

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers
Hall on Tuesday the 23rd January 1923

Present:

G. D. Noblyn Esq^{re} Acting Master in the Chair
W. H. P. Leslie Esq^{re} Senior Warden
E. B. Moore Esq^{re} Junior Warden

Post Masters

Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge, G. D. Esq., M. A., Hon. Dec.
A. J. Hill, F. S. A., W. X. Fuller (Treasurer)
Major A. G. Chamier and Hugh Wyatt
and
W. H. Ash Esq^{re} J. P. H. D. Truscott Esq^{re} J. P.
Sir James Boyton and J. Meade Falkner Esq. M. A.

In the absence of the Master in France, and also of the immediate Post Master Sir William J. Lancaster through indisposition, Mr G. D. Noblyn, the Senior Post Master present when the Court was called, took the Chair.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 17th October last, were read and confirmed.

Senior Warden
W. H. P. Leslie Esq. Mr W. H. P. Leslie made the Senior Warden's Declaration, and was admitted into office by the Acting Master.

Company Funds The Treasurer stated that after the payments of the cost of the Living Dinner, there was £225. 13. 5 on current account, and £370 on deposit account, making together £595. 13. 5, at the end of the year, and that after having received £217, the Company were better off to the extent of

St. Paul's
Reparation Fund

A. L. Hunter
Esq.

£225 than at the end of last year. He said he hoped to invest nearly £200 which would represent practically $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Livery fees received during the year, and this proposal was approved. The Treasurer further stated that at the request of Mr Wharton Colford when about to preside at the Annual Festival of the Music Traders Association, he had made a donation of £10.10.0 out of the Benevolent Fund, The donation was fully approved, but it was decided that in strictness it ought not to have come out of the Company's Benevolent Fund but out of the General Fund, and the Treasurer was requested to make the necessary adjustments in the Accounts.

St. Pauls
Reparation Fund

The payment of £150 to the St. Pauls Reparation Fund, was reported, and the following letter from Canon Alexander, the Treasurer of the Fund, was read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

2. Amen Court, E. C. 4.

21 Oct. 22

My dear Sir,

"Would you kindly convey to the Company the sincere thanks of the Dean and Chapter for their contribution of £150 to the Cathedral Preservation Fund.

"I hope it may be a fresh link between the Musicians and the Cathedral.
"I will have a formal acknowledgment sent to you.

Yours very truly

(Signed) S. A. Alexander"

A. L. Hunter
Esq.

The Clerk reported the death of Mr Albert Charles Hunter, a Member of the Court, on the 28th December last, and on the proposition of the Acting Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence with Mr Hunter and her family, was unanimously passed, the

Members upstanding

H. S. Marshall Esq. The Clerk also reported the death of Mr Herbert Albino Marshall a young Ivoryman of the Company, on the 31st December last, and on the proposition of the Acting Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a vote of sympathy was passed with his Brother, Mr E. J. Marshall, a Ivoryman of the Company, and the rest of the deceased's family.

Vacancy on Court
J. J. Ridgood Esq.
B. A., J. P.

The Clerk reported that Dr E. Markham Lee had asked the Court to postpone his name for election as an Assistant for the present, on account of his inability to attend Court Meetings, and on the proposition of the Acting Master, seconded by P. M. Sir J. Frederick Bridge, it was unanimously resolved to invite Mr Joseph John Ridgood, B. A., J. P. to accept the vacant seat.

St Cecilia
Celebration

The Treasurer reported the receipt of a donation from Lady Cooper of £21, from Sir Robert Gardiner of £20, and from other Members £35, 10s 0d, towards the St Cecilia Celebration Fund, and stated that he had invested the amounts received, with the exception of £10, on deposit in the purchase of £1100 @ 3 1/2 per cent Bonds.

George Frederick
Leahy

A letter was ~~received~~^{read} from Lady Cooper, C. B. Esq, enclosing some correspondence with reference to paying for a Clarinet purchased for George Frederick Leahy, late of the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, and asking for a subscription towards the amount remaining due. The Court felt however, that the subscription did not come within the scope of the Company's funds, and that they were, therefore, regretfully unable to subscribe although they admitted the case seemed to be a very deserving one. The Clerk was instructed to so inform Lady Cooper.

Miss Herbert Dreyer
and Norman Selley

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Incorporated Society of

Miss Adelaide
S. Bridge

Court Dinner
Morning Dress

Guildhall School
of Music

Stationers Hall

Musicians asking for a subscription to a fund that was being got up to meet the costs to which Mess^{rs} Herbert Fryer and Norman Votley, two professional musicians, and both Professors of the Royal College of Music, had been put, in connection with a recent litigation as to the meaning of a legal musical nuisance, but it was decided that the Company had no funds available for the purpose.

