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Th« fog-demon hM rery torely BiBioted n*
doring the pMt two dnys. Traffic on ro»d and
footway WB* attended on Monday with real
dan^^t* and collision*—happily none of them
aerion*. *o far a* I hare been able to aecertain—

were not infreqoent and were not without a tin f(e
of homoar. If a bloahing yonnt; maiden nid-
denly found her*elf onintentionBlly embraced by
B crusty old bachelor, for whom " sweet aeTen-
teen " or " modest but winsome twenty-one " has
no BttrBction, there were at once mutnal and
smiling apolotne*. and all was well. As I cau-
tiously passed those trenches and manholes in
Moftatt-street, South-street, and Queen-street
which hare been open double the time they
ought to hare been, I wondered how many bar-
gesses, when trying to pass these kopjes and
chasms, used unparliamentary language under
their breath as they rose to their feet and brushed

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Mr. Wilton, of whoee good proarressiTe work the
rirerside and public street improvements supply
striking testimony.

Anent Mr, J. E. Pearce's resignation, as the
result of his prolonged stay abroad, it may^ in.
terest my readers to learn that Mr. Pearce sailed
from Sydney on the 26th uU. for Yokohama,
where he hope* to spend some two months and
then make for Calcutta. In a letter to the Town

Clerk Mr. Pearce ooncludes : " I hope the Electric
Light goes well and that the town has bad a good
*eason." He will be pleased to laam that his
hopes are realised.

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the sticky dirt from their clothes and by friction
pain of a bruised arm or
sprained knee or ankle. So thick was the fog on
Monday evening that even the flames of the
fierce and destructive flre in King-street—so well
handled by our Volunteer Fire Brigade—could
not be seen fifty yards away. Fogs are always
associated with the Mayors' Month. Our own
Mayor can dislodge an obstructive chimney-pot
and get a Bill through Parliament, and even turn
the scale in an Aldermanic Election ; but though
he may be able to do these and other very excellent
things, he does not appear to be able to switch-
off an ontnloor fog. however clever he may be at
clearing an often befogged Council Chamber. I
was very glad to see the fog clear away yesterday
in time for the visit to Windsor of the King and
Queen of Portugal. They would not have had a
very favourable impression of the Thamee Valley
had their visit been 24 hours earlier.

Mr. A. Millar Inglis, in a letter in l^ t Wed-
nesday's Adverii$er, questions the accuracy of
some of my statements re the Secondary School
for Oirls about to be opened at the local Technical
Institute. I had intended replying to Mr. Inglis
in this column this week, but as he has since come
forward as a candidate for Municipal honours,
and as I have BO desire to write anything that
might in any way prejudice his chances of gaining
a seat on the local Council, I will withhold my
reply until after the result of next Tuesday's
polling has been declared.

The re-election of Mr. Conncillor Benjaisin
Hobbis as Mayor for the curient year has yielded
general satisfaction. In Mr. Hobbis's hands the
dignity of the office of Chief Magistrate of the
Borough has been well sustained, and the town
has never had cause to feel other than proud of
its Mayor. He has conducted the debates in the
Municipal Chamber with impartiality, and whilst
exercising firmness has not been wanting in con-
sideration, and has only " closured" members
and discussions when he has considered the

exigencies of the case and the progress of public
business have demanded this course. At public
and social functions the Mayor has excelled. A
good debater, a fluent and eloquent as well as an
argumentative and often humorons speaker, he
has brought the town over which he presides into
prominence, as well as brought honour upon
himself. The Maidenhead Town Council have

done very wisely in securing for another year the
invaluable services of Mr. Hobbis as Mayor, and
the town owes no little gratitude to him for
undertaking the onerous andi responsible duties
for a second successive year.

The Mayor's Speech on the Municipal work of
the year was a remarkable one. In length it
established a record; in regard to detail it was
exhaustive. It was delivered with that force and

fervour characteristic of His Worship,and showed
an unmiitakeable grasp of Municipal work and
responsibility.

One topic incidentally tonched upon by the
Mayor I should like to emphasize, and that is the
gratifying improvement effe2ted on that former
waste known as the Bear Meadow by Mr. Oode.
Here is a case where the wilderness will soon be

made to blosaom as the rose. Quite a transfor-
mation has been effected by private enterprise,
which cannot fail to assist in attracting visitors
to the town, and the whole borough should feel in
some meaaiure under obligation to Mr. Oude for
what he has done to make a very public un-
attractive spot into an inviting and picture^ue
enclosure. I fancy I can hear Mr. Gude saying :
" Y^, it is all very well to say how much oblig^
to me you are, bat why don't the Mayor and
members of the Council, and also more of the
better-class townsfolk, patronise my sightly
entertainments. Here am I, trying to provide a
good evening's amusement at considerable ex-
pense, free from vulgarity and anything objection-
able.but my best seats are often practic^ly emptor-
I like their kind words and good wishes, but I
should like their personal patronage better."
Why not a Corporation night at the New
PavUion, Mr. Gude ?

and poweifal companies opposing them in the House
of Lords, they were grateful to the Mayor for the
good servioe he rendered them.—(Ap^ause). Then
there was the Marlow-road oomer. Though others
had attempted to bring abont this improvement for
25 years past, *it was mainly thron^o the Mayor's

