

ed St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, Toronto, recently, and their example should be followed by others.

We are glad to learn that Doric Lodge, Toronto, at a recent meeting decided to banish intoxicating liquors from its refreshment room, substituting therefor tea and coffee. This is commendable, and the other lodges in the city should take similar action.

At the annual meeting of the Toronto Rose Croix Chapter, A. & A. S. R., Toronto, held on the 16th ult., the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Ill. Bro. T. Sargent, 32°, M. W. Sovereign; Bro. James Adams, 18°, Prelate; Ill. Bro. E. T. Malone, 30°, 1st General; Bro. P. J. Slatter, 18°, 2nd General; Ill. Bro. F. J. Menet, 32°, (re-elected) Treasurer; Bro. W. Lowrey, 18°, Registrar; Bro. D. Tennant, 18°, Raphael; Ill. Bro. F. J. Menet, 32°, Grand Marshal.

The Substitute Grand Master General of the order instituted Adonai Rose Croix Chapter, No. 21, G. R. C., at Millbrook, on the 15th inst. The following officers were duly installed, and from the well known Masonic skill and experience of the brethren there is no doubt of its success:—Ill. Bro. Dr. Turner, W. M. of J. B. Hall Lodge, M. W.; Ill. Bros. Lough and Hunter, Past Masters of the same, S. and J. W's; and Ill. Bro. J. J. Preston, Orator; M. Sutton, Prelate; J. B. Smith, C. of G.; S. H. Barber, Gd. of T.; W. J. White, Organist, and Wm. Piercy, Guard.

The London *Free Press*, in its Masonic column, says "the independence of Great Priory is just as necessary to its progress as heat and moisture to the vegetable kingdom." In which we fully concur; but we do not agree that "if the Prince of Wales refuses the request, then so much the worse for the National Great Priory of Canada. That's the long and short of it." The fact is, if His Royal

Highness is advised to refuse his consent, we can't help it. We have declared ourselves "Sovereign and Independent," and if "the powers that be" across the Atlantic will not recognize our sovereignty, we shall exist without such recognition in the same way as the Grand Lodge of Canada did prior to the acknowledgment of her by the Grand Lodge of England, or to take a later example, as the Grand Lodge of Quebec did prior to her recognition by the mother Grand Lodge of Canada.

It is in contemplation to hold a Chapter of Instruction for the Royal Arch Masons of the London District by Grand Superintendent McKay, with the view of affording the officers and members of the Chapters in that District an opportunity of perfecting the work. The Companions will be glad to hear this, and we doubt not will turn out in large numbers on the 28th of May—the date suggested—to witness the esoteric work of the intermediate and Royal Arch degrees properly exemplified. There is no doubt but a great deal of the lethargy and laxity noticeable in Capitular Masonry in the west is due to the change in the ritual, and also to the undue speed in conferring these beautiful degrees. The objective point of the majority of Companions, now-a-days, is to secure these honors as soon as possible, then to the Temple, leaving the Royal Arch behind as something necessary to acquire, but not to practice. A revolution in this matter will alone bring about an active interest in Capitular Masonry.

On the evening of the 27th ult., the brethren of the various Masonic bodies in London, appeared in blue regalia in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the fact that a large proportion of the audience were ladies. This did not escape the watchful eye of M. W. Bro. Colonel Moffat, P. G. M., G. L. of Canada,