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SALUTATORY.

To-day we have the honor to present to our brethren of the "mystic tie," the first number of THE CANADIAN FREEMASON. We do so with considerable diffidence, for, as many of our readers must be well aware, to issue the initiatory number is the most difficult task that the publisher has to perform. Correspondents wait, exchanges are not so prompt, queries are not sent in, all in fact apparently combine to render the *debut* of a new journal anything but agreeable to the editor or satisfactory to his patrons. We rely, however, upon the generosity of the craft, and shall consequently hope they will not criticise too severely our maiden efforts. With these preliminary remarks we shall now proceed to give a brief sketch of the manner in which we trust to be able to conduct this journal.

In the first place we propose that THE CANADIAN FREEMASON shall not, under any circumstances, permit itself to become the organ of any particular Grand Lodge in the Dominion. Since the unhappy differences of the past three years have been peaceably adjusted by the wisdom of that most erudite brother, M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson, upon whom the craft of Ontario justly placed every reliance, assisted as he was by that discreet and able mason, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Quebec, M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham; we say then, since these unhappy differences no longer exist, we shall, as our name implies, be truly the advocate of the Canadian Freemason, whether he hail from the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, or