

At a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 25th January 1916

Present

G. L. Gollard Esq. M.A. B.C.L. Master in the Chair

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Juscott, Bart. Senior Warden

A. Burnett Brown Esq. F.S.S. Junior Warden.

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

J. G. Gollard. C. D. Hoblyn. F. Harwood Lescher.

W. C. Herring Alderman Sir Edward E. Cooper.

Sir Homewood Crawford. J. L. Southgate Q.C.L.,

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

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

and A. G. Hunter Esq. Hugh Wyatt Esq.

H. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A. Sir Ernest Clarke M.A. F.S.S.

and Sir William J. Lancaster J.P.

Twenty guineas were paid to the Members present.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 26th October last were read and confirmed

A. Burnett Brown Esq. M. A. Burnett Brown F.S.S. took the oath as Junior Warden and was admitted to office by the Master.

C. D. Hoblyn Esq. A letter was read from Past Master C. D. Hoblyn thanking the Court for its vote of sympathy and condolence.

City of London } The following correspondence which had passed between the Master and the National Guard Lord Mayor was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes

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30th October 1915

My Lord Mayor,

It has come to the knowledge of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Musicians through our colleagues who are also Officers of the City of London National Guard that that distinguished Regiment of citizen volunteers is desirous of establishing a Flute Band, and would be glad of assistance in accomplishing that object.

The Charter of King James I. granted to this guild on the 2nd July 1604 gave to the Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Art or Science of Musicians of London the survey search, correction and government of all and singular musicians and minstrels within our City of London, and although this power can no longer be exercised, the Company is wishful to do all in its power to encourage music and musicians in the City and elsewhere.

The Court understands that the City of London National Guard already possesses an efficient Drum and Bugle Band of uniformed musicians with a skilled instructor, that there are adequate opportunities for combined practice, and that what is desired is that these musicians should also act as a Flute Band.

In these circumstances the Court, after taking expert advice on the subject has decided to defray the cost of purchasing from the well-known instrument makers Messrs Hawkes & Son (the principal of which is a Member of this Guild) a complete set of 25 Flutes with Piccolo and Cymbals. Leather cases and other appurtenances of the same high quality as a similar set of instruments recently supplied by that firm to H.M. Welsh Guards.

These Instruments I have now the pleasure, in the name and on behalf of the Musicians Company, of offering to your Lordship as the Head of the City and as Honorary Commandant of the City of London National Guard for

the use of that Regiment.

The Court trusts that the Instruments may be found of service to the Guard and that the admirable organisation for the training of Volunteers in the City which your Lordship has done so much to stimulate may continue permanently as a body for the national defence of this country

The only stipulation which the Court desires to make in the event of the City of London National Guard deciding to accept this offer is that if (which the Court trusts may not be the case) it should prove necessary in the future to disband the Regiment or to discontinue its Flute Band, the instruments in their then state may be returned to the keeping of this Guild.

I am, my Lord Mayor,

Your faithful servant

(Signed) G. L. Colford

Master

The Right Honourable
The Lord Mayor.

The Mansion House, London E.C.

8th November 1915

G. L. Colford Esq. M.A. B.C.L.,
The Worshipful Company of Musicians,
Clerk's Office,
16 Berners Street W

My dear Sir,

Your letter dated the 30th of October duly reached me through Sir Ernest Clarke, and the reason why it has not been answered before is that I was most anxious to convey to you a full expression of gratitude, not only from myself as President and Honorary Regimental Commandant of the City of London National Guard, but from my Grand Committee also. A Meeting of this latter Committee was held on Thursday last the 4th inst. when your letter was duly read and it now gives me great pleasure to convey to you on behalf of myself and the Corps

our warmest thanks not only for the handsome gift of musical instruments for the use of the Drum and Bugle Band of the Corps but also for the gracious terms in which you have conveyed your offer. I can assure you that the instruments will be treated with the greatest care and highly treasured, and I hope that at no greatly distant date you may have an opportunity of hearing the good use to which the instruments have immediately been put.

Careful attention will be of course given to the stipulation contained in the last paragraph of your letter and if the Flute Band should at any later date be broken up the instruments in their then state will be returned to the keeping of your Worshipful Company.

I trust you will believe that assistance of the nature your Guild has given to an Organisation which we believe is taking its part in the work of the Country is most acceptable especially in view of the spontaneous good wishes which promoted it.

I am, Yours very sincerely,

Charles Johnston

Lord Mayor.

Suites for
School Orchestras
War Loan 4 1/2 per
cent Stock
Lord Alverstone

Letters of thanks from the four London Schools of Music for presentation by the Company of copies of the Suites for School Orchestras were read

The Master reported the affixing of the Company's Seal to a request to the Bank of England to open an account in the Company's Corporate name in respect of War Loan 4 1/2 per cent Stock, and the same was confirmed.

The Clerk reported the death of The Right Honourable Viscount Alverstone G.C.M.G. an Honorary Freeman of the Company on the 15th December 1915 and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with Miss Webster and the

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Members of her Family and a letter was ordered to be sent to Miss Webster notifying the resolution and to be signed by the Master.

Sir S. Ernest
Palmer, Bart.

The Clerk reported that Mr S. Ernest Palmer J. P. another Honorary Freeman of the Company had had the dignity of a Baronetcy conferred upon him by His Majesty and on the proposition of the Master seconded by Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford a hearty vote of congratulation was passed with him on the honour conferred upon him which it was felt his services for Music generally so richly deserved and a letter of congratulation was directed to be written to Sir Ernest Palmer and be signed by the Master.

Lieut. Geoffrey
Hawkes

The clerk reported that Lieutenant Geoffrey Hawkes of the 9th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who was apprenticed to Past Master W. P. Fuller had been seriously wounded and gassed at Ypres on the 19th December last but was now better. Past Master Fuller said that he had written to Lieutenant Hawkes and also to his Father.

Second Lieut.
F. G. Truscott

It was stated that Second Lieutenant Francis George Truscott of the Cyclists Company, the Son of the Senior Warden, Lieutenant Alexander Denis Burnett Brown of the 1st Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry (I.F.) a Son of the Junior Warden and Staff Captain Alfred Ernest Cart de Lafontaine of the East Yorkshire Regiment a Son of Ex-Sheriff de Lafontaine, had all gained the Military Cross and it was further stated, as an interesting coincidence, that both Second Lieutenant F. G. Truscott and Lieutenant A. D. Burnett Brown had come of age while in the Trenches.

Lieut. A. D.
Burnett Brown

Capt. A. E. C.
de Lafontaine

The parents of the three gallant Officers were congratulated and on the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Master it was resolved that congratulatory letters to be signed by the Master be written to all of them.

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The Master reported that Piper Daniel Laidlaw of the 7th Kings Own Scottish Borderers had been awarded the V.C. for conspicuous bravery near Loos on September

25th 1915 and stated that with the full concurrence of the Wardens he had requested the Clerk to send a circular letter to the Members of the Court suggesting that the cost of a gold Watch to be presented to Sirer Laidlaw should be borne between the Members by subscription and the Master now invited the views of the Court on the subject.

Past Master Edgar and others were of opinion that the expense should be borne by the Company but the Treasurer and others considered that the Watch should be paid for by subscription and in order to test the question Past Master Edgar moved that the cost should be borne by the Company out of its corporate funds This was seconded by Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford and was carried by 8 votes against 7, the Master not voting.

Miss Ida Freund
Benevolent Fund

The Treasurer reported the receipt of a letter from Mr W G King enclosing a cheque for £250 from himself and his co-executor of the Will of the late Miss Ida Freund as a subscription to the Company's Benevolent Fund which he thought was chiefly attributable to the fact that the Executors were personally known to Past Master Hill and the Clerk.

He stated that £200 had been invested in 5 per cent Exchequer Bonds and that it was intended to invest £50 in 4½ per cent War Loan Stock and his action was approved.

On the proposition of the Master seconded by Past Master Hoblyn a cordial vote of thanks was given to the Executors for their kindness in the matter and a letter was directed to be written to Mr King conveying such thanks and to be signed by the Master.

Sir Homewood
Locher Esq.

A letter was read from Past Master Locher sending £10 10/- being the balance of a donation of twenty guineas to the Benevolent Fund.

