

Entertainment for Wounded Soldiers

On Monday, 28th February 1916 the Entertainment for Wounded Soldiers authorised at the last Court was given in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House which had kindly been lent by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Colonel & Alderman Sir Charles Cheers Wakefield for the purpose.

Two hundred wounded Soldiers drawn from various Hospitals attended and the Concert was also attended by (besides the Members of the Company) the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Sir Charles P. Lucas K.C.B., K.C.M.G., the Chairman of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute (who had largely interested themselves in the Entertainment of Wounded Soldiers from Over Sea Dominions) and a party from the Royal Colonial Institute and Colonel Somerville and Major Stretton M.V.O. from Kneller Hall.

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford had charge of the general arrangements and Past Master Sir J. Frederick Bridge C.V.O., M.A., Mus. Doc., acted as Director of the Music. The following Artists who had kindly given their services took part in the Concert viz: Miss Phyllis Lett, Miss Kate Clarke, M^{rs} Lloyd Chandos (a Silver Medallist of the Company), M^{rs} Alfred Heather, Miss Daisy Kennedy (Violinist), M^{rs} Frank Hodson (Accompanist), and the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards with Lieutenant Albert Williams M.V.O., Mus. Doc., a Liveryman of the Company, as Conductor.

The Men were provided with an excellent Tea at long tables in the Egyptian Hall and Tea was also served for the other Visitors in the Drawing Room and Parlour at the Mansion House.

Before the interval in the Concert during which the tea was served a gold Watch was presented by the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Company to Piper Daniel Laidlaw V.C. of the 7th Kings Own Scottish Borderers.