

The Archbishop of Canterbury then proceeded to the Altar.

The Regalia, except the Swords, were delivered, by the several Lords who had borne the same, to the Archbishop, and by His Grace to the Dean of Westminster, who laid them on the Altar; the Great Officers of State (with the exception of the Lord Great Chamberlain), and the Lords who had borne the Regalia deposited on the Altar, went to the respective places appointed for them on the South side of the Altar, where they remained until the Inthronization. The Bishop of Durham stood on the right of His Majesty, with the Lords, carrying the Swords, on his right. The Lord Great Chamberlain stood on His Majesty's left; the Bishop of Peterborough on Her Majesty's left.

The Lords bearing the Swords (except the Sword of State) continued to stand on the South side of the Area until the Inthronization.

THE LITANY

was then sung by the Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Bishop of Oxford, vested in Copes, kneeling at a Faldstool above the steps of the Theatre, in the centre of the East side thereof, the Choir singing the Responses. At the conclusion of the Litany, during which the King remained uncovered, the Bishops who had sung the Litany went back to their places.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

The Archbishop commenced the Communion Service, the Bishop of Winchester reading the Epistle, and the Bishop of London the Gospel.

THE SERMON

was then preached by the Archbishop of York. During the Sermon, His Majesty wore His Cap of State of Crimson Velvet turned up with Ermine, and continued to sit in His Chair on the South side of the Area, opposite the Pulpit; supported on His right hand by the Bishop of Durham, and, beyond him, on the same side stood the Lords carrying the Swords. On His Majesty's left stood the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and near him the Lord Great Chamberlain. Her Majesty was supported by the Bishops of Oxford and Peterborough, standing on either side, and Her Majesty's Train Bearer and Assistants constantly attending Her Majesty during the whole Solemnity. The Archbishop of Canterbury took his Seat in a Purple Velvet Chair, on the North side of the Altar, Garter stood near him, the other Bishops along the North side of the wall betwixt him and the Pulpit. The Dean of Westminster, the rest of the Bishops who bore any part in the Service, and the Prebendaries of Westminster, stood on the South side of the Area, East of the King's Chair, and near the Altar.

THE OATH.

When the Sermon was ended (His Majesty having, on Monday, the sixth day of February, 1911, in the presence of the two Houses of Parliament, made and signed the Declaration prescribed), the Archbishop of Canterbury, advancing towards the King and standing before Him, ministered the questions contained in the Order of Service. These questions having been answered by His Majesty, the King arose from His Chair, and, attended by His Supporters and the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Sword of State alone being borne before His Majesty, went to the Altar, where, kneeling upon the cushion placed on the Steps, and laying His Right Hand on the Holy Gospels in the Great Bible (which had been carried in the Procession), tendered to His Majesty by the Archbishop, took the CORONATION OATH, kissed the Book, and to a transcript of the Oath set His Royal Sign Manual, the Lord Chamberlain of the Household holding for that purpose a Silver Standish, delivered to him by the Keeper of the Jewel House.

The King thereupon returned to His Chair, and both Their Majesties knelt at Their Faldstools. The Hymn "Veni, Creator Spiritus," was sung by the Choir, the Archbishop beginning the first line.