Apropos of the Mayor's reference to the
"Illustrated Guide for Maidenhead," 1 have
seen copies of some of the letters received from
thoee who wrote for the Guide. A titled lady,
impressed by the attractions of our district,
wrote : " We propose taking a house there this
summer." Thi* i* how a gentleman wrote from
Highbury Grove :—" I beg to express to yon my
best thanks for your promptitude in sending me
your official Guide of Maidenhead. I hope to
have the pleasure of being able to spend a holiday
in your charming town shortly, and I shall be
pleased to recommend any of my friends to pay
the town a visit." Another wrote from Middle-

sex : — " I understand your Council has had
printed a guide of the town. As a possible
future .resident, will you have the kindness to
send m'e a copy, and also to inform me what the
rates have bwr and are for the past three years^
the price of electric light, and if you have any
scheme tor wiring on the hire-purchase system.
Price of gas, also, and if there is any difference
in the price of that used for cooking and lighting ?
Is there a swimming - bath managed by the
Borough P " These are specimens of hundreds
of letters received by the 'Town Clerk and Mr. A
J. Huckle (bon. sec.) last season. The Guides did
Maidenhead a vast amount of good, and should
be re-issnsd in improved form early next year.

The election of two Aldermen last Wednesday
will not soon be forgotten by those who were
present. Aid. Silver's election was never in doubt
and his return to office by practically an nnani-
mous vote ought once and for all to dispel the
idea that among certain members of the Corpora-
tion there was a desire to " kick out" the old
Aldermen. Had Mr. Wm. NichoI*on'* health

permitted a farther term of lervice, he too would
have been re-elected. Kindly, grateful feeling
towards the venerable Aldermen is not the sole

lion of any two or three members of the
luncil, as some might be led to suppose, and I
was pleased that evidence of this was not want-
ing last Wednesday. Mr. Silver seemed quite to
have renewed his youth, and as he addressed the
Council and acknowledge the congratulations of
his o^eague* and friends he looked capable of
many more years' service. I hope he may live
and be well enough in health to be nominate for
even a further term of Aldermanic service.

There i* *omething natural and familiar about
the *ound of "Alderman Truscott." I auppose it
i* becauae the First City of the World has or had
it* ** Alderman Trascott-" And if London, why
not Maidenhead ? That Mr. Conncillor Truscott's
elavation to the " Aldermanic BMich " at Maid-

enhead was in accord with popular sentiment and
feeling, was evidenced whan the Mayor gave that
fatafnl casting vote, and it baa been demonstrat«d
since. His Worship bad an unthankful task. He
had to choose between two very excellent Coan-
ciUors, each of whom had served the town exactly
the same nnmber of years, and rendered the
municipality excellent sarvicA, while both had
paaaed "th e Chair." In the Mayor's iudg-
ment, apparently, Mr. Trnaoott was beat fitted
for the seat vacated by Mr. Wm. NioMaon, and
hia vote was cast accordingly. I aAer Alderman
Trnaoott my hearty oongratnlatioDS thereon,
and to Mr. Conncillor Wilton my sympathy in
any disappointment he may feel, with the hope
that the advent of wards at an early date may
afford the Mayor that opportunity which he antiei-
pated of giving his next vote for the elevation of

There is to be a bye-election next Tuesday to
fill the vacancies cansed on the Council by the
election of Mr. Truscott as Alderman and the

resignation of Mr. Pearce. There are five candi-
dates. Messrs. C. Bockley, C. T. Chamberlain (each
of whom polled well at the recent election), H.
Ko8e,A. Millar Inglis and B. Bawden. One wasnot
disposed to accept the candidature of the last-
named as serious, but in his address Mr. Bawden
makes it abundantly clear that he means busi-
ness, and he is vigorously prosecuting his canvas.
I hope that the ratepayers will also treat the
elec^on with that seriousness which responsible
and efficient local government demands, and be
extremely careful to select those two gentlemen
who are most likely to serve the best interests of
the town from the loftiest and best of motives.

ELECTIO N OF MATOB,

COUNCILLOR HOBBIS UNANIMOUSLY

RE-ELECTED.

ABLE SPEECH BY THE MAYOR.

A YEAR'S RETROSPECT.

ELECTION OF TWO ALDERMEN.

COMPLIMEN T T O ALD. SILVE R

A TIE FOE ALD. NICHOLSON'S SEAT.

DRAMATIC SCENE.

COUNCILLOR TRUSCOTT PBtOMOTED TO THE

ALDERMANIC BENCH.

THE WARDS QUESTION AGAIN.

The annnal meeting of the Maidenhead Town Coan-
oil was held at noon on Wednesday in the Town Hall,
the prinoipal business being the election of Mayor for
the year eosning. As in former years, the Surveyor
(Mr. Percy Johns) had erected a raised baize-oovered
dais for the table and seats of the Mayor, Depoty-
Mayor, and Town Clerk, and the Aldermen and Conn-
cillors sat at a table below. There was a large
attendance of bnrgesses, the hall being practically
filled. The Mayoress (Mrs. Hobbis) was adongst
those present. She was accompanied by Mrs.^: C.
Davy. The following members of the Connoll^ere
present during the proceedings :—The Mayor^Mr.
Coancillor B. Hobbis! wearing his robes and chain of
office ; the Deputy-Mayor (Mr. Councillor W; Grier-
son), Aldermen E. W. Mackie, R. Silver, and C. W.

