

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1881.

— Knighthood conferred on Col. J. C. McNeil, C.B.
 16. Gunpowder discovered in a tunnel under Cork Barracks.
 — Serious riots at Dungannon, Downpatrick, Portadown, and other parts of Ireland.
 — A flood burst into a church at Gweedore, Donegal, and drowned several persons.
 — The Prince of Wales presented new colours to the 1st battalion 23rd Regiment on its departure for Afghanistan.
 17. Lord Hartington explained the Supplementary Indian Budget.
 — Disturbance at Belfast.
 — A Patriotic Fund for the relief of sufferers by the Afghan War established in Bombay.
 — In the Commons, the Employers' Liability Bill read the third time.
 19. Collision with a Pullman express in Blea Moor Tunnel on the Midland Railway.
 — The Bèrenger Centenary held in his native town.
 20. In the Commons, the Ground Game Bill passed through Committee.
 — Report of the Royal Commission on Wellington College issued.
 23. Destructive storms in France.
 — Successful laying of new Atlantic cable for the Anglo-American Company.
 24. The House of Commons occupied the whole night in discussing Irish affairs.
 — Cavalry skirmish near Candahar reported.
 25. In the House of Commons, the Savings Banks Bill passed through committee, and the Grain Cargoes Bill read a third time.
 — The second Collective Note of the Powers on the Greek question handed to the Porte.
 — British Association meet at Swansea under Professor Ramsay.
 — In a sortie from Candahar on the 16th Brigadier-General Brooke and eleven other officers killed and wounded.
 — The Welsh Eisteddfod held at Carnarvon.
 — The Great Ebor Handicap won by Novice.
 26. The House of Commons held a 21 hours' sitting, the Irish Constabulary Vote being opposed by the Home Rulers.
 — Mr. Gladstone embarked on board the Granully Castle for a sea trip.
 — Destruction of Whitechapel Church by fire.
 — Great Yorkshire Stakes won by Napsbury.
 27. The Ground Game Bill read a third time and passed.
 28. Special sitting of the House of Commons to forward Burials Bill.
 30. In the Lords, Earl Granville stated that the Powers had ordered vessels of war to Ragusa in consequence of the attitude of the Porte on the decrees of the Berlin Conference.
 — Viscount Enfield appointed Under-Secretary of State for India.
 31. In the Commons, Debate on the South African vote and Sir B. Frere's salary; ultimately agreed to by 113 to 32.
 — General Roberts's force reached Candahar, having marched 345 miles in 21 days.
 — The Right Hon. W. P. Adam appointed Governor of Madras.
 — The March Decrees against the Jesuits in France carried out.

— Knighthood conferred on Mr. Rupert Kettle, Mr. L. S. Jackson, Dr. E. B. Sinclair; and Mr. H. B. Loch made a K.C.B.

SEPTEMBER.

