

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FOOT GUARDS'
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1881.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the Foot Guards' Benevolent Association :

GENTLEMEN :—As the first year of our existence as an Association has now drawn to a close, I think it will be profitable for us at this time to look back over the past, that we may be guided in future operations by our experience, profit by any mistakes which may have occurred, avoid like errors in the future, and build up on a sure and firm foundation the Association with which we stand identified.

As the principles and objects of the Association do not seem to be generally understood among those whom we wish to reach, and as a great amount of opposition has been offered to us during the past year, I think it well to place the aims and objects of the Association, in their proper light before you.

The men who organized the Association had a sincere desire to advance the general interests of the whole volunteer force in the city, more especially the "Foot Guards;" they had seen one scheme after another