

every Entered Apprentice, as well as Master Mason, in every Lodge within this jurisdiction. It was, therefore, clearly the duty of every Master of a Lodge, who received the summons, to attend this Communication, to obey that summons (as it emanated from the G. . M. ., and he promised strict obedience to him), and while in Grand Lodge to gather all the information he possibly could—return home and communicate that information to his Brethren in open lodge. If the regular communication was fully occupied by the ordinary Lodge work, it then became his duty to summon an Emergency as soon as convenient, so that he might have an opportunity of giving a full and complete report and courting discussion thereon by the members present. If this duty were performed, not only in this instance, but in every similar one, we should not be pained by finding so much ignorance on Masonic matters, and country Masons would not be open to the imputation which was cast upon them by a P. G. M. the other day at Montreal. It was this, that delegates from country Lodges generally knew but little of Masonic matters beyond the concerns of their own private Lodges, and their views and opinions could consequently be but of little value to Grand Lodge, or something very much to that effect. We sincerely trust that the time will very soon be past when any such accusation will apply to any Brother under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We have much more to say on this important subject, but as it is our intention to supplement this article with another in the next issue of the *GAVEL*, under the head of "Masonic Apathy and Ignorance," we will at once bring it to a close.

MASONIC ITEMS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—We solicit contributions from all interested in the prosperity and general welfare of the Craft.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—We to-day present the first number of the "*GAVEL*" to the Masonic Fraternity, and as a publication of this kind involves a great outlay, earnestly request our friends everywhere to at once solicit subscribers for us and forward without delay the names of those who are willing to support us in our undertaking. We have issued a very large edition, and are determined to carry on the work now that we have commenced it. We trust, therefore, that our Masonic Brethren, who have kindly volunteered to assist us, will exert their influence among the Craft generally, so that we may be enabled before the next issue to form some idea of the size of our subscription list.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.—We would request the officers of Lodges, Chapters and Encampments to forward us at their earliest convenience such matters of local interest as they may see fit for publication.

APPOINTMENT.—The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Nebraska, M. . W. . Bro. . Henry P. Deuel, has been pleased