

Orlando Gibbons
Celebration at
Westminster Abbey

Mr. Crews reported the steps that were being taken with regard to the proposed Orlando Gibbons Celebration at Westminster Abbey on the 5th June next and stated that the arrangements were well in hand and Sir Frederick Bridge said that the Choir would consist of about 300 voices with a String Band. The Acting Master suggested that Mr. Crews should act as Master on that occasion in the absence of Sir Homewood Crawford but Mr. Crews said he would prefer to attend and unveil the bust as the Donor Mr. Hill suggested that tickets should be sent to the Apprentices of the Company for this and for other public functions and the Clerk was requested to arrange accordingly

Acquisition of a
Musical Library

Mr. Southgate read the Committee's Report as to the proposed acquisition of a Musical Library which was considered to be worth about £2500 but which cost about £4000 and said it was now proposed that the books should be placed at the Guildhall Library as there was apparently no room for them at Stationers Hall. Mr. Hill suggested that if the books were acquired and were sent to the Guildhall Library it should be made clear that they were merely sent on loan

The Treasurer raised the question as to the cost of the upkeep of the Library and Mr. Lescher said he felt bound to oppose the scheme as being beyond the Company's means. A general discussion followed and on the proposition of Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by the Acting Master it was finally resolved that Mr. Southgate be requested to see the Librarian at the Guildhall Library and ascertain whether the books if purchased could be stored there and if so the Committee were then to approach the Trustee in Mr. Matthews Bankruptcy with a view to ascertaining the lowest sum at which the books could be acquired

Mr. Hill asked
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to accumulate in
Acting Master second
to accept the bust
It was also decided
in any one year
Thanks was for