

scription of one dollar and fifty cents.—We believe every Mason in Canada can afford this trivial amount, and we therefore ask all interested in our publication to not only remit the necessary sum, but also to use his influence among his neighbours in securing subscribers. In the meantime thanks to those who have done so much for us already.

To our Exchanges.

Our Exchanges will please address in future to THE GAVEL, Orillia, Ont. We may mention this as a large number still go to Toronto, and others apparently fancy that because we are also proprietor of the NORTHERN LIGHT, there is no necessity of sending their paper to THE GAVEL. We wish to correct this error, as although we publish both papers, the same parties do not examine the exchanges.

To Lodges, Chapters and Encampments.

We ask every Worshipful Master of a Lodge, every First Principal of a Chapter and every Eminent Commander of an Encampment to introduce THE GAVEL, to the body over which he presides. All admit the necessity that exists for masonic literature and although our views do not coincide with all, we believe that no freemason in Canada is so prejudiced or narrow-minded as to strive to prevent the circulation of any masonic periodical that strives to add light to our glorious cause.

To Grand Secretaries.

We return our thanks to Grand Secretaries for reports of proceedings of Grand Bodies, as they prove extremely valuable to us in many particulars.

THE GAVEL.—We are delicate in calling attention to this periodical, as the Proprietors of this journal are more or less interested in it, but it appears to us only just that we should through the columns of the NORTHERN LIGHT, assert that it is not the organ of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but the independent advocate of liberality in thought and freedom of speech, regarding all Masonic matters. We declare this to be its mission, and believe that with writers like St.: Wor.: Bro.: Klotz, Rt.: Wor.: Bro.: Kerr and Wor.: Bro.: C. S. Elliot, it will obtain a popularity and name second to no Masonic journal on the continent. Bro.: Robt. Ross and Wor.: Bro.: Summers, are Agents for Simcoe and Kerr.—Orillia Northern Light, Jan. 21st.

—“THE GAVEL.”—This the title of a handsome monthly, the first number of which we have just received. It is, as its name denotes, Masonic, without being an organ. It comprises 32 pages, and its price is \$1.50 per annum. Address, R. Ramsay, Box 247, Toronto.—Orew Sun, Jan. 8.

brother has placed on our table the first number of a monthly magazine entitled the Gavel, the editor and proprietor of which is Ill. Bro. Robert Ramsay, 32, who publishes the same at Toronto. We welcome it, and congratulate our personal friend, Ramsay, in succeeding so unmistakably in providing a really first-class Masonic magazine, but fear, from the low price at which he furnishes its thirty-two pages, \$1.50 per annum, the balance to the credit side of the ledger will not show many numerals before the 0. Its argument in favor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is very strong, and written in exceedingly good taste. Pomeroy's Democrat extends to the Gavel the right

—Pomeroy's Democrat.
“THE GAVEL” is the name of a new Masonic Monthly that comes to us from Toronto. Bro. Robert Ramsay is the editor, and is evidently an expert in the art of saying a great deal in a small space. The Gavel is thirty-two pages, is very neatly printed, and is published at the low price of \$1.50 per annum. From its pages we transfer to our columns a very creditable article concerning the new Grand Lodge of Quebec.—Jackson, (Misc.) Clarion.

We have received the first number of a new Masonic Monthly called The Gavel, published at Toronto. Coming as it does from Canada, we opened it with a hope of being informed as to the present difficulties in the Grand Lodge of Canada. In this we were sadly disappointed. If we read its opinions, as put forth in this initial number, right, or as they were intended to be understood, we cannot approve of them, as either sound, logical or Masonic. A Grand Lodge can not be torn asunder by insubordinates, it matters not what pretext or palliation may be set up as the excuse.—Keystone, Philadelphia, Pa.

—“THE GAVEL,” a new Masonic Monthly, published at Toronto by Mr. Robert Ramsay, at \$1.50 a year, has just made its appearance. Orders addressed to Box 247, Toronto P. O., will be attended to.—Ingersoll Chronicle, Jan. 13.

THE GAVEL.—We have received the February No. of this interesting Masonic publication. Although considerable space is taken up with lists of officers elected in the various Lodges, there is yet a good deal of matter of interest to the craft.—(Elora) North Wellington Times, Feb. 11th.

THE GAVEL is the name of a new masonic publication to be published by W.: Bro.: Robt. Ramsay at Toronto. It is started mainly in the interest of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.—Craftsman, Jan. 15.

