

## A Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1917

### Present:

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Jussett Bart, Master in the  
Chair  
A. Burnett Brown Esq. Senior Warden.  
Hugh Wyatt Esq. Junior Warden

### Past Masters:

Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge C.V.O. M.A. Mus. Doc.  
J. C. Collard C. D. Hoblyn, W. Cordy Hering,  
Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford,  
Arthur H. Hill F.S.A., W. P. Fuller Cliford B. Edgar  
D.L. J.P. Mus. Bac. B. Sc., Captain A. C. Chamier J.P.  
and C. L. Collard M.A. B.C.L.

and Septimus Croft Esq. J.P. and H. J. C. de Lafontaine Esq. M.A.

Sir Homewood Leecher  
Esq.

A. G. Hunter Esq.

Letters were read from M<sup>rs</sup> F. Homewood Leecher and M<sup>rs</sup> A. G. Hunter regretting their inability to attend on account of illness.

D. J. Lea Southgate

It was reported that Past Master J. Lea Southgate B.C.L. had had a severe paralytic stroke yesterday and was lying unconscious and the Clerk was directed to write to his niece Miss Attenborough expressing the Court's sympathy and regrets.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October last and of the Special Court held at the Mansion House on the 4<sup>th</sup> December last were read and confirmed.

Lieut. Col. G. C.  
- Ash. R.S.O.  
Capt<sup>cy</sup> Frank  
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M.C. R.A.M.C.

Miss L. Stiles  
- Allen  
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Lieut. Col. G.C.  
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Letters of thanks were read from M<sup>r</sup> William H. Ash J.P., and M<sup>r</sup> F. Blawood Lescher in reply to the votes of condolence and congratulation respectively passed at the last Court.

Miss L. Stiles  
Allen

A letter of thanks was read from Miss Lillian Stiles Allen for the honour the Company had done her in presenting her with its Silver Medal.

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Attendance fees

The Treasurer's resolution proposed and carried subject to confirmation at this Court "That the Company under prevailing difficulties being unable to entertain their Livery in the accustomed manner and also in the much needed interest of economy, the Court decides as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1917 to refrain from accepting any fee until six months after the termination of the War" was unanimously confirmed.

Lieut. Henry  
James Boyton  
B.A.

The Clerk reported that Lieut. Henry James Boyton B.A., of the Grenadier Guards, a Liveryman of the Company, had been killed in action in France on the 14<sup>th</sup> December last and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with his father M<sup>r</sup> James Boyton M.P. also a Liveryman of the Company, and M<sup>r</sup> Boyton and a letter was instructed to be written to M<sup>r</sup> James Boyton M.P. and to be signed by the Master.

Treasurer's  
Accounts for  
1916

The Treasurer presented his Accounts for 1916, a copy of which appears on the next page. He pointed out that this was the first time for many years no fees had been received for admission to the Court or the Livery and that no investment had been made, but stated that £1775 had been invested within the last few years.

Income Tax

He also stated that the Clerk proposed to apply for a return of Income Tax in respect of the Company's Trust Funds, and also for partial return upon the ground that the Company's corporate income was under the statutory limit.

Income and Expenditure Account

Income

1916				
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Balance in hand on this date		105	5 11
	Ground Rents	447 17 0		
	Less Income tax	67 5 1		
	Commission on Collection	11 4 0	72	9 1
	Dividends on £1672 4 5 Metropolitan Water Bd. Stock less tax		40	4 10
	D <sup>o</sup> on £51 4 6 4 1/2 per cent War Stock		2	6 0
	Fine on election of Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott 1st as Master £10 10 0			
	D <sup>o</sup> of A. Binnett Brown Esq. as Senior Warden	5 5 0		
	D <sup>o</sup> of Hugh Wyatt Esq. as Junior Warden	5 5 0	21	1 0
	Royalties per Novello 76 <sup>s</sup> L <sup>rd</sup>		6	14 6
			£ 544	19 2

Trust Income

<u>Carnegie Scholarships</u>	Dividends on £1224 14 2 4 1/2 per cent War Loan (less tax)		41	6 8
<u>Ernest Palmer Scholarship</u>	Dividends on £1597 2 2 Metropolitan Water Board 15 Stock (do)		32	5 11
<u>Leo Stern Memorial</u>	Dividends on £195 5 9 Ditto (do)		4	12 8
<u>Hugh Wyatt Trust</u>	Dividends on £115 12 7 Ditto (do)		3	8 2
<u>Frendergast Trust</u>	Dividends on £501 11 2 South Australian 4% (1940-41) Stock (do)		15	16 0
			£ 640	8 7

