

Edward Elgar, all Honorary Freemen of the Company, Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, and Lieutenant Albert Williams, M.V.O., Mus. Doc., so that the Concert was largely carried through by the Company's own Members.

M^{rs} Frank Hodsohl, Medallist of the Guildhall School of Music, and wife of Major Hodsohl serving at the Front and favorably mentioned in dispatches, most kindly undertook the whole of the accompaniments, and had the advantage of an excellent grand piano, generously provided by Past Master John Clementi Collard. The charmingly illustrated programmes, depicting the thrilling scene of Piper Daniel Laidlaw, V.C., of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, heartening his comrades at Loos, by playing outside the British trenches under enemy fire, were provided by our generous Hon. Freeman, Sir Ernest Palmer, Bart.; and £2:10:0 was the only amount actually spent for the provision of the entire concert.

Unfortunately, a severe attack of influenza deprived us of the services of Miss Muriel Foster, but we were fortunate in securing the attendance of M^{rs} Alfred Heather, of Westminster Abbey fame.

It is not for us to speak of the quality or success of the Concert, further than to accord our unstinted praise to the distinguished Artistes and Bandmen, aided by their talented Conductor, Lieut. Albert Williams, who so materially added to the enjoyment of the 200 Wounded Soldiers who honoured the Company with their presence.

It also fell to the lot of your Committee to make all the arrangements for the due presentation of the Company's Gold Presentation Watch to Piper Daniel Laidlaw, V.C., the Hero of Loos, the principal labours in connection with which fell upon and were ably discharged by the Master.

Through the intervention of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, a Member