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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.

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"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*.

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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.

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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-

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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.

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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.

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—“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.

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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.

THE GAVEL.—A MONTHLY MASONIC JOURNAL.—A new Masonic periodical, of which Bro. Robt. Ramsay is editor and proprietor, should have been noticed in our columns a fortnight ago, but by some means or other it was overlooked. The first number now lying before us contains something more than thirty pages of original and selected matter, interesting not only to the members of the craft, but the general reader. The first few pages are filled with entertaining tales and choice miscellaneous selections; while the rest of the journal is devoted to editorials and original contributions on matters relating to Masonry, such as "Our Quebec Brethren," "Modern Freemasonry," "The Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine," "The Duties of the Worshipful Master;" Masonic News, Correspondence and Masonic Jurisprudence. The *Gavel* is a monthly journal published at the low rate of \$1.50 per annum, and we trust the Brethren throughout the Dominion will give the enterprising proprietor that material assistance by which alone he will be able to carry on his present enterprise. Let the Lindsay craftsmen lose no time in supplying themselves with the *Gavel*.—Address—Box 247, Toronto, or Orillia.—*Port Hope Guide, Jan. 21.*

THE GAVEL.—A new serial bearing the above substantial title, claims the patronage of the Canadian Masonic fraternity. It will be issued on the 1st of every month from the press of the *Telegraph* office, Toronto, at \$1.50 per annum, W. Bro. R. Ramsay, of Orillia, being the editor and publisher. The contents of the initial number are highly creditable to the editor, so far as literary merit can commend them; while the typographic contour is clean, neat and tasteful. In style and appearance the *Gavel* closely resembles the *Craftsman*, and promises an able rivalry to the latter, in the discussion of debateable topics upon which, differences of opinion may fairly prevail. But we would urge extreme caution in the selection of subjects of this nature, and more particularly in reference to the Quebec *emeute*; concerning which writers not thoroughly informed may do much mischief, by stating as facts matters which are well known to all who kept themselves correctly advised, to differ very materially from the light in which they may be unintentionally misrepresented. We wish the *Gavel* every success, and if handled with that firm judicious prudence which a well-skilled craftsman ought always to bring to bear in its use, it cannot fail to wield a powerful influence for good to the Masonic Order.—*St. Catharines Constitutional, Jan. 6th.*

"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly Journal, published at Toronto by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia. The first number is now before us, it is a well got up octavo of 32 pages, neatly printed on good paper, and contains a vast amount of original and selected matter well worthy the perusal of all. "The Gavel" will be a valuable

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We have received the first number of a new independent Masonic monthly, bearing the title of the *Gavel* published and edited by Dr. Ramsay of the Orillia *Northern Light*. The original articles are written with marked ability, and evince a thorough knowledge of the subjects treated upon by the editor and his assistants. The selections have evidently been made with care and judgement. The mechanical appearance of the *Gavel* is particularly creditable to the printers. Price, \$1.50 per annum. Address, Box 247, Toronto or Orillia.—*Lindsay Expositor, Feb. 3.*

"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a monthly Masonic Journal published at Toronto, by "Bro. Robert Ramsay," of Orillia. The first number is now before us; it is a neatly printed pamphlet, containing thirty-two pages. To our friends of the "mystic tie," we have no doubt, this pamphlet will be exceedingly interesting; of course it cannot be expected of outsiders to comprehend its beauties, to the same extent as that of the brethren. We recommend our Masonic readers to subscribe for the publication, and judge for themselves. Address Bro. Robert Ramsay, Editor and Proprietor, P. O. Box 247, Toronto, and remit \$1.50.—*York Herald, Jan. 14.*

We have received a specimen number of a new Monthly Magazine called the *Gavel* edited by Dr. Ramsay of Orillia, published in Toronto. Though not entirely masonic, it purports to afford to the fraternity the means of inter-communication of thoughts on such subjects, connected with the order as can be discussed in print. Among the tales therein narrated, we will cite as especial worthy of perusal "The Surgeon's Story." On such subjects as "Our Quebec Brethren," we forbear criticism and comment, leaving that to those individually interested in the discussion. The periodical appears to be well edited, and promises to satisfy a want which has long been felt by the Craft, not only of this Province but of the Dominion.—*Evron Signal Jan. 20.*