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for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1916

Expenditure

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5	11	Court fees		76	15	0
		Messrs King & Brymer		53	5	0
		For use of Stationers Hall	£ 24. 0. 0			
		Extra expenses at 2% per M <sup>rs</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Boulton	2. 12. 0			
		M <sup>rs</sup> C. A. Brown, Butler	5. 5. 0	97	17	0
		Wine purchased during the year		7	2	0
7	11	Cigars 2%		3	6	2
		<u>Donations</u>				
		Sir George Martin Memorial Fund	10. 10. 0			
		Gold Watch presented to Piper Laidlou VC.	16. 19. 0			
4	10	Travelling expenses of £	3. 6. 0	30	9	0
6	0	Corporation Duty	22. 2. 4			
		License for Commercial Bearings	1. 1. 0	23	9	4
		Printing and Stationery		12	4	5
		Care of Gowns and hire of extra do.		5	0	6
		Medals		5	19	0
		Fire & Insurance on Plate, Wine &c.		2	15	6
		Aircraft 2%		1	6	11
		Cheque Books		1	1	2
		Expenses in connection with Concert to Wounded Soldiers at Mansion House		4	15	6
0	0	Messrs Weekes & Co for copies of Corporal Calder's Song and postage to Library		5	5	7
14	6	Novello & Co Ltd Re-printing Cobbett's Shanties		5	3	0
		Messrs Holmes & Co Survey fee for inspection of Company's properties re dilapidations		21	0	0
		Clerk's Salary	52. 10. 0			
		Costs in connection with dilapidations of properties	2. 2. 0	60	12	0
		Petty disbursements for the Clerk		24	2	1
		Headles Salary		10	10	0
			£	464	14	2

Trust Expenditure

		<u>Carnegie Scholarships</u>				
		Fees paid Guildhall School of Music	£ 30. 15. 4			
6	8	Novelty of examiners fee	2. 12. 6	33	5	10
		<u>Ernest Salmer Scholarships</u>				
		Fee paid Guildhall School of Music	£ 30. 6. 8			
5	11	Novelty of examiners fee	2. 12. 6	40	19	2
		<u>Lee Stern Memorial</u>		5	5	0
12	8	<u>Hugh Wyatt Trust</u>				
		Cost of Medal for Royal Naval School of Music		1	9	9
8	2	<u>Prondergast Trust</u>				
		Cost of Printing		1	9	0
16	0	Balance at Bank on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1916		161	15	2
			£	642	2	7

The advisability of converting the Company's investment in the New War Loan was discussed and a letter from Past Master Hoblyn to the Treasurer advising the conversion of £51-4-6 4 1/2 per cent War Loan, £26-15-5 like Stock (Benevolent Fund) and £200 5 per cent Exchequer Bonds (Benevolent Fund) was read. It was unanimously decided to convert these holdings into the new 5 per cent War Loan but not to disturb the Metropolitan Water Board and the other Stocks on account of the loss of capital a sale at present prices would entail.

Past Master Hoblyn stated that by a recent vote of the Stock Exchange he was not allowed to carry through the business without charging a fee, as he would wish to have done and as it was pointed out that a number of the Court could not make any profit out of business done for the Company it was decided that the conversion should be made through the Company's bankers. On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden the Accounts were received and adopted and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer for his services.

Past Master Edgar suggested that the sum of £24 annually paid for the use of Stationers Hall might be reduced during the War as the large Hall was not being used for livery dinners and Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford suggested the advisability of removing altogether from Stationers Hall. The matter was discussed and on the proposition of Past Master Edgar seconded by Past Master Fuller, it was referred to a committee to consist of the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer, and Past Masters Alderman Sir Edward S. Cooper and Sir Homewood Crawford for consideration and report.

A letter was read from Mr. Saxe Rudham that Leo Turpin who had a Salmer Scholarship had been called up for Military Service and was therefore unable to continue his studies. It was decided not to fill the vacancy

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until Turpin's Scholarship ran out in July next but to give him the option of completing his studies when he was released from Military service if he so desired

The clerk was instructed to apply for a return of any fees paid since Leo Turpin had relinquished his studies

The clerk reported that he had notified East Master Sir Frederick Bridge that the next vacant Scholarship would fall to Westminster Abbey.

