

At a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 26th January
1915.

Present:

Captain A. G. Chamier J. P. Master, in the Chair
G. L. Gollard Esq. M. A., B. C. L., Senior Warden
Alderman Sir George Wyatt Druscott Bart. Junior Warden
 Past-Masters Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge, C.V.O., M.A., Mus. Doc.
J. G. Gollard (Treasurer). G. D. Hoblyn,
J. Hanwood Lescher, W. Gordy Herring,
Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford,
A. Lea Southgate D.C.L., Arthur F. Hill F.S.A.,
 and Clifford B. Edgar, D.L., J.P., Mus. Bac. B.Sc.
A. G. Hunter Esq. Septimus Croft Esq. J.P.
A. Burnett Brown Esq. F.S.A., Hugh Wyatt Esq. and
Sheriff H. J. G. de Lafontaine M.A.

Eighteen guineas were paid to the Members present.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 27th October last were read and confirmed.

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

The Immediate Past Master M. Clifford B. Edgar presented the Company with a beautiful silver representation of Drake's Ship "The Golden Hind" suitably inscribed, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his handsome gift.

The Ship has representations of modern artillery and a modern

Sir Ernest Clarke

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A. H. Littleton Esq.

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Dreadnought engraved upon it so as to be a perpetual souvenir of the great War with Germany which was declared during the Immediate Past Master's term of office

Sir Ernest Clarke
A letter was read from Sir Ernest Clarke stating that he would be unable to attend to be admitted an Assistant as arranged as he had recently undergone a slight operation and a vote of sympathy with him was passed.

W. & Rube Esq
The Clerk reported the death on the 30th October last of Mr Charles Ernest Rube a Liveryman of the Company who had been elected to the Court but had been unable to take his seat on account of illness

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden the following Resolution was passed :-

"That a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence be passed with Mr Rube and her Daughter in the loss they have sustained through the death of Mr Charles Ernest Rube who had been elected a Member of the Court of Assistants of the Company, but whose continued ill health had prevented him from taking up his Admission to the Court."

A. H. Littleton Esq
The Clerk also reported the death of Past Master Mr Alfred Henry Littleton on the 8th November last, and a letter was read from Miss Littleton thanking the Company for the beautiful wreath it had sent to her Father's Funeral.

It was proposed by the Master seconded by the Senior Warden and unanimously resolved:

"That a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence be passed with Mr Littleton Miss Littleton and the other members of the Family of the late Past Master Alfred Henry Littleton who had always had the interests of the Company so much at heart and whose loss is deeply deplored by the Court."

The Clerk was instructed to communicate these Resolutions to Mr Rube and Mr Littleton.

Vacancies
on Court

The question of filling the two vacancies on the Court were discussed and Mr Edgar suggested that the matter should stand over until the next Court

Sir Edward Cooper proposed that Sir George Clement Martin, M.T.C., Mus. Doc., should be elected a Member of the Court and this was seconded by Mr Hunter and supported by Mr Hill.

Sir Homewood Crawford stated he had reason to believe that Mr Robert Edmund Brandt F.S.A., who had in 1907 for family reasons been obliged to refuse a seat on the Court would now be willing to accept and urged that it would be advisable to add both Sir George Martin and Mr Brandt to the Court

Mr Edgar proposed as an amendment that the matter should stand over for further consideration and this was seconded by Mr Lescher.

Sir George Truscott urged unanimity in the election and Mr Edgar accordingly withdrew his amendment and it was proposed by Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Sir Edward Cooper and unanimously resolved that Mr Robert Edmund Brandt and Sir George Martin M.T.C. Mus. Doc. should be ~~appointed~~ ^{elect} ^{to} seats upon the Court, which would complete its full number.

Apprentice

The Clerk reported the apprenticing of Geoffrey Trevor Burnett Brown a Son of Mr Alexander Burnett Brown a Member of the Court, to Sir Frederick Bridge for 5 years in the Art of Organ playing

10th Battalion
Royal Fusiliers
(City of London
Regiment)

The Clerk reported that a small brass tablet had at the expense of Past Master Sir Edward C. Cooper been placed upon the big Drum supplied with the rest of the Band Instruments to the newly formed 10th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) and that it bore the following inscription:

"This Drum and the other Band Instruments were presented to the 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) by the Worshipful Company of Musicians (Clifford B. Edgar Esq. D.L. J.P., Mus. Doc. B.Sc., Master) on the

Honorary
Treasurer

Treasurer's
accounts
for 1914

formation of the Battalion in September 1914."

The following letters from Lieut. Col. G. J. Hawker the Commanding Officer of the Regiment were read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes

10th Bn. Royal Fusiliers
Colchester. Oct 30. 1914

J. G. Fenwick Esq.
Clerk of The Musicians Company

Dear Sir, I have the pleasure to say that our Band is now thoroughly organized and able to make good use of the equipment that we owe to the kindness and generosity of the Musicians Company.

On behalf of myself and the Battalion under my command, I beg that you will convey to the Master, the Court, and the Livery an expression of our very sincere thanks.

Sir William Soulsby has informed me that you are good enough to suggest putting a label on the drum in order to record the circumstances of the gift of all these instruments to the Battalion. Nothing could be more agreeable to us than that this should be done; and I trust that effect may be soon given to the idea.

We are all proud of our intimate connection with the City of London.

Again thanking the Company, I am,

Yours very truly
G. J. Hawker
Lt. Colonel.

10th Bn. Royal Fusiliers
Colchester 23.11.14

J. G. Fenwick Esq.
Clerk to The Musicians Company

Dear Sir, Messrs Hawkes have just sent the engraved plate to be attached to the Bass Drum, and I write to beg that you will be good enough to convey to the Master and Court of the Musicians Company the cordial thanks of myself and the Battalion under my command.

We are very glad indeed to have a permanent record of the Company's handsome gift. With renewed thanks.

Yours very truly
G. J. Hawker
Lt. Col.

Honorary
Brethren

The Master draw attention to the position of Honorary Freemen of the Company and said he thought they ought to receive some further recognition of the distinction conferred upon them. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of the Master seconded by Past Master Lescher that two of the Honorary Freemen be invited in relation to the Livery Dinner in every year.

Treasurer's
Accounts
for 1914

The Treasurer presented his Accounts for 1914 a copy of which appears on the next page

