

THE GAVEL.—A MONTHLY MASONIC JOURNAL.—A new Masonic periodical, of which Bro. Robt. Ramsay is editor and proprietor, should have been noticed in our columns a fortnight ago, but by some means or other it was overlooked. The first number now lying before us contains something more than thirty pages of original and selected matter, interesting not only to the members of the craft, but the general reader. The first few pages are filled with entertaining tales and choice miscellaneous selections; while the rest of the journal is devoted to editorials and original contributions on matters relating to Masonry, such as "Our Quebec Brethren," "Modern Freemasonry," "The Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine," "The Duties of the Worshipful Master;" Masonic News, Correspondence and Masonic Jurisprudence. The *Gavel* is a monthly journal published at the low rate of \$1.50 per annum, and we trust the Brethren throughout the Dominion will give the enterprising proprietor that material assistance by which alone he will be able to carry on his present enterprise. Let the Lindsay craftsmen lose no time in supplying themselves with the *Gavel*.—Address—Box 247, Toronto, or Orillia.—*Port Hope Guide, Jan. 21.*

THE GAVEL.—A new serial bearing the above substantial title, claims the patronage of the Canadian Masonic fraternity. It will be issued on the 1st of every month from the press of the *Telegraph* office, Toronto, at \$1.50 per annum, W. Bro. R. Ramsay, of Orillia, being the editor and publisher. The contents of the initial number are highly creditable to the editor, so far as literary merit can commend them; while the typographic contour is clean, neat and tasteful. In style and appearance the *Gavel* closely resembles the *Craftsman*, and promises an able rivalry to the latter, in the discussion of debateable topics upon which, differences of opinion may fairly prevail. But we would urge extreme caution in the selection of subjects of this nature, and more particularly in reference to the Quebec *emeute*; concerning which writers not thoroughly informed may do much mischief, by stating as facts matters which are well known to all who kept themselves correctly advised, to differ very materially from the light in which they may be unintentionally misrepresented. We wish the *Gavel* every success, and if handled with that firm judicious prudence which a well-skilled craftsman ought always to bring to bear in its use, it cannot fail to wield a powerful influence for good to the Masonic Order.—*St. Catharines Constitutional, Jan. 6th.*

"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly Journal, published at Toronto by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia. The first number is now before us, it is a well got up octavo of 32 pages, neatly printed on good paper, and contains a vast amount of original and selected matter well worthy the perusal of all. "The Gavel" will be a valuable

THE GAVEL.—We have received the first number of a periodical with the above title, published at Toronto and edited by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia. It professes to be an independent Masonic paper, and has been promised a large support in the Masonic fraternity. It is very neatly printed, and the editor appears to be well fitted for his task. In an article on "Modern Freemasonry," the editor says: "Modern Freemasonry then is simply a noble system of morality, based upon the common brotherhood of man and the great Fatherhood of God." If Masonry amounts to nothing more or nothing less—than this—what is the use of all the secrecy, and the ridiculous and antiquated forms and ceremonies with which the order is encumbered?—*Paisley Advocate, Jan. 14.*

We have received the first number of a new independent Masonic monthly, bearing the title of the *Gavel* published and edited by Dr. Ramsay of the Orillia *Northern Light*. The original articles are written with marked ability, and evince a thorough knowledge of the subjects treated upon by the editor and his assistants. The selections have evidently been made with care and judgement. The mechanical appearance of the *Gavel* is particularly creditable to the printers. Price, \$1.50 per annum. Address, Box 247, Toronto or Orillia.—*Lindsay Expositor, Feb. 3.*

"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a monthly Masonic Journal published at Toronto, by "Bro. Robert Ramsay," of Orillia. The first number is now before us; it is a neatly printed pamphlet, containing thirty-two pages. To our friends of the "mystic tie," we have no doubt, this pamphlet will be exceedingly interesting; of course it cannot be expected of outsiders to comprehend its beauties, to the same extent as that of the brethren. We recommend our Masonic readers to subscribe for the publication, and judge for themselves. Address Bro. Robert Ramsay, Editor and Proprietor, P. O. Box 247, Toronto, and remit \$1.50.—*York Herald, Jan. 14.*

