

A Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 20th January
1914.

Present

Clifford B. Edgar Esq. D.L. J.D. Mus.Bac. B.Sc. Master, in the
Chair

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

C. L. Collard Esq. M.A. B.C.L. Junior Warden.

M^r J. H. Shilbeck, Professor Sir Frederick Bridge C.K.C. M.A. Mus.Doc.

Messrs J. C. Collard C. D. Hoblyn,

F. Harwood Lescher W. Cordy Stirling

Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Innescott Bart. J. Lea Southgate D.C.L.

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A. A. C. Hunter

A. Burnett Brown F.S.I., Hugh Wyatt and

The Rev H. J. G. de Lafontaine M.A.

Eighteen guineas were paid to the Members present.

The Minutes of the Court held on the 28th October last were read and confirmed.

Company's Ledgers The clerk reported the completion of the new General and Trust Ledgers and stated that he was very much indebted to the Immediate Past Master M^r W. F. Fuller for the very great assistance which he had rendered in the matter and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Senior Warden a cordial vote of thanks was passed to M^r Fuller for such assistance.

Miss Alice The clerk reported that the terms of the Trust Deed had now been agreed upon and that the Engraving of the Deed was ready for execution and on the

C. & Aubrey Esq

Pension Fund

Gaudius J. Ash Esq.

Septimus Crest Esq. J.P.

Oliver Hawkes Esq.

Trust Funds

Investment - Metropolitan Water B. Stock

£33

proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden it was resolved that the Company's Seal should be affixed thereto.

C. & Rube Esq

A further letter was read from M^r C. & Rube stating that he had to undergo another operation and requesting the court under the circumstances to allow him to stand back in favour of another Liveryman until he was restored to health but on the proposition of M^r Hoblyn seconded by M^r Having it was resolved that the admission of M^r Rube as an Assistant should stand over indefinitely pending his restoration to health.

Simon Fund

A letter was read from M^r Clandius J. Ash a Liveryman of the Company offering Five hundred Pounds for the purpose of starting a Pension Fund, and

Clandius J. Ash Esq

Septimus Croft Esq

Oliver Hawkes Esq

letters were also read from M^r Septimus Croft J. P. and M^r Oliver Hawkes offering to contribute £100 each to such fund and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by M^r Lescher it was unanimously resolved that such offers should be accepted and the donors heartily thanked for their liberality. It was further on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge unanimously resolved that the matter of instituting a Pension Fund be referred to a committee to consist of the Master Wardens, Sir Frederick Bridge, M^r Lescher and Sir Homewood Crawford for consideration and to report to the court.

Trust Funds

The clerk reported a difficulty that had arisen with regard to the transfer of Stock from the names of the Trustees into the Company's corporate name by reason of M^r Brews being unable to sign or affix his mark to any document and it was decided to let the matter stand over for the present without going to the expense of obtaining the appointment by the court of another Trustee with a view to the immediate transfer of the Stock.

Investment - Metropolitan Water B Stock

The Treasurer reported the investment of £250 cash in the purchase of £331 10 8 Metropolitan Water B Stock in the Company's corporate name.

Treasurer's
Account
for 1915

The Treasurer presented his Account for 1915 a copy of which appears on the next page

Programmes

He pointed out that the Company now held Stock on general account which had cost £2000 and he again drew attention to what he considered the heavy expenses for printing and suggested that the Programmes at the Livery Dinner need not be so elaborately got up. It was pointed out by Sir Homewood Crawford and others that these Programmes were a special feature of the Company's gatherings and were very much appreciated and it was decided that they should be continued on the understanding that printing expenses were kept down as much as reasonably possible.

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden the Treasurer's Accounts were unanimously received and adopted and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his services.

Music for
String Orchestras
in Schools

The following report of the Committee as to Music for String Orchestras in Schools was read by its Chairman D^r A Lea Southgate.

I have to report that the Members of the Committee named by the Court to deal with the project of obtaining String concerted music, suitable for playing by School Orchestras, have met and discussed the conditions to be laid down.

