

and six petitions being now in, he called upon Bro. Jessopp, the chairman of the Reception Committee to read the following

ADDRESS:

{ THORNE LODGE, No. 281, G.R.C.  
Orillia, Ontario,  
May 6, A. L. 5884.

To Most Worshipful Brother Daniel Spry,  
M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge of  
Canada, A. F. & A. M.:

Most WORSHIPFUL SIR,—Permit us on this your first official visit to Thorne Lodge, No. 281, G. R. C., of Orillia, to express to you our gratification and pleasure in welcoming you within the sacred portals of our lodge room. The honor is one that we duly appreciate, since we feel it not only a very high compliment to ourselves personally and individually, but a special act of courtesy to this body, which through your approval of the recommendation of the Right Worshipful District Deputies of the Georgian and Toronto Districts, was removed with such satisfactory Masonic results to this town.

Five months ago the majority of Thorne Lodge brethren that you now see around you, clothed with the emblem of purity, had not been brought to light. At our first meeting on December 4th, we had to appeal to outside aid in order to secure a quorum. Since that time we have held nineteen communications, have paid up our back dues to Grand Lodge, have on our roll of membership 42 good men and true; have initiated 18, passed 14, and raised 14. Furthermore, we are proud to say and to know, that having Masonry at heart, we strive not only to perfect our neophytes in our esoteric work, but endeavor to inculcate by practice and precept, those cardinal virtues, which have ever adorned your character as the exalted head of the Canadian craft.

We have then, indeed, peculiar pleasure in welcoming you and the distinguished Grand Lodge officers with whom you are accompanied. As a man we respect and esteem you; as a Mason we appreciate your character; and as the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the premier colonial Grand Lodge of the world, we look up to you, we honor you, and cheerfully obey you, for since you have occupied that exalted position, you have acted with kindness, decided with firmness, and ruled with judgment, sound sense and true dignity.

Although occupying the throne in Craft Masonry, you have won honors and gained laurels in the various branches of our royal art. You have presided over our Grand Chapter, having twice been elected Grand

First Principal Z.; for several years during its most palmy days you were Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, having penetrated the nine arches of Shekinah Council, No. 1, of which you are still a member, and whose warrant you behold on the walls of Thorne lodge room, neither can we forget that in this town in Gethsemane Conclave, Mount Calvary Preceptory, and Immanuel Rose Croix Chapter, you received the honors of Christian Masonic Knighthood. In the supreme bodies of the two former you soon rose to distinction, becoming Grand Sovereign of the former, and Chief Executive (Great Charcellor) in the latter, while in the Scottish Rite you have obtained the grade of S. P. R. S., 32°, and finally you have courteously accepted honorary membership in this lodge.

We welcome you then with three-fold pleasure to-night as an Orillia Mason, and rejoice to know that you do not forget those who have with pleasure and pride watched your honored and distinguished Masonic career, and trusting, now that T.G.A.O.T.U. has seen fit to restore you to health and vigor, He may long spare you to be the loving husband and fond parent at home, the genial brother abroad, and the wise councillor in the halls of Grand Lodge.

Signed by the officers of Thorne Lodge.

The toast was received with Masonic honors three times three.

The Grand Master upon rising was received with rounds of applause. M. W. Bro. Spry, said: "It was difficult for him to express the gratefulness and pleasure he experienced at the hearty reception accorded him to-night, and the really able manner in which the work was performed. It was a credit to Masonry, a credit to the town of Orillia, and the success of this lodge proved, as in Lindsay, Peterboro', Barrie, and elsewhere, that in towns of this size 'a second lodge aroused a new enthusiasm and was beneficial in many respects,' and added, 'you have demonstrated the proof thereof by your excellent work to-night, by your rapid and solid progress, your well furnished hall, and the intelligent gathering I see around me this evening, and it will afford me great pleasure, therefore, next July to report to Grand Lodge how successful you have been in every particular. After alluding in eulogistic terms to the Master, Bro. Ramsay,