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Properties

The Clerk further reported as to the state of repair of the Company's properties.

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The clerk reported that he had notified the Company's Lessees as to their liability with regard to damage by hostile aircraft and that 24 Lessees had replied that they had insured their properties against aircraft, but that 12 had not replied. Having regard to the small amount of the respective ground rents involved it was considered that the Company need take no further action in the matter.

Letters were read from two of the tenants asking the Company to share in the expense of the aircraft insurance but it was decided this could not be acceded to.

Treasurer's
Accounts
for 1915

The Treasurer presented his Accounts for 1915, a copy of which appears on the next page, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by Past Master Lecher the Accounts were received and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer for his services.

Band Master

Samuel Fairfield

Entertainment
for wounded
Soldiers

A letter was read from Band Master Samuel Fairfield who was on active service on H. M. S. Prince of Wales, acknowledging receipt of the Company's Silver Medal.

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford moved "That as a mark of appreciation of the gallant acts performed by many of those returned wounded from the Front an Entertainment be organised for their benefit to be given by Members of the Company at the Company's expense and that all the arrangements be referred to the Master and Wardens and four other Members of the Court."

He stated that the Lord Mayor had very kindly placed the Mansion House at the Company's disposal and that he hoped to be able to arrange for the attendance of the Guards' Band under the direction of Lieutenant Albert E. Williams M.V.O., a Liveryman of the Company, who had just returned from France.

He further suggested that opportunity might be taken of the occasion to present the gold Watch voted to Piper Laidlaw V.C., and gave a short outline of the arrangements he should propose to make which included obtaining the help of distinguished Musicians connected with the Company.

Income and Expenditure Account

Income

1915					
January 1.	Balance in hand at this date		130	19	10
	Ground Rents	£ 447:17:0			
	Less Income tax	£ 38:12:4			
	Commission on collection	11:4:0	49:16:4	397	0
	Dividends on £1678:4:5 Metropolitan Water B. Stock less tax			35	7
	Fines and Fees on Admission to Court of Sir George G. Martin				
	M. K. L. Miss. Dec. (including Clerk's fee of £1:15:0 as per contra)	£ 63:0:0			
	Ditto ditto Sir William J. Lancaster J. P. (ditto)	63:0:0	126		
	Fine on election of C. L. Colford Esquire as Master	10:10:0			
	Ditto Sir George Nyatt Truscott Baronet as Senior Warden	5:5:0			
	Ditto A. Burnett Brown Esquire as Junior Warden	5:5:0	21		
	Legacy bequeathed by the late C. J. B. Craws Esquire		500		
	Novello & Co. Limited For Royalties		1		5
<u>Trust Income</u>			1212	8	3
	<u>Carnegie Scholarships</u>				
	Dividends on \$5000 United States Steel Corporation		46	4	6
	5% Gold Bond				
	<u>Ernest Palmer Scholarships</u>				
	Dividends on £1597:2:8 Metropolitan Water B. Stock less tax		43	2	4
	<u>Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship</u>				
	Dividends on £195:5:4 ditto ditto		5	5	4
	<u>Mugh Nyatt Trust</u>				
	Dividends on £113:12:8 ditto ditto		3	5	3
	<u>Frønderquist Trust</u>				
	Dividends on £501:11:8 South Australia 4% 1940-60 Stock		17	15	4
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Expenditure

130	19	10	1915.	Board Fees		76	13	-
				Messrs King + Brymer		54	16	-
				For use of Stationers' Hall	£ 24:0:0			
				Extra expenses at Ditto per Mr William Soultan	8:16:11	97	1	11
397	0	2		Mr C. A. Brown, Butler	5:5:0	52	0	3
				Wine purchased during the year		6	4	11
35	7	4		Cigars ditto				
				<u>Donations</u>				
				Miss H. E. Biggs	£ 3:3:0			
				Professional Classes War Relief Fund	26:5:0			
				Gold watch presented to Corporal Spencer John Bent VC	19:19:0			
				Ditto Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Hindle VC	19:19:0			
				Ditto Lance Corporal William Henry VC	19:19:0			
				Presentation of Flute Band to the City of London National	20:0:0	109	5	-
				Guard				
126				Corporation Duty	22:8:4			
				License for Armorial Bearings	1:1:0	23	9	4
				Printing and Stationery		26	8	6
				Care of Gowns and hire of extra ditto		8	-	-
				Fees for full Choir at St Cecilia's Celebration		10	10	-
				Medals		7	19	6
				Fire Insurance on State Wine &c		4	14	6
				Aircraft Insurance on ditto		1	6	1
				Repairs to Masters Chair		1	6	-
0	21			Cheque Book		1	1	8
				Brokers charges in connection with transfer of Stocks into Company's		3	17	-
				Corporate name				
500				Windle & Co Ltd for reprinting Cobbett's Fantasy		5	4	6
				Messrs Hawkes & Son for School Suites sent to 4 London Schools of Music		3	14	8
				Musical News, expenses of despatching Music Student to Members		3	7	3
				Composition Scholarship at Guildhall School of Music		9	9	-
				Clerk's Salary	£ 52:10:0			
				Fees on Admission of 2 Assistants as per Contra	3:10:0	56	-	-
				Petty disbursements per the Clerk		17	14	3
				Beadles Salary		10	10	-
				Investment of legacy received from Executors of the Will of the late Mr				
				C. J. & Co in £67.12.1 Metropolitan Water B. Stock		500	-	-
				Invested in 4 1/2 per cent War Loan		50	-	-
					£	1141	13	4
				<u>Trust Expenditure</u>				
1212	8	3		Carnegie Scholarship Fees	£ 30:13:4			
				Examiners fee	2:12:6			
				Ernest Palmer Fees	38:6:8			
				Examiners fee	2:12:6			
				Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship	5:5:0			
				Hugh Wyatt Trust, Cost of Medal presented to Royal				
				Naval School of Music	1:11:9	81	1	9
				Balance at Banks on 31 st December 1915		105	5	11
					£	1328	1	-

The question of expense was raised and Sir Homewood stated he thought it would be about £60. but agreed that it should be limited to £50.

This resolution was seconded by East Master Southgate when 7 voted for and 7 against the resolution and the Master gave a casting vote in favour of it.

It was decided to hold the Entertainment on Monday the 28th February next at 3 p.m. and the following Members of the Court were appointed a committee to carry out the arrangement viz: the Master and Wardens East Masters Sir Frederick Bridge D^r Southgate and Sir Homewood Crawford and Ex-Sheriff M^r H. J. C. de La Fontaine.

Miss H. L. Biggs

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

Carnegie
Scholarships

The correspondence that had passed between the Clerk and the Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music with reference to advertising the vacant Carnegie Scholarship was read and East Master Hill undertook to get suitable announcements inserted in several papers free of expense if M^r Saxe Nymphham would let him have the subject matter. It was left to East Master Hill and the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

It was further resolved that M^r J. Newburn Levien should be asked to act as the Company's Examiner in connection with the Scholarship and that failing him D^r C. Markham Lee should be asked to act.

The Clerk asked for instructions as to the advisability of dealing with the \$5000 United States Steel Corporation 50 year 5 per cent Gold Bond out of which the income of the Scholarship was derived and the opinion was expressed that it would be advisable to sell the Bond and invest the proceeds in some suitable trust security. On the proposition of Sir Ernest

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Clarke seconded by the Treasurer it was unanimously resolved that the Bond should be handed over to Past Master C. D. Hoblyn to be dealt with by him at his discretion.

The Livery

A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Hancock a Liveryman of the Company enquiring why the Livery had not been called together for such a long time and asking for information as to what the Company had been doing during the War. The Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Hancock that the last edition of the Company's Hand Book issued in July 1915 gave him the fullest particulars and that he would shortly receive an invitation to the Entertainment at the Mansion House fixed for the 28th February next.

South London

Musical Club

A request from Mr. Frederick Henry the Secretary of the South London Musical Club for presentation of copies of the Company's Proze Grace "Cauli Omnium" by Dr. Charles Wood was read but the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Henry that such copies could be obtained at small expense from the Publishers, Metzler & Co. Limited.

Gobbett

Phantasies

A letter was read from Novello & Co. Ltd. stating that they were running out of copies of Hurleston's Phantasy String Quartet and the Clerk was instructed to order a further supply.