Income and Expenditure Account

Income

1914
January 1st

Balance in hand at this date	136: 8: 7			
per N. N. Cobbett	52: 10: 0	188	18	7
Ground Rents	407: 17: 0			
Less Income Tax	24: 1: 0			
Commission on collection	11: 4: 0	372	12	0
Dividends on £2247: 4: 4 Metropolitan Water B. Stock less tax		63	7	4
Fines and fees on admission of:-				
To Court Sir Ernest Clarke (including clerks fee £1-15/- as per contra)		63	0	0
To Livery Felix Cassel Esq ^r R.C.	52: 10: 0			
H. J. Boyton Esq ^r following	31: 6: 0			
apprenticeship	52: 10: 0			
F. D. Marshall Esq ^r	51: 9: 0	187	15	0
J. H. Merriman Esq ^r				
(including £25-11-0 for stamps and fees as per contra)				
On election of Captain A. C. Chamier J. P. as Master	10: 10: 0			
W ^o G. L. Gollard Esq ^r as Senior Warden	5: 5: 0			
W ^o Alderman Sir George Nyall Truscott Bart as Junior Warden	5: 5: 0	21	0	0
Received for 28 Guest Tickets at £1 5 0 each		35	0	0
Royalties re Cobbett Phantasies per Novello & Co ^l Ltd		2	6	6
Proceeds of sale of Copyrights Suites for School Orchestra		12	0	0
		945	19	5
<p><u>N.B.</u> Subscribed by various members of the Company to institute a Benevolent Fund, particulars of which fully appear in the Trust Ledger - £1128: 12 0.</p>				
<h3>Trust Income</h3>				
Carnegie Scholarships				
Dividends on \$5000 United States Steel Corporation 5% Gold Bond	47: 10: 0			
Ernest Palmer Scholarships				
Ground Rents (less tax) derived from £1000 presented by N. Ernest Palmer	37: 10: 0			
Q ^o on £265: 16: 0 Metropolitan Water B. Stock less tax	7: 2: 9			
Leo Stern Memorial Scholarships				
Dividend on £145: 5 9 Metropolitan Water B. Stock less tax	5: 9: 0			
Hugh Nyall Trust				
Dividend on £115: 12 8 Metropolitan Water B. Stock less tax	5: 4: 2			
Prindergast Trust				
Dividend on £501 11 8 South Australia 4 1/2% 1940-60 Stock (purchased with £500 presented by Miss Alice M. E. Prindergast)	9: 7: 4	110	9	11
		£ 1056	4	4

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187	15	0
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10	9	11
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Court fees				
Mess King & Brymer (20 guest tickets £35.00 per contra)		69	6	0
For use of Stationers Hall		176	11	6
Extra expenses at do per W. W. Sullivan	24:0:0			
W. & A. Brown Butler	11:17:5			
Wine purchased during the year	5:5:0	101	2	5
cigars do		13	10	0
<u>Donations</u>		3	9	1
Prince of Wales War Relief Fund	52:10:0			
Princess Mary's Christmas Fund for Soldiers and Sailors	5:5:0			
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	5:5:0			
Music Trades Benevolent Society	5:5:0			
Miss H. G. Diggs	3:3:0			
Gift of Band Instruments to 10 th Battalion Royal Fusiliers City of London Regiment	36:12:9	108	0	9
Music at Dinners		21	0	0
Corporation Duty	23:19:2			
Licence on Armorial Bearings	1:1:0	25	0	2
Printing and Stationery		44	16	3
Care of Gowns and hire of extra do		4	2	6
Fees for full choir at St. Cecilia Celebration in 1913	10:10:0			
do do 1914	10:10:0	21	0	0
Medals		5	2	0
Insurance on Plate wine &c		4	9	9
Commissions Suites for School Orchestras	31:10:0			
Expenses in connection with do	3:9:10	39	19	10
N.B. £52.10.0 was provided by N.Y. Cobbett Esq ^r for this purpose as per contra				
Clerk's Salary	52:10:0			
£ fee on Admission of Assistant as per contra	1:15:0			
£ do 4 Liverymen a £2.19.6 each do	11:18:0	66	3	0
Petty disbursements per the Clerk		17	18	9
Beadle's Salary	10:10:0			
Fees of Admission of 4 new Liverymen a 2/6 each as per contra	10:0	11	0	0
Stamp duties on Admission of do		10	0	0
Fees Freedom of City & do		3	3	0
Fee Report on Companies properties		11	1	6
Invested in £96 14/- Metropolitan Water B. Stock		75	0	0
		820	16	6
<u>Trust Expenditure</u>				
Carnegie Scholarship fees	46:0:0			
Ernest Palmer do	46:0:0			
Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship	5:5:0			
Hugh Myall Trust Cost of medal presented to Royal Naval School of Music	2:2:0	99	13	0
Balance at Bank on 31 st December 1914		130	19	10
		£	1056	9 4

He stated that notwithstanding the large outlay in donations the Company was in a good financial position and pointed out that the Benevolent Fund appeared in the Accounts for the first time

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the junior Warden the Accounts were received and adopted and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Treasurer for his very able services in that capacity

Trinity College of Music

A letter was read from Trinity College of Music gratefully accepting the offer of the Company's Silver Medal once in every third year.

Carnegie Scholarship

A further letter was read from Mr London Donald 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 Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past Master Sir Frederic Bridge this was unanimously agreed to

National Trade Fair Exhibition

A letter sent by the Sheriffs with regard to the National Trade Fair Exhibition was read but with the full concurrence of Mr Sheriff de Lapointe no action was taken.

Alien Liverymen

The Master drew attention to the status of Liverymen bearing alien enemy names and after discussion it was resolved that it be an instruction to the clerk that no Liveryman should be admitted to the Company unless he first gives a definite assurance that he is not the subject of any Foreign Law

Company's Badge

The Master raised the question as to the wearing of the Company's Badge and it was decided to refer the matter to a Committee to consist of the Master the Wardens and Past Masters Sir Homewood Crawford and A. F. Hill for consideration.

Company's Handbook

Past Master Edgar stated that the new Handbook of the Company was nearly ready for the Press and he hoped to have it issued shortly.

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The Clerk stated that Messrs Henry Holmes & Co. had agreed to inspect the Company's properties and make any necessary Schedules of dilapidations at a fee approved by the Master and Wardens and that they had reported that 8 houses were in a good state of repair, that 40 houses needed some slight repairs as to which notices had been given by the Clerk to the Lessors and that 19 houses were in a bad state of repair as to which Schedules of dilapidations had been served.

Military
Bands

The following letter which had been addressed by the Master to the War Office urging the desirability of Military Music as an aid to recruiting was read and also the reply from the War Office stating that the matter would receive due consideration, and were ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

16 Berners Street W.

23rd November 1914

Sir,

The Musical Association is addressing a communication to the Army Council on the subject of the inspiring effect of Military Music, and, as Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, I deem it incumbent upon me earnestly to commend the same to their attention.

This ancient company, which I have the honour to represent, is recognised by the Army Council, and the names of the recipients of the Medal which the Company annually awards upon the recommendation of the Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music are published in the Army List, although such Medal, which in the musical profession is highly esteemed, is not permitted to be worn.

The Company has recently given evidence of its constant interest in Military Music by presenting to a newly raised Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers a complete set of the instruments required for a Drum and Life Band

I should be neglecting a plain duty of the office which I hold if I failed to take the opportunity of most respectfully urging upon the Army Council that were it possible for music to be employed when bodies of troops are on the march, the effect upon recruiting could not fail to be most salutary and those who have willingly given their services at this time of national emergency would be much encouraged. They would be enabled to disregard, with even more philosophy than they already do, the unavoidable difficulties as to clothing and equipment which not only inflict many discomforts upon them, but also deprive them of much of the more attractive aspect of military life. From my experience as a Recruiting Officer during August and September I am well aware of the uniformly patriotic motives which led these men to come forward, and I humbly suggest that such recognition as our Art can afford should be extended to them.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) A. G. Chamber

Master,

Worshipful Company of Musicians

Sir H. H. Bradie K.C.B.

Secretary to the Army Council

War Office. S.W.

War Office London S.W.

15th December 1914

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, on the subject of the provision of Bands for the new formations, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the matter will receive due consideration.

I am, Sir,

Yours,

The Master,
The Worshipful Company of Musicians
16 Barrow St. W.