1. House of Lords rejected the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill by 42 to 30.
 — House of Commons adopted an address to the Crown for Royal Commissioners to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices at Gloucester, Canterbury, Chester, Macclesfield, Knaresborough, Boston, Oxford, and Sandwich.
 2. In the Lords, Lord Strathnairn called Lord Chelmsford's generalship in Zululand in question.
 — Serious accident to the Liverpool express on the Midland Railway at Manchester.
 — The Champion Breeders' Foal Stakes at Derby won by Amber Witch.
 3. General Roberts defeated and dispersed Ayoub Khan's army and captured 27 guns.
 — In the Lords, the Commons' amendments to the Burials Bill and the Employers' Liability Bill agreed to.
 4. Mr. Gladstone returned to London from his cruise, and received with an ovation on entering the House.
 6. Board of Trade correspondence with the railway companies on continuous brakes issued.
 — Telegram from General Roberts giving details of his victory at Argandah.
 7. Parliament prorogued by Commission till Nov. 24.
 — General Roberts telegraphed that General Phayre had arrived at Abdul Rahman.
 8. Terrible railway collision at Paisley.
 — The great cricket-match, Australia v. England, won by the home team by five wickets.
 — Annexation of the island of Tahiti by France.
 — Terrible colliery explosion at the Seaham Pit, near Sunderland; upwards of 140 lives lost.
 9. The Election Commissioners for Macclesfield, Chester, Gloucester, Canterbury, Boston, Oxford, Sandwich, and Knaresborough gazetted.
 13. Attempt to blow up an express-train on the North-Western Railway by dynamite.
 — Birth of a daughter to the King and Queen of Spain.
 14. The Home Secretary expressed an opinion adverse to the imprisonment of juvenile offenders.
 — Lord Thurlow appointed a Lord in Waiting to the Queen.
 — Great Yorkshire Handicap won by Reveller, and the Champagne Stakes by Bal Gal.
 15. The Bacchante, with Princes Albert Victor and George on board, sailed from Spithead for Vigo.
 — The St. Leger won by Robert the Devil, Bend Or, the favourite, being sixth.
 — Unsuccessful attack by Basutos on the Cape Rifles.
 16. Destructive storms and floods throughout the country.
 — The Portland Plate at Doncaster won by Discount.
 17. Letter from the Queen respecting the Seaham Colliery Explosion.
 — The Doncaster Cup won by Dresden China.
 18. Conflict between Turks and Greeks, resulting in the defeat of the latter.

STAMP DUTIES.

AFFIDAVIT, or Statutory declaration made under the provisions of 5 and 6 Will. 4, c. 62 £0 2 6

APPRAISEMENT or valuation of any property, or of any interest therein, or of the annual value thereof, or of any dilapidations, or of any repairs wanted, or of the materials and labour used or to be used in any building, or of any artificers' work whatsoever:—

Not exceeding £5	£0 0 3	Exc. £40 and not exc. £50 ...	£0 2 6
Exc. £5 and not exc. £10 ...	0 0 6	" 50 " 100 ...	0 5 0
" 10 " 20 ...	0 1 0	" 100 " 200 ...	0 10 0
" 20 " 30 ...	0 1 6	" 200 " 500 ...	0 15 0
" 30 " 40 ...	0 2 0	" 500 " ...	1 0 0
Bankers' Cheques	1d.

BANK NOTE for money:—

Not exceeding £1	0 0 5	Exc. £10 and not exc. £20 ...	0 2 0
Exc. £1 and not exc. £2 ...	0 0 10	" 20 " 30 ...	0 3 0
" 2 " 5 ...	0 1 3	" 30 " 50 ...	0 5 0
" 5 " 10 ...	0 1 9	" 50 " 100 ...	0 8 6

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.—Certified copy or extract of or from any register of 1d.
 (To be paid by the person requiring such copy or extract.)

Exemptions.—Copies of entries transmitted to the registrar of the diocese in pursuance of the 52nd George III., c. 148; certified copies sent by Superintending Registrars to the General Registrar in pursuance of the 6th and 7th William IV., c. 86; copies or extracts in pursuance of the 7th Vict. c. 15; and copies under the 16th and 17th Vict. c. 45, to enable persons to purchase Government Annuities through the medium of savings banks.

MORTGAGE, BOND, DEBENTURE, COVENANT, WARRANT OF ATTORNEY to confess and enter up judgment, and FOREIGN SECURITY of any kind. Being the only, principal, or primary security for the payment or repayment of money—

Not exceeding £25	£0 0 8	Exc. £150 and not exc. £200 ...	£0 5 0
Exc. £25 and not exc. £50 ...	0 1 3	" 200 " 250 ...	0 6 3
" 50 " 100 ...	0 2 6	" 250 " 300 ...	0 7 6
" 100 " 150 ...	0 3 9

For every £100, or fractional part of £100, of such amount 0 2 6
 Being a collateral, or auxiliary, or additional, or substituted security, or by way of further assurance for the above-mentioned purpose where the principal or primary security is duly stamped, for every £100, and also for every fractional part of £100 of the amount secured 0 0 6

Transfer, Assignment, Dispositions of Assignment of any mortgage, bond, debenture, covenant or foreign security, or of any money or stock secured by any such instrument, or by any warrant of attorney to enter up judgment, or by any judgment. For every £100, and also for any fractional part of £100, of the amount transferred, assigned, or disposed 0 0 6

And also where any further money is added to the money already secured, the same duty as a principal security for such further money.