Miss. Stelina
S. Bridge

Further application from Miss Stelina S. Bridge was made for a grant from the Benevolent Fund. J. M. Hill raised the question that a donation of this description ought not to be paid out of the Benevolent Fund, which hereafter might have many claims upon it, and on the proposition of W. H. H. Ash, seconded by the Acting Master it was decided to make Miss Bridge a donation of £10. 10. 0 out of the General Fund.

Heart Dinners
Morning Dress

A letter was read from the Master, protesting against the resolution of the Court of the 25th April last, (when he was not present) to the effect that the January and July Dinners should be in morning dress, without music or guests, and giving notice of his intention to move that such resolution should be rescinded.

Guildhall School
of Music

The Clerk reported that the Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music had promised in future to see that the Carnegie and Palmer Scholarships were announced in the press as "Carnegie Scholarship (or Palmer Scholarship) of the Worshipful Company of Musicians".

Stationers Hall

The question of heating the Vestibule which was bitterly cold in Winter weather, was decided, and the Clerk was requested to communicate with the Stationers Company on the subject.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:-

| | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|----------|
| The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date | 12 | 10 | " |
| Messrs King & Brymer for Liberty Dinner | 217 | 2 | 6 |
| Novello & Co Ltd programmes at ditto | 19 | 18 | 3 |
| Messrs Ede & Ravenscroft, Storage and hire of Gowns | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| Income Tax on untaxed property | 5 | " | " |
| Messrs J. Warner & Co Printing and lithographing Account for Quarter | 12 | " | " |
| Clerk's quarter's salary to date | | | |
| In repayment of disbursements to 31.12.22 | | | |
| Becket's quarter's salary to date | | | |
| | <u>£ 13</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>6</u> |
| | | <u>7</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | | 20 | 7 |
| | | 2 | 12 |
| | | | 6 |
| | £ | 297 | 13 |
| | | | 8 |

Signed *H. C. de Laportaine*
 a Master

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Wm. Marshall Esq. of c
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At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday, the 21th April 1923

Present:-

H. J. G. de Lafontaine Esq. M.A. Master in the Chair
W. H. P. Leslie, Esq. Senior Warden
E. B. Moore Esq. Junior Warden

Past Masters:-

Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge, K. V. O., M. A., Mus. Doc.
A. J. Hill, F. S. A. W. J. Fuller, (Treasurer)
Hugh Wyell and
W. H. Ish, Esq., J. P. and G. J. Bennett Esq., Mus. Doc.
Sir James Boyton

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 23rd January last, were read and confirmed.

A. C. Hunt Esq. Letters were read from Mr. Hunter, and Miss Frances Marshall in reply to votes
H. A. Marshall Esq. of condolence.

Accounts

The Treasurer presented his Accounts for 1922, which had been duly audited by F. M. Major A. G. Chamier and P. M. Wyell. The Treasurer stated that the total of the Company's income proper now amounted to £433. 13. 5 per annum, and that he had mislaid £217. 15. 8 out of the Company's cash during 1922. He further stated that the Company's capital had been increased during the year to the extent of £430. 16. 10, and that during his Treasurership, he had invested every year more than 2/3rd of the Livery fees received. The Master thought that the fine of £10. 10. 0 paid by a new Master, on taking office, was far too small. The Accounts were unanimously received, and adopted, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Junior Warden, the Treasurer and Auditors, including P. M. Burnett Brown, who had checked the Wine, were thanked for their services. A copy of the Accounts appears on the next page.

