

Kerr, W.M. of Dalhousie Lodge, who had visited this lodge at the January meeting.

In April there was no meeting held, but at the May meeting it was decided to present W. Bro. William Campbell, the first W.M., with a Past Master's jewel. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Beikie, who was said to have been the most expert worker in the lodge, "gave the Entered Apprentice initiation and charge for the benefit of those present."

The lodge did not assemble for its regular meeting in June, 1824, but at the meeting on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, a large number were present. W. Bro. Hillier was absent on public duty, and R. W. Bro. James Fitzgibbon presided. Bro. Benjamin Thorne, after whom Thornhill is said to have been named, affiliated at this meeting. A circular was read from Truxton H. Powell, of Union Hall, New York, respecting the *Masonic Mirror*, about to be published in that city, and soliciting the patronage and support of this lodge.

Seven brethren being absent from the regular meeting for July, the following resolution appears in the minutes :

"That in consideration of the peculiar public business of the day and the indisposition of several of the brethren, the absence of the other members is sufficiently accounted for to the satisfaction of this lodge."

This alludes no doubt to the political disturbances which were then brewing in the Province, and to an epidemic of cholera. A letter from Bro. Stephen Jarvis, resigning his membership in the lodge, owing to some difference he had with a brother, was considered, and in August the lodge acknowledged