

III. Bros. Burritt, John Satchell, Varney, Chatfield, and others, enlivened the evening with song and toast, and the Warden's toast, "Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to Meet Again," brought the proceedings to a close, all feeling that a pleasant evening was spent.

CONVERSAZIONE OF DORIC LODGE, TORONTO.

The fifth annual conversazione of Doric Lodge, No. 816, G. R. C., was held in the Masons' Temple, on Monday evening, Feb. 16, 1885. The entertainment, held annually by the lodge, is always looked forward to with pleasure by the members and the craft in general; also, by their friends—the ladies, in particular. It may be counted as one of the events of the season. This year, as in former ones, it proved no exception, and was in every respect a grand success. The Blue lodge-room being filled, and the Chapter and Knights Templar room were for promenading and social retirement to those dancing, and others not indulging in that pleasurable enjoyment. The toilets of the ladies were very tasteful and elegant, making a fine display when Seagers' orchestra, of nine pieces, with piano accompaniment, struck up the first number on the programme. At the commencement of the proceedings, after the guests had arrived, the brethren assembled in the chapter-room adjoining, and accompanied the D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood, to the blue-room, where he was welcomed by W. Bro. C. Pierson, Chairman of the Conversazione Committee, on behalf of the lodge, to which that esteemed brother replied in his usual genial way, the grand honors being given. The chairman then announced that the first part of the programme would be entered into, commencing with the "Lancers." At the close of this portion of the entertainment, consisting of ten dances, the literary

part was carried out, as arranged for, giving those present a chance to rest, as well as being undisturbed by late-comers, as is often the case. The concert part, consisted of a quartette, "Lo, the Day at Last," by Bros. Richards, Doward, Halden, and Warrington; song, "She Couldn't Catch On," by Bro. Geo. Darby; song, "Ehren on the Rhine," by Miss E. Tye; song, "The Gay Hussars," by Bro. Sims Richards; song, "King Fun," by Bro. Fred Warrington; song, "Laddie," by Miss Scott; solo and chorus, "Not Much," by Bro. F. Warrington, and chorus, which was the production of one of our city poets, gotten up expressly for this occasion, and brought roars of laughter from the audience. All the vocalists were in their best voices, and acquitted themselves with great credit. Bro. E. R. Doward, organist of the lodge, playing the accompaniments with his usual ability.

At the conclusion, dancing was recommenced, and enjoyed by those present until a very reasonable hour, when all retired, after spending a very enjoyable evening.

Several distinguished members of the craft were present. Among them, we noticed R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton; R. W. Bro. W. G. Wilkinson, P. G. R.; W. Bro. J. F. Pearson, W. M. King Solomon Lodge; W. Bro. S. Brown, P. M. Wilson Lodge; W. Bro. F. W. Booth, W. M. Alpha Lodge, Parkdale; W. Bros. Hugh Blain, W. Simpson, D. D. Norris, J. Richies, and others.

Cobourg, Port Hope, Hamilton, Brampton, Kingston, and other places, were represented.

The Committee of Management consisted of W. Bro. C. Pierson, Chairman; W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, Secretary; W. Bro. J. Ritchie, Jr., I. P. M.; W. Bro. A. M. Browne, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, V. W. Bro. J. H. Knifton, G. S. D.; W. Bros. J. Summers, H. A. Collins, J. A. Cowan, W. G. Mutton; Bros. Geo. Macdonald,