

In 1709 all communication with the mother Lodge of Strassburg was prohibited, and attempts were made to establish a Grand Lodge on German soil; but this falling through the mutual jealousy of the petty States of the Empire, the most persistent efforts were made for the entire suppression of the Order, but although proscribed, it could not be exterminated. The Lodges still met in secret, admitted new members, and maintained their existence and continuity until the new Freemasonry, which had meanwhile arisen in England on the ruins of the old, held out to his German Brethren the right hand of fellowship, and in once more raising them to liberty and honor did but repay the debt which our country owed to its Continental sister.

THE EARL OF ONSLOW.

The banquet of Bro. the Earl of Onslow, on the eve of his departure for New Zealand to assume the Governor-Generalship of that distant colony, was a fitting compliment to one of the most accomplished, and at the same time, one of the most enthusiastic Freemasons of our day. His lordship has done good service to the Craft. He is a Past Senior Grand Warden of United Grand Lodge as well as of the Grand lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, and under both of these ruling bodies there are lodges which have adopted his name and will do credit to his fame. Like his brother, Past S. G. Warden, Lord Carrington, Governor-General of New South Wales, he is visiting a colony in which Freemasonry has firmly established itself and is very popular, and in which the question of setting up an independent Grand Lodge has been raised by some of the lodges and brethren, if not fully and to any great extent discussed. The case is not precisely similar to those of South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, for these were separate and distinct Masonic districts as well as separate colonies, while New Zealand,

though it is a separate colony, is parcelled out, Masonically, into several districts. However, there is little doubt that Lord Onslow will show himself as anxious to promote the welfare of New England Freemasonry and as zealous, as far as his duties will permit, in cultivating the acquaintance of the brethren, as his neighboring Governor, Lord Carrington, and we trust good fortune may attend him in all his undertakings, in the responsible office he has been called upon to fill.—*London Freemason.*

AN INTERESTING MASONIC EVENT.

A very interesting Masonic presentation occurred in Toronto on the evening of the 10th of March, when a committee of the officers and members of King Solomon Lodge waited on W. Brother James Adams to express their regret at his approaching departure from the city. The sentiments of the members of the Masonic brotherhood, with whom Mr. Adams has been so long and honorably connected, were tendered in a handsomely illuminated address which was read by W. Brother James Reeve, the Master of King Solomon Lodge. A suitable and feeling response was made by Mr. Adams. He alluded to his advanced age and feared that in the ordinary course of nature there were many present whom he was not likely to meet again. Mr. and Mrs. Adams were both much affected by what was evidently a surprise, and could ill conceal their emotion as the brethren present severally assured them of the "heartly good wishes" they would carry from all their friends in the Queen City with them to their Boston home. The presentation having been made a most enjoyable evening was passed, and in the course of conversation the interesting fact came out that Mrs. Adams, besides being a Mason's wife, was the daughter and grand-daughter of a Mason, and that all her brothers were members of the craft.