" " " ~ WUton, W. F.
Walker, P.M.
pson. Others present
included : The Town Clerk (Mr. J. Kick), the Surveyor
(Mr. P. Johns), the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. J. H
Barford), the Education Secretary (Mr. J. B. Mark-
ham), the Boroagh Accountant (Mr. F. H. Russel),
Mr. J. F. Simpson, J.P.. Mr. H. J. Mount, J.P., Mr.
E. R. Lovegrove, J.P.. <3olonel Sweny, K.M.I,.!., the
Rev. Wm. T. Gill, and Messrs. E. Tedman, J. Blum-
field, A. Smith. F. W. Porter, T. Martin, Culforth,
T. Ives, G. E. Whiteman, A. Blnmfield, Bryant, F.
Pymm, Blackmore, T. Lamb, H. Edwards, T. Chonlea,
J. Bornham, Partio, F. J. O. Forss, F. Francis, C.
Rockley, H. Shrimpton, H. Lawrence, T. Gmbb,
G. Looeley, C. T. Chamberlain, A. Webb,
Ford, Harpwood, Flint, E. T. Biggs, J. Whitmore,
H. Sonthgate, F. Jones, H. Wooldridge, Tompkins,
A. Plum.T. W.Stuchbery, D. Bidmead,D.Ingamells,
Walt. Gilroy, W. J. EUiott. W. Gilroy. T. Brett, B.
Bawden, G. Mattingley, Mills Parker, A. E. Isaac, J.
Wells, A. J. Huckle, S. Thompson, Ac.
THE RECENT ELECTION.

The Mayor, as Retnming Officer, formally reported
the election, on Nov. l.t, of Messrs. W. F. Good, P.
Thompson, A. Upson, and W. Grierson as members
of the Conneil. He added that he cordially welcomed
back to the Connoil the three members who bad been

by

re-elected, and also Mr. Philip Thompson, who was a
son of one who was during his lifetime respected "
everyone in the town who knew him.—(Applause.)

COUNCILLOR UPSON PROPOSES THE

EE-ELECTION OF THE MAYOR.

Mr. Upson rose amid applanae and proposed that
Mr. Coonoillor Benjamin Hobbis be elected Mayor for
the ensuing year. He said that when elected to the
chair twelve months ago, the Mayor made use of cer-
tain words containiog a principle, which principle had
manifestly actuated the Mayor thronghont the year.
Briefly, it was this—that our fellows had a definite
claim upon each one of u', and that those who made
self-gratification their only end were only half-men
after all.—(" Hear, hear.") The Mayor had not only
preached that sermon to them, but he had
practised it himself and carried it oat during the
year of his office.—(Applanse.) What did this
somewhat nnnsoal re-election mean ? So far as
the members of the Council were concerned, it meant
that so unnsual had been the devotion of the Mayor
to the work that they felt bound to offer the poeition
to him again, saying in effect " Yon have done much
work and done it so well, please go and do some more."
—(Applause.) The resolution lower down on, the
agenu—of thanks to the Mayor for his past services
—was considered, at the informal meeti
held, to be qnite snperflaons. They really o;
sincereat thanks to the Mayor when they aeked him
for a second year to occnpy the honourable position
of Mayor of the Boroagh of Maidenhead, and conse-
qnently the special resolntion of thanks was considered
to be really nnnecessarv. The energy of the Mayor
during his year of office had been abnormal. He
seemed to thrive on work withont imy holidays.—
(Laughter and applanse.) The toil of getting over
Maidenhead Bridge would have been eoongh for an
ordinary man ; but they had the Mayor daily inspect-
ing the Free Library ; threshing out the details of a
new departure in the life and work of the Coancil in
the appointmentoi professional BoroaghAcconntants,
which the Mayor himself initiated—(" hear, hear ")—
as the result of which they were now in a most satis-

jr appewini,
reference to their Electric Light Extension, and
representing th* Council there, in the absence of the
Chairman of the (Committee, and appearing as the chief
witness, and the Mayor had the satisfaction of seeing
the Bill passed.—(Applause.) Then their Mayor had
seen the Marlow-roa^ improvement scheme through,
and be had been considering flood-prevention schemes
—both Mr. Greafell's and Mr. Cooper's ; he had been
helping Cookham to secure Cockmarsh ; he had been
directing Secondary Education as a Governor of the
Modem School ; be had been toiling through the
details of esUblishing a Girls' Secondary School; he
had been helping to form the new National Associa-
tion of Education Oimmittees, and he was glad to say
that their Mayor was on the Council of the .^socia-
tion.—(Applause.) All these and many other things
" too numerous to mention." as the auctioneers' cata-

lognes said—(laaghter) — the Mayor had done.—
(Applause.) Onoe or twioe some may have thought
that his Worship had been gnilty of sins of commis-
sion—municipally, he meant, of coarse—but he oonld
not imagine the man who could rise np and say the
Mayor had been railty of sins of omission.—(Laagh-
ter and applause.) If untiring energy, nndannt^ zw,
and real ^ilities were qualities wUch went to make
a good Mayor, then they had one in Mr. Conncillor
Brajamin Hobbis, who he now proposed *honld be
re-eleoted Mayor of Maidenhead.—(Lond applause).