Mr. Henry Bird

A letter was read from Mr. Vaughan Williams asking for a subscription to the fund being raised for the Family of Mr. Henry Bird deceased the late Organist of St. Mary Abbots Kensington but it was decided that no funds were available for the purpose.

The following Accounts were passed for payment.

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	21	.	.
Messrs King & Bryner For Court Dinner on 26 th October last	13	10	.
Messrs J. Warner & Co. Printing & lithographing Account to the 31 st December last	6	13	4

	£			
Messrs Edie Son & Ravenscroft For care and hire of gowns		5	0	6
M ^r Tom Broad For stationery		2	.	.
Clerks Quarters salary to date	£13. 2. 6			
Disturbances for Quarters ended the 31 st December last	} 7. 6. 1	20	8	7
Breadle's Quarters salary to date		2	12	6
J. H. & J. Brooke L ^{td} For cigars and cigarettes		7	2	.
Gold Watch for Piper Lairdlaw		19	19	.
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Chas. H. ...

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Entertainment for Wounded Soldiers

On Monday 28th February 1916 the Entertainment for Wounded Soldiers authorised at the last Court was given in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House which had kindly been lent by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Colonel & Alderman Sir Charles Cheers Wakefield for the purpose.

Two hundred wounded Soldiers drawn from various Hospitals attended and the concert was also attended by (besides the Members of the Company) the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Sir Charles P. Lucas K.C.B., K.C.M.G., the Chairman of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute (who had largely interested themselves in the Entertainment of Wounded Soldiers from Over Sea Dominions) and a party from the Royal Colonial Institute and Colonel Somerville and Major Stutton M.V.O. from Kneller Hall.

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford had charge of the general arrangements and Past Master Sir J. Frederick Bridge C.V.O., M.A., Mus. Doc. acted as Director of the Music. The following Artists who had kindly given their services took part in the concert viz: Miss Phyllis Lett, Miss Kate Horke, M^{rs} Lloyd Chandos (a Silver Medallist of the Company) M^{rs} Alfred Heather, Miss Daisy Kennedy (Violinist), M^{rs} Frank Hodson (Accompanist), and the Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards with Lieutenant Albert Williams M.V.O., Mus. Doc. a Liverman of the Company, as Conductor.

The Men were provided with an excellent Tea at long tables in the Egyptian Hall and Tea was also served for the other Visitors in the Drawing Room and Parlour at the Mansion House.

Before the interval in the concert during which the tea was served a gold Watch was presented by the Lord Mayor on behalf of the Company to Piper Daniel Laidlaw V.C. of the 7th Kings Own Scottish Borderers.

Piper Laidlaw V.C. was conducted to the Platform by the Pipers of the Lord Mayor's Recruiting Bands headed by the Company's Beadle, and after the Master had delivered a short address the Presentation was made by the Lord Mayor to which Piper Laidlaw replied.

He then at the request of the Lord Mayor played the 'Blue Bonnets over the Border' the piece he had played outside the Trenches at Loos when he gained the Victoria Cross, which evoked great enthusiasm.

The notice in the 'London Gazette' of the act of bravery for which Piper Laidlaw was awarded the V.C. is as follows:

'For most conspicuous bravery prior to an assault on German trenches near Loos and Hill 70 on September 25th 1915. During the worst of the bombardment, when the attack was about to commence, Piper Laidlaw, seeing that his Company was somewhat shaken from the effects of gas with absolute coolness and disregard of danger mounted the parapet, marched up and down and played his Company out of the trench. The effect of his splendid example was immediate and the Company dashed out to the assault. Piper Laidlaw continued playing his pipes till he was wounded.'

The inscription on the gold Watch was - Presented to Piper Daniel Laidlaw V.C. of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers by the Worshipful Company of Musicians upon gaining the honour of the Victoria Cross. Loos 25th September 1915.

At the conclusion of the concert the Lord Mayor and the Company were cordially thanked for the Entertainment by Sir Charles Lucas on behalf of the Royal Colonial Institute to which the Master and the Lord Mayor shortly replied.

The expense of the elaborate Programmes of the Concert was borne by Sir Donald Palmer Bart. J.P. an Honorary Freeman of the Company who was present

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W. L. Gollard Esq. M.A. B.C.L., Master in the Chair

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott Bart., Senior Warden

A. Burnett Brown Esq. F.S.A. Junior Warden

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

J. G. Gollard, F. Harwood Lecher, Alderman Sir Edward

Cooper, J. Lea Southgate D.C.L., Arthur F. Hill F.S.A.,

W. F. Fuller, Clifford B. Edgar D.L., J.P., Mus. Bac., B.Sc.

and Captain A. G. Chamier J.P.

A. G. Hunter Esq., Hugh Wyatt Esq. H. J. C. de Lafontaine Esq. M.A.

and Sir Ernest Clarke M.A. F.S.A.

Sixteen guineas were paid to the Members present

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

The clerk reported that Second Lieutenant Hugh Valentine Cholmeley of the Grenadier Guards a Liveryman of the Company had been killed at the Front on the 7th instant and on the proposition of Fast Master Captain Chamier (who said he was at Eton with Lieutenant Cholmeley's Father, Mr. L. C. Cholmeley) seconded by the Senior Warden a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with Lieut. Cholmeley's Parents and Family and a letter was directed to be written to Mr. L. C. Cholmeley and to be signed by the Master.

On the Accounts being laid on the table for inspection Mr. Hunter enquired as to the balance in hand available for payment of the Accounts irrespective of

Second Lieut

H. V. Cholmeley

Accounts

the trust funds and urged that the Trust income should be kept separate from the general income

The Treasurer stated that after paying the accounts mentioned on the Agenda and the Court Fees there would be a balance of slightly less than £100 and the Clerk stated that he kept ledger accounts of all trust funds which were kept up to date and pointed out that the trust income was dealt with separately in the annual Accounts from the general income and East-Master Fuller said he considered this sufficient

On the proposition of East-Master Edgar seconded by the Immediate Post-Master Captain Chamier it was resolved that the general balance and Trust balance for the time being should be reported on the Agendas for the Court Meeting at the foot of the list of Accounts presented for payment for the information of the Court.

Lord Alverstone

A letter was read from Miss Webster thanking the Court for its vote of sympathy and condolence on the death of her brother Viscount Alverstone.

Sir S. Ernest
Palmer Bart.
Captⁿ A. C. de
La Fontaine
Lieut. A. D.
Burnett Brown

Letters of thanks were read from Sir S. Ernest Palmer Bart., Captain A. C. de La Fontaine, and Lieutenant A. D. Burnett Brown for the congratulatory votes passed at the last Court.

Royal Military
School of Music
Band Master
B. W. O. Donnell

A letter was read from Band Master B. Walton O. Donnell now stationed at Meowt U.P. India, thanking the Company for its Silver Medal and stating that he would with much pleasure adopt the suggestion of having a bar added to the miniature Medal he already possessed.

Sir George C.
Martin M.P.
Mus. Sec.

The Clerk reported the death of Sir George Clement Martin M.P., Mus. Sec. a Member of the Court on the 25th February last and stated that a handsome wreath had been sent in the name of the Company and that the Master and several Members of the Court and the Clerk had attended the Memorial

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Service in St Pauls Cathedral

The Master stated that he had written a letter of sympathy and condolence to Lady Martin on behalf of the Company and the reply from Lady Martin together with a letter she had written to the Clerk were read

The Master stated that he had acceded to a request received from the Rev. W. P. Besley, the Honorary Secretary of a Committee which had been formed for the purpose of promoting a Memorial to the late Sir George Martin to allow himself to be placed upon the General Committee and his action was approved

The Master further stated that he had since heard from Mr Besley that the Scheme would probably take a much larger scope than a mere memorial tablet as at first suggested

Vacancy
on Court

The question of filling the vacancy that had arisen on the Court in consequence of Sir George Martin's death was discussed and Mr Hill stated that he had communicated with Mr Percy Godfrey the Liveryman next in rotation who stated he could not afford the fees and a letter from Mr J. H. Stainer in reply to an enquiry by the Clerk was read asking that his election, if decided on, might be postponed for the present.