Your obedient servant

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Relief Council

Mess H. G. Huggs
Benevolent Fund

Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford stated that M^r Sheriff de Lafontaine was moving strongly in the matter and that a Meeting in support of the movement was to be held at the Mansion House tomorrow at which M^r Windyard Hypling, Sir Frederick Bridge and others had promised to speak, and the Master was requested to attend the Meeting on behalf of the Company.

Proposed National Association for Music Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford reported that the Committee of the proposed National Association formed at the Queens Hall Meeting had up to the present done nothing and that Sir Charles Stanford an Honorary Freeman of the Company had suggested to him the advisability of the Company taking the matter up. Sir Homewood urged the importance of the movement in the interests of British Music and British Musicians and after discussion the following Members of the Court were appointed to act as a Committee, with power to add to their number, to enquire into the matter and report viz: the Master, M^r Wardens and Past Masters Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir Edward Cooper, Sir Homewood Crawford, A. B. Will and Clifford Edgar.

Professional Classes War Relief Council A Petition was read from the Professional Classes War Relief Council asking for assistance. Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford informed the Court that the Music in War Time Committee had been merged into a Section of this Council and suggested the grant of Fifty guineas and stated that the Livery Club had already made a grant of Twenty five guineas. The Treasurer while fully appreciating the work done by the Council said the Company could not really afford to give so much as fifty guineas and it was unanimously resolved to make a grant of twenty five guineas to the Fund making fifty guineas with the amount already subscribed by the Livery Club.

Miss H. G. Biggs A letter was read from Miss Hermetta G. Biggs praying for relief and it was resolved that three guineas be given to her as a donation.

Benevolent Fund The Clerk reported that £1149.12/- had been subscribed by Members of the

Company towards the Benevolent Fund which was now represented by £595. 7. 10 London Corporation 3 per cent Stock 1927/1957, £615. 1. 3 Coventry 3 per cent Stock 1920/1950 and £149. 12/- on deposit at the London County & Westminster Bank, and it was decided to invest this amount by adding it to the London Corporation Stock.

The Clock further stated that the income in hand on the 1st instant amounted to £21. 18. 10

Drummer Bent

The Senior Warden drew attention to the fact that a Victoria Cross had been won by N^o 8571 Drummer Spencer John Bent of the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, whom he believed to be the first professional musician to earn this coveted distinction. He said he thought the Company ought to do something to mark the event and proposed that a gold watch with a suitable inscription should be presented to Drummer Bent. This was seconded by East Master Sir Homewood Crawford and at the suggestion of the Treasurer it was decided that a sum not exceeding fifteen guineas should be expended in the purchase of a gold watch suitably inscribed.

The Senior Warden promised to obtain full further information from the War Office so that the Clock might communicate with Drummer Bent on the subject.

Company's
Silver Medal

W. H. Ash Esq.
G. J. Ash Esq.

Miss Harriet
Cohen

Band Master
G. H. Watson

Messrs William Henry Ash J.P. and Claudius James Holt Members of the Livery to whom the Silver Medal of the Company had been voted at the last Court attended and were presented with their Medals by the Master.

Miss Harriet Cohen of the Royal Academy of Music also attended and was presented with the Company's Silver Medal by the Master.

A Letter was read from the Captain of H. M. S. Tiger stating that Band Master G. H. Watson who had been awarded the Silver Medal presented to the Royal Naval School of Music was on active service on

Company
Scholars

H.M.S. Tiger and requested that the presentation of his Medal might stand over until the end of the War

(N.B. H.M.S. Tiger took part in the Naval Victory in the North Sea on the 24th January 1915 when the German Battleship 'Blücher' was sunk and H.M.S. Tiger suffered a slight loss in men but none of the British ships engaged were seriously damaged)

The following Accounts were passed for payment :-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs King & Brymer Court Dinner on the 27 th October	11	10	6
M ^r Tom Broad For Stationery	2	0	0
Messrs Ede Son & Ravenscroft For care of gowns and hire of Ditto	6	5	0
Messrs J Warner & Co Printing and lithographing Account	6	14	2
Messrs Chas Richards Shouldersworth & Co For Port to lay down	19	4	0
J. H & J Brooke L ^{td} For cigars etc.	3	3	5
Messrs Andrews & Co For Liqueur Brandy	4	11	0
M ^r John Brownlie For Silver Medals	4	16	0
Messrs Thomas & Co For St Cecilia Service Printing	1	9	0
Clerks Quarters salary to date	£15:2:6		
Disbursements for Quarter ended 31 st December 1914	7:17:0		
	20	19	6
Beadle's Quarters salary to date	2	12	6
	£	104	5 1

Signed

Walter P. Rogers
Acting Master.

Company's Scholars

The following scholars of the Company subsequently attended and performed

a programme of music in order to give the Court an opportunity of judging of their progress:-

Carnegie Scholars: Miss Phyllis Plank, Mr George Robert Stratton

Ernest Palmer Scholars: Miss Ivy Blenheim, Mr Leo Frederick Philip

Jurors.

First Scholars: Miss Edith Mary Harvey, Mr Lionel George Stanton.

It was considered that in every instance the result of their studies was quite satisfactory and that the Company's Scholarships had been properly bestowed.

26th January 1915 Mr Francis Denham Marshall M.A. of Mynfield, Great Anwell Street

Ship Broker was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees.

Mr Thomas Mark Merriman of 3 Mitre Court Temple & C. Solicitor was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees.

With reference to the gold Watch voted at the last Court to Drummer Spencer John Bent V.C. 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment (now Corporal) on enquiry at the War Office the Senior Warden was informed that Drummer William Henry of the 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders (now Lance Corporal) had also won the V.C. and the same distinction was shortly afterwards awarded to Bandsman Thomas Edward Rindle of the 1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (now Lance Corporal).

It was therefore decided by the Master and Wardens in conjunction with the Treasurer that a gold Watch suitably inscribed should accordingly be presented to each of these recipients of the Victoria Cross and arrangements were made by the Wardens for the presentations to be made at the Mansion House at which the Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Johnston) kindly consented to preside, on Monday the 8th March 1915 at 1 o'clock.

The Members of the Court were invited to attend the Presentation and those who were able to be present robed in the main Hall of the Mansion House where they were met by Colonel C. Somerville M.V.O., the Commandant, and Major A. J. Stretton M.V.O., the Musical Director, of the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall, Corporal Spencer John Bent and Lance Corporal William Henry being in attendance - Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Rindle was unfortunately detained in hospital and unable to attend.

A Procession was then formed and proceeded to the Saloon in the following order

The Beadle.

The Clerk.

Assistants Elect

Sir George C. Martin M.V.O., Mus. Doc.

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

Assistants who have not passed the Chair

Hugh Wyatt Esq. A. Burnett Brown Esq. A. C. Hunter Esq.

Past Masters

W. L. Fuller Esq. Arthur F. Hill Esq. F.S.A.

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

Alderman Sir Edward Cooper J. Harwood Lescher Esq.

J. A. Bellard Esq. (Treasurer) J. H. Stilbeck Esq.

The Chaplain

The Rev^d Canon G. H. Pearce, M.A.

Incuff St. J. C. de Lafontaine M.A.

The Junior Warden

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Innescott, Bart.

The Senior Warden

G. L. Bellard Esq. M.A., B.C.L.

The Master

Captain A. G. Chamier J.P.

Colonel Somerville M.V.O.

Major A. J. Stretton M.V.O.