Receipts and Payments Account for

the year to 31st

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|----|----|------|------|
| Balance 1 st January 1922. On Current Account | 205 | 9 | 7 | | |
| On Deposit Account | 175 | 10 | " | 380 | 19 |
| <u>Ground Rents less tax</u> | 310 | 16 | " | | |
| <u>Dividends On Water B. Stock</u> | 36 | 9 | 11 | | |
| 5% Water Stock 1929/47 | 8 | 6 | 9 | | |
| 4% do (Tax free) | 145 | 8 | 9 | | |
| 4% do Bonds (Tax free) | 16 | 0 | 0 | -100 | 5 |
| <u>Royalties</u> | 114 | 1 | 3 | | |
| <u>Interest on Deposit Account</u> | 8 | 12 | 9 | 433 | 15 |
| <u>Fines & Fees</u> | | | | | |
| <u>On Election</u> - as Master H. J. de LaFontaine Esq. | 10 | 10 | " | | |
| as Senior Warden W. H. P. Leslie Esq. | 5 | 5 | " | | |
| as Junior Warden E. B. Hoare Esq. | 5 | 5 | " | 21 | " |
| <u>On Admission to the Court</u> - D. G. J. Bennett | 63 | " | " | | |
| W. D. Truscott Esq. | 63 | " | " | | |
| Sir James Boyton | 63 | " | " | | |
| J. Meade Falkner Esq. | 63 | " | " | | |
| <u>Less Clerks fees on above admissions</u> | 252 | " | " | | |
| <u>On Admission to the Library</u> | 7 | " | " | 245 | " |
| Sydney H. Nicholson Esq. (as prominent professional musician) | 32 | 11 | " | | |
| W. J. B. Iles Esq. | 53 | 11 | " | | |
| Cyril Johnson Esq. (excluding City Freedom fees) | 51 | 9 | " | | |
| Lt. Col. G. W. Brewer. O. B. E. | 53 | 11 | " | | |
| G. W. Smith Esq. | 53 | 11 | " | | |
| Captain G. Middleton | 53 | 11 | " | | |
| H. Wharton Wells Esq. (as prominent professional musician) | 32 | 11 | " | | |
| Arthur Skinner Esq. (excluding City Freedom fees) | 51 | 9 | " | | |
| <u>Less Stamps and fees paid in connection with above</u> | 382 | 14 | " | | |
| | 61 | 8 | " | 320 | 16 |
| <u>Proceeds of Sale of Freehold Ground rents</u> | | | | | |
| No. 7 The Avenue, Hornsey | 250 | " | " | | |
| No. 9 do do | 250 | " | " | 500 | " |
| (Invested in 4% War Stock see contra) | | | | | |
| <u>Gifts towards the Company donation to St Pauls Repairs Fund.</u> (see contra) | | | | | |
| Hugh Wyatt Esq. | 100 | " | " | | |
| Arthur F. Hill Esq. | 20 | " | " | | |
| Septimus Croft Esq. | 10 | " | " | | |
| Major A. G. Chamber | 2 | 2 | " | | |
| W. D. Fuller Esq. | 2 | 18 | " | 135 | " |
| <u>Donations to the 'St. Cecilia' Fund</u> (see contra) | | | | | |
| Sir William Lancaster | 105 | " | " | | |
| Arthur F. Hill Esq. | 100 | " | " | | |
| Lady Cooper | 21 | " | " | | |
| E. W. Nicholls Esq. | 5 | " | " | | |
| Sir R. Gardiner | 20 | " | " | | |
| D. Malcolm Scott Esq. | 10 | 10 | " | | |
| William H. Ash Esq. | 10 | " | " | | |
| J. B. Orgill Esq. | 10 | " | " | 281 | 10 |
| | | | | 9 | 2318 |
| | | | | 1 | " |

The year to 31st December 1922

Account for

380 19 7
 2433 15 5
 21 " "
 2145 " "
 320 16 "
 500 " "
 135 " "

| | | | | | |
|--|------|----|----|------|----|
| Corporation Duty | | | 24 | 13 | 5 |
| Memorial Bazaar | | | 1 | 1 | " |
| Stationers' Company Rent of Hall | 50 | " | | | |
| Hall Keepers Expenses £12. 2. 6 and Wine & Alan £3. 3. 0 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 65 | 5 |
| Clerks Salary | 52 | 10 | " | | |
| Do Commission on Bonds &c | 11 | " | 5 | 14 | 10 |
| Head's Salary | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Clervical Assistance | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Petty Disbursements postages &c | | | | 20 | 15 |
| Insurance | | | | 6 | 13 |
| Printing and Stationery | | | | 143 | 1 |
| Care & Hire of Gowns (Ede & Co) | | | | 5 | 10 |
| Income Tax | | | | 8 | " |
| Press Cuttings | | | | 1 | 11 |
| | | | | 258 | 6 |
| Kinning & Co. for Livery Badges | | | | 17 | 7 |
| Woolths for Sir E. & Co. Cooper and G. J. Ash | | | | 4 | 11 |
| Entertainment - Court Dinners (3) | 1143 | " | 17 | 9 | |
| Less - Guests Tickets | 143 | " | 7 | 0 | |
| Livery Dinner | 237 | " | 0 | 9 | |
| Less - Guests Tickets | 100 | " | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 137 | " |
| Music - At the Livery and Court Dinners | | | | 15 | 15 |
| Special Choir at St Pauls for St. Cecilia Celebration | | | | 22 | 3 |
| Hymn Sheet do | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | 40 | " |
| Presentation Silver & Medals | | | | | |
| William Prunox, G. S. & M. | | | | 6 | 18 |
| S. A. Guilment, R. & S. & M. | | | | | |
| S. Dennis R. & S. & M. | | | | | |
| G. G. Gray R. & S. & M. | | | | | |
| Less received from Wyall Trust for the R. & S. & M. Medal | | | | 2 | 4 |
| Donations - St Pauls Cathedral Repairs Fund | 150 | " | " | | |
| Music Trades Benevolent Fund pro. W. Wharton Gellard | 10 | 10 | " | 160 | 10 |
| St Cecilia Fund (see contra) - Purchase of £470 = 13. 3. 6 Cornels | 271 | 10 | " | | |
| On Deposit awaiting investment | 10 | " | " | 281 | 10 |
| Investments | | | | | |
| £21. 15. 7 Water B. Stock lost | | | | 14 | 17 |
| 64. 8. 7 5% War Loan 29/27 | | | | 67 | 7 |
| 627. 18. 3 4% do (Tax free) | | | | 635 | 11 |
| | | | | 717 | 15 |
| A. B. of the purchase money of the 4% War Stock, £500 = represents proceeds of sale of Dretthold ground rents (see contra) | | | | | |
| | | | | 1722 | 7 |
| Balance at 31 st December 1922 | | | | | |
| On Current Account | | | | 225 | 13 |
| On Deposit Account | | | | 370 | " |
| | | | | 595 | 13 |