Reconveyance, Release, Discharge, Surrender, Resurrender, Warrant to Vacate, or Renunciation of, any such security as aforesaid, or of the benefit thereof, or of the money thereby secured:—For every £100, or fractional part of £100, of the total amount or value of the money at any time secured 0 0 6

CHEQUES, DRAFTS, OR ORDERS ON DEMAND 0 0 1
 which must be cancelled by the person drawing the cheque, draft, or order, by writing his name on the stamp.

RECEIPTS.—For £2 and upwards 0 0 1
 N.B. Persons receiving the money are to pay the duty.
 Receipts may be stamped within fourteen days of date on payment of £5, or within one month on payment of £10, penalty: after that time they cannot be stamped. Penalty for giving a receipt without a stamp, £10. Penalty for not effectually cancelling or obliterating adhesive stamps when used, £10. Penalty for frauds in the use of adhesive stamps, £20.

PASSPORT 0 0 6

LEGACIES AND SUCCESSION TO REAL PROPERTY.—

To children or their descendants, or lineal ancestors of the deceased	£1 0 0
Brother or sister, or their descendants	3 0 0
Uncle or aunt, or their descendants	5 0 0
Grand uncle or aunt, or their descendants	6 0 0
All other relations or strangers	10 0 0

The husband or wife of the deceased not chargeable with duty.

DUTIES PAYABLE ON INHABITED HOUSES OF THE ANNUAL VALUE OF £20 OR UPWARDS.

The duty is 6d. in the pound in respect of dwelling-houses occupied by any person in trade who shall expose to sale and sell any goods in any shop or warehouse, being part of the same dwelling-house and in front and on the ground or basement story thereof; or by a person licensed to sell therein, by retail, beer; hotel or coffee-house keeper; or as a farmhouse by a tenant or farm servant, and bona fide used for the purpose of husbandry only.
 The duty is 9d. in the pound for dwelling-houses and offices not occupied and used for all of the purposes described in the preceding.
 Exemptions.—Market-gardens and Nursery-grounds.

PROPERTY AND INCOME TAX.

From July, 1880, to April 1881, the Property and Income Tax is fixed at 6d. in the pound; incomes of £150 per annum and not exceeding £400 are taxed at the rate of 5d. in the pound after allowing an abatement of £120.
 Exemptions of Premiums from Income Tax.—Premiums paid by a person for an Assurance of his own life or on the life of his wife, or for a deferred Annuity to his widow, are declared free from income tax, provided such Premiums do not exceed one-sixth of his returnable income.

DOG LICENSES.—EXCISE.

For dog of any kind	0 7 6
With a special exemption for dogs under six months.	...
Penalty for keeping a dog without a license	5 0 0

GAME LICENSES.

If license or certificate be taken out after April 5 and before Nov. 1 to expire on April 5 in the following year	£3 0 0
License to carry a gun ... 0 10 0 License to deal in game	2 0 0

THE RELIGIOUS BODIES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—A Report issued shows the relative strength of the religious bodies outside the Church as to buildings certified for worship and registered for marriages, gives the total number of buildings certified as 18,723, while those registered are only 8425, exclusive of 122 estimated to belong to the Jewish and Quaker denominations. In the counties of England and Wales the more important Nonconformist bodies—viz., the Independents, Baptists, Wesleyans, Roman Catholics, and Unitarians, have the following numbers of registered buildings:—Independents, 2101; Baptists, 1601; Wesleyans, 1478; Roman Catholics, 819; Unitarians, 127. The number of new churches which have been built, endowed, and have had new parishes or districts assigned to them within about the last sixty years, not including churches in which marriages are not solemnised, is 3704.