Charles Sykes  
Esq. J<sup>r</sup>

On the proposition of East Master Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by the Master on behalf of East Master L. J. Lea Southgate, M<sup>r</sup> Charles Sykes J<sup>r</sup> of Bromfield Sixby Huddersfield, was unanimously elected a member of the Company

Miss H. G. Biggs

A letter was read from Miss Henrietta G. Biggs praying for relief and it was resolved that £3:3:0 be given her as a donation to be paid out of the Benevolent Fund

Sendergaard,  
Trust

The clerk reported that the committee had approved the nomination by the Rector of All hallows Barking of R. J. Sarrant who would not be old enough until the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1915 and also that he was arranging for the apprenticing of two choir boys nominated by the Rector of St. Andrews by the Wardrobe. He further reported that satisfactory arrangements had been made with Novello & Co<sup>s</sup> L<sup>td</sup> and Messrs Juddall Bartle & Co<sup>s</sup>, and that the committee had decided that if no premium were paid £10 a year for two years might be allowed towards a boy's expenses. He further reported that the committee had also decided that Organists were not within the terms of the Trust.

Benevolent  
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M<sup>r</sup> Malcolm  
Boyle

East Master G. L. Colford mentioned the case of M<sup>r</sup> Malcolm Boyle, a Chorister at St. George's Chapel Windsor, in which M<sup>r</sup> & Harrow Hyde and M<sup>r</sup> W. H. Ash J<sup>r</sup> both Liverymen of the Company were interested, and the Master said he had received a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Ash on the subject. East Master Sir Homewood Crawford pointed out that the Benevolent Fund was

primarily for persons connected with the Company, but as Mr Boyle's case was supported by Messrs N. H. Ash & Claudius J. Ash who were the founders of the Benevolent Fund, it was felt that their wishes ought to be given effect to, and on the proposition of East Master Edgar seconded by Sad. Master Sir Homewood Crawford it was decided to make up the last £10:10:0 of the amount required.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers, for use of Hall to date		21	0	0
Messrs Ding & Bupner, for Court Dinner on the 24 <sup>th</sup> October last		15	7	0
Messrs J. Namer & Co. Printing and lithographing account to 31 <sup>st</sup> December last		6	15	9
Messrs Edw. Son & Ravenscroft for care and hire of Gown Clerk's quarters salary to date	£ 13: 2: 6	5	13	0
Disbursements for quarter ending the 31 <sup>st</sup> December last	7 5 9	20	8	3
Headl's quarter's salary to date		2	12	6
	£	69	16	6

Signed

C. H. Collard  
 East Master  
 17 April 1870

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## All a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1917

### Present:

G. L. Colford Esq. M.A., B.C.L., Immediate Past Master, in the Chair

A. Burnett Brown Esq. Senior Warden

Hugh Wyatt Esq. Junior Warden

Past-Masters Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge C.B., M.A., Mus. Doc.

J. G. Colford, C. D. Hoblyn, F. Harwood Lescher,

Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford,

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A. W. P. Fuller, Clifford B. Edgar

D. L. J. P. Mus. Bac., B.Sc. Captain A. C. Chamier J. P.

and A. G. Hunter Esq. and H. J. C. de Lafontaine Esq. M.A.

Sir G. J. Innescott  
Past and Lieut  
J. G. Innescott

A letter was read from the Master, Alderman Sir George Wyatt Innescott Bart. regretting that he did not feel equal to taking the Chair as his Son Lieutenant Francis George Innescott of the Suffolk Regiment, attached to the Royal Flying Corps, had been killed in action on Good Friday. Sir Homewood Crawford stated that Lieut Innescott had ~~won~~ the cordial approval of his Commanding Officer and had left a most creditable reputation behind him and on the proposition of the acting Master seconded by Past Master Lescher a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the Master and Lady Innescott in their irreparable loss the members of the Court upstanding.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January last were read and confirmed

Mr J. Lea  
Southgate

The books reported the death of Past Master Thomas Lea Southgate B.C.L. on the 26<sup>th</sup> January last and on the proposition of the Acting Master seconded by

East Master Sir Frederick Bridge a vote of condolence was passed with the members of his family coupled with an appreciation of his great services to the Company. Sir Frederick Bridge suggested the advisability of founding a Medal to be known as "the Southgate medal" and to be given to anyone who had enriched the knowledge of Music in musical research. After discussion it was decided to allow the question to stand over.

A letter was read from Mr Ernest C. Shorter, a nephew of the late Dr Southgate and one of his executors, enquiring if the Company cared to purchase certain medals and decorations belonging to the late Dr Southgate which it was desired to dispose of, and after discussion the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Shorter that if he would send particulars of any sale to East Master Sir Homewood Crawford, the latter would bring it to the notice of the Librarian of the Guildhall Library.