"THE GAVEL."—We have received the first number of "The Gavel,"—an independent Masonic paper, to be published monthly. It has been promised the support of a large number of the Masonic fraternity—and certainly, taking the first number as a specimen, it bids fair to deserve it.—*Whitby Chronicle, Jan. 13.*

"THE GAVEL."—is the title of a new Masonic Magazine published monthly at Orillia, by Bro. Robert Ramsay. It is neatly printed, and its contents embrace a large amount of original and selected matter of excellent quality. The *Gavel* espouses the cause of the Quebec brethren, and in the number before us their course is defended in a separate article. The *Gavel* is well deserving of the support of the craft generally. Price \$1.50 per annum.—*Courier, Jan. 24.*

THE GAVEL.—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly, edited by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia, and published at Toronto. It is a well got up octavo of 32 pages and besides matter of special interest to the Fraternity, contains a large amount of miscellaneous literature.—Price \$1.50 a year. Address Box 247, Toronto.—*Meaford Monitor, Jan. 18th.*

THE GAVEL.—This is the title of a new Masonic Magazine published by Robert Ramsay, Orillia. It bears a goodly appearance, and, judging from the tenor of its contents, we should say it must be valuable to the craft. \$1.50 a year, published by Mr. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, or box 247 Toronto.—*Millbrook Messenger, Feb. 9.*

MASONIC.—We have received the first number of a Masonic periodical called the *Gavel*. The book presents a handsome appearance, and we have no doubt but that it will receive the support it deserves. It is published by Robert Ramsay, Toronto.—*Georgetown Halton Herald, Jan. 18th.*

"THE GAVEL."—We have received No. 2 of this new Masonic Monthly. It contains matter of much interest to the craft, and also to the general reader. Subscription price \$1.50 per year. R. Ramsay editor and proprietor. Address—Box 247, Toronto, or Orillia P. O.—*Mount Forest Examiner, Feb. 10th.*

The second number of the *Gavel* is fully equal to the initial number, received last month, both as regards the merits of its contents—original and selected—and the style in which it is got up. Dr. Ramsay, editor and proprietor. Address, box 247, Toronto, or Orillia. Price, \$1.50 a year.—*Lindsay Expositor, Feb. 10th.*

"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly publication. Bro. Dr. Ramsay of Orillia is the editor and proprietor. Both the first and second numbers are before us, and from what we have seen, are inclined to the belief that it will be hailed as a welcome visitor by the members of the Masonic fraternity, and would add that it compares most favorably with any work of the kind published in the Dominion.—*Northern*

To Those Opposed to Us.

As Freemasons let us prove to the world that our Institution is pregnant with noble thoughts and divine sentiments, by showing to the profane that though on many important topics we differ, still within our hearts burns in letters of gold, the great principles of freemasonry which teach us to view in every man a brother and in The Great Architect of the universe a common Father.

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A NEW monthly just started at Toronto, Canada, by Bro. Robert Ramsay, will be found useful to the Brethren of the Ontario District, as will be the "Freemason's Journal," the first number of which was issued at Montreal in January, be acceptable to our Brethren of the Quebec District. They both favor the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of the latter District.—*Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, Boston, March 1870.*

THE GAVEL.—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of No. 1, Vol. 1 of a Magazine bearing the above title. As its name tells it is an organ of the masonic fraternity, and we have no doubt will be duly supported by the members of the mystic tie. It is neatly printed, the frontispiece containing a number of emblems peculiar to the mysteries of masonry. The reading matter, both original and selected, is choice, embracing a number of subjects of peculiar interest to the "chosen few."—*North Wellington Times Jan. 14.*

To the Masonic Press.

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"THE GAVEL."—This is the title of a new Masonic Monthly Journal, published at Toronto by Bro. Robert Ramsay, of Orillia. The first number is now before us, it is a well got up octavo of 32 pages, neatly printed on good paper, and contains a vast amount of original and selected matter well worthy the perusal of all. "The Gavel" will be a valuable addition to our Canadian Literature, pure and elevating in its tone, carrying out the Masonic aphorism, "We recognize in every man a brother, and in the Creator a Common Father." Not only is it invaluable to the Fraternity, but it is a monthly that all may read with interest and profit. Price—One Dollar and Fifty Cents a year. Address Bro. Robert Ramsay, Box 247, P. O., Toronto, Ont.—*Northern Advocate, Feb. 1st.*

THE GAVEL.—We have received the second number of this new Monthly Masonic Journal, which so far appears most efficiently to serve the purpose of its establishment, and which is published at Toronto by Dr. Robert Ramsay. The appearance of the magazine is very creditable, and its services to the cause of Masonry will doubtless be lasting and good. Each number contains 36 pages; and the price is \$1.50 a year.—*Cayuga Advocate, Feb. 18th.*

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York Herald, Jan. 14.