£ 2318 1 -

For the Company's general property and Trust fund see next sheet.

281 10 "
 2318 1 "

The Company's General Property 31st December 1922.

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------|----|----|---|
| Trenchard Ground Rents | at Cost | £10087 | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| £1700 Water B. Stock | " | 1589 | 17 | 4 | |
| £200 5 th War Loan 29/1/17 | " | 192 | 7 | 5 | |
| £1100 4 th War Loan 29/1/12 Ins. Free | " | 1589 | 14 | 2 | |
| £250 4 th War Bonds 1917 | " | 250 | 0 | 0 | |
| £32 War Savings Certificates | " | 24 | 16 | 0 | |
| Plate | at Valuation estd. | 1177 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wines & Liqueurs | at Cost | 161 | 5 | 10 | |
| Cash at Bank on Current Account | £ | 225 | 13 | 5 | |
| on Deposit Account | 370 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | 595 | 13 | 5 | |
| | | £15,967 | 19 | 2 | |

N.B. The Company has no liabilities.
The December quarter's accounts, much the same as each year, were paid in January and are more than covered by the 1/2 year's ground rents to Christmas received in January.

Carnegie Scholarships for 1922

| | | | |
|--|-------|----|---|
| Balance at Bank 1 st Jan'y 1922 | £1140 | 7 | 2 |
| Received Dividends on £1289 3 0 | | | |
| 5 th War Stock | 64 | 9 | 0 |
| | £1204 | 16 | 2 |

Paid Guildhall School of Music
Fees for 2 Scholars

116 0 0

Balance at Bank 31 Dec'r 1922

£1,088 16 2

Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship for 1922

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|----|
| Balance at Bank 1 st Jan'y 1922 | £10 | 15 | 6 |
| Received Dividends on £193 5 9 | | | |
| Water B. Stock | 5 | 13 | 10 |
| | £16 | 11 | 4 |
| Paid during year | " | " | " |
| Balance at Bank 31 Dec'r 1922 | £16 | 11 | 4 |

Palmer Scholarships for 1922

| | | | |
|--|------|----|---|
| Balance at Bank 1 st January 1922 | £114 | 8 | 4 |
| Received Dividends £1597 2 8 | | | |
| Water B. Stock | 47 | 18 | 2 |
| | £162 | 6 | 6 |

Paid Guildhall School of Music
Fees for 1 Scholar

23 0 0

Balance at Bank 31 Dec'r 1922

£139 6 6

Hugh Myall Medal Account for 1922

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|---|
| Balance at Bank 1 st January 1922 | £9 | 2 | 2 |
| Received Dividends on £113 12 5 | | | |
| Water B. Stock | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| | £12 | 10 | 4 |
| Paid for 2 Medals for R.N.S. etc for 1921 and 1922 | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Balance at Bank 31 December 1922 | £8 | 2 | 4 |

Prendergast Fund for 1922

| | | | |
|---|------|----|---|
| Balance at Bank 1 st Jan'y 1922 | £84 | 2 | 4 |
| Received Dividends on £501 11 8 | | | |
| South Australian 4 th War Stock (less tax) | 14 | 11 | 0 |
| Income tax recovered | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | £102 | 13 | 8 |

| | | | |
|---|------|----|---|
| Invested in National Savings Certificates | £149 | 12 | 0 |
| Cherks fee for obtaining return of Income Tax | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Balance at Bank 31 st Dec'r 1922 | 54 | 0 | 8 |
| | £102 | 13 | 8 |