These are embodied in the circular invitation now laid upon the Table, it was submitted to the Master before being issued.

Following upon this, the names of several Composers were considered as likely to provide music of the special type needed. The decision come to, was to invite the following three gentlemen to submit Suites for consideration: - Mr J C Amis Mr F Cunningham Woods

Mr A Mus Bae, Oxon Mr Percy E Fletcher.

All have accepted and agreed to the conditions. The MSS are

Ministry
of Fine Arts

Miss Henrietta
E. Biggs

New Members

to be sent in by the end of February next. The Committee will thus have time to determine if the works commissioned are appropriate, and can then Report the result to the Court, meeting in April

Jan. 20/14

Tho: Lea Southgate (Chairman)

On the proposition of D^r Southgate seconded by the Treasurer it was unanimously agreed that such report should be received and adopted.

Ministry

D^r Southgate called attention to the suggested establishment of a Ministry of Fine Arts and moved the following resolution

The attention of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, a Royal Chartered body representing the Art and Science of Music, having been called to the recent formation of a Committee under the Chairmanship of M^r David Murray R.A. for the purpose of promoting a Petition to Parliament for the establishment of a Ministry of Fine Arts, the Court urges the desirability of placing upon that Committee a representative of the Art of Music.

and the Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of such resolution to M^r David Murray R.A.

Miss Henrietta

Ly Biggs

A letter was read from Miss Henrietta Ly Biggs praying for relief and on the proposition of M^r C. G. Hoblyn seconded by M^r F. Harwood Lecher it was resolved that £5.00 be given her as a donation.

New Members

M^r Arthur F. Hill proposed that M^r Felix Cassel B.C., M.P. of 25 Bryanston Square W. be elected a Member of the Company - This was seconded by the Treasurer and carried unanimously.

M^r Hill also proposed that M^r Henry James Boyten of Jesus College Cambridge be elected a Member of the Company following Apprenticeship. Seconded by Alderman Sir Edward Cooper and carried unanimously.

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Income and Expenditure Account for the

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Income

Balance in hand at this date		103	9	6
Ground Rents	£ 407:17:0			
Less Income tax	£ 25:15:8			
Commission on collection	11:4:0			
	54:19:8	372	17	4
Dividends on £1915 5% Metropolitan Water 'B' Stock less tax		54	2	
Fines and Fees on Admission of the following				
A. Burnett Brown Esq. to Court clerks fees	£ 65:0:0			
Hugh Wyatt Esq. do (15 5 0) as	65:0:0			
The Rev. H. J. C. de Lafontaine do per contra	65:0:0	189		
A. G. Boull Esq. Livery Fine following Apprenticeship	£ 26:5:0			
A. J. Copie Esq. Livery Fine	45:7:0			
H. G. A. Leveson Esq. do	45:7:0			
Waldorf Astor Esq. M.P. do	45:7:0			
F. V. Schuster Esq. do	45:7:0			
A. W. Fitzsimmons Esq. do	45:7:0	252	18	
Ditto. Election of Clifford B. Sagar Esq. as Master	£ 10:10:0			
Ditto. Capt. A. C. Chamber as Senior Warden	5:5:0			
Ditto. G. L. Colland Esq. as Junior Warden	5:5:0	21		
Paid by Septimus Grest Esq. on relinquishing Office of Warden		5	5	
Received for 40 Guest Tickets at £1 5 0 each		80		
W. P. Fuller Esq. Extra cost for Music		7	2	
Subscriptions from Members for Memorial Window in Londonderry Guildhall		35		
Royalties etc re Cobbett Phantasies per Novello & Co. Limited		2	11	10
W. W. Cobbett Esq. For Composition of Suites for School Orchestras		52	10	
Interest on money placed on deposit		3	11	11
		£ 1179	7	7

