

**With** reference to the gold Watch voted at the last Court to Drummer Spencer John Bent V.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion East Lancashire Regiment (now Corporal) on enquiry at the War Office the Senior Warden was informed that Drummer William Kenny of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Gordon Highlanders (now Lance Corporal) had also won the V.C. and the same distinction was shortly afterwards awarded to Bandsman Thomas Edward Rendle of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (now Lance Corporal).

It was therefore decided by the Master and Wardens in conjunction with the Treasurer that a gold Watch suitably inscribed should accordingly be presented to each of these recipients of the Victoria Cross and arrangements were made by the Wardens for the presentations to be made at the Mansion House at which the Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Johnston) kindly consented to preside, on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1915 at 1 o'clock.

The Members of the Court were invited to attend the Presentation and those who were able to be present robed in the main Hall of the Mansion House where they were met by Colonel C. Somerville M.V.O., the Commandant, and Major A. J. Stretton M.V.O., the Musical Director, of the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall, Corporal Spencer John Bent and Lance Corporal William Kenny being in attendance - Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Rendle was unfortunately detained in hospital and unable to attend.

A Procession was then formed and proceeded to the Saloon in the following order

The Beadle.

The Clerk.

Assistants Elect.

Sir George C. Martin M.V.O., Mus. Doc.

Sir Ernest Clarke M.A., F.S.A.