The Members of the Court and the Chaplain, Colonel Somerville and Major Stretton were formally presented to the Lord Mayor by the Clerk and the Lord Mayor having shortly opened the proceedings the Master delivered the following address:

My Lord Mayor, we are met together by your Lordship's great kindness here in your Mansion House, in order that we of the City of London may have our share in doing honour to those brave men, who have so conspicuously distinguished themselves on the field of battle.

To us of the Worshipful Company of Musicians it is an especial pride that those men who in times of peace pursue, in one capacity or another, the Art and calling of Music, should have been found worthy of the

highest reward that it is in the power of our gracious Sovereign to bestow. We have thought it only right that our ancient Guild, dating as your Lordship is aware from 1469, and therefore in the 446th year of its corporate existence, should signalize the deep interest which we feel in their noble behaviour, and your Lordship, by inviting us under this historic roof and presiding over this gathering, not only adds lustre to the presentation about to be made, but identifies this great City with the appreciation which our Company rejoices to be able to give expression to.

In this country, my Lord, we have two orders of chivalry which are recognised the whole world over as being of the very highest standing and distinction. The Order of the Garter is reserved chiefly for those of Royal, Princely, or Noble birth, great Statesmen, and great Soldiers like the lamented Field Marshal Earl Roberts. The Cross instituted by that great Sovereign of happy memory, Queen Victoria, to which she gave her own revered and honoured name, requires no qualifications of rank, birth, social distinction, power or influence. It is the mark by which some of the bravest men the world has known are singled out for the respect and the admiration of their fellow-men. It has always been awarded with the most jealous discrimination, and there is no wearer of the Victoria Cross who is not an example of the highest conception of duty.

The Worshipful Company of which I have the great honour of representing today has voted to each of these Musician recipients of the Victoria Cross a gold watch with a suitable inscription, and it is now my most agreeable duty, in presenting them to your Lordship, to announce, with the military brevity of the London Gazette, the exploits in honour of which we are assembled.

The Master here read the extracts from the Gazette which are appended. We have with us Colonel Somerville the Commandant and Major Stretton the Musical Director of the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, to which, as well as to the Royal Naval School of Music at Greenwich, our Company

annually presents its Medal to the best Student of the year.

The Master then at the request of the Lord Mayor, presented the Watches to the V.C.'s who were congratulated by the Lord Mayor in a patriotic speech and the proceedings terminated.

The presentation to Lance Corporal Rendle was postponed until an opportunity should present itself.

The announcement awarding the V.C.'s which appeared in the London Gazette were as follows :-

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned soldiers serving with the Expeditionary Force

N^o 1581. Drummer Spencer John Bent (1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment)
For conspicuous gallantry near Le Yser on the night of November 1st - 2nd 1914 when after his Officer Platoon Sergeant and Section Commander had been struck down he took command and with great presence of mind and coolness succeeded in holding the position. Drummer Bent had previously distinguished himself on two occasions 22nd and 24th October by bringing up ammunition under a heavy shell and rifle fire and again on the 3rd November when he brought into cover some wounded men who were lying exposed in the open.

N^o 1585. Drummer William Henny (2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders)
For conspicuous bravery on 23rd October 1914 near Ypres in rescuing wounded men on five occasions under very heavy fire in the most fearless manner and for twice moving machine guns by carrying them out of action. On numerous occasions Drummer Henny conveyed urgent messages under very

dangerous circumstances over fire swept ground.

No 7079. Bandsman Thomas Edward Rendle (1st Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry) For conspicuous bravery on 20th November 1914 near Wulverghem when he attended to the wounded under very heavy shell and rifle fire and rescued men from the trenches in which they had been buried by the blowing in of the parapets by the fire of the enemy's heavy howitzers.

On the 19th March 1915 the third watch was presented by the Senior Warden (G. L. Gollard Esq. M.A. B.C.L.) in the unavoidable absence of the Master at the War Office, to Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Rendle V.C. at the Oxford & Cambridge Club Ball Hall S.W. in the presence of the Treasurer (Past Master J. C. Gollard), Past-Master Arthur F. Hill, the clerk, and Colonel C. Somerville M.V.O.

The Senior Warden congratulated Lance Corporal Rendle in a short speech and he was also congratulated by Colonel Somerville who expressed the pride felt by the officers and students at Kneller Hall in the honours gained in the War by military musicians.

At a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 27th April 1915.

Present

Clifford Bedgar Esq. LL. J. P. Mus. Bac. B. Sc.

Immediate Past Master, in the Chair

G. L. Colbard Esq. M.A. B.C.L. Senior Warden

Alderman Sir George Wyatt Innescott Bart. Junior Warden

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

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F. Harwood Lecher W. C. Hering

Alderman Sir Edward E Cooper Sir Homewood Cranford

J. Lea Southgate Esq. Arthur F Hill F.S.A.

and W. P. Fuller

A. G. Hunter Esq. A. Burnett Brown Esq. F.S.A.

Hugh Wyatt Esq. and Sheriff H. J. C. de LaFontaine M.A.

A letter was read from the Master Captain A. C. Chamier J. P. regretting his inability to be present as he was engaged on Military Censor Work at Folkestone.

Eighteen guineas were paid to the Members present.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 26th January last were read and confirmed subject to a slight alteration which was initiated by the Acting Master.

Sir Ernest Clarke M.A. F.S.A. and Sir George Clement Martin M.P.
Mus. Doc. were admitted Assistants by the Acting Master with the usual formalities.

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At the request and in the name of the Master the Clerk presented the Company with a beautiful Silver Jazz which was supported by four figures representing Soldiers in the uniforms of the Allies Great Britain, France, Russia and Belgium respectively correct in every detail, and suitably inscribed in commemoration of the Great War, and on the proposition of the Acting Master seconded by the Senior Warden a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his handsome gift.

Past Master W. D. Hoblyn made a personal explanation as to the circumstances under which the heading of 'The Worshipful Company of Musicians' had been inadvertently used in a circular ^{letter} which he sent out on behalf of Mr J. G. Sheard's candidature for the office of Sheriff.

He expressed his regret and stated that he was not aware of what had occurred until his attention was drawn to the matter by the Clerk on the instructions of the Master and Wardens.

The court accepted the explanation.

The Clerk informed the court that his younger son W. L. Tenwick who was apprenticed to Past Master Alderman Jr Edward E Cooper, had been gazetted a Captain in the 5th Lincolnshire Regiment although only 19 years of age. He thought he was the first Apprentice in the Company to attain the rank of Captain, and that the Boy was possibly the youngest Captain in the Service.

He also informed the court that Robert Julian Yeoman who was apprenticed to Past Master Arthur F. Hill, and who was high up in the Classical Sixth at Marlborough with every chance of obtaining a Scholarship at one of the Universities and also a very promising Athlete there had patriotically thrown up all his chances and obtained a Commission in the Royal Field Artillery, and the Clerk was instructed to enter both these circumstances on the Minutes as interesting records.

A. H. Littleton Esq. A card of thanks from Mr A H Littleton and family for the vote of condolence was read.

Bandsmen V.C. The Senior Warden reported the presentation of Gold Watches to Corporal Spencer John Bent V.C., Lance Corporal William Henry V.C. and Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Rendle V.C. and read letters from the Commanding Officers or Adjutants of the Men's Regiments and also one from Corporal J. Bent, which were ordered to be entered on the Minutes and which were as follows:-

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Dear Sir,

Falmouth 12.2.15.