Vacancy  
on Court

The question of filling the vacancy on the Court caused by the death of East Master Dr Southgate was discussed and the acting Master pointed out that a name could be submitted beyond the six Liverymen next in rotation and referred to the Report of the Committee (ante page 92). East Master Lescher proposed that Mr William Henry Ash J.P. should be elected an Assistant and this was seconded by the Treasurer. East Master Capt. Thomson proposed as an amendment that as Mr Ash's name had not previously been before the meeting the election should be adjourned to the next Court. This was seconded by Sir Homewood Crawford and agreed to.

Lieut. H. J.  
Boytton, B.A.

A letter was read from Mr James Boyton, M.P. in reply to the vote of condolence passed at the last Court on the death of his son Lieut. H. J. Boyton, B.A.

Brigadier General  
A. G. Balfour, C.B.

The following letter was read from Brigadier General A. G. Balfour, C.B. an Honorary Freeman of the Company in reply to a letter of congratulation

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Dear Sir George

I beg to thank you most sincerely for your most kind letter of congratulation on the honour that I have received - I value very highly your appreciation and that of the Musicians Company and hope that you will convey to the Company my most grateful thanks for their kind remembrance of me whenever you have an opportunity.

Yours very sincerely

Alfred G. Balfour

The following letter was read from Sir Walter Parratt C.V.O. M.A. Mus. Doc., an Honorary Freeman of the Company in reply to a letter of congratulation from the Master on receiving the C.V.O.

Feb. 16 1917

Windsor Castle

Dear Sir George Truscott

Please accept my warm thanks for your kind congratulations on behalf of yourself and the Musicians Company. They help me to hope that the King's recognition may not be altogether undeserved. It is true that I have served three Sovereigns of this realm and have taken part in great moments of their lives.

I am, Faithfully and sincerely yours

Walter Parratt.

The following letter was read from The Honourable Sir Alexander Nelson Hood (Duke of Brontë) K.C.V.O. a Liverman of the Company in reply to a letter of congratulation from the Master on being made a K.C.V.O.

The Hon. Sir  
Alexander  
Nelson Hood  
K.C.V.O.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1917

Brontë Sicily

Dear Sir George Trurocott & Worshipful Master.

Your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> inst reached me today, and I hasten to ask you to accept, and also convey to the Court of the Musicians Company my warmest thanks for the kind congratulations on the honour conferred on me recently by His Majesty the King which you on their behalf have so kindly forwarded. Please assure the Court of my sincere appreciation of the friendly remembrance thus shown me on that event.

I have also to thank you for the amiable manner in which you recall our association during the sad time of the Messina Earthquake. I too remember it, indeed shall not readily forget the very kind and valuable assistance, which you, as Lord Mayor then gave us, assistance which is still remembered with gratitude in this island.

With renewed thanks

I am, dear Sir George & Worshipful Master,  
Yours very faithfully  
Brontë

Sir George Wyatt Trurocott Bart.

Worshipful Master of The Musicians Company

Band Master  
William Dunn

A letter was read from Band Master William Dunn of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings Royal Rifles addressed to the Lord Mayor, Sir William Dunn and another letter in reply to a letter from the Master congratulating him on receiving the Military Cross

Benevolent Fund  
Mr Malcolm Boyle

A letter of thanks from Mr. & Harrow Hyde for the donation of £10:10:0 out of the Benevolent Fund to Mr. Malcolm Boyle a Chorister at

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Barnett

Band Master  
R. J. Jackson

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Hall } See Homewood Crawford reported that in consequence of the death of the Master's Son a meeting of the Committee which had been fixed for the 13<sup>th</sup> instant had to be postponed and stated that he was in communication with an important Livery Company with regard to the use of their Hall. The matter was ordered to come up again in July.

Palmer }  
Scholarship } Past Master Sir Frederick Budge nominated H Taylor, a late Chorister at Westminster Abbey, for the vacant Palmer Scholarship subject to his passing the necessary Examination. It was decided to invite D<sup>r</sup> G. Markham Lee to act as the Company's Examiner at the Scholarship examination in July.

John Francis }  
Barnett } A letter was read from the Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music with reference to applying for a pension from the Civil list for the widow of the late John Francis Barnett, and the Clerk reported that the requisition for a pension had already at the request of the Lord Mayor been signed by the Master, Wardens and Treasurer. A similar requisition was signed by all the other members of the Court present.

Band Master }  
R. J. Jackson } The Clerk reported that Band Master Reginald Thomas Jackson of H. M. S. Colossus was still unable to get leave to attend to receive his Medal and that he had accordingly forwarded the same by post at the request of the Band President.

