B., has complied with all the regulations of the Order, and this Preceptory ?

RÉGISTRAR.—I do, Eminent Sir.

PRECEPTOR.—Sir Knights, are any of you prepared to answer for the Aspirant ?

*Two Knights, his proposer and seconder, or their representatives, rise and salute the Preceptor, and the Senior Knight says :*

“Eminent Sir, we answer for him, that he will be a true Knight and a faithful Soldier of The Temple.”