After discussion the question of filling the vacancy was adjourned and the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Stainer that it had been decided not to fill up the vacancy for the present

The Company's
Properties

The Clerk reported that the repairs to all the Company's properties with the exception of Nos 12 to 28 (even numbers) Norlington Road Leytonstone had been completed but that the Surveyors stated that no significant attempt had been made to carry out any work of a substantial nature at Norlington Road. The Clerk was instructed to commence proceedings against the Lessee Mr V. C. Turner in the event of the Surveyors requirements not being at once complied with.

Barnegie } The Treasurer reported that acting under the advice of Past Master C. G. Hoblyn he had sold the \$5000 United States Steel Corporation 50 year 5 per cent Gold Bond for £1187.7.0 and that the proceeds of sale had been invested in £1224.14.2 War Loan 4½ per cent 1925/45 Stock and a vote of thanks was accorded to Past Master Hoblyn for his services in the matter.

The clerk reported that with the approval of the Master arrangements had now been made with the Guildhall School of Music for all the Company's Scholarships to run concurrently from the month of July and although Past Master W. Southgate was of opinion that the Scholarship should have been filled up as soon as it became vacant the arrangement was approved.

Past Master Hill said he understood the payment of entrance fees in respect of the Scholarship Examinations had been dropped by the Guildhall School of Music and he was requested to ascertain if the School would pay the fees of the Company's Examiner.

Palmer } The clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Rev. R. H. Couchman the Head Master of the St Paul's Choir School who stated he hoped to have a Candidate or Candidates ready to compete for this Scholarship in June next.

Entertainment of Wounded Soldiers } The following report of the Committee for the entertainment of wounded Soldiers was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

In accordance with the reference of the Court to make arrangements for the Entertainment agreed to be given by the Company to Wounded Soldiers from His Majesty's Dominions Overseas at the Mansion House, by kind permission of the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor on Monday the 22nd February 1916, we lost no time in communicating with various Members of the Company and with Silver Medallists in the hope of securing their services and co-operation.

Sir Charles Santley, an old Liveryman, and who was awarded the Company's Silver Medal in honor of his jubilee year in Music in 1907, regretfully declined, owing to the fact of his having given up singing in public, on account of his great age. Mr. Kennedy Rumford wrote from 'somewhere in France' expressing his great regret that absence from England on military service rendered it impossible for him to assist. Madame Clara Butt, one of the Company's Silver Medallists, regretted that, being on tour in the provinces, she was unable to sing on the occasion. Miss Muriel Foster, another of the Company's Medallists, most readily consented. Mr. Lloyd Chandos, also a Company's Medallist, was equally willing; and Mr. Stanley Hawley, the Company's first Silver Medallist, consented to be present, but was silent as to actively co-operating. On the day he kindly offered to accompany, but other arrangements had been already made. Lieutenant Albert Williams M.V.O., Mus. Doc. (Oxon) a Liveryman of the Company, most kindly consented to conduct and provide a Band of His Majesty's Grenadier Guards, by kind permission of Colonel H. Streetfield C.V.O. C.B. at a nominal cost of 2/- per bandsman to cover their travelling expenses. It was originally arranged to have an Orchestra of 40, but being principally Brass, it was subsequently deemed desirable to limit the Band to 25 players.

We were fortunate in securing the valuable services of Miss Phyllis Lett, and Miss Ruth Vincent also consented to appear, but at the last moment failed us, owing to a professional engagement. As Violinists, Miss Daisy Kennedy (Madame Morzevitch) most generously consented to give her services; as did Miss Kate Kerke, through the intervention of our Honorary Freeman, Mr. Landon Ronald.

We arranged a suitable Programme of Music, under the direction of Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge, C.V.O. Mus. Doc. in which were included compositions of Sir Hubert Parry Bart, C.V.O. Mus. Doc. Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Sir

Edward Elgar, all Honorary Freeman of the Company, Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, and Lieutenant Albert Williams M.V.O. Mus. Soc., so that the Concert was largely carried through by the Company's own Members.

M^{rs} Frank Hodsoell, Medallist of the Guildhall School of Music, and wife of Major Hodsoell serving at the Front and favorably mentioned in dispatches, most kindly undertook the whole of the accompaniments, and had the advantage of an excellent grand piano, generously provided by Past Master John Clements Colford. The charmingly illustrated programmes depicting the thrilling scene of Piper Daniel Laidlaw, V.C. of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, heartening his comrades at Loos, by playing outside the British trenches under enemy fire, were provided by our generous Hon. Freeman, Sir Ernest Salmer Bart., and £2.10.0 was the only amount actually spent for the provision of the entire concert.

Unfortunately a severe attack of influenza deprived us of the services of Miss Mabel Foster, but we were fortunate in securing the attendance of M^{rs} Alfred Heather, of Westminster Abbey fame.

It is not for us to speak of the quality or success of the Concert, further than to accord our unstinted praise to the distinguished Artists and Bands, aided by their talented Conductor, Lieut. Albert Williams, who so materially added to the enjoyment of the 200 Wounded Soldiers who honoured the Company with their presence.

It also fell to the lot of your Committee to make all the arrangements for the due presentation of the Company's Gold Presentation Watch to Piper Daniel Laidlaw, V.C. the Hero of Loos, the principal labours in connection with which fell upon and were ably discharged by the Master.

Through the intervention of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, a Member

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of the 'Recruiting Bands' Executive Committee, we were enabled to secure the attendance of the Pipers of the Lord Mayor's 'Recruiting Bands' who piped up the worthy recipient of the Company's Presentation Watch in connection with the proceedings already detailed to the Court in the Clerk's Report; and we venture to think this incident was peculiarly acceptable to the audience assembled.

We also carried out the Court's directions as to the invitations to be sent to the Members of the Court and Livery and to the Hon. Freeman. Those of the Livery who applied were permitted to come accompanied, like the Members of the Court, with ladies. We regret that there was not a larger response to the Court's invitations; especially as we had given effect to the Court's instructions to provide suitable refreshment for all the Company's guests. Messrs King & Brymer were the caterers; and the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, who had so generously placed the Mansion House at our disposal, insisted upon personally discharging their entire account.

We deemed it desirable to present Bouquets to the Lady Mayress Miss Phyllis Lett, Miss Kate Porke, Miss Daisy Kennedy and Mrs Frank Hodson, the cost of which amounted to £2.5.6 and we distributed gratuities to the Mansion House staff to the extent of £2.15.0.

Instead, therefore, of expending the £50 kindly placed at our disposal by the Court, we have only had to call upon the Treasurer to disburse £7.10.6.

That the afternoon's Entertainment proved eminently successful and reflected credit upon the Company can be best judged by the annexed letters of thanks.

In conclusion, we have to express the hope that the Court will most cordially thank the Lord Mayor for his great hospitality and the various Artists and Members of the Company who so readily and generously assisted us in our labours to insure success.

We have the honour to be,
 Your obedient servants
 Signed on behalf of the Committee
 Tho^s Lea Southgate
 Homewood Bradford

April 18. 1916.

The following letters of thanks were also read:

Royal Colonial Institute.

Northumberland Avenue, London W.C.

1st March 1916

From Sir Charles Lucas, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.

Chairman of Council, Royal Colonial Institute,

To G. L. Colliard Esq.

Master of The Worshipful Company of Musicians

16 Berners Street, W.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, which met yesterday, I have the pleasure to convey to you as well as to the Wardens and Court of the Musicians Company, their very deep appreciation of their action in entertaining the wounded Soldiers from the Overseas Dominions on Monday last at the Mansion House, which was kindly lent for the occasion by The Lord Mayor.

The men themselves were highly delighted with the concert provided for them, and at having the opportunity of seeing the Mansion House, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon. I should like also to express my own personal thanks to yourself for all your kindness and courtesy, for the very complete arrangements made for the comfort of the men and for their entertainment.

I am, Dear Sir,

yours faithfully,

C. P. Lucas

Chairman of Council.

Howick, Ladbury, Northumberland.

27th February 1916.

Dear Sir Charles

I am sorry I cannot be present at the Mansion House tomorrow and

enjoy, in the companionship of the wounded officers and men of the Overseas Forces, the entertainment kindly provided by the Musicians Company.