The Commanding Officer is very pleased at the honour you will confer on Bandsman Rendle by presenting him with a gold watch.

Rendle is, by the way, an excellent Musician. The C.O. leaves the method of presenting the watch in your hands.

Yrs truly,

A. R. Daniell

Lt and Adjutant

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Laura Battery

Plymouth 12/2/15.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. Will you kindly convey to the Worshipful Company of Musicians my appreciation of their generous action in presenting Corporal Bent V.C. of the Battalion under my Command with a gold watch.

I shall be glad to make any arrangements desired regarding the presentation and enclose a letter from Corp. Bent expressing his thanks.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

C. J. Lloyd Carson Lieut Colonel
Commanding 3/ Battalion East Lancashire Regt

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Sir I have this day been informed by my Commanding Officer, that a gold watch is being presented to me by the Worshipful Company of Musicians. I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the Company for their generosity and shall always look upon the watch as a token of high esteem. It will always be cherished by me as an honour second to that of the V.C. Once more tendering my sincere thanks, I remain, Sir,

Yours V. Sincerely

S. G. Bent Cpl.

I East Lancs Reg^t.

The Senior Warden mentioned that Lance Corporal Rendle had also written expressing cordial thanks but as the letter had come out of quarantine for spotted fever it had been destroyed.

He stated that the cost of the Watches and of the mens expenses to London amounted in all to £59.17/- the expense in excess of that voted at the last Court having been found by the Treasurer out of his own pocket. On the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past Master F. Harwood Leecher the expenditure was unanimously confirmed and a cheque was ordered to be drawn for the balance due.

Sir Homewood Crawford informed the Court that Past Master Sir Frederic de Bridge C.V.O. had written the Music to the Song and Chorus of 'Michael O'Leary V.C.' which was personally conducted by Sir Frederic when performed for the first time by the Coldstream Guards Band and the Choir of the Royal Choral Society on Saturday last at the Royal Albert Hall at the Patriotic Concert attended by Their Majesties the King and Queen and Queen Alexandra, the Solo being sung by Mr Bon Davies; the words of the Song having been composed by Mr John McGrath and published in 'The Observer'. His Majesty the King had

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Minutes of
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The Clerk having asked for instructions as to entering on the Minutes Interim Proceedings officially connected with the Company, he was instructed to enter such Minutes as had been approved by the Master, and on the suggestion of Past Master A. F. Hill the Clerk was instructed to enter upon the Minutes in extenso the speech delivered by the Master at the Mansion House when the Gold Tatches were recently presented to two of the Bondsmen V.C.s.

Company's
Hand book

The Acting Master stated that the new edition of the Company's Handbook was passing through the Press and obtained from Members of the Court present particulars of 'Additions' to the Livery Roll relating to themselves.

Apprentice

The Clerk reported the Apprenticing of Harold de Val Rubin the son of Mr Mark Rubin of Danhurst, Elsworth Road Hampstead N.W. to Past Master A. F. Hill in the Art of Violin Playing for 5 years from the 9th February 1915.

Vacancy on Court
N & Brandt Esq

The Clerk reported that N & Brandt had decided not to accept the seat upon the Court to which he was elected at the last Meeting and Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford made a statement as to the circumstances in which Mr Brandt had come to this decision.

The question as to the correct time at which fees on election of Members to the Court were payable was discussed and it was decided that under the old Bye Laws such fees were payable on admission and that no new Member could be formally admitted to the Court or Livery until his fees had been paid. The Clerk was instructed to inform newly elected Assistants and Liverymen in future that 'the fees were payable on Admission'.

It was decided not to fill the existing vacancy at this Court and the Clerk was instructed on a vacancy occurring on the Court to insert the name

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A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Professional Classes War Relief Council thanking the Company for their generous donation to the funds of the Council to be allocated to the use of Musicians in distress, and Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford as the Representative of the Company upon the Council made a report upon the work done.

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Regiment)

Correspondence that had passed between the Clerk and the Commanding Officer of the 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) with reference to a suggestion which it transpired had been made by M^r G. H. Roberts, Band Master of that Regiment, to Messrs Hawkes & Son that they should exchange the Drums and Fifes, recently presented by the Company to the Regiment, for Brass Instruments was read, and also a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Robert White the present Commanding Officer of the Regiment expressing regret that such a thing should have been done. Col White's letter, which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes is as follows:-

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Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 4th inst.

I cannot say how much I regret the mistake that has occurred. I was not aware that my predecessor had written to the Musicians Company in the terms of his letter of Oct 30. Moreover I was quite ignorant of the fact that the drums & fifes were a present from the Musicians Company. The Bandmaster approached me through the band president & asked whether the drums & fifes could be exchanged for other instruments, as it was found very difficult to work a brass band & a drum & fife band simultaneously. The Lord Mayor then suggested that we should ^{return} the drums & fifes to Messrs

Drummers and ask them to exchange them for other instruments belonging to a brass band. I agreed to this, being as I say unaware of the very handsome & generous gift of the Musicians Company.

Will you please convey to the Master, Court & Livery my very great regret at our apparent discourtesy and say at the same time that we shall continue to value most highly their very kind gift.

Yrs. faithfully

Robert White

Lt. Col.

The matter was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to write to Colonel White suggesting that the Band Master might be instructed to use the Drums and Fifes presented by the Company alternatively with the Brass Instruments, as was done in many other Regiments.

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A letter was read from Col. Somerville, Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music, stating that he would desire to nominate Band Master Bertram Walton O'Donnell, 7th Queens Own Hussars, as the recipient of the Company's Medal for 1915 but he felt some difficulty in doing this as Band Master O'Donnell had already received the Company's Medal in 1905 as a Student at the Royal Academy of Music.

It was decided that it would not be in order to present Band Master O'Donnell with a second Medal but that a bar or clasp should be added to the Medal he already held so that his name might appear in the Army List as the holder of the Company's Medal.

Company's
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The Clerk asked for instructions as to dealing with certain Lessees of the Company's properties who had not complied with Notices to make good Detrapulations served upon them and on the proposition of Band Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by the Senior Warden the Clerk was

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Suites for School Orchestras } Mr Southgate reported that the Suite entitled "Folk Song and Fiddle Dance" by Mr Percy & Fletcher had been printed and issued by Hawkes & Son and that that work had been chosen as a test piece for String Orchestras at the Stratford Musical Competition held on the 30th March last when the Prize was won by the Gentlemen Members of the Metropolitan Academy of Music.

Mr Southgate further stated that Messrs Hawkes & Son, who had purchased the three Suites, would shortly publish the other two Suites by Mr J. Cunningham Woods and Mr J. C. Ames respectively and that it was not proposed to give out further commissions until it was seen what measure of appreciation and acceptance this music secured.

The Bishopsgate Institute } The Clerk reported that at the request of the Librarian of the Bishopsgate Institute he had presented the Institute with the last copy of the Company's old Hand book and his action was approved.

Cobbett } A letter was read from Novello & Co^{ltd} stating that the stock of Mr Frank Bridges "Fantasia Quartet" had run out and the matter was referred to Past Masters Sir Frederick Bridge and Mr Southgate to make enquiries and arrange for the supply of further copies if they thought it desirable.