Trust Income

<u>Carnegie Scholarships</u>				
Dividends on United States Steel Corporation 5% Gold Bond	£ 49:2:6			
<u>Ernest Palmer Scholarships</u>				
Ground rents less tax derived from £1000 presented by Mr. Palmer		37	15	4
Dividends on £250 10% Metropolitan Water 'B' Stock less tax	7:9:0			
<u>Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship</u>				
Dividends on £195 5% Metropolitan Water 'B' Stock less tax	5:9:2			
<u>Hugh Wyatt Trust</u>				
Dividends on £115 12% Metropolitan Water 'B' Stock less tax	3:4:4	101	15	4
		£ 1291	5	11

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Expenditure

103	9	6	Court Fees					
			Meats Ling + Dinner (received for guest tickets £80 as per contra)		67	4	-	
572	17	4	For use of Stationers Hall		178	12	-	
54	2		Extra expenses at Ditto per Mr William Boulton	£ 84:0:0				
			Mr C. A. Brown Butler	18:13:6				
			Wine purchased during year	5:5:0	107	18	6	
			Cigars ditto		68	12	-	
189			<u>Donations and Subscriptions</u>		18	3	9	
			Dean Gregory Memorial Scholarship	£ 5:5:0				
			Shield for South and West London Musical Festival	12:12:0				
			Philharmonic Society under guarantee	1:1:0				
			Crystal Palace Preservation Fund	21:0:0				
			Miss H & Biggs	3:3:0	43	1	-	
252	18		Music at Dinners		33	7	-	
			Corporation Duty	£ 23:0:2				
			License for Armorial Bearings	1:1:0	24	1	2	
21			Printing and Stationery		46	19	6	
5	5		Care of Queens and Hire of extra ditto		4	5	0	
80			Fees for full Choir at St Cecilia Celebration		10	10	-	
7	2		Guildhall School of Music Composition Scholarship for year	£ 9:9:0				
35			Ditto Scholarship in arrears	9:9:0	18	18	-	
			Medals		5	2	-	
2	11	10	Stamps and Clerks fee on Admission of Mr Landon Ronald to } Honorary Freedom		6	2	-	
52	10		For Memorial Window in Londonderry Guildhall		35	-	-	
3	11	11	Insurance on Plate Wine etc		4	-	9	
			Framed Photograph of Kneller Hall Garden Party		1	11	6	
			Box for Company's Seal		1	5	-	
			Clerk's Salary	£ 52:10:0				
			Ditto Fees on admission of 3 Assistants	5:5:0	57	15	-	
			Petty disbursements for the Clerk		23	12	8	
			Beadles Salary		10	10	0	
			Cheque Books			10	10	
			Invested in £331.18.8 Metropolitan Water 15 th Stock		250	-	-	
					£ 1017	1	8	
179	7	7	<u>Trust Expenditure</u>					
			Carnegie Scholarships Fees	£ 46:0:0				
			Fee to Examiner re Ditto	3:3:0				
			Ernest Palmer Scholarships Fees	15:6:8				
			Fee to Examiner re Ditto	3:3:0				
			Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship	5:5:0				
			Douglas Wyatt Trust. Cost of Medal presented to Royal } Naval School of Music	2:8:0	75	5	8	
					188	18	7	
Dec ^r 31			Balance at Bank (including £52:10:0 Mr Bobbetta gift)		£ 1221	5	11	

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Company
Handbook

The Clerk again reported that he had only one copy of the Company Handbook left which he would have to retain for use in the preparation of another edition of the Handbook and the matter was referred to the Master and Wardens for consideration.

Mr Hill stated that he thought the Printers of the Handbook, Messrs Atabaster Passmore & Sons had several copies left and the Clerk was instructed to enquire as to the approximate expense of printing another Handbook.

Carnegie
Scholarship

A letter was read from Mr Landon Ronald strongly recommending that the Carnegie Scholarship held by George Robert Stratton at the Guildhall School of Music should be extended for another year and on the proposition of D^r Southgate seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge - this was unanimously agreed to.

Britannia
Airship
Committee

A letter was read from the Hon Sec. of the Britannia Airship Committee asking for financial assistance but it was decided to reply that there were no funds available for the purpose.

