

THIRD.—“ I draw My Sword in defence of innocent maidens, destitute widows, and helpless orphans, to whose appeal for succour or for bread, I will not turn a deaf ear.” (*Draws, &c.*)

The Novice is then instructed in the ordinary pass-words and signs, viz.: the Reverential Sign and Word; the Crusaders Sign and Word, and in the Manner of Salutes; and of Standing to Order.

He retires, having first saluted the Preceptor, and then the Brethren. He may return, clothed as a “NOVICE,” that is, with a White tunic or cassock, and is armed with a cross-hilted sword, the armour being laid aside. He is thus prepared for the Installation Ceremony of a Knight Templar.

In giving the instruction, St. Matthew Chap. xxvii., verses 33-35 may be read.

EXPLANATION OF MOLTEN SEA, REFERRED TO IN PAGE 13.

*The *Molten Sea* of Solomon, so called from its great size, took the place of the lavers of the tabernacle (Exod. xxx., vs. 18-21), which was required for the ablutions of the Priests, before they entered the Tabernacle. It was called “Molten” because it was made of brass, poured when in a state of fusion into a mould.

END OF PART I.

OR THE

NOVITIATE CEREMONY.