MR. COXTNCILLOR GOOD SECONDS.

Mr. Good said be had very great pleasure in rising
to second the re-election of Mr. Councillor Hobbis as
Mayor for the ensuing year.—(Applause). Mr. Up-
son had so well dealt with the go ^ qualities of the
Mayor and had referred so fully to his aUe services
during the year that he had left him very Kttle to say
in seconding the proposition. It most be very
Ratifying to the Mayor to find, after having served
his year of office, that his services were so highly
appreciated that h* wa* invited to undertake the
mayoralty for another year.—(" Hear, hear.") They
as members of the Council did apprecute very highly
tiie excellent qnalities possessed by their Mayor. It
Bust be very gratifying to the ConncU and the town
nnerally that their Mayor should have taken upon
himself the onerous duty of engineering their Bridge
Bill tbrongh Parliament, and his sncoe** in thisc.
matter *tood out very much in his favour.—(" Hear,
hear.") Some of them might not altogether
have agreed at the start with some of
the steps taken by their Mayor in this matter,
but wha they considered the poeaibiUty of
oostly litigation, probably tfae Mayor asted right and
in w<iat be considered the best iatereatsjof the Conn-
ell and tfae town.—(" Hear, hear.") TUy were alao
v*iy greatly iDd*bted to their Mayor for his service*
in connection with their Electric Light Extension
Order, and consideting that they had tbra* T«ty large

mergy that the improvement had now been effected
lo quickly and brought about during his year of
office. The whole of the Mayor's work had been of
a progressive character, and he had endeavoured to
see that the Cotmcil did not lag behind in its work
and duties aa some of their predecessors had done.
He had very neat pleasure in seconding the
proposition and he hoped the Mayor's second year
of office would be as sucoetsfnl as his first year had
proved.—(Applause).

MR. COUNCILLOE TRUSCOTT SUPPORTS.

Mr. Trascott said that he quite agreed with what
Mr. Upson had said—that the best form in which
thanks could be presented to their Mayor wa* in his
nnanimons re-election to the chair that day.—
(Applanse). As one who supported tfae Mayor's re-
election when the (}onnoil met in committee he had

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leasnre in rising in pablio meeting and supporting
Ir. Upson's proposition, and he ventured to hope
that the year to come might be even more prosperons
and snccessful than the one which was now closing.—
(Applanse).

JUNIOR MEMBER SUPPORTS.

Mr. Philip Thompson said that as the jonior mem-
ber of the Coancil, it gave him pleasnre that his
maiden speech should be in support of the proposition
so ably proposed and seconded, of thanks to ttie
Mayor.—(Applauee). Ho felt sure that being a
youngster and rather fresh it would fall to the lot of
the Mayor to drop the whip on to him when handUng
his team.—(laughter)—but there was no one that he
would sooner sit and work under daring hia first
year than the present Mayor.—(Applause).

UNANIMOUS.

The Depnty-Mayor enquired if there were any other
nominations for the position of Mayor, and there
being no response, he pot the proposition that Mr.
Connoillor Benjamin Hobbis be re-elected Mayor for
tfae ensuing year, and it was carried unaniuiously,
amid loud applause from members ot the Connoil and
bnrgeases.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Mayor, who was received with renewed ap-
plause, said : You have conferred upon me the very
greatest honour yon could confer upon me, and dur-
ing the comini; year, if God gives me health and
strength, I will try and do as well as in the pant year,
and as much better aa I am able. I thank you.—
(Loud applause.)

THE MAYOR " SWEARS."

In the presence of two Boroagh Justices — E. R,
Lovegrove, Esq., and H. J. Mount, Esq.—the Mayor
now took the nsaal oaths of allegiance, and made the
customary declaration on taking office as Chief Magis
trate and Mayor of the Boroagh. The signatures
were appended of the senior Councillor (Mr. Wilton)
and tfae junior Cooncillor (Mr. P.Thompson); also of
Coancillor J. Trascott and E. Hewitt.

ME. COUNCILLOE B. HOBBIS

(Ee-elected Mayor).

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE MAYOR,
Alderman Cox said that he was extremely pleased
to be able to propose " That the thanks of the Coun-
cil be tendered to Mr. Councillor Hobbis for the able
services rendered by him to the borough as Mayor
daring the past year, and for hia conrteoas conduct
in the chair."-4Applau8e.) He very heartily pro-
poa^ thia reaolutiOD. though it might seem super-
flnons. as Mr. Upson bad said. If they had allowed
the Mayor to go out of office, however, without accord-
ing him a very hearty vote of thanks for his services
during the past year, they wonld not have been doing
what had always been done in the past.—(" Hear,
hear.") Wher a Mayor had concluded his year oi
office he had always received the thanks of the Coun-
cil, and they should not depart from the usual ouatom
thongh they were thanking tfae Mayor in the best
possible way by re-electing him to office. It was an
especial pleasnre to him that morning to propose this
vote of thanks, because he told th^ir Mayor twelve

months ago that he would have hia hearty support
during his year of office, acd he thought he could look
the Mayor full in the face that day and confidently
ask him if he had not given him the sapport he prom
ised.—(" Hear, hear.") IE that meeting were allowed
to pass without a vote of thanks to their Mayor they
might regret it afterwards, for under Providence it
might happen that their Mayor wonld be called away
from them, and then his friends would have nothing
to show that hia services were appreciated, and that
he was thanked for his [work.—(" Hear, hear.") In
making this propoution he would tell the Mayor that
he would again give him his most loyal support in the
year to come.—(Applause.)
Mr. Hewitt said that it was with the very greatest
pleunre that he rose to second the vote of tfaanks
moved by Aid. Cox. He agreed with Mr. Upson as
to the energetic and able way in which the Mayor had
carried out his duties daring the past year. Tfae
Mayor never seemed to be tired ; whether it was early
in the morning or late at night, the Mayor was always
aboat and at work, and the town oaght to thank him
for the many things he had taken in hand and carried
to so snccessful an issue.—(Applanse.) His office
during the year had not been altogether a bed of
roses, but let them hope that tfae coming year would
be an even more snccessful one, and more of a bed of
roses for their Mayor than the past year had been.—
(" Hear, hear.") If in anything he had himself done
daring the year he had given any offence, it had only
been in his over-zeal in the cause he espoused.—
(" Hear, hear.") He was sure the Cooncil would give
the Mayor every sapport daring the coming year, and
he had very great pleasnre in seconding the vote of
thanks now proposed.—(Applanae.)

Aid. Silver said be should like to support the pro-
position. The Mayor wonld remember that last year
he (Aid. Silver) prophesied that if they elected him
as Mayor he wonld prove aa up-to-date Mayor, and
would serve them well.—(" Hear, hear.") This their
Mayor had proved.—(Applause.) Mr. Hobbis did not
know the meaning of the word " tired" ; he was
always at work for tfae town, and he believed he had
attended all the (Touncil and committee meetings
daring the year save one. As for home, he had sever
seen the Mayor there once since he had been in office.
—(Laughter.) Their Mayor had risen to the
highest point that any Mayor of Maidenhead had ever
risen to—that of taking the chimney-pot off the " Two
Brewers."—(Loud laaghter and applanse.) No-one
else would have dared to do it.—(Laughter.) He had
great pleasure in supporting the resolntion.—(Ap-
plause.)

The Depnty-Mayor put the resolution to the meet-
ing and it was carried nnanimonsly, and with hearty
applause.

SPEECH BY THE MAYOE.

THE YEAE'S MUNICIPAL WOEK.

The Mayor, who was received with loud applause
on rising to respond, thanked the Council from the
bottom of his heart for all the kind things that had
been said, and for the reception the resolution just
ised had met with. He must express his gratitude,
said, to each member of the Council for the support
they had given him, which had enabled them to do a
vast amount of work and yet on no occasion had a
(Tonncil meeting to be adjourned.—(Applanae.) Next
he must thank the staff. From the Town Clerk to
the newest office boy he had been well supported by
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—(Applause.) They all knew he had adopted a
stilnging-np policy, and if he had occasioned earlier
and lagnlar breakfast hours anywhere, all were very
glsd.-HLaoghter). He himself never felt so virtuous
as fa* did at six o'clock some summer morning when
he walked down Cattle-hill wondering bow people
could be in b«d anoh weather. — (Laughter and
applanse.) Next he must acknowledge the great
assistance their local Press gave to their government.
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gave mach space to their reports, and in this way
and by comments, rendered services to the Borough
which only those constantly at the Town Hall conld
appreciate.—<" Hear, hear.") They had had a bnsy
year. An nnpleaaant enquiry into certain r^Mura to
that building opened the year; he hoped that all ill-
feeling had subsided, and thst oi ^ improved offises
and a finely-decorated Town HaU remained. —

.) The Bridge Act and its attendant
lifficnlties had been carried through, and ha hoped
and believed that the concluding proceedings wonld
be settled satisfactorily to the Town.—(Applause.)
The Library, thanks to Messrs. Carnegie and W.
Nicholson, was open and already much appreciated.—
(Applause.) A museum had been opened to receive
the gifts of Mr.Arrowsmith's executors,Capt.Alleyne,
Alderman Silver, and others.—(Applanse.) Skilled
accountants had been appointed to andit and present
their accounts, a step which their magnitude
demanded in tfae interest alike of tfae officers, the
Connoil, and the ratepayers. — (Applause.) The
danger had been taken out of the Marlow-road comer,
eind when the work on both sides of the road was
completed a grand improvement wonld be manifested.
—(Applause.) They had
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of their fire-station, so their improvements to the
proi>erty would not pass away from them.-(Applause.)
A site had been secured for a Coancil elementary
school, and Bronk-lane school had l)eBn utilized aa a
temporary overflow for the late British School.
Arrangements had also been made for a secondary
school for girls, with a view, partly, to training
teachers. Saccessfalcourseaof University Extension
lectures were held fortnightly in that Hall, and would
be continued after Christmas. Floods, wbioh had
checked bnilding and depressed trade, had been con-
sidered. and both Mr. Cooper's local scheme and Mr.
Grenfell's plan for the whole river were being
examined.—(Applause.) A steam flre-engrine had been
secured for the town. Their own engine was delayed
owing to the generous response which enabled them
to order an eneine larger than the stock size.—
(Applause.) Private and public streets work had
been carried out.and the neglected Boyne Hill, North
Town, and Norfolk Park had received attention.—
(Applanse.) The sewage disposal works were ilevelop-
ing, and electric power substituted for pnmping.
The foundations were out and the first bricks laid for

TH B MOETPABT.

Drainage at Belmont, North Town, and Moffatt-
street had been taken in hand. The Cookmarsh dis-
pute had ended most happily, and their two Moors
and the Thicket would now be dealt with so as to add
to the attractions of the diatriot. Minor improve-
ments in the shape of aanitiry conveniences, exchange
of offices, &c., had been carried out. Street-widen-
ings had taken place in High-street, Boyne Hill, and
Courthouse-lane, while surface-water flooding had
been prevented in Oldfield-lane and Bridge-road. He
had visited sewage-works at Cambridge and Southall,
attended various meetings of the Association of
Manioipal Corporations, the Non-Connty Boronghs
Association, the Public Health Institute, and the
Association of Edacation Committees. Here he had
met experts in all branches of municipal work and
%ad picked np valuable information. Their illns-
trated guide and poster had advertised the town and
brought them both visitors and residents.—(Ap-
plause). The Bath-road was now a grand main
thoroughfare, well lit; with the abolished toll-gate,
improved Bridge-streBt, a tidy Moor, and well-kept
banks, it gave motorists a good impression of the
town.
ME. GUDE'S PRIVAT E ENTKBPBISE

in the Bear meadow deserved special recognition in
thia connection.—(Applause). He wonld like to see
the work continued and the Pond House deprived of
its pond, while the north banks on Castle Hill sfaonld
be made to match the sooth.—(Applause). Outside
Coun-il work, pure and simple, they had had a sn6
cessfnl life-boat launching; the Drill Hall was open
and there would soon be an up-to-date gymnasium
fine schools had been opened at Boyne Hill; and re
lief had been carefully administered, in connection
with floods.by the PoorBoxandMrs.Lewis Hill's fund.
—(Applanae). He had attended prize-givings, bazaars
and meetings of all kinds. Mncb-ne^ed rescue work
had been inaugurated. At numerous concerts he had
experienced the faard work of sitting still for two
hours-(laughter)—and at many dinners he had bad
opportunities of doing much more than was good for
him.—(Laughter), finally, on the Bench he and his
colleagues had tried to temper justice with mercy
and few of their decisions had been the subject of
civil.-(Applause). Turning to work in hand, the
most argent was

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and the Queen-street drainage. The provision of
adequate police and court accommodation was being
considered mainly by the County authority. The
Bridge loan had to be negotiated and he hoped snch
terms would be secured as wonld ultimately make the
Bridge property carry all the burden.—(Applause).
Further, elementary school-accommodation must be
provided after consaltation with the County Council.
Education, other than elementary, for boys, girls and
pupil teachers wonld have to be carefully considered.
The public baths, approved in principle, must stand
over a year unless a Carnegie came alonir to present
a companion building in Ives-road. The Crescent
Bridge, Bradley Bottom Crossin?, and Town Hall
exits would ultimately have to be dealt with and
must not be lost sight of. Their winter's work, how
ever, must be to continue to systematize. All their
offices should be ran like a Counting House or
Merchant's office, while their fabrses and workmen
should be handled aa they would be if belonging to a
builder or contractor.—(Applause). As Chairman of
the Finance Committee he ought to say something on
the subject of
TH E BOBOUOH FINANCES.

Led by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and ex
Prime Ministers, there was a great outcry on the sub-
ject of Municipal loans and Municipal trading. When
the liabilities of railway companies or huge industrial
concerns were reported or when they took np fresh
capital for extensions nothing was said. Everyone
knew that when premises were re-built, or daily papers
bought, the transactiona were carried out by loan. No
man, however rich, kept money idle at his banker's.
Ihe man who could take a box of securities and get
a loan from his bank at a point above bink-rate was
often the moat solvent. It was all a question of
security. The security Maidenhead Borough offered
first was a population increasing at the rate of 2,300
in ten years. Next a rateable value which, in a year
had gone from je82,000 to ^686,000. Then High-atreet
shops made high rents and long prices when sold
and building-land was held at from ,£1,000 to .£1,500
per acre. All this showed that in spite of loans the
value of the security inoreased. Before a loan was
taken up 16 Councillors—
NO T AL L FOOLS