We have received a specimen number of a new Monthly Magazine called the *Gavel* edited by Dr. Ramsay of Orillia, published in Toronto. Though not entirely masonic, it purports to afford to the fraternity the means of inter-communication of thoughts on such subjects, connected with the order as can be discussed in print. Among the tales therein narrated, we will cite as especial worthy of perusal "The Surgeon's Story." On such subjects as "Our Quebec Brethren," we forbear criticism and comment, leaving that to those individually interested in the discussion. The periodical appears to be well edited, and promises to satisfy a want which has long been felt by the Craft, not only of this Province but of the Dominion.—*Evron Signal Jan. 20.*

"THE GAVEL."—We have received the first number of "The Gavel,"—an independent Masonic paper, to be published monthly. It has been promised the support of a large number of the Masonic fraternity—and certainly, taking the first number as a specimen, it bids fair to deserve it.—*Whitby Chronicle, Jan. 13.*

"THE GAVEL."—is the title of a new Masonic Magazine published monthly at Orillia, by Bro. Robert Ramsay. It is neatly printed, and its contents embrace a large amount of original and selected matter of excellent quality. The *Gavel* espouses the cause of the Quebec brethren, and in the number before us their course is defended in a separate article. The *Gavel* is well deserving of the support of the craft generally. Price \$1.50 per annum.—*Courier, Jan. 24.*

THE GAVEL.—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly, edited by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia, and published at Toronto. It is a well got up octavo of 32 pages and besides matter of special interest to the Fraternity, contains a large amount of miscellaneous literature.—Price \$1.50 a year. Address Box 247, Toronto.—*Meaford Monitor, Jan. 18th.*

THE GAVEL.—This is the title of a new Masonic Magazine published by Robert Ramsay, Orillia. It bears a goodly appearance, and, judging from the tenor of its contents, we should say it must be valuable to the craft. \$1.50 a year, published by Mr. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, or box 247 Toronto.—*Millbrook Messenger, Feb. 9.*

MASONIC.—We have received the first number of a Masonic periodical called the *Gavel*. The book presents a handsome appearance, and we have no doubt but that it will receive the support it deserves. It is published by Robert Ramsay, Toronto.—*Georgetown Halton Herald, Jan. 18th.*

"THE GAVEL."—We have received No. 2 of this new Masonic Monthly. It contains matter of much interest to the craft, and also to the general reader. Subscription price \$1.50 per year. R. Ramsay editor and proprietor. Address—Box 247, Toronto, or Orillia P. O.—*Mount Forest Examiner, Feb. 10th.*

The second number of the *Gavel* is fully equal to the initial number, received last month, both as regards the merits of its contents—original and selected—and the style in which it is got up. Dr. Ramsay, editor and proprietor. Address, box 247, Toronto, or Orillia. Price, \$1.50 a year.—*Lindsay Expositor, Feb. 10th.*

"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly publication. Bro. Dr. Ramsay of Orillia is the editor and proprietor. Both the first and second numbers are before us, and from what we have seen, are inclined to the belief that it will be hailed as a welcome visitor by the members of the Masonic fraternity, and would add that it compares most favorably with any work of the kind published in the Dominion.—*Northern*

To Those Opposed to Us.

As Freemasons let us prove to the world that our Institution is pregnant with noble thoughts and divine sentiments, by showing to the profane that though on many important topics we differ, still within our hearts burns in letters of gold, the great principles of freemasonry which teach us to view in every man a brother and in The Great Architect of the universe a common Father.

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A NEW monthly just started at Toronto, Canada, by Bro. Robert Ramsay, will be found useful to the Brethren of the Ontario District, as will be the "Freemason's Journal," the first number of which was issued at Montreal in January, be acceptable to our Brethren of the Quebec District. They both favor the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of the latter District.—*Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, Boston, March 1870.*

THE GAVEL.—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of No. 1, Vol. 1 of a Magazine bearing the above title. As its name tells it is an organ of the masonic fraternity, and we have no doubt will be duly supported by the members of the mystic tie. It is neatly printed, the frontispiece containing a number of emblems peculiar to the mysteries of masonry. The reading matter, both original and selected, is choice, embracing a number of subjects of peculiar interest to the "chosen few."—*North Wellington Times Jan. 14.*

To the Masonic Press.

We return our fraternal thanks to the Masonic Press, for courteous criticism and at the same time would express the hope that however much we may differ from some masonic journals, all controversies in which we engage will breathe not contention, "but that nobler emulation as to who can best work and best agree."

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