

25 years of magic celebrated

To mark the 25th anniversary of the Wessex Magical Association three founder members, Rex Gatti, Percy G. Longley and Tom Glew were presented with medallions specially struck for the occasion after a supper at Messrs. Williamson and Treadgold's Restaurant.

Making the presentation, the president, Mr. F. W. Harrison said: "Through the efforts of our three friends, an association of friendliness in a common interest was formed, nurtured and made to flourish and to form the basis of the association which although not the oldest, is one of the most stable and active Magical Associations in Britain, if not in the world."

Mr. Gatti, in his reply, said: "From its inception and until the present day, the members had never failed to meet even though in small numbers, wartime and bombs notwithstanding." Mr. Longley and Mr. Glew were made vice-presidents. Mr. Gatti was already one.

LETTER FROM MASKELYNE

The hon. secretary read a letter of greeting and congratulation from Mr. Noel Maskelyne, brother of the association's first president, Mr. Jasper Maskelyne, who is at present "Somewhere in Africa."

Other guests of honour were Mr. H. Jeffery Atkins, immediate past president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians British Ring (25), president of the Associated Wizards of the South, and his wife, and Mr. Cecil K. Browning, president of the Wiltshire Moonrakers Magical Society, and Mrs. Browning.

Two members of the association, Messrs. Fred Castle and Maurice Goldsworth, entertained after supper, each with an act new to most of those present.

The president thanked the manageress of Williamson and Treadgold and her staff, and the association's hon. secretary, Mrs. W. Laurie, and the M.C., Mr. Sydney Abbott, for the work they had done.