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The Oath which His Majesty will take is similar to the declaration which he has previously taken. The ceremony is ordered in the official service as follows :—

THE OATH.

The Sermon being ended, and His Majesty having on Thursday, the 14th day of February, 1901, in the presence of the Two Houses of Parliament, made and signed the Declaration, the Archbishop goeth to the King, and standing before him, administers the Coronation Oath, first asking the King,
Sir, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?

And the King answering,

I am willing.

The Archbishop ministereth these questions; and the King, having a Book in his hands, answers each question severally as follows—

Archb. Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the People of this United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereto belonging, according to the Statutes in Parliament agreed on, and the respective Laws and Customs of the same?

King. I solemnly promise so to do.

Archb. Will you to your power cause Law and Justice, in Mercy, to be executed in all your Judgments?

King. I will.

Archb. Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God, the true Profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant Reform Religion established by Law? And will you maintain and preserve inviolably the Settlement of the Church of England, and the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government thereof, as by Law established in England? And will you preserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Church therein committed to their charge, all such Rights and Privileges, as by Law do or shall appertain to them, or any of them?

King. All this I promise to do.

Then the King arising out of his Chair, supported as before, and assisted by the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Sword of State being carried before him, shall go to the Altar, and there being uncovered, make his Solemn Oath in the sight of all the People, to observe the Premises: Laying his right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the Great Bible, which is now brought from the Altar by the Archbishop, and tendered to him as he kneels upon the steps, saying these words:

The things which I have here before promised, I will perform, and keep.

So help me God.

Then the King kisseth the Book, and signeth the Oath.

The anointing ceremony is as follows:

THE ANOINTING.

The King having thus taken his Oath, returns again to his Chair; and both he and the Queen kneeling at their Faldstools, the Archbishop beginneth the Hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus*, and the Choir singeth it out. This being ended, the Archbishop saith a Prayer.

This Prayer being ended, the Choir singeth. In the meantime, the King rising from his devotions, having been disrobed of his crimson robes by the Lord Great Chamberlain, and having taken off his Cap of State, goes before the Altar, supported and attended as before.

The King sits down in King Edward's Chair (placed in the midst of the Area over against the Altar, with a Faldstool before it) wherein he is to be anointed. Four Knights of the Garter (summoned by Garter King of Arms) hold over him a rich Pall of silk, or Cloth of Gold, delivered to them by the Lord Chamberlain: The Dean of Westminster, taking the Ampulla and Spoon from off the Altar, holdeth them ready, pouring some of the Holy Oil into the Spoon, and with it the Archbishop anointeth the King in the form of a Cross:

1. On the Crown of the Head, saying,
Be thy Head anointed with Holy Oil, as kings, priests, and prophets were anointed.
2. On the Breast, saying,
Be thy Breast anointed with Holy Oil.
3. On the Palms of both the Hands, saying,
Be thy Hands anointed with Holy Oil:

And as Solomon was anointed King by Zadok the Priest and Nathan the prophet, so be you anointed, blessed, and consecrated King over this People, whom the Lord your God hath given you to rule and govern, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Then the Dean of Westminster layeth the Ampulla and Spoon upon the Altar, and the King kneeleth down at the Faldstool, and the Archbishop, standing, saith a Prayer or Blessing over him.

This Prayer being ended, the King arises and resumes his seat in King Edward's Chair, while the Knights of the Garter give back the pall to the Lord Chamberlain; whereupon the King again arising, the Dean of Westminster puts upon his Majesty the Colobium Sindonis and the Supertunica or Close Pall of Cloth of Gold, together with a Girdle of the same.

The exact ordering of the crowning of the King is thus set forth:—

THE PUTTING ON OF THE CROWN.

The Archbishop, standing before the Altar, taketh the Crown into his hands, and laying it again before him upon the Altar, saith: