

J. W.; Eastwood, who retired from the S. W.'s chair on account of increasing age, as Treas.; J. W. Waller, unanimously re-elected Sec.; Codlin, as S. D.; Schofield, J. D.; Collins, as Bible Bearer; Clark, as I. G., for a second time; Neilson as Tyler.

Most of the office-bearers were installed on the regular lodge night, the first Wednesday in December, but the installation banquet was held in the Choral Hall, on Thursday, the 14th. The banquet was well attended, no less than nine P. M.'s being the guests of the lodge. After the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The Prince of Wales," &c., had been proposed by the R. W. M., "The Three Grand Lodges, S. C., E. C., and I. C.," by Bro. Dunwoodie, S. W.; "Provincial Grand Lodges, N. Z.," by Bro. Hendry, J. W., came the toast of the evening, "The R. W. M. of Lodge Manukau." After Bro. Eastwood proposed the toast he presented Bro. Niccol with a handsome salver and biscuit box, partly purchased from the lodge funds and supplemented by contributions from the lodge members. In his speech the brother recounted many services rendered to Masonry in general, and Lodge Manukau in particular, by the R. W. M. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and all the honors. Bro. Niccol replied at some length. A number of other toasts followed. Bro. Wade, P. M., in proposing the officers and members of Lodge Manukau, gave some advice to the members on business matters—the result of his long experience. He complimented the officers generally, and one or two specially, the secretary for his business abilities and the J. W. for his readiness in being taught his duties in another lodge (Lodge Union, 154, Mark, E. C.) During the evening Bro. Reeves, P. M., presided at the harmonium and piano, and Bro. Saxton, Organist of 589, E. C., acted as conductor in the anthems, glees, &c. Solos were also sung by Bros. Schofield, Neilson, and others. Bro. O'Callaghan proposed "The Musicians of the evening," and his encomiums on the excellence of the music was cordially endorsed by those present. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen" brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren separated, thoroughly satisfied with the whole arrangements.

The Union Lodge of Mark Masters (No. 154, E. C.) held its regular monthly meeting in the Masonic lodge room, Prince's Street, Auckland, on the 12th Dec., 1875. Bro. Niccol, W. M., in the chair; Bros. Burns, as S. W.; Robinson, J. W.; Brock, M. O.; Reeves, S. O.; Hendry, acting J. O. There being no successful candidates in attendance the night was devoted to business. Bro. Burns was unanimously elected as W. M., and Bro. Wade, P. M., as Treasurer.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

A meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of the Swedenborgian Rite was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, January 13th, 1877. The warrant of constitution, signed by the Worshipful Bros., W. J. B. McLeod Moore, S. Grand Master; T. D. Harrington, S. S. G. W.; Geo. O. Longley, S. J. G. W., of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for the Dominion of Canada, having been produced, the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland was declared and proclaimed, and its officers were appointed as follows until the next election:—Most Worshipful Bro. John Yacker, Sup. G. M., P. M. Emmanuel, 1, and Egyptian, 2; R. W. Bros. F. G. Irwin, Sup. S. G. W., W. M. Emmanuel, 1; C. Scott, Sup. J. G. W., J. W. Egyptian, 2; V. W. Bros. S. P. Leather, Sup. Grand Treas., S. W. Egyptian, 2; T. L. Shaw, Sup. Grand Reg., S. D. Egyptian 2; K. R. H. Mackenzie, Grand Sec., J. D. Egyptian, 2; Hubert Thos. Frank Irwin, G. Dir. of Cer., J. W. Immanuel, 1; W. Wynne Westcott, G. S. D., S. W. Emmanuel, 1; Thos. Wainman Holmes, G. J. D., W. M. St. John's, 3; Geo. Turner, G. Purst., W. M. Egyptian, 2; Benjamin Cox, Assist. G. Purst., S. D. Emmanuel, 1.

Some misapprehension having got afloat, it was considered desirable to state that although this rite had leading members in various rites, yet it was quite independent and interfered with no other rite whatever, but was a neutral ground to which all M. M.'s but especially P. M.'s, were eligible, and that such a Constitution was unchangeable in the very nature of its beautiful and learned ceremonies, which formed a key to the writings of Dr. Geo. Oliver. Communications and suggestions from several brethren unable to attend were received.

The members were directed to be divided, and warrants to be issued to the Em-