Benevolent Fund

| | | | |
|--|------|----|----|
| Balance at Bank 1 st January 1922 | £218 | 16 | 10 |
| Dividends on £626 8 0 5 th War Loan | 31 | 6 | 4 |
| D. £779 8 3 London Corporation 3 rd | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| D. £615 1 3 Coventry Corporation 3 rd | 13 | 16 | 10 |
| Income Tax recovered | 5 | 10 | 8 |
| | £292 | 18 | 2 |

| | | | |
|---|------|----|---|
| Purchased £106 9 3 5 th War Loan included in £626 8 0 per Contra | £100 | 0 | 0 |
| Paid Miss Bridge grant as per Resolution of Court 26/1/22 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Cherks fee for obtaining return of Income Tax | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Balance at Bank 31 Dec'r 1922 | 170 | 17 | 2 |
| | £292 | 18 | 2 |

Mr Ernest Clarke, J.S.A.

Vacancy on Council
J.F. Biggild Esq
Sir George Donaldson
W.H. Allen Esq
Robert Sullivan Esq
W.W. Hobbell Esq

Hotel Dinners

St Cecilia's Celebration

5. 0
17. 4
7. 5
14. 2
0. 0
16. 0
0. 0
5. 10
13. 5
19. 2

Sir Ernest
Clarke, F.S.A.

The Clerk reported the death of Sir Ernest Clarke, F.S.A., a member of the Court, on the 14th March last, and on the proposition of the Master (on behalf of P.M. Sir Homewood Crawford, who had given notice of his intention to propose the resolution, but was absent through indisposition) seconded by the Senior Warden, a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence was unanimously passed with his Brother and the other members of his family.

Vacancy on Court
J. J. Biscoe Esq
Sir George
Donaldson
H. H. Allen Esq
Herbert Sullivan Esq
W. W. Gobbett Esq

The Clerk reported that Mr. J. J. Biscoe, B.A., J.P. had asked to be excused from serving as an Assistant, which left two vacancies on the Court. The matter was discussed, and P.M. Hill suggested the advisability of selecting some distinguished member of the Quiry, not entitled to election by seniority. The general feeling of the meeting, however, was against departing from the usual plan of election by seniority, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr. W. H. Ash, J.P., Sir George Donaldson was unanimously invited to accept a seat upon the Court.

14. 8. 4
47. 18. 2
62. 6. 6
23. 0. 0
39. 6. 6
1922
9. 2. 2
3. 8. 2
12. 10. 4
4. 8. 0
8. 2. 4

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, Mr. William Henry Allen, D.L., J.P. was unanimously invited to accept the second seat, and in default of either or both these gentlemen accepting the position, it was unanimously decided to invite Mr. Herbert Sullivan and Mr. Walter Willson Gobbett to take the vacant seats.

149. 12. 0
1. 1. 0
54. 0. 8
104. 13. 8

Court Dinners

The Master, in pursuance of Notice, proposed that the resolution of the 25th April 1922 as to Morning dress, and that no guests should be invited at the January and July Court Dinners should be rescinded, and that in future guests should be invited to both these Dinners and that Evening dress should be worn on both these occasions. This was seconded by P.M. Hill, and carried unanimously.

£100. 0. 0
21. 0. 0
1. 1. 0
170. 17. 2
292. 18. 2

St Cecilia
Celebration

The Junior Warden, Mr. E. B. Moore, raised the question of the St. Cecilia

Day Service at St. Pauls Cathedral, and doubted whether it was worth the expense, but after discussion it was arranged to let the matter stand over until the next meeting.

Mr Newman
Esq.

On the proposition of J. M. Hill, seconded by the Master, Mr Newman Flower of Ickhurst, Sevenoaks, was unanimously elected a member of the Company.

Palmer Scholarship
Douglas E.
Hopkins, Esq.

At the request of Sir Landon Ronald, Mr Douglas E. Hopkins, Palmer Scholarship was extended for another year.

Stationers' Hall

The Clerk reported that his communication to the Stationers' Company had had the desired effect, and that Radiators had now been erected in the Vestibule, and other parts of the building.

Madame Joyce
et Haas

At the suggestion of the Master, a grant of Twenty guineas (£21) from the Benevolent Fund was directed to be made towards the fund being raised for Madame Joyce et Haas.

11 The Avenue
Normsey

A letter was read from the Lessees Solicitors, enquiring if the Company would sell the freehold ground rent of £8⁰ 8⁰ secured upon 11 The Avenue, Normsey, and it was decided that although the Company had no wish to sell they would accept £250 in addition to all charges.

