

of the "Recruiting Bands" Executive Committee, we were enabled to secure the attendance of the Pipers of the Lord Mayor's "Recruiting Bands", who piped up the worthy recipient of the Company's Presentation Watch, in connection with the proceedings already detailed to the Court in the Clerk's Report; and we venture to think this incident was peculiarly acceptable to the audience assembled.

We also carried out the Court's directions as to the invitations to be sent to the Members of the Court and Livery and to the Hon. Freeman. Those of the Livery who applied were permitted to come accompanied, like the Members of the Court, with ladies. We regret that there was not a larger response to the Court's invitations; especially as we had given effect to the Court's instructions to provide suitable refreshment for all the Company's guests. Messrs King & Brymer were the caterers; and the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, who had so generously placed the Mansion House at our disposal, insisted upon personally discharging their entire account.

We deemed it desirable to present Bouquets to the Lady Mayoress, Miss Phyllis Lett, Miss Kate Porke, Miss Daisy Kennedy and M<sup>rs</sup> Frank Hodson, the cost of which amounted to £2:5:6, and we distributed gratuities to the Mansion House staff to the extent of £2:15:0.

Instead, therefore, of expending the £50 kindly placed at our disposal by the Court, we have only had to call upon the Treasurer to disburse £7:10:6.

That the afternoon's Entertainment proved eminently successful and reflected credit upon the Company can be best judged by the annexed letters of thanks.

In conclusion, we have to express the hope that the Court will most cordially thank the Lord Mayor for his great hospitality and the various Artists and Members of the Company who so readily and generously assisted us in our labours to ensure success.

We have the honour to be,  
Your obedient servants  
Signed on behalf of the Committee  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Lea Southgate,  
Homewood Crawford.

April 18. 1916.