The following Accounts were passed for payment

The Worshipful Company of Stationers For use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs King & Brymer Court Dinner on the 26 th January last	14	15	6
Messrs J. Warner & Co ^l Printing & lithographing Account to the 31 st March last	2	0	10
Messrs Charles Richards Wouldsworth & Co ^l 6 dozen Bassac	10	5	3
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Went's Quarter's salary to date	£13	2	6		
Disbursements for Quarter ended } 31 st March 1915	5	13	11		
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The clerk reported that D^r William Hayman Cummings, an Honorary Freeman of the Company died on the 6th June last and that the Acting Master and Past Masters, Sir Frederick Bridge and D^r J. Lea Southgate had attended the Funeral. On the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge and supported by the Acting Master a sincere vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with the Family and the clerk was instructed to forward the same to M^r Arthur Cummings.

Corps of Citizens

The clerk reported that in response to the letter he had sent out by the instructions of the Acting Master at the suggestion of the Lord Mayor with reference to the Meeting held at the Mansion House on the 15th June last to obtain recruits for the Corps of Citizens, a Volunteer Corps formed for the purpose of enabling Liverymen and Freeman of the City who are not eligible for the Army to drill and learn musketry and field service in their spare time, the Company had been represented at the Meeting by the Master and by Sheriff H. J. C. de Lafontaine.

10th Battalion
Royal Fusiliers
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The following further letter from Lieut Col. The Honourable R. White was read :-

1st May 1915

To J. C. Fawcett Esq.

Dear Sir,

I was very much obliged by your kind letter of 28th inst. I have often discussed the possibility of forming a drum + fife band but there are many difficulties. Expense is a great feature. It is unfortunately not possible to use bandmen proper for drum + fife instruments. Of course, on the march, there would be no rest for the band, if they had to play the drums and fife in the intervals

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of band pieces. This means, therefore, that there must be a separate drum + fife band, as is always the case; and we have, alas! neither funds or men for this purpose.

We are, none the less, extremely gratified for the very handsome present of the court, and for their kindly intentions.

Yours v truly
Robert White
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and on the proposition of Past Master F. Harwood Lecher seconded by Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge it was resolved that Colonel White be invited to return the Instruments for presentation elsewhere if no use could be made of them by Col. White's battalion.

Vacancy on Court
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On the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past Master C. D. Hoblyn, Sir William John Lancaster f P, was unanimously elected a Member of the court

Cobbett
Phantasies

Past Master W. J. L. Southgate reported that he had given an order to reprint 100 copies of M. Frank Bridges Phantasy Quartet and his action was approved and confirmed

Carnegie
Scholarships

Miss Phyllis
Plank

A correspondence with M. Landon Donald and others as to the resignation of one of the Company's Carnegie Scholarships by Miss Phyllis Plank was read and it was resolved that such resignation having been tendered and become effective, steps be taken in due course to supply a new Scholar for the Guildhall School of Music.

Ernest Palmer
Scholarships

On the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past Master W. J. L. Southgate it was unanimously resolved to extend the Palmer Scholarship held by Leo F. P. Turpin for another year from October 1915.

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The question of more fully advertising the award of Scholarships was discussed, and at the request of the bowel the Acting Master agreed to see Mr Landon Ronald upon the subject of the Scholarships generally

Company's Scholars The following report from the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music as to the progress of the Company's Scholars at the School was read.

The Musicians Company's Scholars

Miss Alison White shows most decided promise in composition and is diligent in her work. She is also a good pianist.

The Carnegie Scholarship

Mr George R. Stratton has made great progress during the past year in Violin playing and has greatly improved in his Pianoforte playing. He is diligent, attentive and painstaking.

The J. Ernest Palmer Scholarships

Miss Joy K. G. Blenheim is making quite satisfactory progress with the Piano and is painstaking and punctual in her attendance. She is also making good progress with her singing, particularly the last six months. Good and steady progress is maintained with her Harmony & Sight Singing.

Master Leo F. B. Turpin works earnestly and intelligently and is making satisfactory progress with the Violin and Piano, and should eventually do credit to all concerned.

Company's Handbook The Acting Master presented the Members of the Court present and the Clerk with copies of the 3rd edition of the Handbook which had been edited by him and on the proposition of Just Master Sir Henry Wood seconded by Mr Hugh Wyatt a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his liberality and trouble in the matter. The Acting

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Master stated that copies would be issued to the liverymen and Honorary Freemen in the course of the next ten days.

Lance Corporal
Hoodless

A letter was read from Lance Corporal Hoodless R.M.L.S. serving on H.M.S. Vengeance at the Dardanelles asking for the gift of a set of Bagpipes and the Clerk was instructed to send the letter to Lady Ashmore, the Hon. Sec of the Recruiting Bands Committee to see if she could do anything in the matter.

Legacy from
the late
C. J. D. Crews

The Treasurer reported the receipt of the legacy of £500 bequeathed to the Company by the late Past Master C. J. D. Crews without condition and its investment in £667:12:1 Metropolitan Water B. Stock.

Fredergast
Trust

The Treasurer reported that the income in hand on account of this Fund now amounted to £27:2:8 and the matter was referred to the Committee appointed to deal with the Fund.

Benivolent
Fund

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance of £54:3:8 in hand and his suggestion to invest £50 of this balance in War Loan Stock 1925/45 was approved.

Pianoforte
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Apprentices

A letter was read from Mr H. W. Guthrie, a Solicitor of 116 Chancery Lane W.C. enquiring whether the Company could supply any suitable lads as Apprentices to his Clients John Forrester Esq of 79 Barnet Grove, Bethnal Green, Pianoforte Makers and the matter was referred to the Fredergast Committee.

The Company
Medalists
Royal Military
School of Music

The Senior Warden explained that Col Somerville the Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music was anxious that Band Master Bertram Walton O'Donnell should be presented with a second Medal especially seeing that this would give him the right to have his name inscribed in the Army List as the Holder of the Company's Medal. The Senior Warden accordingly gave notice of motion to rescind the resolution of the Court passed on the 27th April last with a view to complying with Col Somerville's wishes.

- Royal Naval School of Music The recommendation of Bandmaster Samuel Fairfield, R.N. by the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music was approved.
- The Clerk reported that at the Request of the Superintendent, the Silver Medal awarded in 1914 to Band Master G. M. Watson, who was still on active service, had been forwarded to the Superintendent for delivery to Mr Watson.
- Royal College of Music The recommendation of Mr Herbert Howells, composer, by Sir Hubert Parry Bart, C.V.O. the Director of the Royal College of Music was approved.
- cost of Silver Medal The question of the cost of the Company's Silver Medals was further discussed and Sir Ernest Clarke having promised to make enquiries through a friend at the Mint, on the proposition of Sir Ernest Clarke seconded by Sast Master Sir Frederick Bridge the Clerk was instructed to obtain the dies now in the possession of Mr John Brownlie.
- 1st C. 13 A letter from the Adjutant of the 1st C. 13 The Royal Fusiliers was read asking for a grant but it was decided to reply that the Company had no funds available for the purpose.
- Kneller Hall Garden Party The Acting Master reported the receipt of a letter from Col. Somerville on the question of having a garden party at Kneller Hall this year and stated that after consultation with the Wardens it had been thought best that no garden party should be held, and his decision was approved.
- S^t Bartholomew's Hospital A Petition from the Treasurer of S^t Bartholomew's Hospital asking for a further donation was read but it was decided to reply that the Company's funds would not allow of this being done.
- The Company's Properties The Clerk reported that satisfactory arrangements had been come to with all the Lessees of the Company's properties with the exception of Messrs H. Ward the Lessee of 54 Rushmore Road Clapton, and the Imperial Property

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Investment Co^{ltd} the Lessees of Nos 11 to 23 (odd numbers) The Avenue Hornsey, both of whom were in default. He stated that Miss Ward had asked to be let off the fees for which she was liable on the ground of want of means but that the Property Company had taken no notice of his letters.