Dedication Festival
St Pauls Cathedral

The tickets which had been allotted by the Dean & Chapter of St Pauls were distributed among the Members of the Company present.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs King & Brymer For Livery Dinner on the 27 th October last	99	16	0
Messrs J Warner & Co Printing and lithographing Account to 31 st December 1913	6	19	6
Messrs Blades East & Blades For Freedom Certificate for Mr Landon Ronald	3	18	6
Messrs Eds Son & Waverley For Hire and care of haws for 1913	4	2	6

Forward £

20th January 1914

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Novello & Co^{ltd} Programmes at Livery Dinner

Forward £

Clerk's Quarters salary to date £13:2:6

Disturbances for Quarter ended }
31st December 1913 } 6:1:0

Beadles Quarters salary to date

12	0	9
19	5	6
2	12	6
£	169	13 3

Signed

Wm. Wood

April 28th 1914

Master

W. H. Ash Esq NB At the Dinner following the court at which Mr. W. H. Ash Esq was a guest he announced his intention of subscribing £250 to the Pension Fund

20th January 1914 Mr. Arthur William Fetysimmons of 44 Glasslyn Road. Brouch end N Printer and Publisher was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees.

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At a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 27th April
1914

Present

Clifford D. Edgar Esq. D.L. J.P. Mus. Bac. B. Sc. Master in the Chair

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

C. L. Colvard Esq. M.A. B.C.L. Junior Warden

Messrs J. H. Skilbeck, Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge M.A. Mus. Doc.

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

W. Cordy Hering, Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper,

Sir Homewood Crawford, J. Lea Southgate D.C.L.,

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A., W. P. Fuller A. C. Hunter,

A. Burnett Brown F.S.I., Hugh Wyatt and

The Rev. St. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A.,

Eighteen guineas were paid to the Members present

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 20th January last were read and confirmed

A letter was read from Miss Henrietta G. Biggs in reply to an enquiry by the Clerk stating that she was born on the 21st July 1842.

The Clerk reported the death of M^{rs} W. A. G. Dancheverts B.C. a Liveryman of the Company on the 25th instant and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper a vote of condolence with M^{rs} Dancheverts and the members of her Family was unanimously passed and the Clerk was instructed to convey the same to M^{rs} Dancheverts.

Miss Henrietta
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Miss Alice
Prendergast
Trust

The Clerk reported the completion of the Prendergast Trust Deed and the investment of the £500 received from Miss Alice Prendergast in the purchase of £501 11 s South Australian 4 per cent 1940/60 Stock in the Company's corporate name and the affixing of the Company's Seal to the necessary transfer of Stock was confirmed

The Clerk also reported that the whole of the costs in connection with the Deed had been defrayed by Miss Alice Prendergast

The Committee reported that they had come to the conclusion that nothing further could be done until some income from the above investment should have accumulated and the Comtee adopted this view

Benevolent
Fund

The following report of the Committee with regard to the proposed Benevolent Fund was read

The Committee beg to report that the following sums have been received:-

M ^r Claudius J. Ash	£500
M ^r William H. Ash J. P.	£250
" Septimus Croft J. P.	£100
" Oliver Hawkes	£100
" Clifford B. Edgar D.L. J.P.	£50.

making in all £1000 which has been placed on deposit at the London County and Westminster Bank, Oxford Street Branch
The Committee recommend:

1. That the benefit of the Fund should be for Musicians and their Dependents in distressed circumstances.
2. That preference should be given to those connected with the Company such as Liverymen, Freemen, Scholars, Medalists, Prize Winners, etc.
3. That the Fund should be called and treated as a Benevolent Fund which would give greater scope rather than simply as a Pension Fund.

- 4. That all moneys in hand shall be invested forthwith in the Company's Corporate name on separate account so as to produce the best income with safety.
- 5. That a circular letter in the form approved by the Committee should be sent out to every Member of the Company.
- 6. That when the response to this letter is known a Scheme be prepared by the Committee for the management of the Fund and be submitted to the Court.

