

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—We would again remind our brethren of the meeting of the Toronto District, to be held at Newmarket on the 23rd and 24th of this month; and to which we referred at length in the last *CRAFTSMAN*. The attendance promises to be large, and we look for a most interesting meeting.

CHATHAM.—The Masonic Ball held under the banners of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, in Chatham on Thursday the 10th inst., was in every respect a most successful affair. There were about 300 couples present. We regret that we are unable to give a fuller account of one of the most brilliant social gatherings ever held in that Town.

WHITBY.—The brethren of Composite Lodge, No. 30, gave a grand festival in the Mechanics' Hall, Whitby, on Friday evening the 11th inst. The Hall was tastefully decorated with banners and other insignia of the Order. The music, furnished by the Band of the 10th Royals, was excellent, and the attendance very large, comprising visitors from Toronto, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg, and other places at a distance. We are pleased to learn that everything passed off most harmoniously, and that it was in every respect a great success.

MASONIC FESTIVAL AT ST. CATHARINES.—The Festival given on Friday night, 4th February, by the members of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, in the Town Hall, Clifton, was an extremely successful and brilliant affair. The brethren, under the guidance of R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson, D.D.G.M., in the grand march at the opening presented a splendid appearance. There were between 90 and 100 couples present. The refreshments were served in the Drill Shed, adjoining the hall. Dancing was continued till nearly 5 a.m., and all separated highly pleased with the success of the entertainment.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.—This festival, was duly celebrated at the City Hall, Welland, on the evening of Friday last. The fraternity was freely represented by delegations from Dunnville, Port Colborne, Drummondville, St. Catharines, Fonthill, and other places, besides, of course, the members of Merritt Lodge. About nine o'clock the members of the Craft assembled in a large ante-room, and having formed into procession, clothed in their regalia, and in due Masonic order proceeded to the ball room, where the Worshipful Master, S. E. Hopkins, in an appropriate and pleasing manner, introduced Worshipful Brother I. P. Willson, Esq., D. D. Grand Master, who addressed the company in a short and admirably well chosen address, when dancing almost immediately commenced. About twelve o'clock the company adjourned to the supper room, where having enjoyed themselves at an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A Root, of the City Hotel, they rejoined to the ball room, where the dancing was resumed, and kept up with spirit until about four o'clock, when the gay throng dispersed, all of them having been happy to meet, were sorry to part; we hope to have often the happiness of meeting again on no less pleasant recurrence of the event.—*Welland Tribune, 3rd February.*