We have received a specimen number of a new Monthly Magazine called the *Gavel* edited by Dr. Ramsay of Orillia, published in Toronto. Though not entirely masonic, it purports to afford to the fraternity the means of inter-communication of thoughts on such subjects, connected with the order as can be discussed in print. Among the tales therein narrated, we will cite as especial worthy of perusal "The Surgeon's Story." On such subjects as "Our Quebec Brethren," we forbear criticism and comment, leaving that to those individually interested in the discussion. The periodical appears to be well edited, and promises to satisfy a want which has long been felt by the Craft, not only of this Province but of the Dominion.—*Huron Signal Jan. 20.*

We learn that it is proposed by leading Freemasons in Ontario to start, in December or January, an independent Masonic Journal, in opposition to the *Hamilton Craftsman*; besides the promotion of the general interests of the craft, the new monthly will advocate the immediate recognition of the Grand Lodge for Ontario, of which "a large number of the brethren there" favor.—*Montreal Star.*

[NOTE.—The *Kingston Whig* of Dec. 12th, copies above and simply adds to the criticism the classic term "fudge."

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THE GAVEL, a new and independent Masonic Magazine published by Bro. Robert Ramsay, Toronto, and printed at the office of the *Toronto Telegraph*. It contains 32 large Octavo pages, and is printed from clear type. It has a literary department, independent of its Masonic departments. Its leading article is in regard to the cession of the Quebec Grand Lodge, and favors the independence of that Grand Lodge. Subscription \$1.50 per annum.—*Goderich Star, Jan. 21.*

THE GAVEL.—This is the title of a new magazine, published by Mr. Robert Ramsay. It is devoted to the interests of the Masonic fraternity, and from a hasty glance at its contents we should say it bids fair to discharge the duty it has set before it in a satisfactory manner. It is to be published monthly, at \$1.50 per annum. Address, Box 247, Toronto.—*Simcoe Norfolk Reformer, Jan. 13th.*

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THE GAVEL.—Such is the title of a well got up and smart looking monthly, in the Masonic interest, hailing from Toronto and commencing its first volume with the New Year. It is published at \$1.50 per annum, and promises to be thoroughly independent. It espouses the cause of the Quebec Brethren and does this temperately and well. It has a very interesting article on "the duties of the Worshipful Master," and if the whole of its matter is as carefully written, the *Gavel* must succeed.—*Berlin Telegraph, Jan. 14.*

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A new Masonic Monthly is received, entitled the "Gavel," which purposes to serve the interests of the craft in elucidating the proper government of Masons. A considerable part also contains suitable stories and pleasant paragraphs for the family.—*New Nation, Picton, Jan. 13.*

A Forty-Page monthly magazine in the interest of Free Masonry, has made its appearance in Toronto, and will, no doubt, command a large circulation among the craft, especially in Ontario.—It is called the "Gavel," and is edited by Robert Ramsay, Esq., a well-known and able writer on Masonic subjects. Terms \$1.50 per annum.—*Record and Journal, Windsor, Jan. 15.*

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THE GAVEL.—We have received several numbers of a new Masonic publication named the "Gavel." They are very neatly printed and contain a large amount of information of much interest to those who belong to the order; besides several pages of varied and interesting matter. Published by Robert Ramsay, Toronto, at the low price of \$1.50 a year.—*Carleton Place Herald, Feb. 16.*

THE GAVEL.—The February number of this excellent Canadian Masonic monthly is to hand. It contains much information of special use to members of the Brotherhood, and a goodly array of general literature. Robt. Ramsay, Box 247, Toronto.—*St. Mary's Argus & Review, Feb. 11th.*

THE GAVEL.—Robert Ramsay, Orillia. This is the first number of a new monthly, devoted to the interests of Freemasonry. The number before us is a very good one, its articles and selections giving evidence of a careful man standing at the helm, that is so far as we can speak without the pale of the Masonic Order. We anticipate for it a good circulation.—*Welland Telegraph, Jan. 27th.*

THE *Freemason*, of Saturday, February 5, says:—We have received the first number of the *Gavel*, Toronto, which we hope often to grasp in our fraternal hands.