Benevolent Fund
Mr Malcolm Boyle

A letter was read from Mr Harrold Ryde returning the £10⁰ 10⁰ voted to Mr Malcolm Boyle out of the Benevolent Fund on the 23rd January, 1917.

Gollard & Gollard
L^{td}

On the proposition of J. M. Hill, seconded by the Master, a vote of thanks was accorded to Gollard & Gollard L^{td} for their kindness in supplying pianos free of charge at the hotel and Livery Dinners.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date £ 12 " 10 " 0

Mess^{rs} King & Brymer. Good Dinner on 23rd January 1923. 13 " 5 " 9

Mess^{rs} J. Warner & Co. Printing & Lithography Account 14 " 5 " 10

J. C. Fenwick Esq., Clerk's quarterly salary to date £ 13 " 5 " 6

In repayment of disbursements to

31st March 1923

} 3 " 5 " 0

16 " 7 " 6

W^m E. Hills - Beadle's quarterly salary to date

2 " 12 " 6

£ 49 " 1 " 7 (x)

Signed

H. C. de Lafontaine

Master

All a Court of Assistants held at Stationers' Hall on Tuesday the 10th July 1923

Present:

H. J. C. de Lafontaine, Esq., M.A. Master in the Chair

E. B. Hoare, Esq. Junior Warden

Past Masters:

A. F. Hill, J.S.A. and A. Burnell Brown

and

W. H. Ash, Esq., J.P. and H. D. Truscott, Esq., J.P.

Sir Homewood Crawford

A letter was read from Sir Homewood Crawford regretting his inability to attend on account of ill health.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 24th April last were read and confirmed.

Vacancies on Court
Sir George Donaldson
H. H. Allen Esq.
Herbert Sullivan Esq.
W. W. Hobbell Esq.

Letters were read from Sir George Donaldson's Secretary, and from Mr. H. H. Allen, D. L., J. P., both gentlemen requesting to be excused from acting as Assistants on the ground of ill health. Mr. Herbert Sullivan and Mr. Walter Wilson Hobbell attended, and were sworn in as Assistants and took their seats.

Treasurer
W. P. Fuller Esq.

A letter was read from the Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Fuller, regretting his inability to attend on account of ill health and stating that the cash at the Bank at present was:

On Current Account £ 192 . 7 . 11

On Deposit Account 337 . 10 . 0

£ 529 . 17 . 11

after investing £ 152 . 7 . 4 cash in the purchase of £ 150, 4 per cent

Carnegie Trust
Palma Trust

The Bishop of Worcester

Sir Ernest Clarke, J.S.A.

Mr J. C. Colclard

St. Cecilia Celebration

The Company of Silvers, Uddal Royal Academy of Music

War Stock. The Treasurer expressed his thanks to the Master and Mr. Hill who, between them had paid the costs of the Music of the Byrd Meeting on the 24th April last, amounting to £11. 2. 6. The Treasurer further stated that he did not propose to offer himself for re-election in October, on the grounds of ill health, and this announcement was received with the deepest regret. It was hoped that the Treasurer would reconsider his intention, and allow himself to be re-elected for another year at least.

Carnegie Trust
Palmer Trust

The Treasurer pointed out that there was a considerable balance of accumulated income on each of the Carnegie and Palmer Trust accounts, and he suggested the advisability of an investment of income to be added to the capital of the Trust, and his suggestion was approved.

The Bishop of Worcester

The Clerk reported that the Bishop of Worcester, the Honorary Chaplain of the Company, had met with a serious motor accident, and a resolution of sympathy with him was unanimously passed.

Sir Ernest Clarke, F.S.A.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Graham Wallace, a Liveryman of the Company, and a nephew of the late Sir Ernest Clarke, expressing the thanks of the family for the vote of condolence on Sir Ernest's death.

Mr. J. L. Colford

The Clerk reported the death of the widow of the late Mr. J. L. Colford, who had been Treasurer of the Company for many years, and upon the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. Hill, a sincere vote of sympathy with P. M. & L. Colford and his family was unanimously passed.

St. Cecilia Celebration

The Junior Warden, Mr. E. B. Hoare stated that he proposed to see Dr. Charles Macpherson, the Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, and a Liveryman of the Company, with Mr. W. H. Leslie, with regard to the music at the St. Cecilia Celebrations.

The Company Silver Medal Royal Academy of Music

The recommendation of Sir Alexander G. Mackenzie, the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, of Mr. Arthur Lawrence Sandford, composer and

Pianist, as the Company's Silver Medalist for the year, was approved.

