

The Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the Georgian District are reviving. Shekinah, No. 1, at Orillia, has elected its officers, and Heracles, at Barrie, has work on hand, and Zabud elects its officers next week.

A Benevolent Association, for the benefit of the widow and orphan, has been organized in connection with the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada. Bro. Daniel Rose is President of the same.

Some brethren in the neighborhood of Beaverton, have applied for a Dispensation for a new lodge in that place, with Bro. A. P. Cockburn, M. P., as first W. M. We have not heard whether the Grand Master has signified his approval.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada, did not meet in January as agreed upon, but will do so, we understand, next month. The Grand Master, M. Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, had, doubtless, good reasons for his action.

THE edict issued by M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which will be found on page 22 of this issue, is an important document, likely to cause a great deal of comment throughout the Masonic world. Quebec has been very patient, and we are inclined to the opinion that the action of M. W. Bro. Johnson will be sustained unanimously by the Grand Lodges of the American continent at least.

We again have to request Secretaries, and others, to send us reports of Masonic conversazioni, re-unions, banquets, presentations, &c. It is impossible for us to publish accounts of these things, unless some brother will kindly forward them, and in order to render any paper interesting, local news is required. We ask,

therefore, that all interested in the CRAFTSMAN will furnish us with local items.

The seventeenth annual conversazione of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2 Knights Templar, Toronto, was the most brilliant social event of the season. The guests began to arrive at about 8 o'clock, and an hour later the rooms were filled with elegantly dressed ladies, Sir Knights in their handsome uniforms, and other gentlemen in evening dress. The Blue lodge-room was used for dancing, and although a very large apartment, it was none too large for the many devotees of terpsichore, who filled it the whole evening. The carpet was covered with linen, and the walls draped with British and American flags, and the banners of the Preceptory. Over the dais at the east end of the room, was a handsome gas design, forming the word "welcome." Seager's orchestra supplied excellent music for the dances, which were eighteen in number, beginning with Sir Knights' Circle, and ending with Sir Roger de St. Aldemar. The Knights Templar room was set apart for card playing, and was also handsomely decorated with flags and banners. Three magnificent banners, composed of badges, were hung in this room, and attracted much attention. One, belonging to Sir Knight Mattice, of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Hamilton, was very beautiful; it was triangular in shape, and composed of badges exchanged with the Hamilton Preceptory at the State Conclave, held at Buffalo last fall. The other banners are the property of Sir Knights J. S. Boyd and H. A. Taylor, of Toronto, and were equally admired. The opening ceremony was the grand march of sixty Sir Knights in uniform, who filed into the Blue Lodge to the strains of a march, and took their positions in a line the length of the room. After going through several movements, they stood in double file,