As I cannot be present myself, may I ask you to be good enough to convey from me, as President of the Royal Colonial Institute, on this concluding entertainment, an expression of my grateful thanks to the various City Companies; the Skinners, the Goldsmiths, the Haberdashers, Grocers, Vintners, my own Company, the Merchant Tailors, the Armourers and Brasiers, the Goldsmiths, and last of all the Musicians, for the generous and liberal way in which they have responded to a suggestion made to them by our Institute that they should take advantage of the presence in London of wounded officers and men of the Overseas Forces to entertain them, and by so doing establish a new link between the City and the Dominions.

I remain, Yours very sincerely,
(signed) Grey

The British Red Cross Society
City of London Branch.

Quilhall, London E.C.

14th March 1916

J. G. Fenwick Esq.
Clerk to the Musicians Company
16 Berners Street W.

Dear Sir,

The Master, Wardens and Court of your Company were recently so good as to extend to some of the patients in this Hospital (some of them Colonials) an invitation to be present at the concert which you gave to wounded soldiers in the Mansion House on Monday last the 28th ulto. I am desired by my Committee to express their very high appreciation of your kindness and to tender to you their hearty thanks.

Yours faithfully,
M.C. Goodhue
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The Master said that he had sent personal letters of thanks to the Lord Mayor and to the Artists who had given their services and on the proposition of the Senior Warden seconded by Mr Hugh Nyall an unanimous and cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Master and Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford for the great services rendered by them in the matter.

The Company's
Silver Medal

Lieut. A. E. Williams
M.V.O. Miss Doc

Miss Phyllis Lett

The Senior Warden on behalf of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, who was unfortunately absent through illness, moved that the Silver Medal of the Company be presented to Lieutenant Albert Edward Williams M.V.O. Miss Doc, Baton Band Master of the Grenadier Guards a Liverman of the Company and to Miss Phyllis Lett for services rendered to the Company and stated that both Lieutenant Williams and Miss Lett had been lately at the Front helping to entertain the Troops. The Resolution was seconded by Past Master Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper and supported by Past Master Mr Southgate. The Master suggested the elimination of the words 'for services rendered to the Company' and the insertion of 'for services to Music' in lieu thereof. This was supported by Sir Ernest Clarke and the resolution so amended was carried non con.

Cobbett
Phantasies

A letter was read from Mr W. W. Cobbett a Liverman of the Company with reference to further commissions he proposed to give for Folk Song Phantasies and it was resolved that he might use the name of the Company in connection with the publication of such Phantasies, as under its egis.

Alien Livermen

The Master mentioned the case of two Naturalised Livermen of alien enemy birth whose names had recently come before the Public in connection with the German Athenaeum and suggested a reference to a Committee to consist of the Master Warden and Sir Homewood Crawford, to consider the whole question of Livermen of alien birth but after a short discussion it was decided to allow the matter to stand over to await developments in connection with the livermen in question.

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The clerk reported that the income in hand on account of the Frendergast Trust now amounted to £35. 8. 2 and that another dividend of about £8 was due in July

On the proposition of Past Master A. F. Hill seconded by the junior Warden, Mr. Arthur William Fitzsimmons a Liverpudlian of the Company was co-opted a member of the Committee and the clerk was instructed to call an early meeting of the Committee to deal with the matter.

Lance Corporal
Archibald Calder

The Master said his attention had been drawn to the fact that Lance Corporal Archibald Calder of the London Scottish had won a Prize in an open Competition held at the Stratford & East London Musical Festival for the setting of 'How Sleep the Brave' which was actually written in the Trenches under bombardment and particulars as to Lance Corporal Calder which had been obtained by the Clerk at the request of the Master were given

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation signed by the Master to Lance Corporal Calder and to offer to pay the cost of the publication of his composition.

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers - For use of Idall to date	21	0	0
Messrs Ring & Brymer - for Court Dinner on 25 th January last	13	10	0
Messrs J. Warner & Co. Printing and lithographing account to the 31 st March last	3	11	5
Clorke's Quarters salary to date	£ 13	2	6
costs in connection with repair of Company's properties and service of notices of dilapidations	8	8	0
Disbursements for Quarter ended 31 st March last	5	6	4
Beadles Quarters salary to date	2	12	6
Messrs Henry Holmes & Co. Agreed fee in respect of dilapidations to the Company's properties	21	0	0
Signed <u>C. E. Collins</u> Master	£ 88	10	9

All a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 11th July 1916.

Present:

C. L. Collard Esq. M.A., B.C.L., Master, in the Chair.
Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott Bart. Senior Warden.
A. Burnett Brown Esq. F.S.A., Junior Warden.
Prot. Masters J. H. Shilbeck Professor Sir J. Friedrich
Bridge C.K.C. M.A., Mus. Doc. J. C. Collard,
C. D. Hoblyn, F. Harwood Lescher, W. C. Herring,
Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford,
J. Lea Southgate D.C.L., Arthur F. Hill F.S.A.
W. P. Fuller, Clifford B. Edgar, Esq., J.P., Mus. Bac., B. Sc.,
and Captain A. C. Chamber J.P., and
A. C. Hunter Esq. Hugh Wyatt Esq.
H. J. C. de Lafontaine Esq. M.A., and Sir Ernest Clarke M.A. F.S.A.

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Twenty guineas were paid to the Members present.

Septimus Croft }
 Esq. J.P. }

A letter was read from M^r Septimus Croft regretting his inability to attend the Court as he was anxiously awaiting news about his son-in-law who had been dangerously wounded at the Front and the Members present expressed their sympathy with M^r Croft in his anxiety.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 18th April last were read and confirmed.

Accounts

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Court the general and trust balances appeared on the Agenda papers at the foot of the list of Accounts presented for payment.

Mr Hunter suggested the desirability of not having the figures published on the Agenda papers and after a short discussion Dist Master Sir Homewood Crawford gave notice of motion for the next Court to omit the figures from the Agenda papers.

Canon & St.
Pearce M.A.

The clerk reported that the Rev. G. H. Pearce M.A., the Hon. Chaplain to the Company had been appointed Archdeacon of Westminster and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden a hearty vote of congratulation was passed to him on his appointment and notice of such resolution was directed to be sent him in a letter signed by the Master.

Mr Stanley
Hawley

The clerk reported the death of Mr Stanley Hawley a Liveryman of the Company and the Company's first Medallist, on the 13th June last and stated that by the instructions of the Master he had sent a handsome wreath in the name of the company. The Master stated he had written a letter of condolence to Mr Bacon, Mr Hawley's sister, and his action was approved.

Lieut Francis
Innocent

The following letter was read from Lieut. Francis Innocent in reply to congratulatory vote

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B. E. F.

To the Vorshipful Master and Court
of the Musicians Company.

Sir,

Some weeks ago a most welcome and much appreciated letter came to me from the Company congratulating me upon the good fortune I had experienced in being given the M.C. This letter is now in England with those kept as of special value. My reply I understand never reached you but I remember perfectly well writing one in a little miners Coron during a few days out of the line. I hope you will forgive the delay but I have only just heard that you had not received an answer to such a kind letter. After such a close connection of the Innocent family with the

Company I cannot let such a mistake pass and with renewed and most sincere thanks I can only ask for forgiveness for some carelessness of the posting

I am, Yrs faithfully

Francis Truscott.

Lieut. H. V. Cholmeley

The following letter was read from Mr Lawin C. Cholmeley in reply to a vote of sympathy on the death of his son Lieut. H. V. Cholmeley

19 Hamilton Terrace N.W.

20 April 1916

Dear Sir

On behalf of Mr Cholmeley my family and myself I beg to thank you for your most kind letter conveying the vote of condolence and sympathy of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Musicians on the death of my dear son. It is, as you say, an irreparable loss to us and one that would be almost unbearable but for our feeling that he died like a Man doing his duty for King and Country and in a most noble cause

Of all the numerous messages of Sympathy we have received yours would I think have pleased him most for he was very proud of being a Member of your Company and enjoyed most keenly all your gatherings. I am much touched to know that your kind vote was proposed by my old friend and School fellow Captain Chamier.

