

# A Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> October

1914

## Present:

Clifford B. Edgar Esq<sup>re</sup>, D.L., f.P., Mus.Bac., B.Sc., Master, in the Chair

Captain A. C. Chamier f.P. Senior Warden

C. L. Collard Esq<sup>re</sup> M.A., B.C.L., Junior Warden

Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge C.V.O., M.A., Mus. Doc.

Messrs J. C. Collard C. D. Hoblyn. Master.

J. Harwood Lescher, N. Gordy Herring

Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott Bart., J. Lea Southgate D.L.

W. P. Fuller, A. C. Hunter, A. Burnett Brown F.S.I.

Hugh Wyatt, and Sheriff The Rev. H. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A.

N.B. In consequence of the War the court originally fixed for the 13<sup>th</sup> October was not held.

Seventeen guineas were paid to the Members present.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the court held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July last were read and confirmed

Arthur F. Hill Esq. A letter was read from Mr. Arthur F. Hill regretting his inability to attend on account of the dangerous illness of a near relative.

The Rev H. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A. The Clerk reported that the Rev. H. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A. was admitted Sheriff of London on the 29<sup>th</sup> September last

Sir Homewood Crawford said that the Sheriff's Mother Company, the

Merchant Taylors' Company, had decided not to take part in the Lord Mayor's Procession which was to be chiefly of a Military character on account of the War and that the Musicians' Company was the second Company in order of the many other Companies to which the Sheriff belonged.

The question of taking part in the Procession was discussed but as the returning Master and Captain Chamier who was next in rotation for the post of Master both stated they would be unable to attend and the Treasurer deprecated the expense it was decided, with the full acquiescence of the Sheriff, that the Company should not take part in the procession.

Master.

Sir Frederick Bridge, the Senior Past Master present moved that Captain Adrian Charles Chamier f P be elected Master for the ensuing year. This was seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Hoblyn and carried unanimously and the New Master was admitted to office and took the Chair.

The new Master briefly returned thanks and stated that he was now employed as a General Staff Officer and at present engaged as a Member of the Press Cable Censors' Committee and would therefore have to return to the War Office almost immediately. He said he thought this was possibly the first occasion in the history of the Company that the office of Master had been filled by anyone in actual military employment at the time.

Senior Warden.

On the proposition of the Immediate Past Master seconded by the Treasurer M<sup>r</sup> C L Collard M.A, B.C.L was elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year.

Junior Warden.

On the proposition of Sir Edward E. Cooper seconded by the new Master Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott Bart. was elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

The Senior and Junior Wardens briefly returned thanks and were admitted to office.

The New Master then left for the War Office and the Immediate Past Master again took the Chair.

Treasurer

On the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge, M<sup>r</sup>. John Clementi Collard was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

InvestmentsClerk

On the proposition of Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by the Treasurer, M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Collingwood Fenwick was re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Beadle

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

Vote of thanks

To Retiring Master On the proposition of M<sup>r</sup>. Lescher seconded by M<sup>r</sup>. Herring a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master for his services during the past year.

C. B. Edgar Esq.

M<sup>r</sup>. Edgar briefly returned thanks and stated that it was his intention to offer for the Court's acceptance a piece of plate symbolical of the War and that he was having designs got out for his approval.

Prince of WalesRelief Fund

The Chairman reported that after consultation with the Treasurer a sum of Fifty Guineas (£52:10/-) had been sent as a contribution from the Company to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund in respect of the War and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by M<sup>r</sup>. Lescher the action of the Chairman and Treasurer was cordially approved and confirmed.

Livery Dinner

The postponement of the annual Livery Dinner on account of the War in accordance with the ascertained wishes of the majority of the Court was reported.

10<sup>th</sup> BattalionRoyal Fusiliers(City of LondonRegiment)

Sir Edward E. Goofer reported the circumstances under which in conjunction with the Immediate Past Master he had arranged for the supply of the necessary Instruments (Bugles, with Fifes and Drums) to the newly formed 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) as a presentation by the Musicians' Company although the Mercers' Company as the premier City Company had wished to give the Instruments.

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Investments. The Treasurer said he would willingly support the provision of money for such a patriotic purpose but it would probably necessitate the postponement of further investment.

Sir Edward Cooper said the Instruments had been obtained from Mr. Oliver Hawkes a Liveryman of the Company who had kindly granted an allowance of 25 per cent off making a total cost of £47 2:9. Ten guineas had been subscribed by a Mr. J. B. Biggs whose Son was a private in the Battalion, leaving a balance of £36. 12:9 to be paid by the Company.

The action of Sir Edward Cooper and the Immediate Past Master was cordially approved and a cheque was ordered to be drawn for the balance of Mr. Hawkes' account.

At the suggestion of Mr. Lescher Sir Edward Cooper undertook to see that a suitable inscription was placed on the big Drum showing that the Band Instruments had been presented by the Company and to bear the expense thereof.