Dated this 4th day of March 1914

Signed Clifford B. Edgar
Chairman

On the proposition of the Master seconded by Sir Homewood Crawford the report was adopted and it was decided to invest the £1000 already received in some Trustee Security to be selected by the Treasurer in conjunction with M^r C. D. Hoblyn

A form of letter to be sent out to Members of the Company with reference to the proposed Fund was also settled and the Clerk was instructed to have the letter sent out accordingly.

2 The Avenue
Hornsey

The Master's action in agreeing to grant a Licence to D^r L. J. A. de Lobero to carry on his practice of a Medical man at 2 The Avenue Hornsey and to make certain alterations there was approved and the Engraving of the Licence which had been prepared by the Clerk and approved by D^r de Lobero Solicitor was ordered to be sealed and the Company's Seal was affixed accordingly.

Company's
Surveyor

The Clerk drew attention to the fact that M^r A. Burnett Brown the Company's Surveyor was now a Member of the Court and it was resolved that no objection be raised to M^r Brown's firm acting as Surveyors to the Company on the understanding that no fees be charged against the Company's funds.

Memo for
School Orchestra

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Music for
School Orchestras

The following further report of the Committee for Music for String Orchestras was read.

That after determining the conditions considered necessary, Commissions to furnish such Music were given to three Composers of experience, who, it was believed could well write the Music required.

It was stipulated that these pieces were to be subject for approval, and this was agreed to.

The Music was duly sent in: and after examination of the scores, Parts were made for trial, and the three Pieces were played before the members of the Committee.

Two were deemed to fulfil the requirements laid down, viz: one by Mr F Cunningham Woods M.A. and Mrs. Bac Oxon., the other by Mr Percy Fletcher, already the Winner of one of the Musicians' Company's Prizes.

The third, a brilliant and effective piece of Music was considered to be too difficult and consequently beyond the scope of the Orchestras found in our Schools.

But the Composer of this has been offered the opportunity of modifying his piece, if he cares to revise it.

The Committee recommend the acceptance of the Suites by Mr F Cunningham Woods, and Mr Percy Fletcher.

If approved by the Court the Committee will endeavour to place the Music with some Firm for publication.

Signed
Tho^s Lea Southgate
& Markham Lee
W. W. Cobbett

Dr Southgate informed the Court that the third composer mentioned in the Report was Dr J. C. Ames.

Miss E. M. HARRY D^r Southgate stated that Miss Edith M. Harry the late holder of the Company's Ernest Palmer Scholarship had won a Corporation Scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music and was making good progress.

Ministry of Fine Arts } The Clerk reported the election of the Master as a Member of the Provisional Committee for urging the establishment of a Ministry for Fine Arts and the Master stated that he had put off an engagement in order to attend a meeting of the Committee which was subsequently postponed on account of the illness of the Chairman Sir Aston Webb but that he had sent a letter fully setting out his views for consideration by the Provisional Committee.

Thomas Hyde Letters were read from Miss Jane Hyde praying for relief on behalf of her Father Thomas Hyde who was elected to the Freedom of the Company on the 7th October 1857 and his Freedom Certificate as well as the Freedom Certificate of his Father M^r Timothy Hyde who was admitted to the Freedom of the Company on the 1st August 1832 and also his Badge of a Fellowship Letter dated the 21st October 1857 were produced and the Clerk was instructed to inform Miss Hyde that her Father was not entitled to any relief as of right but merely as an act of grace and to ask for fuller particulars of the case for the further consideration of the Court.

Royal Masonic Institution } A letter was read from the Lord Mayor asking for subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Festival Dinner at which he was to preside in June next but it was decided to reply that there were no funds available for the purpose.

S^t Bartholomew's Hospital } A Petition signed by the Lord Mayor and Lord Sandhurst the Treasurer on behalf of the Governors of the Royal Hospital of S^t Bartholomew was read and on the proposition of the Treasurer recorded by Sir Homewood Crawford it was resolved to give a donation of Five Guineas.