Royal Military
School of Music

The recommendation of Col^l J. G. Somerville, G. M. G., G. B. E.,
Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music, of Bandmaster William
James T. Ash of the 1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, as the
Company's Silver Medalist for the year, was approved.

Royal Naval
School of Music

A letter was read from the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of
Music, stating that the Medalist could not be selected until the end of the
year, as the examination did not take place until the middle of November,
and the Clerk was instructed to accept the nomination when received.

Trinity College
of Music

The Master moved that Trinity College of Music be once more added to
the list of Musical Institutions qualified to recommend Medalists for the
Company, and this was seconded by Mr. W. H. Ash.

Letters were read from P. M. Hammet, suggesting that as any action in
the matter would be so clearly in the nature of a resolution of a previous
resolution of the Court, it was not competent for the Court to consider it at
that meeting, but that formal notice should be given of the intention to
re-open the subject at a future meeting; from P. M. Wyatt, in opposition to
the motion; and from Mr. Fulker, urging that some way ought to be found of
putting an end to the dispute, so as to preserve harmony. After discussion, Mr.
Sullivan moved as an amendment that the matter should be adjourned for
consideration by a future Court, but this amendment was not seconded and on
being put to the vote the Master's motion was carried by a large majority. The
Clerk was instructed to accept the nomination by Dr. G. W. Pearce of the Trinity
College of Music, of Mr. Frank Bilbo, as the Company's Silver Medalist for the year.
P. M., A. D. Hill and Messrs W. H. Lisle and W. T. Truswell J. T. were appointed
a Committee to settle the programme of music to be performed by the Students
of the Royal Academy of Music at the Livery Dinner.

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On the proposition of the Master seconded by P. M. A. J. Hill, the Right Hon. The Earl of Onslow was unanimously elected a Member of the Company, and a letter was read from Mr Newman Flower, who was elected a Member of the Company at the last Court, asking that his admission might stand over on the ground of ill health and this was sanctioned.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:-

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| The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date | £ 12 . 10 . 0 |
| Messrs King & Brymer for Dinner on the 21 st April last | } 97 . 19 . 0 |
| N.B. 15 th of this was received for guests tickets | |
| Messrs Warner & Co Printing and Lithographing Account for quarter | 5 . 7 . 0 |
| Clerk's quarters salary to date | £ 13 . 2 . 6 |
| In repayment of disbursements to 30 th June 1933 | <u>2 . 5 . 6</u> 15 . 8 . 0 |
| Beckett's quarters salary to date | 2 . 12 . 6 |
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[Signed] 
Acting Master

After the Court, the Master entertained the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayress, the Sheriff and the Members of the Court, and their Ladies, and all the Medals of the Company, who had accepted his invitation, to Dinner at Stationers' Hall, at his own expense.

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall
on Tuesday 16th October 1923

Present

H. J. G. de Lafontaine Esq. M. A. *Assisted in the Chair*
W. H. P. Leslie Esq. *Senior Warden*
E. B. Moore Esq. *Junior Warden*

Past Masters

A. F. Hill, F. S. A. E. B. Edgar, D. L., J. P., LLus. Bac. B. Sc.
Major A. G. Chamberlain E. L. Colford, M. A., B. L. S. and
Hugh Myall

and

W. H. Ash Esq. J. P. J. Meade Falkner Esq. M. A.

and

W. W. Cobbett Esq.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 10th July last were read and confirmed

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Onslow

The Clerk reported that although he had duly notified the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Onslow of his election as a member of the Company and had written again pressing for a reply he had heard nothing from his Lordship

Accounts

A letter was read from the retiring Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Fuller, regretting his inability to attend and giving particulars of the Company's properties and stating that the Cash at the Bank at present was:

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Cornegie Trust

M^r Fuller reported that £102 0^s 8 cash had been invested on behalf of the Carnegie Trust in the purchase of £110 16^s 10 5th War Loan to bring the total holding of the Trust up to an even amount of Stock, and

Palmer Trust

that £134 18^s 10 cash had been invested in the purchase of £202 17^s 4 Metropolitan Water B^y Stock on behalf of the Palmer Trust to bring the total holding of the Trust up to an even amount of Stock.

Newman Flower Esq.

A letter was read from M^r Newman Flower asking to be excused from taking up his library on the ground of ill health.

Fulham Public Librarian

A letter was read from the Borough Librarian of the Fulham Public Libraries asking if he could have a copy of the Company's Hand Book and the Clerk was instructed to forward a copy with the new list of the members of the Company about to be issued.

Kensington Public Library

P. M. Meyer Chamier said he was sure the Council of the Royal Borough of Kensington, of which he was a member, would welcome a similar gift, and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the Hand Book and List to the Librarian of the Kensington Library as well.

