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Brethren

The time has come for me to give an account of my stewardship as Master of this Lodge. Wor. Bro. Meads has now been installed and I offer to him my sincere congratulations, and feel sure that the Lodge, under his able guidance, will prosper, especially in the purpose for which it was brought into existence.

I have been honoured in having the opportunity of being Master of the Lodge for two years, and I am grateful to the brethren for the confidence they reposed in me when they elected me for a second term.

Of course, like all new Masters I had visions of the great things that the Lodge would do while under my leadership. Some of these ideas have been put into operation; others have failed to materialise. In all this I, as Master, and the Lodge, have always had the general good of Freemasonry in the district as a guiding principle.

During this year we have had lectures from various brethren, two belonging to the District and one from Carterton. The Carterton lecture was an outstanding production and caused a considerable amount of interest not only to the members of this Lodge, but further afield. It was also printed in the "Craftsman," and, as I have already said, occasioned wide comment. We were indeed fortunate to have such able brethren to lecture to this Lodge.

Another interesting event was the question and answer evening that was held. This was something quite out of the usual, and was, I think, enjoyed and appreciated by the brethren. I hope that this asking and answering questions of Masonic import will become a feature of this Lodge.

In all, the Lodge has had a successful year; its finances are in a healthy position; a number of books has been added to the library; lectures have been given in several of the Lodges, and I am sure that as the years pass the usefulness of this Lodge to the district will be more fully recognised and more widely appreciated.