Printers' Pe-
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Corporation

Proposed
Guilds' Hall

New Member

Company's
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Company's
Hand Book

Sir Frederick
Bridge C. K. B.
H. A. Mrs. Doc

Printers Pension
Alms House +
Orphan Asylum
Corporation

A letter was read from the Printers Pension Alms House and Orphan Asylum Corporation asking for a subscription but it was decided that no funds were at present available for the purpose

Proposed
Guilds' Hall

The Clerk reported an invitation he had received to attend a meeting of the Guilds' Hall Provisional Committee to consider the advisability of providing a Common Hall for the Hall-less Livery Companies and the establishment of a Livery Club but having regard to the use by the Company of Stationers' Hall it was decided that the Invitation should lie on the Table

New Member

The Master proposed that Mr Francis Denham Marshall M.A. Oxon. of Mylnefield Great Arnwell Herts be elected a Member of the Company. This was seconded by Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper and carried unanimously.

Company's
Properties

On the proposition of Mr Fuller seconded by Mr Lescher the Clerk was instructed to obtain a report from Messrs Brown & Barrow as to the present state of repair of the Company's properties for the consideration of the Court, the expenses in connection with such report to be approved by the Master

Company's
Hand Book

The Clerk reported that he had received 6 further copies of the Company's Hand Book from the Printers Messrs Atabaster Passmore & Sons and the Treasurer suggested that the Livery Club should undertake the publication of a new issue of the Hand Book. Dr J. L. Southgate Mr A. F. Hill and Mr A. C. Hunter were added to the Committee who were instructed to report to the Court at their next Meeting

Sir Frederick
Bridge C.V.O.
K. A. Mus. Doc

On the proposition of Mr C. B. Hoblyn seconded by Mr F. Harwood Lescher the congratulations of the Court were tendered to Sir Frederick Bridge on his recent marriage.

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C. L. Colliard Esq. M.A., B.C.L., Junior Warden.

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

Messrs J. C. Colliard, J. Harwood Lescher, Sir Homewood Crawford

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

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A., A. C. Hunter, Hugh Wyatt,

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

Thirteen guineas were paid to the Members present

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 28th April last were read and confirmed

The Rev. H. J. C.
de Lafontaine
M.A.

On the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by M^{rs} Lescher the congratulations of the Court were given to the Rev H. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A., on his recent election as Sheriff of the City of London and M^{rs} de Lafontaine briefly returned thanks

M^{rs} A. C.
Danchwerts Esq
J.C.

A letter was read from M^{rs} Danchwerts thanking the Court for their vote of condolence on her Husband's death

C. J. D. Crews
Esq B.L. J.P.
F.S.A.

The Clerk reported the death on the 31st May last of M^{rs} C. J. D. Crews D.L., J.P., F.S.A., twice Master of the Company and stated that with the approval of the Master he had sent a handsome wreath for the Funeral. An acknowledgment from M^{rs} Crews and her Family "for beautiful floral tribute" was read

It was proposed by the Master and seconded by the Senior Warden "That the Court having heard with deep regret of the death of the late M^r C J D Brews desire to place on record their sense of his great services and generous support to the Company and their sympathy with his Family in their bereavement"

Sir Homewood Crawford the Treasurer and the clerk also expressed their personal appreciation of M^r Brews kindness and liberality. The motion was then carried unanimously.

The clerk further reported that M^r Brews by his Will had bequeathed to the Company an unconditional legacy of £500 free of Legacy Duty.

Trust Funds

The clerk stated that in consequence of the death of M^r Brews the Metropolitan Water B. Stock standing in the names of the Trustees could now be transferred without difficulty into the Company's corporate name and he was instructed to act accordingly.

Thomas Hyde

The clerk reported that he had written to Miss Hyde as instructed but that no notice had been taken of his letter.

Company's Hand book

The Handbook Committee reported that they had held two meetings and that the Master had undertaken to defray the whole expense of reproducing the Handbook himself and that the form of the new Handbook was being considered in detail and was practically agreed upon. On the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Treasurer a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Master for his liberality.

Benevolent Fund

The clerk reported the investment of £500 in £593.7.10 London Corporation 3 per cent Stock 1927/1957 and a further £500 in £615.1.3 Coventry 3 per cent Stock 1930/1950.