The British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals

A letter was read from the Secretary of the British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals asking for financial support, but it was decided, with regret that no funds were available for the purpose.

Miss Mabel J. Bright

A letter was read from Miss Mabel J. Bright asking for assistance as the daughter of a Liveryman and Freeman of the City of London, and the Clerk was instructed to refer her to the Royal Society of Musicians.

St. Cecilia Celebration

The Clerk reported that he had seen D^r Charles Macpherson the Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral with regard to the music ^{at} the St. Cecilia Celebration who said he would welcome any suggestions from M^r E. B. Hoar and M^r Alcock Talbot, and these gentlemen promised to see D^r Macpherson.

The Master

On the proposition of P. M. Hill (the Senior Past Master present) seconded by P. M. Edger, Mr William Henry Perry Leslie was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year and the Master elect briefly returned thanks.

Vote of Thanks to retiring Master

On the proposition of the Master elect seconded by P. M. Edger a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Master with an appreciation of his services to which Mr de Lafontaine suitably replied.

Senior Warden

On the proposition of the Master seconded by P. M. Edger & W. Edward Barclay, Hogg was unanimously elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year.

Junior Warden

On the proposition of Mr Ash seconded by P. M. Myatt, Mr Henry Dexter Truscott, J. P. was unanimously elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

Treasurer

A letter was read from P. M. W. P. Fuller stating that he had quite made up his mind that he could not offer himself for reelection as Treasurer.

Past Master Hill suggested that P. M. G. L. Gollard should accept the position so as to continue the name of Gollard, but P. M. Gollard said he was unable to do so.

Mr Leslie then proposed that P. M. Hill should accept the position and this was seconded by the Master and pressed by all the other members of the Court present.

P. M. Hill said that he could only become Treasurer on the understanding that he was allowed to have the Accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant at his own expense if he thought fit. This was readily assented to and P. M. Hill was accordingly, unanimously elected Treasurer with acclamation.

Clerk

On the proposition of Mr Leslie seconded by Mr Ash & Mr Thomas Gellingwood Fenwick was unanimously re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

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On the proposition of P. M. Charnier seconded by the Master Mr. Ernest Hills was unanimously re-elected Beadle for the ensuing year.

The Clerk stated that the Beadle had now completed 25 years service and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the new Treasurer, it was unanimously resolved to present him with a gratuity of 25 guineas as a mark of appreciation of his long and faithful services.

Mr. Ernest Hills was so informed and returned thanks.

Vacancies on
Board

A letter was read from Sir William John Lancaster, J. P. tendering his resignation as an Assistant on the ground of ill health and as the Clerk stated that he had seen Sir William who said he would never be able to attend an evening function again, the resignation was accepted with the deepest regret.

Carnegie
Scholarship

At the request of Sir Gordon Ronald, the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, the Carnegie Scholarship held by Miss Faithleen L. J. Napple, was extended for another year.

Royal
Philharmonic
Society

A letter was read from Mr. J. Newbourn Devien, a Liveryman of the Company and the Hon. Sec. of the Royal Philharmonic Society, asking for financial help, but it was resolved, with regret, that the Company had no available funds.

Leo Stern
Memorial
Gift

A letter was read from Sir Hugh Allen the Director of the Royal College of Music recommending Miss Helen Just as the recipient of the Leo Stern Memorial Gift for 1923, and the recommendation was approved.

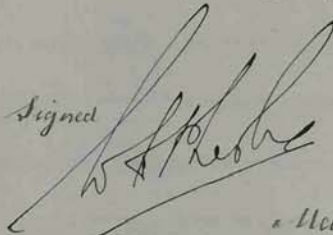
Grant of
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The Master elect shortly outlined a scheme he said he had much at heart for the granting of diplomas of the Company by public presentations to Teachers after examinations of their Schools with a view to popularizing the love of music in Schools and stated that he proposed to arrange for professional Musicians of eminence to express their views upon the subject at the

forthcoming Liberty Dinner on the 30th.

The following cheques were passed for payment:-

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| The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall 10 clock | } | L 12 .. 10 .. 0 |
| Mess ^{rs} J. Warner & Co, Printing and lithographing Account for Quarters | } | 1 .. 10 .. 2 |
| Clerk's Quarters salary to date | | L 13 .. 2 .. 6 |
| In repayment of disbursements to 30 th September 1923 | } | <u>2 .. 19 .. 8</u> |
| Beadle's Quarters salary to date | | 2 .. 12 .. 6 |
| M ^r John Brownlie for Silver Medals | | 8 .. 8 .. 0 |
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