

cation, Jan. 29, 1896." Published by the authority of the Grand Lodge, by Wm. H. Whyte, Montreal. From the list of names of distinguished brethren given as the Committee on Revision of Constitution, the members of the Craft in Quebec can safely rely that their Constitution has been carefully revised. The work is well got up, and contains besides the Constitution, Instalation, Consecration, Dedication of Hall Services, and Forms, etc., useful to every member of the Craft, and a well arranged index giving the article and page for every subject.

WE are glad to hear of quite a revival of interest in St. Andrew's Lodge, G.R.Q., Montreal. Notwithstanding the hard times, they have had 12 initiations so far this year.

THE Craft in Toronto mourns the loss of one of its oldest members in the person of W. Bro. John Ritchie, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, whose presence was always welcome at lodge meetings in this city. His death took place on the 13th inst., from heart failure. Deceased was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1820, and has been a prominent citizen for over 50 years, and represented St. Thomas Ward in the City Council for four consecutive years. He was the founder of the plumbing and heating business now carried on at 64 Adelaide street east, under the firm name of the John Ritchie Plumbing & Heating Co., Limited. He was an active member and a Past Master of of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 75, and a Past Principal of St. Andrew's and St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, and also of the Caledonian

and St. Andrew's Societies. From his arrival in Toronto until his death he has been a prominent member of Knox Church. He leaves a widow and four sons.

R.W. BRO. W. H. COOPER, P.M., P.Z., &c., and P. S. G. Warden, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, presents us one of his Masonic Photos, for which he has our thanks. He also encloses one for our Grand Secretary, which was duly forwarded. In his letter he refers to the CRAFTSMAN as follows:—

"I have always read with pleasure, interest and instruction, your admirable Masonic journal, and wish of course to be kept thoroughly posted up with the business of the Grand Lodge I represent. I cannot do this better than by the perusal of the meetings, &c., you record in your columns. While the Grand Lodge of N.Z.'s headquarters were in this city I was acting Editor of the *N.Z. Craftsman*, so got your journal in the exchanges; but these are now sent to Wellington. I enclose P. O. for £1, and wish you to put me on your list of subscribers."

*The Freemason*, London, of August 8th, has a leading article in reference to the opposition raised to "the very reasonable motion which the Pro Grand Master submitted for the acceptance of Grand Lodge at its Special Communication" *re* Grand Lodge of New Zealand. We merely notice the action of this "inappreciable minority" to "hamper the Grand Master in the course he proposes to adopt," as the case is very similar to the action of the three Lodges working under the English Constitution in Montreal, resisting by the aid of the Grand Lodge of England, the rights of