The clerk also reported that he had sent out the circular letter to the Members of the Company including the Honorary Freeman as instructed at the last Court but that up to the present he had only received subscriptions or

Royal Military
School of Music

Company's
Properties

Music for
School Orchestra

promises from 12 Members amounting in all to £170.12/- including an annual subscription of £5 from M^r Waldorf Astor M.P. and of £10 from M^r H. Sullivan. He was instructed to place the money in hand on deposit.

M^r Hill suggested that the Silver Medal of the Company should be given to Messrs G. J. Ash and M^r W. H. Ash for their liberal donations to start the fund and the clerk was instructed to put the matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Commandant and Officers at Kneller Hall for hospitality during Colonel Somerville's tenure of office and the Clerk was directed to convey the same to the Commandant.

M^r Hunter suggested the presence of the Beadle at future Garden Parties with his gown and Mace and the Clerk was directed to ascertain whether the attendance of the Beadle would be agreeable.

The clerk reported that Messrs Brown + Barrow had proposed a fee of Twenty Guineas and out of pocket expenses for a cursory inspection of the Company's properties which fee the Master and Wardens thought too high under the circumstances and that it had accordingly been arranged for the clerk to get a retired Manager of his firm experienced in House property to make a report for a fee of Ten Guineas and out of pocket expenses.

The Report which the clerk had obtained from M^r G. J. H. Fairman upon each house was considered and after discussion the clerk was instructed to approach Messrs Henry Holmes & Co of 6 Mortimer Street W. a firm who deal largely with weekly properties with a view to their preparing any necessary Schedule of dilapidations subject to their fees being approved by the Master and Wardens.

The following further report of the Committee on Music for School Orchestras was read :-

Royal Military
School of Music

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Music for
School Orchestras

In reporting the progress of the scheme for providing new English String Suites for School Orchestras, the committee has to state that Mr J C Ames of The Hermitage, Windsor Terrace, Hampstead N.W. has now furnished another Suite consisting of three movements. The judges have unanimously accepted this, and recommend that the fee of Ten guineas should be paid to him for the copyright.

The authorities of Trinity College of Music were good enough to provide a group of nine students to play over the Suites of Mr Percy Fletcher, Mr F. Cunningham Woods and Mr J C Ames. The performance took place at the college on Friday afternoon the 10th inst. The Master and several Members of the Musicians Company were present, together with some experts dealing with this type of music and several of the London Publishers. The general opinion expressed was, that we had secured excellent fresh and not too difficult concerted string music which would probably find wide acceptance.

Since then, application has been made on the part of a Publisher present to see and consider the scores. Efforts will now be made to arrange for the publication of this music before giving out further Commissions.

It may be pointed out, that besides the numerous School Orchestras, there are a large number of Theatre and Restaurant orchestras, together with Provincial, Factory and Mill Bands for which this music - rearranged when necessary is available. The scheme may thus eventually serve for a far wider purpose than was originally contemplated.

Signed The Lea Southgate
E. Markham Lee
W. H. Bobbett.

and the Clerk was directed to send a letter of thanks to the Trinity College of Music for the assistance rendered to the committee -

New Members

Invitations to distinguished guests

Proposed Guilds Hall

The Company's Silver Medals
Royal Academy of Music
Miss Harriet Cohen

Royal Naval School of Music

Royal Military School of Music

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The Senior Warden proposed that Mr Thomas Maxie Merriman of 3 Mitre Court Temple & Co Solicitor Prime Warden of the Dyers Company be elected a Member of the Company. This was seconded by Sir Homewood Crawford and carried unanimously.

Invitations to distinguished guests

On the proposition of Mr Hill seconded by Mr Lescher it was resolved to invite Sir George Henschel Mus. Doc. as the distinguished Professional Musician to the Livery Dinner in October and failing him to invite Mr Hubert Bath the Musical Advisor to the London County Council. And on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge it was decided to invite Mr Alfred Rothschild as the distinguished Amateur Musician and failing him Mr Howard Morley.