It was resolved that the claim against Miss Ward should not be pressed but that proceedings should if necessary be commenced against the Imperial Property Investment Co^{ltd} to recover the damages for which they were liable.

Army Ordnance Corps

A letter was read from Lieut C. F. Hartung asking for the presentation of a Brass Band to the Army Ordnance Corps at Havre, but it was decided that the request could not be complied with on account of want of funds.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers. For use of Hall to date	21	0	0
Messrs Ring + Brymer Court Dinner on the 27 th April last	15	0	0
Messrs J Warner & Co Printing + lithographing Account to the 30 th June last	1	3	6
James Truscott + Son L ^{td} For new Rates and Stationery as suggested by the Master	9	13	6
Clerk's Quarters salary to date	£13	2	6
Disbursements for quarter ended 30 th June last	1	19	3
Beadles Quarters Salary to date	2	12	6
M ^r C. A. Brown. Butlers salary for year	5	5	0
J. H. + J. Brooke L ^{td} For Cigars	3	1	6
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A. L. Chamier

Master - 26 Oct 15

At a Court of Assistants

held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday the 26th October 1915.

Present:

Captain A. C. Chamier J. P. Master in the Chair
C. L. Collard Esq. M.A., B.C.L. Senior Warden.
Alderman Sir George Wyatt Truscott Bart. Junior Warden.
East Masters Professor Sir J. Frederick Bridge C.B., M.A., Mus. Soc.
J. C. Collard J. Harwood Lescher
Alderman Sir Edward C. Cooper Sir Homewood Bradford
J. L. Southgate D.C.L., Arthur F. Hill F.S.A.,
W. P. Fuller Clifford B. Edgar D.L., J.P., Mus. Soc., B.Sc.,
 and A. C. Hunter Esq. Septimus Croft Esq. J.P.
Hugh Wyatt Esq. H. J. C. de Lafontaine Esq. M.A.,
Sir Ernest Clarke M.A., F.S.A. and Sir George C. Martin
M.P., Mus. Soc.

The Master who was in uniform explained that it was against the long regulations for him to wear a gown or the Master's Badge over his uniform, and that he had satisfied himself upon this point by application to the Quarter Master General's Department.

Eighteen guineas were paid to the Members present.

A. Burnett

Brown Esq. F.S.A.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Burnett Brown stating that he would be unable to be present as he was temporarily serving in France on the staff of Sir Arthur Lawley the Commissioner of the British Red Cross.

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 13th July last were read and confirmed.

C. B. Hoblyn Esq.

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George C. Martin
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on 15th July last

stating his inability

to be present by reason of the death of his Son Mr. Walter Hoblyn of the Goldstream Guards who had been killed in action, and stating that his third Son was home wounded and his eldest Son was in the Old Marlburnians at the Mediterranean. On the proposition of the Master seconded by Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford a sincere vote of condolence was passed with Past Master C. D. Hoblyn in the great loss he and his family had sustained through the death of his Son, and at the same time he was congratulated on having two other Sons serving their Country.

Sir William
John Lancaster
J. P.

Sir William John Lancaster J. P. was admitted an Assistant by the Master with the usual formalities.

The late Dr.
W. H. Cummings

A letter from Mr. Arthur J. Cummings thanking the Court for the vote of sympathy and condolence on the death of his Father the late Dr. W. H. Cummings was read.

The King George
Hospital

Disabled
Bandmen

The Correspondence that had passed between the Secretary of the King George Hospital and the Clerk with reference to finding employment for Bandman J. Bolton whose leg had been amputated and other disabled Bandmen was read and on the suggestion of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford the Clerk was directed to refer the Secretary of the Hospital to the Professional Classes War Relief Committee at 15 Princes Gate S.W. so that the matter might be brought before the Music in War Time Committee, mentioning the name of Sir Homewood Crawford who was a Member of that Committee, to see if anything could be done for disabled Bandmen.

Carnegie
Scholarship

Ernest Palmer
Scholarship

The following report of the Examiners for the late vacancies for the Carnegie and Ernest Palmer Scholarships was read:

Guildhall School of Music & C.

To the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Musicians
Gentlemen.

We have examined the various candidates for the 'Carnegie' and 'Ernest'

Palmer's Scholarships and we are unanimously of the opinion that:

The Carnegie Scholarship should be awarded to Frank Hedley Nicholas whom we find to be most intelligent and musical. Sight reading on the whole quite good.

There were two candidates for this competition.

The Ernest Palmer Scholarship we strongly recommend should be awarded to Lillian Irene Hurst, who played with facility, answered all questions correctly and in addition has absolute pitch. She excelled in sight reading.

There were two candidates for this competition.

We are gentlemen Yours faithfully,

Allen Gill

F. Harold Hawkins

Landon Ronald

Sept. 25th 1915

Past Master C. B. Edgar explained that he had seen M^r Landon Ronald as to more fully advertising the Scholarships and he had promised that this should be done. Past Master D^r Southgate drew attention to the number of candidates and said this was no doubt owing to no advertisement having appeared in the Musical papers. It was pointed out by Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford that the times were abnormal and he moved that the Scholarships be awarded as recommended by the Examiners. This was seconded by Past Master Edgar and agreed to. The Clerk being directed to inform the Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music that in view of the small number of candidates for the Scholarships it appeared to the Court that in future greater newspaper publicity would be desirable.

Leo Stern
Memorial
Scholarship

A letter was read from Sir Hubert H. Parry Bart. Director of the Royal College of Music recommending M^r Harold Muslin as the recipient of the

Suites for
School Orchestras

Royal Military
School of Music

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Leo Stern Memorial Scholarship for the current year and the recommendation was approved

Suites for School Orchestras

The Clerk reported the receipt from Messrs Hawkes & Son the Publishers of sets of the three Scores of Suites for School Orchestras.

The question of the safe custody of this music and other music and documents belonging to the Company was discussed and the suggestion of the Clerk that they should be placed in the Strong Room at his firms office was adopted.

On the proposition of Past Master Edgar seconded by Sir Ernest Clarke it was decided to present three sets each of the Suites to the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music, the Guildhall School of Music, and the Trinity College of Music and the Clerk was instructed to arrange with Messrs Hawkes & Son accordingly.

Royal Military School of Music

In pursuance of notice the Senior Warden moved that the resolution of the Court on the 27th April last to present Bandmaster Bertram Walton O'Donnell with a Bar to be added to the Medal he already held be rescinded with a view to complying with the wish expressed by Colonel Somerville that another Medal should be presented which would entitle the Recipient to have his name inscribed in the Army List.

This was seconded by Sir George Martin and carried unanimously and the Clerk was directed to forward the Medal to Bandmaster O'Donnell who was in India.

It was decided that a second miniature Medal should not be sent but that a Bar could be added to the miniature medal Mr O'Donnell already held if he so desired.

The Company's Silver Medal

Mr Herbert Howells of the Royal College of Music attended and was presented with the Company's Silver Medal by the Master.

