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RECEPTION AND ADDRESS.

To M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, G. M. of the G. L. of Canada, by Thorne Lodge,
No. 281, Orillia.

The largest and most enthusiastic gathering of the craft ever held in the county of Simcoe, took place on the 6th ult., under the auspices of Thorne Lodge, No. 281, G. R. C., in their magnificently furnished hall, on the reception of M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, G. M. G. L., Canada, and other Grand Lodge dignitaries. The lodge room was well filled in the early part of the evening, but after the special train from Barrie arrived, it became a question of room; over eighty registered their names. The lodge was duly opened by M. W. Bro. Ramsay, and the degrees conferred by W. Bro. McTavish, (King Hiram); V. W. Bro. C. L. Sanders, (Corinthian); M. W. Bro. Spry, (King Solomon); V. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson, G. D. of Cer., assisted by the officers and members of Thorne Lodge, all of whom, without exception, were unanimously complimented upon the correctness of the work and their thorough knowledge of the ceremonies.

At 10.40 the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Orillia House. The chair and vice-chairs were respectively occupied by M. W. Bro. Ramsay, and Bros. T. B. Newton, R. H. Denny, and C. E. Jessopp. On the right of the chairman sat the Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and W. Bros. D. M. Card, P.

M., Zeredatha Lodge; J. V. Steel, P. M., St. John's, No. 159, G. R. I.; R. G. McLean, W. M., Minerva; Capt. Ward, P. M., Kerr; and on his left R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto District; V. W. Bro. C. L. Sanders, P. G. P., G. L. Canada; W. Bro. Henry Fraser, P. M., Corinthian; W. Bro. McTavish, W. M. King Hiram, Lindsay; and W. Bro. John Stevenson, P. M., Corinthian. The Wardens were supported by the Wardens, and the chairman of the Reception Committee had on his right the newly initiated candidates, Bros. Moase and R. Dalh R. Ramsay. Bro. J. C. Morgan presided at the piano, and Bro. J. L. Tipping at the harp.

After ample justice had been done to the viands, which were excellent, and evidently enjoyed with relish by all present, the chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was enthusiastically drunk, the brethren singing "God Save the Queen." The next toast, "The Guest of the evening, M. W. Bro. D. Spry, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada," to whose honored and distinguished Masonic career he briefly alluded, and after referring to the extraordinary success attendant upon Thorne Lodge since its removal to Orillia, eighteen having been initiated