Paul Lockey }  
Hill Esq. } On the proposition of Past Master Arthur F. Hill seconded by Past Master Capt<sup>r</sup> Chamier, Paul Lockey Hill, a nephew of Past Master Arthur F. Hill and now serving on a Patrol Boat, was unanimously elected a Member of the Company.

Prendergast }  
Trust } The Clerk reported that William Whitechurch a choir boy nominated by the Rev<sup>d</sup> P. Clementi Smith, Rector of St. Andrews by the Wardrobe, had entered the service of Novello & Co<sup>l</sup> with a view to being bound an apprentice but had left after a few days to take up -munition work at which he could apparently get more pay

The Clerk stated that it seemed impossible to obtain a satisfactory apprentice under present War conditions and the matter was left in the hands of the Committee.

Cobbett

Fantasies

A letter was read from Mr. W. W. Cobbett enquiring if the Company would be prepared to transfer its Copyright in his songs Fantasies to the Company but the matter was adjourned to the next Court in order that due notice might be given.

The City Livery Club

The following letter was read from the City Livery Club.

The City Livery Club

1 Queen Victoria Street, Bank, E.C.

11<sup>th</sup> April 1917

Sir,

I have been requested to notify you of a Resolution that was passed by the Council at their last meeting in the following terms:

"That this Club regrets the proposed abolition of the Parliamentary Livery vote, and urges that the Report of the Speaker's Conference on Electoral Reform so far as it affects this, be considered by the Livery in Common Hall assembled, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Members of Parliament representing the City of London, and to the Masters of the several Livery Companies."

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

A. Charles Knight

Deputy Master Sir Homewood Crawford stated that the Livery Vote is a very old privilege and the matter was left in the hands of the Master and Wardens to take such steps as they considered desirable in the interest of the Company.

Deputy Master Clifford

B. Edgar

On the proposition of the acting Master seconded by Deputy Master Fuller a hearty vote of congratulation was passed to Deputy Master Clifford B. Edgar on

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The following Accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs King + Brymer for Court Dinner on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	0	2	0
Messrs J. Warner & Co <sup>s</sup> Printing and lithographing Account to the 31 <sup>st</sup> March last	2	5	6
James Truscott & Sons L <sup>td</sup> for Stationery	1	17	0
Clark's quarter's salary to date	£13:2:6		
Disbursements for quarter ending the 31 <sup>st</sup> March last	2:13:0		
Beadle's quarter's salary to date	15	15	6
H. + J. Brooke L <sup>td</sup> for cigars	2	12	6
	3	10	0
	£	55	4 6

Signed

*J. A. P. Smith*  
Master

27<sup>th</sup> April 1907 M<sup>r</sup> Charles Sykes J. P. of Broomfield Fixby Huddersfield was this date admitted to the Livery by the Acting Master having previously paid the fees

# At a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1911

Present: Alderman Sir George Wynter Suscott Baronet Master on the Chair

A. Burnett Brown Esquire

Senior Master

Hugh Wynter Esquire

Junior Master

Past Masters

J. H. Skelbeck Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge Bt. M.A. Mus. Doc.

J. G. Gollard (Treasurer)

C. D. Mellor

F. Howard Escher

W. Cordy Fleming

Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper

Sir Hornwood Mansfield

Arthur T. Hill F.S.A.

W. P. Fuller

Clifford B. Edgar D.L. J.P. Mag. Bac. B.Sc. and

Captain A. C. Chamber J.P.

and A. C. Hunter Esquire

Sydenus Croft Esquire J.P.

H. H. de Lafontaine Esquire M.A.

Sir Ernest Clarke M.A. F.S.A. and Sir William J. Lancaster J.P.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April last were read and confirmed.

Sir G. W. Suscott  
Baronet  
Hugh W. Wynter  
M.C. R.S.C.

The following letter was read from the Master in reply to the vote of sympathy and condolence on the death of his son Lieutenant J. G. Suscott M.C. R.S.C. and the letter was ordered to be entered on the Minutes

Oakleigh

East Sunning

Dear Mr. Fenwick

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1911

My Wife & I are very grateful for the touching vote of sympathy which

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our friends of the Court of the Musicians Company passed at their last Meeting and beg you to express to them our deepest thanks for their kind thoughts for us in our great sorrow

The loss of our dear Son has been a great blow to us and our family but it is a consolation to feel that we can be proud of and thankful for his brave life & death while we have been much helped in our grief by the wonderful kindness extended to us by all our friends

