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As we now enter upon another year, in the publication of the CRAFTSMAN, we take the opportunity of wishing our readers a Happy New Year, and trust that 1897 will be one of happiness, to the members of the Craft, and that peace and good will may reign supreme throughout the world.

IN our last issue we reported the loss by fire of the Masonic Hall in Ottawa. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, M. P., Past Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, has shown his sympathy with the Ottawa brethren in the loss of all their relics, regalia, etc., in a practical shape. There arrived from Toronto, to the care of Ald. Cook, a magnificently-bound volume of the sacred law, a box of working tools,

and three gavels, to be used by the W. M.'s and Wardens of the city lodges. The working tools are contained in a beautiful case, silk lined, the tools being of the very best quality. The gavels are replicas of the old-time gavel used in the German operative lodges centuries ago. The formal presentation of these magnificent gifts was made at the meeting of Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, December 22nd, when Ald. Cook, on behalf of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, handed them to R. W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, D. D. G. M., Chairman of the Masonic Hall Committee, and to R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Secretary.

WE present our readers with a portrait of an active and rising young Craftsman, in the person of W. Bro. J. E. Hansford, W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto. In another column we give a short sketch of his life.

THE way in which the question of leasing the Temple building is now being received by the different Lodges in the city has made the scheme an assured success. It is meeting the nearly unanimous desire of all the brethren.