

of St. John the Evangelist, but at this meeting it was resolved to postpone the dinner until after St. George's Day. Bro. John Beikie was elected W.M., and his installation took place on the 27th of the same month.

On January the 16th, 1826, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. G. Ridout, as Treasurer, and the subscription fund for refreshments was reduced from 10s. to 5s. per quarter. A committee was appointed "to enquire into and make arrangements respecting the rent of this lodge." On motion of Bro. George Hillier, it was resolved:

"That the Ark at present used for the purpose of this lodge, being insufficiently adapted for same, the Treasurer be requested to obtain such a one as may contain the whole of the requisite furniture."

The March meeting was postponed "owing to the unavoidable absence of many of the members on public duty and otherwise." At the meeting of April, 1826, the W.M. read a letter from Rev. Geo. Oliver, of England, the Masonic writer, and this was followed by the recitation of the obligation and part of the narrative of the "Third Degree," by the W.M.

During the year 1826, the meetings were poorly attended and in many instances the lodge did not open owing to there not being sufficient members present to form a quorum.

From the 9th December, 1826, until Monday, the 28th December, 1829, there is no record of any minutes of St. Andrew's Lodge. During this period great excitement prevailed through-