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

G. Wyatt Huscott

Trust  
Accounts } The Treasurer suggested the advisability of transferring £75 or £50 from the balances standing to the accounts of the various Trust Funds to the account of the Benevolent Fund but it was decided that the balance standing to the credit of any particular Fund ought to be kept for that Fund and that any such amounts should be invested for the benefit of such particular Fund

Vacancy on  
Court } The question of filling the vacancy on the Court caused by the death of P.M. P. Southgate was further discussed and on the proposition of P.M. Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by P.M. Hoblyn, Mr. Edward Barclay Harris name was postponed for the present as it was stated he was in India. On the proposition of P.M. Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by P.M. Hoblyn the name of Mr. Charles James Powell was also postponed for the present. P.M. Lescher in pursuance of notice proposed that Mr. William Henry Ash J.P. should be elected an Assistant and this was seconded by the Treasurer. Sir Homewood Crawford objected on principle to pass over the election of senior Smythson and proposed the election of Mr. William Henry Perry Esq. who was senior to Mr. William Henry Ash J.P. This was seconded

by P. M. Captain Chamber but on a show of hands Mr. Ash was declared  
to be duly elected

Palmer  
Scholarships

The following Report from the Examiners of the Palmer Scholarships  
was read

The Guildhall School of Music

John Carpenter Street

Victoria Embankment E.C. 4

June the fourteenth 1917

To The Worshipful Company of Musicians

Gentlemen

re Ernest Palmer Scholarships

We have heard the candidates for the above Scholarships and  
submit the following report for your consideration:

The boy, Henry Stanley Taylor, seemed most promising, and well  
worthy of a Scholarship

The two girls were neither of them up to the standard required  
Lucy Mary Smith is only 14, it would be necessary to wait  
until she was 16 or 17 and see if her voice developed enough to be  
worth training. At present, to award a Singing Scholarship would be  
inadvisable

Elise Muriel Simmons gave no evidence of either voice or special  
musical abilities

We however think so well of Henry Stanley Taylor's gifts, that we  
advise that a Scholarship of greater value be awarded to him, so that  
he could have a more complete musical education i.e. longer lessons and  
under more expensive Masters than the sum of £23. 0. 0 would allow

A complete curriculum such as is suggested would cost about £100

W. A. G.

As the second Scholarship is not to be awarded, it is suggested by us that the Worshipful Company of Musicians might see their way clear to increase the amount of the sum required

Yours faithfully

(Signed) London Ronald

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J. Harold Stankens

The election of Henry Stanley Taylor to the Scholarship was confirmed and P. M. Sir Hemwood Crawford proposed that having regard to the recommendation of Mr. London Ronald the Treasurer should be authorized to supplement Taylor's Scholarship for one year from any balance standing to the credit of the Trust or paying that out of the General Fund of the Company. This was seconded by P. M. Alderman Sir Edward E. Cooper but opposed by P. M. Edgar. On being put to the vote, the resolution was declared to be lost. P. M. Edgar demanded a count when the following votes were recorded viz:

<u>For</u>	The Master	<u>Against</u>	The Junior Warden
	The Senior Warden		P. M. Skilbeck
	P. M. Hoblyn		P. M. Tuller
	P. M. Sir Edward E. Cooper		P. M. Lischer
	The Treasurer		P. M. Edgar
	P. M. Sir Hemwood Crawford		P. M. Hill
	P. M. Sir Frederick Bridge		P. M. Fleming
	W. A. Croft		P. M. Captain Chamber
			Mr. H. H. de Lafontaine
			Sir Ernest Blake
			Sir William J. Lancaster
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W. A. C. Hunter did not vote. 8



The Parliamentary Levy Vote and urging opposition to the Representation of the People Bill were read and on the proposition of P. M. Edgar seconded by the Junior Warden, it was unanimously resolved that this Court request the cooperation of the City of London to support Sir George Trevelyan's Amendment to the Bill. The Amendment is as follows:-

"Such of the Freemen of the City of London as are Livermen of the several Companies and entitled to vote in the election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for the City of London shall be entitled to be registered as Parliamentary Electors for that constituency"

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

<u>The Worshipful Company of Stationers</u>			
For use of Hall to date	21	.	.
<u>Mess<sup>rs</sup> King &amp; Brymer</u>			
Court Dinner on the 17 <sup>th</sup> April	10	7	.
<u>Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Warner &amp; Co</u>			
Printing and lithographing Account to the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1917	1	5	6
<u>Dr E. Mackham Sec</u>			
Fee for Palmer Scholarship Examinations (Trust Account)	1	1	.
<u>Clerk's Quarters Salary to date</u>	£13. 2. 6		
In repayment of disbursements for Quarters ending the 30 <sup>th</sup> June last	1	0	8
<u>Beadle's Quarters Salary to date</u>	2	12	6
<u>Mr Arthur J Brown (Butler) Salary for Year</u>	5	5	.
Signed <u>Richard Powell</u> Master	55	14	2

4<sup>th</sup> October 1917 Captain Eric Adrian Charles Deschamps Chamier 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Grenadier

Regiment was this day admitted to the Society (by petition following apprenticeship) by the Master out of Court having previously paid the fee.