—approved, expert officials advised the step, and both
Councillors and officials paid rates. The ratepayers
had to aasent and the Local Government Board had to
be satisfied that the loan was required for an argent
public purpose. Lastly, a financier had to be found
prepared to advance the money at 3 or 34 per cent.
Where was the private trader who could Iwrrow at
these rates ?—This was conelusive testimony to the
value of municipal secnrities. The slump in consols
was easily explained-£88 lent to the Government to
day only yielded .£2 10a. interest. Lent to the Lon
don County Council or to Maidenhead Corporation
it wonld earn at least .£3. Both the latter would
repay one-thirtieth of the capital each year till cleared
and this made the municipal security equal to the
imperial. Maidenhead had borrowed in all £114,000—
of which .£18,000, or nearly one-sixth, had been re-
paid , ao£96,000 remained owing. Of thia £35,000 had
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OU T OP THE TAKINGS OF THE CONCERN

The annual repayments for principal and interest
amounted to £3,600. From thia about £1,100 were
paid out of the gross profits on electric light, leaving
abont ^62,500, or an 8d. rate, to be paid by the
burgesses. Tfae men living in a house rented at
£80. and rated at .£60. therefore, paid .£2 per annum,
and the .£15 a year rental, rated at .£10. contributed
6<. 8d. or l i per week. For this they had their
sewage acd its disease germs removed, and a police
and fire-station provided. A Town Hall and Manioipal
offices weiealao furnished, rent free, and they bad
good roads and paths. If the man paying ^80 a year
rent could not afford 9d. a week for these ad vantages
all he could say was that he should be content with
one at ^675 or go and live on the Chilterns or the
Berkshire Downs, or Salisbury Plaia. where town
saoitatiou was not provided.—(Laughter). He was
watching the progress of tfae electric ligfat under-
taking. He believed it was as good a property aa gas
or water. The officers and staff were keenly interested
in making it pay and if the Councillors acted as good
directors it should pay. and ultimately relieve their
rates. To be able to borrow at 3 and 3i per cent.,
and to have an absolute monopoly of snpply were
great primary advantages. Their auditors would
keep their accouuts on the right lines and present to
the ratepayers acconnts showing the position

A s ACCUEATELT AS FIOUBES COUL D Do.

The demand was increasing,but he thoaght they shonld
stop further loans-aud extensions till profits bad been
actually realised, and not extend on prospects.—
(" Hear, hear.") Let the outside consumers wait and
press for supply. He did not think they should lay
mains aa baits.—(Applause.) On the question of
sewage-disposal he had in the past expressed dissent
from thsir practice. Lately he had Men silent, and
as long as the Thames Conservancy, the Local Gov-
ernment Board, and the Bray landowners, left them
alone, he would say nothing, thongh, like a certain
jackdaw he might think the more.—(Laughter.) He,
however, had a shrewd suspicion that if he oonld fur-
nish the Health Committee with a spare .£10,000
which wonld not entail any charge on the rates,
neither the Chairman nor the Works Manager wonld
find it in their heart to return the money aa not
wanted.—(Laughter.) Education was a great priv-
ilege, and a great anxiety for the Council. Abundant
evidence was at hand showing need for inoreased
accommodation. Ue hoped, with Alderman Cox and
Conncillor Walker, to meet three intelligent County
Councillors on Nov. 22nd, to see if joint action could
be taken. If the majority found that
A SCHOOL AT PUN T HIL L

for 500 children, oostiog say M7,S00, was needed for
the 433 ohildren living at Bray, Holyport, Ockwells,
Cox Green, Tittle Row, Highway. Furze PUtt, North
Town, and Maidenhead (3onrt, and now attending one
or other of the six schools in the town, he shonld
accept their decision. But he noticed the snggestion

from Reading re Cookham Rise was not viewed favour
ably at Cookham, and he did not think the extra
ordinary proposal for Punt Hill would commend itwlf
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Jeen put into electric light. £1,500 of which had been
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their share of the cost of the bnilding provided. In
some way or other accommodation must be provided
to relieve overcrowding and to find places for those
squeezed out.

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must also be provided for clever childrea and for the
training of teachers. Existing private schools might
be used partially for this pnrpose, but ultimately
public secondary schools would have to be provided.
It was an anxious time for private schools, and while
the efficient ones would survive, the inefficient ones
must go under. There was room for efficient private
schools by the aide of public schools, and the latter
ahonld be aided by pablio funds; but pablio money
mast carry sotae amount of supervision and inspec-
tion, as was the caso when voluntary elementary
schools received Government grants.—(" Hear,hear '')
He believed there was great, waste of money on
education, and thougfat, startling as it might seem,
that all children need not attend till age 14. At age 10
he wonld start a system of brain weighing, mind test-
ing, and application measuring. Children who coulil
only be fit for mannal labour should be allowed to go-
to it before 14. The clever few who possessed not
only capacity but also application, should be retained
and sent to a secondary school and the univsrsity at
the cost of the nation, for the brains of the people
were a great national asset.—(Applause.) In all ages
people of low degree had come into prominenoe in all
departments of life and work. For everyone that had
succeeded half-a-dozen had been kept back by the lack
of the opportuaity of educatioa. It these viens pre-
vailed, good private schools would be needed, and they
would no more succamb to the Act of 1902 than had
horses been difplaced by railways, bicycles, or motor-
cars.—(Applanse.) He had always been an ardent
advocate of

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and strongly pressed for four, but he was strongly
averse to increasing tfae number of the Council. Later
on, if they enlarged the Borough, they might be com-
pelled to enlarge their numbers. Inefficient Councils
were so because they were too large, not too-small—

