

introduced into the House by the Parliamentary Members of the Executive, amongst which were

Bills of Exchange Registration Bill,  
The Companies Act Consolidation Bill,  
Partnership Act Consolidation Bill, and  
The Registration of Firms Bill,

but in consequence of the block in Commercial Legislation by the several Bills relating to the representation of the people, these Bills had to be withdrawn, and, among other Commercial Bills which shared the same fate, was the Supreme Court of Judicature (District Courts) Bill.

Our late Borough Member was always ready with his advice and active assistance on all occasions when required by the Council, and our present Member, Sir Edward Green, Bart., informs your Council that it will be his pleasure and endeavour to render the like assistance in all respects as the late Member did as far as may lay in his power.

#### BOOKS AND PAPERS RECEIVED.

Monthly Trade Reports of the United Kingdom.

Reports of Secretaries of Legation and Consuls on Manufacturer and Commerce.

Annual Statement of Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for 1884.

Monthly Numbers of the British Mail and the London Chamber of Commerce Journal have been received and regularly laid on the tables of the News Rooms of the Church and Mechanics' Institutions for the information of the members and others.

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The Directors who retire by rotation are Messrs. T. K. Sanderson, William Briggs, M. P. Stonehouse, Henry Rollinson, Isaac Longbottom, and Barron Kilner, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The following is the Cash Account for the year ending 31st December, 1885:—