At a Court of Assistants held at Stokenay  
Hall on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1911

President - Alderman Sir George Wyall Trussell, Bart., Master in the Chair  
A. Burnett Brown Esq. Senior Warden  
Hugh Wyall Esq. Junior Warden  
East Masters  
Sir J. Frederick Bridge, G.B.C., M.A., Mus. Doc.  
J. C. Collett G. D. Hoblyn  
J. Harwood-Tescher Sir Hemwood Crawford  
Arthur D. Hill, F.S.A. Clifford B. Edgar, D.L.J., Mus. Bot. B.Sc.  
Capt. A. G. Chamier J.P. and H. J. G. de Lisle, M.A.  
 and Sir William J. Lonsdale J.P.

Letters were read from P. M. Toller, A. G. Hunter and Septimus Graft, regretting their inability to attend.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July last were read and confirmed.

Wm H. Ish Esq. J.P. } Mr William Henry, Esq. J.P. was admitted an Assistant by the Master with the usual formalities

H. R. H. Pinnic Christian } The Clerk reported the death of H. R. H. Pinnic Christian of Schleswig Holstein K.G., G.B.C. an Honorary Druman of the Company on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. and on the proposition of P. M. Sir Hemwood Crawford seconded by the Master a vote of respectful sympathy with H. R. H. Pinnic Christian was passed, and the Clerk was directed to forward the same signed by the Master to Pinnic Christian.

Investments  
Dual Accounts

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Joshua H.C.

W. J. Hoyle Esq.  
Mus. Doc.

Capt. E. A. G. D.  
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The Treasurer said he thought an investment could be made out of the General Funds of the Company, and also on account of the Trust Fund. balances and it was left to the Treasurer to invest so much as he thought could be spared of the General Funds in National 4 1/2% War Bonds (Income Tax-compeanded) and to invest the Trust balances in 13 1/2% War Certificates.

Capt. F. G.

Lescher, M.C.

The Master mentioned that Capt. Frank Graham Lescher, M.C., R.A.M.C., a son of P. M. F. Harwood Lescher had been awarded a bar to his Military Cross and P. M. Lescher was congratulated by the Master.

W. J. Hoyle Esq.

Mus. Dec.

The Clerk reported the death of Mr. William Thomson Hoyle Mus. Dec. a Librarian of the Company on the 27<sup>th</sup> July last, and on the proposition of the Treasurer seconded by P. M. Sir Frederick Bridge a vote of sympathy and condolence with his relatives was passed.

Capt. E. A. D.

Chamier

The Clerk reported that Capt. Eric Adrian Charles Deschamps Chamier had been admitted to the Library by the Master out of Court on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

Companys  
medals Royal  
Academy of Music

The recommendation of the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music of No. R. M. 81910 Band Master 1<sup>st</sup> class William David Walker R. M. as the Companys silver medalist for the year was approved.

Royal Military

School of Music

The recommendation of Col. Temewille Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music of No. 4924 Lema Sergt. Edwin Charles Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers as the Companys silver medalist for the year, was approved.

The Royal

Academy of

Music

The recommendation of Sir A. G. Mackenzie the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music of Mr. Philip Augustus Leir a composer and pianist as the Companys silver medalist for the year, was approved.

Trinity College

of Music

At the request of P. M. Alderman Sir Edward E. Cooper who was unable to be present, letters were read from him to the Clerk expressing to the grant of the Companys medal to Trinity College of Music on the ground that it had been

stated in his letter to the Clerk of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1917  
 respect a Royal Charter and a letter of disapproval from Mr. A. G. Hunter was  
 also read.

The Master said that he had seen Sir E. E. Cooper who had stated that if  
 present, he would not further have opposed the grant of the medal on the present  
 occasion if the Court approved of the nomination. Refrains having been made to  
 P. M. Sir Rowland Gifford in Sir E. E. Cooper's letter Sir Rowland made a  
 personal explanation and stated that in his opinion the resolution to grant the  
 medal must take effect but that the question of continuing the medal might be  
 brought up again later on if thought desirable on due notice. It was resolved  
 nem. con. to grant the medal and the recommendation of Dr. G. W. Pearce the  
 Director of Studies of Trinity College of Music of Joseph Coleman a violinist aged  
 16 as the Company's silver medalist for the year was approved.