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business, the Great Western Railway, a big bank, in-
surance office, or industrial concern ! The idea was
absurd. A few men able to give time, and able, as men
of intellect and men of affaire, to judge of tfae big schemes
which must be prepared by expert permanent officials
were preferable. Nor conld any councillor be other
than all round responsible. He worked chicflv for
highways, [finance, and edacation. but it anything
wont wrong in tfae health or electric departments he
was as responsible as was the chairman of either of
those committees.—('• Hear, hear.") In conclusion.

town-dwellers must be prepared to p»y. 'They paid for
their water and must pay for its purification, in order
thst it might return by way of the aea and the clonds
to their water-taps.—iLanghter.) They paidfortheir
coal and they must pay for the removal the ashes.
They kept tfaeir drives and gaidens in beautiful order
and they must pay for sweeping and scavenging the
streets and roads of the town. They paid their
doctor—at least he hoped they did—(laughter)—and
they must pay tor

TH E SANITATION OP TH E POO B DISTEICTS

in order that disease migfat not spread to rich and
poor alike. They paid their tradesmen, their lawyer,
their architect, and they must pay the Manioipal
officers. The Council itself was unpaid, but withont
money they were as powerless ap a certain ancient race
were when called neon to make bricks without straw.
They undertook Municipal work becaase it was a
pleasure to be of use to their town and generation,
and because it was interesting to guide the progress
and development of the town in the interest of their
conatituents'.— the w.^ge-aarners. They were aUr.
charged with the physical and mental training of the
rising generation, and they had to safeguard tho
health and comfort of each and all.—(Lond applause.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOE.

The Mayor now formally re-appointed Mr.
Councillor W. Grierson as hia Deputy for the ensuing
year, and added that he was very mnch obliged to
Mr. Grierson for his services daring the post year ;
he could not have had a better Deputy.—(" Hear,
hoar.")

MR. COUNCILLOE W. GRIERSOX

(Ee-appointed Deputy-Mayor).

ELECTION OF TWO ALDERMEN.
ALDERMA N SILVE R EE-ELECTKn.
ME. COUNCILLOR TRUSCOTT ELECTED AN
ALDERMAN.

The next business was to elect two Aldermen. The
retiring Aldermen were: Mr. E. Silver, J.P., iind
Mr. W. Nicholson. The last-named expressed a wish
—in a letter to Aid. Cox—not to be nominated for a
further term owing to ill-health. Aid. Cox read the
letter he had received, and the Council then proceeded
to the election. Aid. Silver left the table and occn-
pied a seat in the hall. All theotfaer member* of tbo
Coancil present were entitled to vote, and each mem-
ber voting had to aign and personally deliver to the
Mayor a voting-paper containing the surnames and
other names and places of abode and descriptions of
the persons—not more than two—for whom he voted.
Councillor Lever was on the premises, but was so
very unwell that he had not been able to enter the
hall and take his seat. As it was known that the
voting for one seat at least would be very close, Mr.
Lever's absence caused some concern. He vpaa
persuaded to enter the room and record his votes,
and this he did, but immediately retired. He
snbsequently returned and took part in the closing
business. When all the voting-papers bad beer,
delivered, the Mayor openly produced them and reaii
them. The result was as follows :—

FOE ME. R. SILVER (12).
Councillor E. Hewitt,
„ J. Trascott,
Alderman E. W. Mackio,
Councillor P. M. Lever,
J. W. Walker,
Alderman C. W. 0>x.
Councillor A. Upson,
D. Wilton,
W. P. Good,
„ W. Grierson,
„ S. R. Langton,
B. Hobbis.

FO E MB. J. TEUSCOTT (G).
Coancillor J. Truscott,
P. M. Lever.
J. W. Walker,
,, A. Upaon,
,, P. Thompson.
W. F. Good.

FO E ME. D. WILTO N (6).
Coancillor E. Hewitt,
Alderman E. W. Mackie,
C. W. Cox,
Councillor D. Wilton,
,. S. R. Langton.
„ W. Grierson.
FO R MB. W. F. GOOD (1).

Coancillor P. Thompson.
Mr. Silver was re-elected Alderman by a practically
nnanimons vote, but it will be seen that tor the second
seat the voting was equal—6 for Mr. Wilton and 6
for Mr. Truscott, There was considerable excitement
in the hall. The Mayor had not voted for either Mr.
Truscott or Mr. Wiiton, and no-one in the hall know-
ing definitoly how hia Worship was likely to vote,
there was a good deal of uncertainty for whom fais
casting vote would be given. The Mayor rose amid
absolute silence and mnch suppressed excitement, and
said i You will all feel tor me, I am sure, in the very
difficnlt position in which I am placed.—(" Hear,
hear.") I have to choose between two colleagues,
whose good services to the town give them some claim
to be elected as Aldermen. I bad hoped tbat thia
difficult position would not have arisen, but looking
at the matter all round, I feel I muat give my vote for
one of them, aud to the other I promise my hearty
support on the occasion of the next vacancy. I must
record my vote on this occaeion in favour of Conncillor
John Truscott.