

and laying His Right Hand on the Holy Gospels, tendered to His Majesty by the Archbishop, took the CORONATION OATH, kissing the Book, and to a transcript of the Oath set His Royal Sign Manual, the Lord Chamberlain of the Household holding a Silver Standish for that purpose, delivered to him by an Officer of the Jewel Office.

The Hymn was sung by the Choir, the Archbishop reading the first line: "Veni Creator Spiritus."

THE ANOINTING.

Upon the conclusion of the Hymn, the Archbishop read the Prayer preparatory to the Anointing, "O, Lord, Holy Father, who by anointing with oil, didst of old make and consecrate Kings, Priests, and Prophets," &c. At the conclusion of the Prayer the Choir sang the Anthem, "Zadok the Priest and Nathan the Prophet," &c. During the Anthem the King was disrobed of His Crimson Robe by the Lord Great Chamberlain, who delivered it to the Master of the Robes, and His Majesty taking off His Cap of State, the Lord Great Chamberlain delivered the same to the Lord Chamberlain, and the Robe and Cap were immediately carried into St. Edward's Chapel by the Groom of the Robes.

The King then proceeded to and sat down in King Edward's Chair, covered with Cloth of Gold, and with a Faldstool before it, placed in front of the Altar. Four Knights of the Garter, viz., Earl Spencer, Earl Cadogan, Earl of Rosebery, and Earl of Derby (summoned by Deputy Garter), held over the King's Head a Rich Pall or Cloth of Gold, delivered to them by the Lord Chamberlain, who received the same from an Officer of the Wardrobe; and the Sub-Dean of Westminster took from the Altar the Ampulla containing the consecrated Oil, and, pouring some into the Anointing Spoon, the Archbishop anointed His Majesty on the Head, Breast, and Palms of both Hands in the form of a Cross, pronouncing the words, "Be thou anointed," &c.

The King then kneeling at His Faldstool, the Archbishop, pronounced the Prayer after the Anointing, when His Majesty, arising, resumed His Seat in King Edward's Chair; the Knights of the Garter gave back the Pall to the Lord Chamberlain (by him redelivered to the Groom of the Robes), and went back to their Seats.

THE COLOBIUM SINDONIS AND SUPERTUNICA.

The King then arose and the Sub-Dean of Westminster invested His Majesty with the Colobium Sindonis and the Supertunica or Close Pall of Cloth of Gold together with a Girdle of the same.

THE SPURS.

After this the Sub-Dean took the Spurs from the Altar and delivered them to the Lord Great Chamberlain, who, kneeling down, touched His Majesty's heels therewith and gave them back to the Sub-Dean, by whom they were laid upon the Altar.

THE SWORD.

The Nobleman carrying the Sword of State now delivered it to the Lord Chamberlain, and, in lieu thereof, received from him another Sword in a Scabbard of Purple Velvet (delivered to him by the Keeper of the Crown Jewels, who took charge of the Sword of State), which his Lordship delivered to the Archbishop, who laid it on the Altar and said the Prayer, "Hear our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and so direct and support Thy Servant, King Edward," &c.

The Archbishop then took the Sword from the Altar, and, assisted by other Bishops, delivered the Sword into the King's Right Hand, saying, "Receive this Kingly Sword," &c.

The King standing up, the Sword was girt about him by the Lord Great Chamberlain, then The King sitting down the Archbishop said, "With this Sword do justice," &c.

OFFERING OF THE SWORD.

The King rising up, ungirded his Sword which was placed on the Altar, and then again sat down in King Edward's Chair; the Sword was then redeemed for One Hundred Shillings by the Nobleman who first received it, who received it from the Dean, and carried it during the remainder of the Solemnity, having first drawn it out of the Scabbard, and delivered the latter to the Groom of the Robes. The Bishops, who had assisted during the Offering, went back to their places.