Stationers Hall

The Clerk reported that the Court of the Worshipful Company of Stationers had  
 agreed to reduce the amount paid for the use of the Hall from £84 to £50  
 per annum during the War and on the proposition of the Master seconded by  
 the Treasurer the Stationers Company were cordially thanked for this concession.

Palmer

scholarships

The Clerk reported that Sir J. Ernest Palmer, Bart., had given a donation of  
 £8,000 in augmentation of H. J. Taylor's scholarship and Sir Ernest Palmer  
 was thanked for his further liberality.

Income Tax

The Clerk reported that he was applying for a return of Income Tax in respect  
 of the Company's Trust Funds but that no return was allowed in respect of the  
 Company's corporate Income.

St. Cecilia

Celebration

The Clerk reported that the Dean and Chapter of St. Cecilia's would again welcome  
 the Company at the Cathedral on St. Cecilia's Day and stated that P. M. Hill had  
 kindly undertaken to be responsible for the expense of the full choir - Mr. Hill was  
 thanked for his liberality and it was left with him to arrange as to the

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Master

P. M. Sir Homewood Crawford moved that M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander Burwell Brown be elected Master for the ensuing year. This was seconded by M<sup>r</sup>. Hugh Wyatt and carried unanimously. The new Master then made the customary Declaration, and was admitted to Office and took the chair and was congratulated by the members present. The new Master briefly returned thanks.

Junior Warden

On the proposition of the new Master seconded by P. M. Hoblyn, M<sup>r</sup>. Hugh Wyatt was elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

Junior Warden

On the proposition of P. M. Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by P. M. Hoblyn, M<sup>r</sup>. Henry Thomas Cart de Lafontaine M. A. was elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

The Junior and Junior Wardens were admitted to Office and briefly returned thanks.

Vote of thanks to retiring Master

On the proposition of the Master seconded by P. M. Sir Frederick Bridge a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master for his services during the past year to which Sir George Trudcott suitably replied.

Treasurer

On the proposition of P. M. Sir George W. Trudcott Bart, seconded by P. M. Hoblyn, P. M. John Clement Holland was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Clerk

On the proposition of P. M. Lecher seconded by P. M. Sir G. W. Trudcott Bart M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Hollingwood Fenwick was re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Beadle

On the proposition of the Treasurer seconded by P. M. Hoblyn, M<sup>r</sup>. Ernest Hills was re-elected Beadle for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer suggested that with a view to economy, the Beadle's salary should be reduced from £10.10.0 to £7.7.0 and this was seconded by P. M. Lecher but on being put to the vote the Resolution was lost by the casting vote of the Chairman.

Butler

The Treasurer proposed that the Butler's salary should be reduced from £5.5.0 to £3.3.0 and this was seconded by P. M. Lecher. P. M. Sir Homewood Crawford,

moved as an amendment that the Butler should be paid £1-1-0 for each afternoon. This was seconded by P.ell. Sir Frederick Budge but on being put to the vote was lost and the Treasurer's resolution was then carried.

Representation of the People Bill 1911

A letter was read from Mr. Harry J. Teske, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Committee of Livery Companies of the City of London for securing the retention of the Livery, asking for a subscription and on the proposition of P.ell. Sir Edmund Crisp seconded by the Junior Warden, it was resolved to subscribe £5-5-0 to the Fund.

Sir George G. Martin, M.P. & Mrs. G.G.

The Clerk reported that the invitation to the late Sir George G. Martin, M.P. & Mrs. G.G. would be invited in the Crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral on the 31<sup>st</sup> inst and distributed tickets for the Memorial Service to such members as could attend.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date . . . . .	£ 12 . 10 . 0
Messrs. King & Brymner's Dinner on 10 <sup>th</sup> July . . . . .	£ 13 . 7 . 0
Messrs. Child, Richards & Co for Theory . . . . .	£ 15 . 12 . 0
Clerks' quarters Salary to date . . . . .	£ 13 . 2 . 6
In repayment of disbursements for quarter ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September . . . . .	2 . 15 . 4
Bentley's quarters salary to date . . . . .	£ 2 . 12 . 6
Corporation Duty . . . . .	£ 22 . 8 . 4
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Signed Arthur H. Brown  
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