

in 1880, at the patriarchal age of eighty-four, and the Hon. Joseph C. Morrison, whose death since our last anniversary the Society has had to deplore. The first Preparatory Meeting took place on the 10th November, 1836, and on St. Andrew's Day the members met at the City Hotel, when the President, the Hon. William Allan, presented the Society with two flags, the Royal Standard and the Royal Lion and Arms of Scotland, which were forthwith borne aloft at the head of a procession, by Messrs. J. R. McKnight and George Denholm to St. Andrew's Church, where a sermon was preached by the first Chaplain, the Rev. William T. Leach. In the evening, a party of fifty-eight dined together at the City Hotel. We know not what was said and done at that dinner party, but we may be sure that the "*perfervidum ingenium Scotorum*" manifested itself as heartily as it has done at many a dinner since, and as it will to-night, when, fifty years later, we, a new generation, with new faces and in new circumstances, but with the old spirit and the old loyalty to Scotland, celebrate our jubilee. It appears, however, that this first St. Andrew's Dinner, not unlike some others that have followed it, was not altogether without its unpleasant afterclap, for we read in the minutes of the quarterly meeting of May, 1837, that the proprietor of the City Hotel, Hutcheson by name, had made an overcharge, by reason of which, Mr. Newbigging could make no settlement with him, and it became necessary to levy a contribution from those who were present. History repeats itself in the affairs of societies as well as in those of nations. Not alone to social enjoyment did the Society devote itself in those early days, for we read of numerous gifts of money and provisions to poor people, and of liberal donations to the Dorcas Society and the District Sunday School, "for behoof of Scotch children attending the same."

In August, 1837, the place of meeting was changed from the District School to the North American Hotel, and at the next preparatory meeting the first change in the constitution was made on the motion of William M. Gorrie, by which the admission fee was reduced from £1 to 10s.

On St. George's Day, 1838, an affair happened which seems to have ruffled the *amour propre* of the Scotch in no ordinary degree. Mr. Ewart, one of the Vice-Presidents of St. An-