With heartfelt thanks, I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Lawin C. Cholmeley

The Worshipful Master

The Company of Musicians

16 Berners Street, W.

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Lieut. A. E.
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The following letter was read from Lieut. A. E. Williams M.V.O., Mus. Doc. in reply to the communication which had been sent announcing the intention of the Court to confer the Company's Silver Medal upon him

28 Tregunter Road S.W.

20 April 1916

Dear Mr. Fenwick,

Your communication, it is unnecessary to say, has given me very real pleasure. Pray offer my grateful thanks to the Court for the honour they have conferred upon me - an honour which I am bound to confess is greater than I can be said to have earned.

Unfortunately July 11th next finds me on tour in Yorkshire. Can it conveniently be arranged for some other date? Yours faithfully

A. Williams

J. G. Fenwick Esq.

It was decided to make the presentation at the October Court.

Miss Phyllis
Lett

The following letter was read from Miss Phyllis Lett in reply to the letter announcing the intention of the Court to present her with the Silver Medal of the Company

194 Clarence Gate Gardens, Regents Park N.W.

April 24th / 16

Dear Mr. Fenwick,

Thank you very much for your letter giving me such a delightful piece of information. I feel very highly honoured that the Musicians Company is so kindly going to present me with the Silver Medal of the Company - & I shall hope to be present at the Stationers Hall on July 11th at 6 o'clock to receive it. I shall be very glad if you will kindly convey my warmest thanks to the Court of the Musicians Company for the honour they have conferred upon me.

Yours very truly Phyllis Lett.

Miss Phyllis Lett had arranged to attend the court on that day to receive the Medal at the hands of the Master, but unfortunately she had severely sprained her ankle and was unable to keep her appointment and the presentation was therefore postponed until the next court.

Vacancy on Court

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. R. Stainer now serving as a Sergeant in the East Surrey Regiment stating that he would be pleased to accept a seat on the Court if his admission could stand over until the end of the War and on the proposition of Fast Master Sir Blomewood Crawford seconded by the Master he was unanimously elected an Assistant on the understanding that his admission should stand over as requested.

Alien
Liverymen

The following letter from the Chamberlain of the City of London was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

Chamberlain's Court, Guildhall St

9th June 1916

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Court of Aldermen held on the 6th instant, it was resolved that Naturalized Germans be not admitted to the Freedom. In order to comply with this Resolution, it will be essential for every person presented by your Company for admission to the Freedom of the City to produce his Birth Certificate for inspection, when he makes application here. No application will, therefore, be entertained unless this document is produced.

I would point out that it is quite a common practice for persons to produce in place of a Birth Certificate, a Certificate of Registry of Birth. This document does not give the required information and cannot be accepted.

I have no doubt that your Company is in full sympathy with this Resolution and are acting accordingly but it is necessary that I should formally convey to you the fact of the Resolution having been

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Yours faithfully,

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The recommendation by Colonel Somerville the Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music of Thomas William Stopford who had already been appointed Band Master of the 2nd Battalion Loyal North Lancaster Regiment as the Company's Silver Medallist for the year was approved.

Royal Naval
School of Music

The recommendation of the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music of Band Master, Second Class, Reginald Thomas Jackson as the Company's Silver Medallist for the year was approved.

Guildhall
School of Music

The recommendation of Mr Landon Ronald of Miss Lillian Stiles-Allen a Soprano singer as the Company's Silver Medallist for the year was approved.

Carnegie
Scholarship

The following report of the Examiners on the recent Carnegie Scholarship was read.

The Guildhall School of Music

John Carpenter Street

Victoria Embankment &c.

To the Master & Wardens of the
Worshipful Company of Musicians.

June the twenty-third 1916

Gentlemen,

re Carnegie Scholarship

We beg to report that 35 candidates entered for the above, and 34 were examined at the Preliminary Examination held on Thursday June 15th. Four candidates were selected to compete in the Final, viz. 1 vocalist, 2 pianists, and 1 violinist.

The Final Examination was held at the Guildhall School of Music on Friday June 23rd at 2.30 p.m. and we came to the unanimous conclusion that Reginald William Burgoine age 13, was eminently the best candidate

and we strongly recommend him to the Worshipful Company for the above Scholarship

He has exceptional talent, and his sight-reading was most praiseworthy

We beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully

London Donald
J. Newburn Levison
F. Harold Hawkins

and the selection was approved.

It was decided to pay M^r J. Newburn Levison the Company's Examines a fee of £5. 5/- for his services in the matter

Ernest Palmer
Scholarship

A letter was read from the Rev. D. H. Couchman, Head Master of the St. Paul's Choir School stating that after all, he had no suitable candidate available for the Scholarship and a letter was also read from the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music asking that Leo Turpin's Scholarship might be extended for another year and on the proposition of Past Master Sir Hornwood Crawford seconded by Past Master Professor Sir Frederic Bridge it was resolved that Leo Turpin's Scholarship should be so extended

Sir George Martin
M.V.O. Mrs. Lee

The Master stated that the Scheme in connection with the Memorial to Sir George C. Martin M.V.O. Mrs. Lee, the late Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral was now to put an unpretentious Tablet in the Crypt of the Cathedral and to purchase an Annuity for Lady Martin, and that about £1100 had already been subscribed for this purpose and on the proposition of the Senior Warden seconded by Past Master Levesley it was resolved to subscribe Ten guineas towards the fund.

Elections to
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The Master moved that it be referred to a Committee to consist of seven Members of the Court of whom the Master Warden and Treasurer should be

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ex-officio Members to consider and report upon the existing system of election to the Freedom and Livery of the Company with instructions to advise the Court upon the adequacy of such system and to make recommendations which may be deemed advisable in the interests of the Company.

He stated that professional Musicians were often unable to join the Company on account of the heavy fees payable and he thought it might also be advisable to deal with the question of Naturalized persons of alien enemy birth.

The Resolution was seconded by East Master Sir Homewood Crawford and carried unanimously and the Master, Wardens and Treasurer and East Masters Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir Homewood Crawford and A. F. Hill were appointed a Committee to consider the matter and lay recommendations before the Court.

East Master Edgar suggested the advisability of extending the reference to the elections to the Court. This was seconded by East Master Captain Chamier and unanimously agreed to and the original Motion was accordingly altered by adding the words "and Court of Assistants" after the word "Livery".

East Master Herring moved "That it is high time the Livery were invited to meet the Master, Wardens and Court of the Musicians Company and that invitations be issued for the next meeting in October when Dinner will be served to all those who like to attend without quests or music - Morning Dress to be worn", but it was pointed out that the Members of the Livery had recently been invited to attend a function at the Mansion House when the response was most disappointing. The Motion did not find a seconder and therefore dropped.

The Clerk reported that East Master D. Southgate had kindly interested himself in this matter and the following report from D. Southgate was read:

Lance Corporal

Ernstwald Calder

Re Calder's Prize Song

I have to report that in accordance with the direction given by the last Court, I have arranged for the publication of Mr. Archibald Calder's Prize Song.

It will be remembered that Sir Edward Cooper called attention to the song to which was awarded a Prize at the recent Stratford and East London Competition Festival.

The music was composed in the trenches in Flanders, and the song is an excellent setting of Colindale's well known and lofty words: "Now sleep the brave who sink to rest By all their Country's wishes blest"

I have been able to place the Song with Messrs. Neches, the music publishers of Hanover Street, one of the best houses; and at no expense to our Company. A royalty of 2^d per copy has been reserved to the Composer, who is quite satisfied with the arrangement.

I venture to suggest, that the Court might direct the purchase of some copies, and by distributing them materially aid in making the Song known.

(signed) Wm^o Lea Southgate

July 11th 1916.

He stated that the cost of the Song was to be 1/6 a copy but that copies could be supplied to Members of the Company for 1/- and that hence Corporal Calder was to receive a royalty of 2^d per copy and on the proposition of East Master Sir Frederic Bridge seconded by Sir Ernest Blake it was resolved to expend a sum of £5, in sending copies of the Song (which bore the name of the Company) to all Members of the Company.

Company's Minutes
King & Brymer

A letter was read from Messrs King & Brymer stating that owing to the increase of prices and heavy establishment expenses on account of the War

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they had been compelled to ask for a general rise in their prices and saying they must charge 17/- per head for the Dinners now served

considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the price already charged for the Dinners and suggestions were made as to dining elsewhere but it was pointed out that the Company would in that case lose the benefit of having their own wine and plate cellars at Stationers Hall

After discussion, the clerk was directed to ask Messrs King + Bryner what was the best Dinner they could serve for 15/- per head and to inform them that the Court would have no objection to their supplying Waitresses instead of Waiters during the War if this would relieve matters.