Sir Ernest Clarke, M.A., F.S.A. On the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Sir George Truscott it was unanimously resolved to invite Sir Ernest Clarke M.A., F.S.A., to accept a seat on the Court in the place of the late Mr. C. J. D. Crews.

The Company's Silver Medal W. H. Ash Esq. f.P. In pursuance of notice given by Mr. Arthur F. Hill Mr. Hoblyn moved that the Silver Medal of the Company be presented to Mr. W. H. Ash f.P. in recognition of his services to the Company and of his generous assistance in the foundation of the Benevolent Fund. Also that the Silver Medal be similarly presented to Mr. C. J. Ash Esq. in recognition of his great assistance in the foundation of the Benevolent Fund.

This was seconded by Mr. Southgate

The Treasurer said he was not in favour of the suggestion as he thought it might be making the Medal too cheap but after discussion the Treasurer withdrew his objection and the resolution was unanimously passed.

C. J. Ash Esq.

On the proposition of the Immediate Past Master seconded by the Senior Warden a vote of condolence with Mr. C. J. Ash was passed in the loss of his son Lieutenant Basil Ash who had been killed while fighting with the Expeditionary Forces in France

Trinity College  
of Music

In pursuance of notice Sir Homewood Crawford moved that Trinity College of Music should be included in the list of Recipients of the Company's Silver Medals and suggested that such Medal should be given every third year in the same manner as it was given to the three other Colleges of Music in London

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The Motion was seconded by D<sup>r</sup> Southgate and strongly supported by Sir Frederick Bridge but was opposed by Sir Edward Cooper, M<sup>r</sup> Hunter and others. On a vote being taken the resolution was carried by a majority of one

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A letter was read from the Rev S. J. Childs-Clark the Successor of St Paul's Cathedral stating that the Dean & Chapter would welcome with great pleasure the presence of the Musicians' Company at the St Cecilia Celebration on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> November and mentioning the Music it was proposed to sing

Having regard to the national crisis through the War it was decided to urge as many Members as possible to attend the Service and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Successor with a view to having specially appropriate music rendered

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Liverymen

A Motion standing in the name of the new Master as to the desirability of enquiring into the status of Liverymen who were natives of alien enemy countries was discussed but it was agreed that nothing could be usefully done in the matter

Music in  
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A communication from a provisional Committee for Music in War time of which M<sup>r</sup> W. W. Cobbett a Member of the Livery is the Temporary Hon. Sec

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having been read Sir Homewood Crawford reported the result of a Meeting recently held at the Queens Hall which he had attended on behalf of the Company at the request of the Master

The formation of a National Association for the protection of the interest of British Musicians and British Music was the object of that meeting which agreed to take that course. Sir Homewood Crawford was authorised to continue to watch over the interests of the Company and if desired to represent the Company on the Committee and to report to the Court who expressed their sympathy with the movement

Leo Stern Scholarship } A letter was read from Sir Hubert Parry, Bart., the Director of the Royal College of Music again recommending W<sup>h</sup> Timothy Joomey the Company's Scholar in 1908 and 1910 as the best person to receive the Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship for the current year and the recommendation was adopted

New Members      In consequence of the postponement of the Livery Dinner and at the suggestion of the commandant of the Royal Military School of Music Band Master William Cresswell Silver Medal      attended and was presented with his Silver Medal by the Immediate Past Master in the presence of the Members of the Court

William Cresswell      It was resolved to admit the Liverymen awaiting admission and to present the remaining Silver Medals on the earliest suitable occasion in 1915.

Suites for School Orchestras } The following report of the Committee was read.

Your Committee has to report that the three Suites for Strings submitted by Messrs Percy Fletcher, F. Cunningham Woods and J. Carl Ames having been adjudged satisfactory and their commissions of ten guineas each being paid, it has been agreed to assign the copyrights for these to the firm of Messrs Hawkes and Son, Music Publishers and Instrument Makers, of Denmark Street Piccadilly Circus.

The titles of these Suites are:- "Folk Tune and Fiddle Dance", by Percy E. Fletcher, "The Greenhall Suite", by F. Cunningham Woods, M.A., Mus. Bac, Oxon. "The Seasons Suite",

by J. C. Ames.

After negotiation the following terms were agreed upon :—

1. The payment of a sum of £4 for each work to cover the first 750 sets of the several parts printed
2. A further sum of £4 for each work to be paid if and when reprinted, this payment to be final and in complete settlement for the concerted works, and in lieu of any royalty.
3. If arranged and published for Piano-forte solo, or Violin and Piano, a royalty of 2<sup>d</sup> per copy to be paid, counting 1/4 copies as 1/2, and a half royalty for copies sold overseas.