Proposed Guilds Hall

A further letter from the Hon Sec of the Guilds Hall Provisional Committee was read asking the Court to nominate a Representative to serve on the Committee. Sir Homewood Crawford stated that he did not think the scheme would come to fruition and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Hon. Sec. and refer to the Company's satisfactory connection with Stationers Hall.

The Company's Silver Medal
Royal Academy of Music
Miss Harriet Cohen

It was decided that the Company's Silver Medal for the year should be bestowed upon Miss Harriet Cohen, Pianist, the Student of the Royal Academy of Music recommended by the Principal Sir Alexander Mackenzie.

Royal Naval School of Music

A letter was read from the Commandant of the Royal Naval School of Music stating that the name of the Student selected to receive the Company's Medal would be forwarded after the result of the Examinations in September next was known and the Clerk was instructed to accept the name when received.

Royal Military School of Music

A letter was read from Colonel Somerville the retiring Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music recommending Mr William Crosswell who had recently been appointed Band Master of the 1st Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment as being the most talented Student for the year and his

recommendation was approved

Trinity College
of Music

Sir Frederick Bridge called attention to the work being carried on by Trinity College of Music of which he was now Chairman of the Board and suggested the advisability of including the College in the list of recipients of the Company's Medal and Sir Homewood Crawford gave notice of Motion at the next Court.

St Cecilia
Celebration

Mr Hunter drew attention to the fact that St Cecilia Day this year fell on a Sunday and stated that the Livery Club had decided to hold their Commemoration Dinner on Monday the 23rd November and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Authorities at St Pauls Cathedral if this would be a convenient date for them to hold the usual Service.

Miss Ida
Friend

The Clerk reported that by the instructions of the Master and Wardens he had communicated with the Executors of the Will of the late Miss Ida Friend of Cambridge with regard to a Legacy of £2000 bequeathed by her Will to such Musical Institution or Institutions in England whose objects are charitable as the Executors should determine, and a letter received from Mr W G King one of the Executors and the Solicitor to the estate who happened to be a personal friend of the Clerk, was read.

Mr Hill stated he knew Mr King's Co-Executor Mr Gustav Behrens and would communicate with him through the Clerk on the subject.

Exhibition by
Livery Guilds

A letter from the Lord Mayor was read with reference to the proposed Exhibition of a collection of articles and records illustrating the growth of Civic History and the work of the City Guilds. Sir Homewood Crawford stated that he had attended a meeting of the Committee in his capacity as Master of the Vintners Company, when Honorary Secretaries had been appointed and when it had been decided to invite the Master of every City Company to join the Executive Committee out of which a Working Committee would be

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formed, but that nothing was likely to be done until the Autumn

M^r G R Stratton

M^r Southgate informed the Court that M^r G R Stratton one of the Carnegie Scholars had won the first Prize for Violin Playing at the South London Musical Festival which was recently held at the Crystal Palace.

Honorary Freeman

The Senior Warden drew attention to the position of the Honorary Freeman and the Clerk was instructed to place the matter on the Agenda for the next Court.

Music Trades Benevolent Society

The Treasurer stated that he was to take the Chair at the Festival Dinner of the Music Trades Benevolent Society of which he was the Chairman and at his suggestion seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge it was decided to give a donation of £5.5/- to the funds of the Society.

The following accounts were passed for payment :

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs Ring & Brymer For Court Dinner on the 28 th April last	29	15	6
Messrs J. Warner & Co ^{rs} Printing & lithographing account to the 30 th June last	5	8	6
Novello & Co ^{rs} Ltd ^s Printing Programmes for April Court Dinner	3	3	6
Clerk's Quarters salary to date	£ 15 : 2 : 6		
Fee and disbursements in connection with Report on Properties, as arranged with the Master	} 11 : 1 : 6		
<u>Q^{rs} Disbursements for Quarter ended 30th June 1914</u>	6	2	11
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	2	12	6
<u>M^r Arthur S. Brown</u> For one years salary as Butler	5	5	0
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Signed

Wm. R. ...
Master

Oct. 27. 1914