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Trust

The clerk reported that the benefit of this trust had been offered to the Vicar of All hallows Barking, who had selected a Boy named Richard John Jarvant, but as the boy was only 12 years old it had been arranged that his nomination should stand over for two years. The clerk further reported that the benefit of the trust had now been offered to the Rector of All hallows Lombard Street who was asking for further particulars

Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge suggested that Choir Boys might be articulated to an Organist and his suggestion was referred to the Committee for consideration.

Capt & A.C. D.
Chamier

Past Master Chamier reported that his Son and Apprentice Eric A. C. D. Chamier had been promoted Captain in the 5th Battalion Lincoln Regiment in March last when he was still under 20 years of age and was congratulated on the fact

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs King + Bryner For Court Dinner on 17 th April last	11	5	0
De Kuypers Royal Hotel Ltd For use of Committee rooms and Deas	2	9	6
	£	34	14 6

	£	34	4	6
James Innescott & Son L ^{td} For Stationery		2	4	6
Messrs J Warner & Co Printing and Lithographing				
Account to the 30 th June last	18	0		
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J. Mauburn Leven Esq: Fee for Carnegie Scholarship Examination		5	5	0
Clerk's Quarters salary to date	£ 13	2	6	
Disbursements for Quarter ended 30 th June last	3	11	2	16 13 8
Beadle's Quarters salary to date		2	12	6
	£	63	17	2

Signed Charles Collins

24. Oct. 16.

Master

Present

Dr J. de Lafontaine Esq M.S.

Dr C. Hunter Esq

Capt. Frank Graham Lecher M.C. M.A.M.C.

Lieut. Col. W.C.C. Esq M.S.

Seventeen Letters were read and con-
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In a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday, the 24th October 1916

Present:

C. L. Gollard Esq., M.A., B.C.L., Master in the Chair

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Inwcott, Bart. Senior Warden

A. Burnett Brown Esq. Junior Warden.

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

J. C. Gollard, C. D. Hoblyn, J. Harwood Lecher.

W. C. Herring, Alderman Sir Edward E. Cooper.

Sir Homewood Crawford, J. Lea Southgate Esq.,

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A., W. P. Fuller, Clifford B. Edgar Esq., J.P.,
-Also Bue, B.Sc.

and Captain A. G. Chamier J.P.

and Hugh Wyatt Esq. and Sir Ernest Clarke M.A., F.S.A.

Seventeen guineas were paid to the Members present.

M. J. C. de Lafontaine
Esq. M.A.

Letters were read from M^r J. C. de Lafontaine and M^r Hunter expressing their regret at not being able to be present, the former on account of an important Masonic engagement in the Country and the latter on account of illness.

M. C. Hunter Esq.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 11th July last were read and confirmed.

Capt. Frank
Graham Lecher
M.A., B.C.L.

The clerk reported that Captain Frank Graham Lecher R.A.M.C. Special Reserve the son of Past Master J. Harwood Lecher had been awarded the Military Cross and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Master a hearty vote of congratulation was passed to him such congratulations to be sent in a letter signed by the Master.

Lieut. Col. W. C. C.
Esq. B.S.O.

The clerk reported that Lieutenant Colonel W. C. C. Esq. B.S.O. of the Middlesex

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Regiment, the eldest son of Mr W. H. Ash J.P. a prominent Liveryman of the Company had been killed in action and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden a sincere vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with Mr and Mrs W. H. Ash and their family, such condolence to be conveyed in a letter signed by the Master.

Accounts

A letter was read from Mr A. C. Hunter with regard to the Accounts and suggesting that the general financial position required most careful consideration. Mr Hunter urged that the Accounts should be audited quarterly.

The Treasurer made a statement as to the unsatisfactory position of the general account by reason of the War and said he would have something more to say about the matter under the notice of resolution which stood in his name on the Agenda.

Post Master Sir Homewood Crawford in pursuance of notice moved that the resolution as to including the Bank balances on the Agenda paper be rescinded. Post Master Fuller seconded this and it was unanimously carried, with a request to the Treasurer to report the Bank balances at every Court.

Archdeacon Pearce

A letter was read from Archdeacon Pearce, the Honorary Chaplain to the Company thanking the Court for their vote of congratulations.

Cadet A. Calder

A letter was read from Cadet A. Calder thanking the Court for assisting him with reference to his composition "How sleep the brave."

The Company's Silver Medal

Lieut. A. C. Williams

M. V. L. Miss Doe

Miss Phyllis Lett

Miss Lilian Stiles

Allen.

Band Master

J. W. Stopford

At 5.30 p.m. Lieutenant A. C. Williams M.V.L., Miss Doe, Band Master of the Grenadier Guards, a Liveryman of the Company, and Miss Phyllis Lett attended and were presented by the Master with the Silver Medals voted to them for their services to Music, and at the same time the Master presented Miss Lilian Stiles Allen the student selected by the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, and Band Master Thomas William Stopford of the 2nd Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment who had been recommended by the Commandant of

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the Royal Military School of Music as the most talented Student of the year with the Company's Silver Medals. - Lieutenant Williams, Miss Lett and Band Master Stopford suitably replied.

Band Master
Reginald Thomas
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Band Master Reginald Thomas Jackson of H.M.S. Colossus the Student recommended by the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music was unable to get leave to attend to receive his Medal.

Elections to
Livery and to
Court.

The following report was presented by the Committee:-

A full Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Court on the 11th July 1916 to consider Elections to the Livery and to the Court, was held on the 18th July 1916 when it was unanimously resolved to make the following recommendations to the Court:-

1. That it is desirable that prominent or promising professional Musicians be invited to join the Company, at a reduced fee of Thirty guineas to include all stamps and fees and the fee payable on taking up the Freedom of the City, Fifteen guineas to be paid on admission and the balance of fifteen guineas by three successive annual payments of five guineas each.
2. That no more than two such persons be elected under this rule in any one year, and that there shall be not more than ten such persons on the Livery or Court of the Company at the same time.
3. That the admission of such persons to the Livery be subject to election by the Court on the proposition and seconding of two of its Members.

Past Master Edgar's suggestion that the reference to the Committee should extend to the election of Members of the Court was considered.

The Committee were of opinion that the powers already possessed by the Court in this respect, if fully exercised, are sufficient, but it was felt that it might be desirable, and in the best interests of the Company, occasionally to elect Members of the Livery either for distinguished services to the Company or otherwise although such Members were not entitled to election merely on the ground of seniority.

It was pointed out that it was open to any Member of the Court to nominate a Liveryman on these grounds when any vacancy on the Court occurred, such nomination to be considered in addition to the names of the six Liverymen next in rotation referred to in the instructions given to the Clerk on the 27th April 1915.

The Members of the Committee are :- The Master, The Wardens, Professor Sir Frederick Bridge C.V.O. M.A. Mus. Doc., The Treasurer, Sir Homewood Crawford and Mr Arthur F. Hill F.S.A.

It was decided to take the items in the Report verbatim.

Past Master Edgar questioned Clause 1 and Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford explained the views of the Committee.

Past Master Edgar moved as an amendment that all words after the word "by" be deleted. This was seconded by Sir Ernest Clarke and on being put to the vote was declared to be carried.

Sir Homewood Crawford however, demanded a Division when the following votes were given

For the amendment

- The Treasurer
- Past Master Hoblyn
- Atkinson
- Hill
- Fuller
- Edgar
- Mr Wyatt
- Sir Ernest Clarke

Against the amendment

- The Master.
- The Senior Warden
- The Junior Warden
- Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge
- Lescher
- Alderman Sir Ernest & Cooper
- Sir Homewood Crawford
- Dr J. L. Southgate
- Captain A. C. Chamber

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The Amendment was therefore defeated.

Clause 2. It was agreed to delete the words "or Court."

Clause 3. The following words were added at the end of Clause 3 viz: "the names of the Candidate with his Proposer and Seconder to appear on the Agenda."

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford then proposed that the recommendations as amended be adopted. This was seconded by the junior Warden and carried nem con.

