

Company towards the Benevolent Fund which was now represented by £593. 7. 10 London Corporation 3 per cent Stock 1927/1957, £615. 1. 3 Coventry 3 per cent Stock 1920/1950 and £149. 12/- on deposit at the London County & Westminster Bank, and it was decided to invest this amount by adding it to the London Corporation Stock.

The Clerk further stated that the income in hand on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant amounted to £21. 10. 10.

Drummer Bent The Senior Warden drew attention to the fact that a Victoria Cross had been won by N<sup>o</sup> 8571 Drummer Spencer John Bent of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, whom he believed to be the first professional musician to earn this coveted distinction. He said he thought the Company ought to do something to mark the event and proposed that a gold watch with a suitable inscription should be presented to Drummer Bent. This was seconded by Past-Master Sir Homewood Crawford and at the suggestion of the Treasurer it was decided that a sum not exceeding fifteen guineas should be expended in the purchase of a gold watch suitably inscribed.

The Senior Warden promised to obtain full further information from the War Office so that the Clerk might communicate with Drummer Bent on the subject.

Company's  
Silver Medal.

W. H. Ash Esq. /  
C. J. Ash Esq.

Miss Harriet  
Cohen.

Band-Master  
E. N. Watson

Messrs William Henry Ash J.P. and Claudius James Ash, Members of the Livery to whom the Silver Medal of the Company had been voted at the last Court attended and were presented with their Medals by the Master.

Miss Harriet Cohen of the Royal Academy of Music also attended and was presented with the Company's Silver Medal by the Master.

A letter was read from the Captain of H. M. S. Tiger stating that Band-Master E. N. Watson who had been awarded the Silver Medal presented to the Royal Naval School of Music was on active service on

Company's  
Scholars