

ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held on the 6th instant. R. W. Bro. R. J. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master of Essex on the throne.

The minutes of last Quarterly Communication were read and confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

After some discussion a motion to expunge a few words from one of the Rules of the Masonic Benevolent Institution was carried.

In accordance with notice given, Bro. Matthew Cooke, P. M. No. 23, introduced the following motion:

"That whilst this Grand Lodge recognizes the private right of every Brother to belong to any extraneous Masonic organization he may choose, it as firmly forbids, now and at any future time, all Brethren while engaged as salaried officials under this Grand Lodge to mix themselves up in any way with such bodies as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; the Rites of Misraim and Memphis; the spurious orders of Rome and Constantine; the schismatic body styling itself the Grand Mark Lodge of England, or any other exterior Masonic organization whatever (even that of the Order of Knights Templar, which is alone recognized by the Articles of Union) under the pain of immediate dismissal from employment by this Grand Lodge."

After an exciting discussion Bro. F. Bennoch moved "that this question be referred to the Board of General Purposes for enquiry and to report."

Several members, including Bro. John Heroe, Grand Secretary, opposed both the original motion and the amendment, desiring the matter to be settled there and then. The amendment was then put and carried. A motion was then made by Bro. Joshua Nunn to adjourn the whole question *sine die*. This, however, was lost, and Grand Lodge was closed in proper form.

SCOTLAND.

GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh on Monday, 9th August.

In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Rosslyn, the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, the Earl of Dalhousie, occupied the throne.

Amongst the brethren present were—Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Substitute Grand Master; Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, Junior Grand Warden; Wm. Mann, Senior Grand Warden; Dr. Beveridge, Provincial Grand Master for Aberdeen city.

The Grand Clerk intimated that presents had been received from the Grand Lodges of France, Louisiana, Italy, Netherlands, and North Carolina.

On the motion of the Earl of Dalhousie, a vote of thanks was ordered to be sent to each of these Grand Lodges.