Court Attendance Fees } The Treasurer moved that the Company under prevailing difficulties being unable to entertain their Livery in the accustomed manner and also in the much needed interests of economy the Court decides as from the 1st January 1917 to refrain from accepting any fee until six months after the termination of the War.

This was seconded by Past Master Alderman Sir Edward G. Cooper and supported by Past Master Edgar.

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford moved as an amendment that the consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Treasurer give proper notice of his intended resolution. This was seconded by Past Master Lescher but on being put to the vote the amendment was lost by 9 votes to 6.

Court Dinners } Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford then moved a further amendment that in lieu of foregoing their fees the Court abstains from dining after the Court Meetings until six months after the War. This was seconded by Past Master Lescher but on being put to the vote was lost.

The matter was further discussed and the Motion was finally carried nem con with the insertion of the words "subject to confirmation at the next Court" after the word "decides".

Handsmen V.Cs

Drummer
Walter Ritchie
V.C.

The clerk reported the sending of a circular to the Members of the Court with reference to the presentation of a gold Watch to Drummer Walter Ritchie of the Seaforth Highlanders who had won the Victoria Cross, the response to which was in favour of the necessary arrangements being made.

The Master explained that the Lord Mayor, Colonel Sir Charles Wakefield, had expressed the wish to present the Watch at the Mansion House and to entertain the Members of the Court at luncheon, but that it had been found impossible to arrange for the attendance of Drummer Ritchie at present who would probably not be able to attend before the Lord Mayor went out of office on the 1st November.

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford said he felt sure the Lord Mayor and Colonel Sir William Dunn would pay the same compliment to the Company and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Wardens it was resolved that the presentation of a gold Watch to Drummer Ritchie should be made.

Leo Stern
Memorial gift

A letter was read from Sir Hubert Parry Bart. C.V.O. the Director of the Royal College of Music recommending Miss Dorothy D. Chiles as the recipient of the Leo Stern Memorial gift for the current year and the recommendation was approved.

Master

Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge the Senior Past Master present moved that Alderman Sir George Nyatt Innescott Bt who had served the office of Master in the year 1908-9 when he was Lord Mayor be elected Master for the ensuing year.

This was seconded by Past Master Lecher 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.

Senior Warden

On the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Treasurer, Mr. Alexander Burnett Brown was elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year.

Junior Warden

On the proposition of the Treasurer seconded by Past Master Hoblyn, Mr. [unclear] was elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

Vote of thanks
to retiring Master

C. L. Colford Esq.

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Wyatt was elected junior Warden for the ensuing year

The Senior 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 Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master for his services during the past year especially with reference to the trouble he had taken in regard to the presentations to the Bandmen V.C.

C.L. Collard Esq

The Immediate Past Master suitably replied and presented the Company with a handsome Silver gilt Cup with cover of Georgian Design. The Cup bears the following inscription:

To the Worshipful Company of Musicians from Charles Lukey Collard M.A. B.C.L. Master 1915-1916

and the Plinth is inscribed:



for which He was cordially thanked on the proposition of Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by Past Master Lescher.

Treasurer

On the proposition of Past Master Hoblyn seconded by Sir Ernest Clarke Past Master John Clement Collard was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year

Clerk

On the proposition of the Treasurer seconded by Past Master Alderman Sir Edward Cooper Mr Thomas Collingwood Fenwick was re-elected clerk for the ensuing year

Beadle

On the proposition of Past Master Captain A. G. Chamier seconded by Past Master W. J. L. Southgate Mr Ernest Hills was re-elected Beadle for the

ensuing year.

Pendergast Trust

The Clerk reported that the sum now in hand on Income Account amounted to £41-9-8. He stated that 7 Rectors or Vicars had been applied to, the last being the Rector of St Andrew's Holborn but he had been unable to obtain a suitable Boy so far no doubt on account of these being so profitably employed owing to the shortage of man labour.

The clerk also stated he had been able to make most satisfactory arrangements with Novello & Co^{ltd} and Ruddall Carte & Co^{ltd} to take Apprentices without premiums and to give them a small increasing wage.

Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge read a letter from Mr St Davon Welton the Organist of the Foundling Hospital saying he would be willing to take a Boy as an Apprentice, and the matter was referred to the Committee

The Imperial Property Investment Co Ltd

A letter was read from the Imperial Property Investment Co^{ltd} asking for a contribution towards the costs of the Aircraft Insurance but it was decided to take no action in the matter

St Cecilia Celebration

The Clerk reported that the Dean & Chapter of St Pauls would again welcome the Company at the Cathedral on St Cecilia's Day and he asked whether he was to engage the services of a full Choir as usual or not.

Several Members of the Court expressed the opinion that under existing financial conditions the Company ought not to go to any extra expense in the matter and on the resolution to this effect being put it was declared to be carried. A Count however was demanded when the following votes were given

For the resolution not to go to further expense.

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" " Edgar	
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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 Ting & Bryner For Court Dinner on the 11 th July last	15	0	0
Novello & Co ^l L ^{td} For printing a further 100 copies of Hurlstone's Phantasy String Quartette	5	3	0
Corporation Duty	22	8	4
Messrs Weekes & Co ^l For copies of Lance Corporal Calder's Song	5	5	7
Mr John Brownlie For Medals	5	19	0
Messrs J Warner & Co ^l Printing and lithographing account to the 30 th September last	2	17	2
Colcock's Quarter's salary to date	£ 13 : 2 : 6		
Disbursements for Quarter ending 30 th September last	15	16	6
Beadle's Quarter's salary to date	2	12	6
Sir C. Hubert Barry Bart Leo Stern Memorial gift	5	5	0
	£	101	7 1

Signed

G. H. Marshall
Master

A Special Court of Assistants

was held at the Mansion House &c. on Monday the 14th
December 1916.

Present:

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Jurycott Bart. Master

A. Burnett Brown Esq. Senior Warden

Hugh Wyatt Esq. Junior Warden

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

C. W. Hoblyn

F. Harwood Lescher

Alderman Sir Edward G. Cooper

Sir Homewood Crawford

J. Lea Southgate D.C.L.

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A.

W. F. Fuller

Clifford B. Edgar Esq. J.P. Mus. Bac. B.Sc.

Captain A. G. Chamberlaine J. Pand

G. L. Gollard

and H. J. G. de Lafontaine M.A.

Sir Ernest Clarke M.A. F.S.A.

and Sir William J. Lancaster J.P.

The Chaplain the Rev^d Canon G. H. Pearce M.A. Archdeacon of
Westminster was also present

Drummer Walter Fitchie V.C. of the Seaforth Highlanders was presented to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Sir William Dunn by the Masters in an appropriate speech in which he mentioned that the suggestion of presenting Banermen V.C.s with gold watches emanated with Past Master G. L. Gollard whose family had been connected with the Company for upwards of 160 years and members of whose family had continuously held the office of Treasurer since 1832. The Master shortly referred to the three previous occasions on which Watches had been presented to Banermen V.C.s by the

Company.

At the request of the Master the Lord Mayor then presented a Gold Watch to Drummer Ritchie on behalf of the Company and congratulated him in the name of the Company and on behalf of the Citizens of London

The members of the Court together with Drummer Ritchie, Mr J. C. Fenwick the Clerk and Colonel Somerville the Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music were subsequently entertained at lunch by the Lord Mayor.

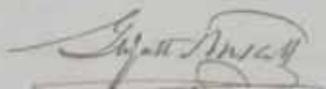
The following is the notice from the London Gazette of Drummer Ritchie's exploit in winning the Victoria Cross:-

For most conspicuous bravery and resource, when on his own initiative he stood on the parapet of an enemy trench, and, under heavy machine-gun fire and bomb attacks, he repeatedly sounded the "charge", thereby rallying many men of various units who having lost their leaders, were wavering and beginning to retire. This action showed the highest type of courage and personal initiative. Throughout the day Drummer Ritchie carried messages over fire-swept ground, showing the greatest devotion to duty.

and the following is a copy of the inscription engraved inside the watch:

Presented to Drummer Walter Ritchie V.C. 2nd Seaforth Highlanders by
The Worshipful Company of Musicians upon gaining the honor of the
Victoria Cross. Beaumont Hamel. 1st July 1916.

Signed


Master