

ber of the faithful, and whilst we His unworthy servants receive thee with our prayers, grant thee His grace to do well with the will to persevere therein, and bring thee to the happiness of Eternal Life, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Fratres seat themselves.*

PRECEPTOR.—You may now rise.

*The Aspirant rises and stands below the dais facing the Preceptor.*

PRECEPTOR.—You will now attend to a portion of Scripture which the Chaplain will read.

*Chaplain reads Revelation, Ch. ii, v. 17.*

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

*Matthew, Ch. i, v. 23.*

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel; which, being interpreted, is, God with us.

PRECEPTOR.—Formerly, by the terms of the vow, every Knight had to subscribe to his vow with his blood. The blood was obtained from an incision in the left arm made in the form of a cross, which served as a perpetual mark to indicate the Knights of the Temple, and he was required to write his name on the mystical stone before he could obtain the sacred word it enshrined.

*One of the small white memorial stones on the Altar is now presented to him, and THE NAME on the slip of parchment shown, which refers to the WHITE STONE, the perfect Ashlar emblematical of Christ in all his purity and blessedness.*

PRECEPTOR.—We are not now about to put you to that painful proof, and we dispense with the ancient custom, further, than to require you to moisten this pen, now handed to you, with your lips—the saliva from