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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

To-day we present to our readers the various criticisms of the Press relative to THE GAVEL. It will be seen that with one or two exceptions they are favorable, and strange as it may appear, the only two Masonic papers that have not cordially welcomed our publication, are those two to whose columns we have contributed more than to any other paper on the continent. We thank our Brethren of the quill, however, for their impartial notices of an undertaking, in which it must be confessed we embarked with serious forebodings of the result. That day, however, we are glad to say, has passed by. The cordial reception given to THE GAVEL by the Press of Canada and the United States, the welcome and fraternal letters we have received from leading Masons in almost every Masonic jurisdiction on this continent, the kindly assistance rendered to us by able Masonic writers, the untiring efforts of our friends to secure for us subscribers, and the unparalleled rapid rate at which our subscription list has increased, all go to prove that the permanent success of THE GAVEL is beyond the question of a doubt. In conclusion, then, we tender to our friends our fraternal thanks for their support, and at the same time would assure them that no effort on our part will be spared to render THE GAVEL worthy of the notices so flatteringly bestowed upon it by the Press.

To our Friends.

We to-day issue the third number of THE GAVEL. So far we have sent out two thousand copies each month; a few have been returned, but we believe the large majority are desirous of continuing the same. Such being the case, we would request all parties desirous of continuing THE GAVEL, to remit the subscription 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

NEW MASONIC PAPER.—We have received the first number of a Masonic periodical named *The Gavel*. It is edited by Mr. Robert Ramsay, a gentleman high in the fraternity, and one of the most widely known writers on Masonry in the Province. The paper will be issued in Toronto on the first of each month, and will contain about forty pages of reading matter of special interest to members of the craft. The first number is excellently printed, and contains a number of well written articles on Masonic subjects, together with much matter interesting to the general reader. *The Gavel* favors the recognition of the Grand Lodge recently formed in Quebec, yet its columns are open to those who take an opposite view of the question. Mr. Ramsay has written a great deal on Masonic subjects, having been a contributor to the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, the *Craftsman*, of Hamilton, and other Masonic publications. He is generally accepted as one of the best authorities in the country on Masonic matters, and for that reason the opinions of *The Gavel* will carry great weight with them.—*Toronto Daily Telegraph*, Jan. 12.

"THE GAVEL."—We have received a copy of a new Masonic journal bearing the appropriate name of *The Gavel*. It contains a good deal of reading matter which will be particularly interesting to the members of the craft. This journal will be edited by Bro. R. Ramsay, of Orillia, a gentleman who for several years has been an able contributor to Masonic journals on this side the Atlantic, and whose articles have attracted a good deal of attention, on account of the evident knowledge possessed by the writer on Masonic matters. We bespeak for *The Gavel* a cordial welcome among the members of the ancient craft.—*Toronto Leader*, Jan. 25.

"THE GAVEL."—A kind friend and 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^d, 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 of review.—*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

WE are in receipt of the first number of the *Gavel*, a Monthly Masonic Journal, that is published at the City of Toronto, Ontario, by Robert Ramsay, Esq. The Journal is ably edited, and prognosticates a bright and prosperous future. We have carefully perused its columns, and can safely say that the reading matter is well written, and cannot fail to receive a cordial welcome by all lovers of sound literature. We have therefore much pleasure in stating that we approve of the impartial course taken by that Journal, in defending the Quebec Brethren, who have taken part in forming the Grand Lodge for this Province, we consider it is a step in the right direction, wishing them all success in their noble stand.—*Huntingdon Journal*.

THE GAVEL. Toronto.—We have received the second number of this periodical. It is published in the interests of the Masonic fraternity, and is edited by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia. Considerable space is devoted to the elucidation of questions in connection with Masonic jurisprudence, and from the standing of the editor, this feature will doubtless, in itself, form a strong recommendation to the journal. Items of news in regard to the various lodges are fully reported, and we have, besides, a large amount of general information of interest to the Craft.—*Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal*.

"THE GAVEL."—The initial number of a new Masonic magazine, bearing this title, has reached us. *The Gavel* is not intended as a competitor with the *Craftsman*, but is issued, as the editor announces, because he considers there is room enough for another exponent of the views of the Craft regarding matters of interest to the order; and so also do we think, notwithstanding the ability, and we have no doubt success, with which 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.—*Welland 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

The Gavel is the name of a nice looking pamphlet published by Mr. Robert Ramsay, of Toronto, in the interests of Free Masonry. It contains 35 pages of reading matter, comprising selected and original articles, and will no doubt commend itself to the favor of the members of the craft.—*Port Perry Standard*, Jan. 13th.

THE GAVEL.—We have received the first number of this periodical, *The Gavel* is an independent Masonic monthly, of 32 pages. It is neatly printed and contains interesting reading matter for the Masonic fraternity; and will, no doubt, circulate largely among the brethren of the "mystic tie." It is published by Mr. Robert Ramsay, Orillia. The subscription price is within the reach of all—only \$1.50 per annum. We wish the proprietor every success in his new enterprise.—*Pictou Times*, Jan. 11th.

BOOK NOTICE—MASONIC PUBLICATION.—The second number of the *Gavel* has come to hand, and, if anything, it is better than the first. Besides some entertaining stories, there are several careful articles on Freemasonry. Among them is one on the Right of Appeal from the decision of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge. We were astonished to see that the Grand Master, at the last sitting of the Grand Lodge, decided there was no appeal from his decision, and that consequently he himself constitutes the Grand Lodge. If this be the case we do not see for what purpose the Grand Body, has been assembling every year at such enormous expense. But on reflection one cannot wonder at such a doctrine being promulgated now. The general tenor of the articles in the *Gavel* is to the effect that the Masons of Ontario are and will be responsible for all the damage which will be occasioned to the Order by the action of the Grand 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 prob-