Messrs Hawkes recommend that the Composers join the Performing Rights Society, and the Copyright Protection Society (Mechanical Rights). Should the pieces be performed in places of entertainment, or placed upon gramaphones &c., fees would be payable. The customary arrangement is, that 70 per cent of the fees obtained goes to the Composer and 30 per cent to the Publisher.

In this event it has been agreed with the Composers that the 70 per cent receivable shall be divided between the Musicians Company and the composer of such music.

Should re-arrangement of any of the pieces for other combinations than strings be required, Messrs Hawkes will communicate with the several Composers, and pay them for any additional work needed.

Since the pieces were played through by kind permission at Trinity College of Music, the Composers have been afforded an opportunity of revising their scores. The music is now in course of being prepared for issue.

The cost of engraving and printing the scores and separate parts of

such concerted music as this is considerable. For music of this special kind the demand cannot be large, although it is available for a wider field than School Orchestras only. Taking these facts into consideration, your Committee venture to submit that the works have been disposed of for publication satisfactorily in the interests of the Musicians Company.

Messrs Hawkes have paid the £12 agreed upon, and this sum is in the hands of the Treasurer.

The formal Assignment of the Suites is ready for execution, according to the decision of the Court.

Agreed to by,

The Worshipful Master

J. Lea Southgate

& Markham Lee

W. W. Bobbett.

and on the proposition of the Immediate Past Master seconded by D<sup>r</sup> Southgate the report was adopted and the fixing of the Company's Seal to the necessary Assignment was authorised.

D<sup>r</sup> Southgate stated that one of the Suites had been selected as a test piece at the next East London and Stratford Musical Festival.

The Immediate Past Master reported that he had this matter in hand but owing to pressure of work caused by the War he had not had time to make much progress with it.

The Clerk reported that Sir George Henschel M<sup>r</sup> Alfred Rothschild and M<sup>r</sup> Howard Morley had been unable to accept the invitations to attend the Livery Dinner but that M<sup>r</sup> Hubert Bath had accepted with pleasure.

A letter was read from M<sup>r</sup> E. W. Wallington C.V.O. C.M.G. asking for a subscription to the Fund being raised by the Princess Mary for Christmas gifts for Sailors afloat and Soldiers and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the

Company's

Hand Book

Invitations to  
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Treasurer it was resolved to subscribe £5:5/-

Apprentices.

The following return compiled by the Clerk showing what part the Company's Apprentices were taking in Military service on account of the War was read and was ordered to be entered on the Minutes

Name of Apprentice	Master	Military service undertaken
Eric Adrian Charles Deschamps Chamier	Capt <sup>n</sup> A. C. Chamier	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, stationed at Finsbury
Trevor Davidson Southgate	Alderman Sir E. E. Cooper	University and Public Schools Corps
Eric Leigh Williams	D <sup>r</sup> E. Markham Lee	Enrolled in Australia and likely to come over with a later contingent
Robert Julian Yeatman	A. J. Hill	Only 17 Sergeant in Marlborough O.S.C. anxious to obtain commission as soon as possible
John Sebastian Morley	J. M. Lewien	Only 17 and not yet joined any Military force
William Longstaffe Fenwick	Alderman Sir E. E. Cooper	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment at the Front with 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion
Cedric John Southgate	C. B. Edgar	University and Public Schools Corps
Geoffrey Hawkes	W. P. Fuller	Commission in Q <sup>th</sup> (service) Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment, now at Wool Camp Dorset preparing to go to Front.
Ralph Hawkes	Oliver Hawkes	Only 16 Sergeant in O.S.C. at Clifton College.
Robert Archibald Starling	D <sup>r</sup> Geo. J. Bennett	Only 17 and not yet joined any Military force

Marching Song.

A letter was read from C. W. Faulkner Ltd. asking for permission to print the words of Sir Edward Elgar's Marching Song "Follow the Colours" on a postcard and the necessary permission was given.

Sir Frederick Bridge said that the Marching Song had been sung at a

large Concert at the Albert Hall last week when it was enthusiastically received. He suggested the advisability of putting a few bars of music on the postcard if there was room and as the copyright of the music had been assigned to Novello & Co. Ltd. the Clerk was instructed to communicate with them on the subject.

The following Accounts were passed for payment :

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	£	2	1	0	0
Messrs Ring & Brymer For Court Dinner on the 14 <sup>th</sup> July last		9	15	0	
Messrs J. Warner & Co. Printing and lithographing account to the 30 <sup>th</sup> September			2	1	9
M <sup>r</sup> Tom Broad. For Dinner Invitations		3	3	0	
Messrs Matthews Drew & Co. For new Minute Book		2	17	6	
M <sup>r</sup> John Brownlie For Medals		7	10	0	
Sir Hubert H. Parry Bart. For Leo Stern Scholarship		5	5	0	
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Beadle's quarter's salary to date		2	12	6	
	£	69	6	3	

Signed

A. L. Chamberlain

Master