

less than £4000 is received

The receipt of this Letter was acknowledged by Mr Southgate on May 19<sup>th</sup> who briefly commented on the contents and value of the Library and stated that out of old esteem for Mr Matthew he should be ready to give advice about arranging the lots when the Library came up for public sale

On May 30<sup>th</sup> Mr Child wrote that as the sale of the Library cannot take place until October would the Musicians Company be willing within three weeks of that time "to make a firm offer of say £2500 for the Library upon terms of payment to be agreed"

The receipt of this Letter was at once acknowledged and it was stated that its contents should be laid before the Court of the Company at its next Meeting

In the opinion of the Committee the amount of support for the scheme (beyond the £500 promised by Mr A. Carnegie) is so doubtful that it would not be advisable to make a firm offer to purchase this Library

(Signed) J. L. Southgate  
Mr Hill said he was still of opinion the Library ought to be acquired if possible but Sir Frederick Bridge was in favor of dropping the matter on account of the small chance of being able to raise the necessary funds

Mr Crews suggested the advisability of buying certain of the books at the proposed auction and it was arranged that Dr Southgate should communicate with the Master and that a special Court should be called to further consider the matter if necessary

The Company  
Silver Medal } On the proposition of the Acting Master seconded by the Senior Warden it was resolved that the Company's Silver Medal for the present year should be bestowed upon Miss Frances Ethel Scarborough Pianist and Composer, the Student of the Guildhall School of Music recommended by Dr W. H. Cummings the Principal of the School