—“THE GAVEL.”—This is the name of a new independent Masonic paper, published monthly, and we hail its appearance with great pleasure. It seems to be neatly edited, and is tastefully got up. Subscription price, \$1.50 per annum. Bro. Robert Ramsay, editor and proprietor. Milton Canadian Champion, Jan. 13th.

its Masonic contemporary has been conducted. We are well pleased with the editorial and other literary matter which it contains—it having pretty fair selections suitable for the uninitiated reader—as well as with its typographical and general “make up.” Judging by its beginning we have reason to believe it will receive a large measure of support from the members of the order. We hope, and heartily recommend it to their patronage. It is edited by Bro. Robt. Ramsay, Orillia, and published at the Telegraph office, Toronto.—Wand Tribune, Jan. 13.

THE GAVEL.—The first number of the Gavel, a well printed magazine, edited and published by Robert Ramsay, M.D., of Orillia, in the interest of Free Masonry, is to hand, and we welcome it to our sanctum. The true Masonic spirit, running through the various articles in the number before us, will command friends of the work wherever it circulates. We hope Bro. R. will receive sufficient encouragement in this new enterprise, to enable him to prosecute its future conduct with the same spirit and energy characterizing the first number.—Newmarket Era, Jan. 14th.

THE GAVEL.—A Monthly Masonic Journal.—Bro. Robert Ramsay Editor and Proprietor.—The many members of the profession who belong to the Craft, and who occasionally lay aside the scalpel for the gavel, will rejoice with us to hear that such an excellent magazine has been added to our current Masonic literature. An additional feature of interest in this case is that the editor is a member of our own profession. The Gavel, besides matters of a purely Masonic nature, contains short stories which will be read with interest by the ladies. Bro. Ramsay has our best wishes for the success of his undertaking.—Dominion Medical Journal, January.

A NEW MASONIC PUBLICATION.—We have received the second number of the Gavel, a Masonic monthly edited and published in Toronto, Ontario, by Dr. Robert Ramsay, formerly of this city.—The Gavel is a neatly-printed journal of about seventy pages, and to members of the mystic tie is well worth the subscription price, 1.50 per annum. During his stay here Dr. Ramsay made hosts of friends, who will join in wishing him success in his new enterprise.—Cleveland Leader, (Ohio).

We like the appearance of the Gavel and would like it better if it were exclusively Masonic.—Masonic Monthly, Boston, Feb. 1870.

THE “GAVEL.”—We have received from Bro. Ramsay, of Orillia, two numbers of this serial which are handsomely got up and contain a large amount of matter interesting to the craft, as well as choice selections interesting to the general reader.—Northern Advance, Feb. 10th.

Lodge with respect to the Brethren of Quebec. We are sorry to see this, and in order that the responsibility shall be placed on the right shoulders we must beg to make a few remarks on the subject. On the consummation of Confederation there was no talk of breaking up the Grand Lodge, and there would not probably be any talk of such a thing were it not for the ambition of one man. At the Grand Lodge held in Kingston in 1867 this gentleman was a candidate for the office of Grand Master, and it was only by promises that he should have the post the next year that the “rebellion” was postponed. At London, the following year, threats were publicly made by Masons from Quebec that unless the Grand Master was elected the Grand Lodge would be broken up. This was one of the chief reasons for electing him, but since his election others, from probably good motives, have carried out the project started by himself. Now if this Grand Lodge of Quebec—which now includes all the Lodges of that Province, with the exception of five or six, as we have been informed on the best authority—he recognized, it is manifest that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada loses his position, since he is a resident of Montreal, and it is not likely the Masons of Ontario would be satisfied with a foreign Grand Master. It is not likely, therefore, that he will recognize the Quebec Grand Lodge, and hence also the principle that there is no appeal from his decision as it might be probable that the majority of the members of the Grand Lodge may be favorable to such a measure. Our respected contemporary will therefore see that it is this ambition that has not only originated this feud, but now seeks to prolong it, and not the Masons of Ontario. This kind of ambition may be very laudable when it does no harm, but we decidedly object to see the noble and revered order of Freemasons in Canada destroyed by it. Already the Grand Master of Quebec has given notice that he is preparing a refutation of what was said and done lately by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and, of course, the latter body will fulminate something in return next July, and so the thing will go on till every individual member on both sides is set by the ears, and the order that has been such a blessing will be turned into a curse and a by-word.—The fact of the matter is this—this difficulty originated in Quebec; let them settle it there, and, as the only way out of the difficulty, we suggest the election of a new Grand Master from Ontario at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada next July.—Ingersoll News, Feb. 16.

THE GAVEL.—We have received the second number of this able Masonic Journal, every Mason should subscribe for it. It is published by Mr. Robert Ramsay, Orillia. Price \$1.50 per year. Subscriptions received at this office.—Halton Herald, Feb. 10.