Mr Herbert Howells

Cost of Silver Medal

Sir Ernest Clarke reported that through the kind offices of Sir Edward Bugg C.B. J.S.O. of The Royal Mint arrangements had been made with Mr John Brownlie to supply in future the large Medal (5oz. fine silver) at 14/9 each and the small Medal (fine silver) with brooch and ribbon at 5/- Cases as supplied before with

inscription and inscribing Recipients name on Medal 10/- per set.

Sir Ernest Clarke was thanked for the trouble he had taken in the matter and a cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Sir Edward Rigg for his kind services

Companies } Past Master Edgar reported that the Company's new Hand Book had been
Hand Books } presented to each Member of the Livery and to the Honorary Freeman and
also to Public Libraries

10 Batt. } Sir Ernest Clarke reported that acting on the instructions given at the last
Royal Fusiliers } Court a letter had been addressed by the Clerk to Col the Hon. Robert White
(City of London } the then Commandant of the 2/10th (Service) Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers,
Regiment) } suggesting that if the Battalion were unable to utilise the Band Instruments
The City of London } which had been presented to it in October last, they should be returned to the
National Guard } Company. A reply had been received from Col White dated the 22nd July
stating that it was proposed to retain the 3 Bugles and the Cymbals included
in the Instruments presented to the Battalion, and 'deeply regretting we have
not been able to make more use of this very gracious gift, for which we are
none the less grateful'. Col White mentioned that the other instruments (Saxo
and Drums) had been deposited at an address at Richmond to which he had
written to say that they were there to be held at the Company's orders. The Clerk
had thereupon thanked Col White for his letter and sent the Company's good
wishes for the Battalion, which was about to proceed to the front. Instructions had
then been given to Messrs Hawkes and Son, who supplied the instruments, to send
their van to Richmond for the fife and drums, and to keep them in store
pending the Company's further instructions. He (Sir Ernest Clarke) had inspected
the instruments, none of which appeared to have been actually used, and he
gathered that Messrs Hawkes & Son would be willing to take them back at or
near the price the Company had paid for them in exchange for other instruments

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Sir Ernest Clarke further reported that following upon the suggestion that he had made at the last Court that these Band Instruments might probably be found of great value to the City of London National Guard with which three Members of their Court were associated, he had placed himself in communication with Colonel Chambers the Band Controller of the Guard and had ascertained that that Regiment was very desirous of establishing a Flute Band for which the services of the members of the Drum and Bugle Band already in existence would be utilised. For this purpose about 25 Flutes, 1 Piccolo and 1 pair of Cymbals, with 4 tin cardholders and Cases for the Flutes would be required. He had obtained an estimate from Messrs Hawkes and Son of the cost of a set of these instruments of the same quality as recently supplied by them to the Welsh Guards, and the net cost of these (allowing for discount on the instruments, but not on the cases etc.) would be about £56. Assuming, which there was every reason to believe, that Hawkes & Son would take back the Fifes and Drums originally ordered, and allow for them at or about the net price paid by the Company (£31. 19. 3) a further grant of some £25 from the Company's funds would enable a presentation to be made creditable to their Guild and to the recipients, to a Regiment which it was hoped would be permanently associated with the City, and he trusted the Court might see its way to adopt the suggestion he had made. It should of course, be made clear to the City of London National Guard, if the presentation were decided upon, that in the event of the Guard being disbanded at any future time or the Flute Band discontinued, the Court would expect the Instruments to be returned to the Company.

After hearing this report, the Court unanimously resolved on the motion of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford, seconded by Past Master J. Harwood Lecher Past-Master J. C. Collard (Treasurer) supporting, that Sir Ernest Clarke be empowered to conclude on behalf of this Court an arrangement with Messrs Hawkes & Son and

with the authorities of the City of London National Guard on the lines of his report now presented, any points arising thereon that may need further consideration to be settled by a committee consisting of the Treasurer Past-Master Sir Edward Cooper and Sir Ernest Clarke; and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay out of the funds of the Company on presentation to him of proper vouchers a sum not exceeding Twenty-five pounds (£25) in order to complete the purchase of the Instruments necessary for a Flute Band for the City of London National Guard to be presented to that Regiment in the name of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

The Company's Properties

The clerk further reported that all repairs had been actually done or undertakings had been given to finish such repairs to the satisfaction of the Company's Surveyors and at the suggestion of Past-Master Sir George Wyll Truscott the clerk was instructed to notify the Tenants as to the liability they were under with regard to damage by Aircraft.

Aircraft Insurance.

The clerk was instructed to effect an insurance against Aircraft on the Company's Plate and other moveable property.

S^t Cecilia Service

Sir George Martin stated that he knew the Dean and Chapter were expecting the Company to attend the usual S^t Cecilia Service on the 22nd November next and the clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements and to send out a special whip so as to obtain as large an attendance as possible.

Master

Sir Frederick Bridge the Senior Past-Master present moved that Mr Charles Luky Colford M.A. B.C.L. be elected Master for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Past-Master Lescher and carried unanimously and the new Master was admitted to office and took the Chair.

Senior Warden

The new Master then briefly returned thanks.

On the proposition of Past-Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by

Junior Warden.

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Vote of thanks
to the Retiring
Master and to
the Retiring-Master

Royal Naval
School of Music

Band-Master
Samuel Fairfield

New Member

A. J. Bosworth

clerk
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Phantoms

^{Alderman}
Past-Master Sir Edward E. Cooper, Past-Master Alderman Sir George Wyatt
Juscollt Bart., was elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year and on being
admitted to office briefly returned thanks.

Junior Warden. On the proposition of Past-Master Edgar seconded by Past-Master Sir Homewood
Crawford M^r Alexander Burnett Brown F.S.S. was elected Junior Warden for the
ensuing year.

Treasurer On the proposition of Sir Ernest Clarke seconded by M^r Hugh Wyatt, ^{Past-Master}
John Clementi Colvard was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

clerk On the proposition of Past-Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past-Master
D^r Southgate, M^r Thomas Collingwood Fenwick was re-elected clerk for the ensuing
year.

Beadle On the proposition of Past-Master Captain A. C. Chamier seconded by Past-Master
Fuller, M^r Ernest Hills was re-elected Beadle for the ensuing year.

Vote of thanks On the proposition of the Master seconded by Past-Master Sir Homewood Crawford
to the Retiring Master and to a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Retiring Master for his services during
the Retiring Master the past year and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the immediate
Past-Master a similar vote of thanks was accorded to Past-Master Edgar for
acting as Master while the immediate Past-Master was engaged on military duties.

Royal Naval A letter was read from the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music
School of Music asking that Band-Master Samuel Fairfield's Medal might be forwarded to him
Band-Master direct as he was on active service and the suggestion was approved.
Samuel Fairfield

New Member On the proposition of Past-Master Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by Past-Master
A. F. Bosworth Alderman Sir Edward E. Cooper, M^r Arthur Ferdinand Bosworth of The Cottage
Log Leislehurst was elected a Member of the Company following apprenticeship.

Cobbitt A letter was read from M^r W. W. Cobbitt suggesting that copies of the November
Phantoms number of the "Music Student" which contained a Chamber Music Supplement giving
full particulars of the various commissions for Chamber Music given by M^r W. W.

Cobbett under the auspices of the Company should be sent to each Member of the Company and on the proposition of Past Master Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by Past Master Sir Frederick Bridge it was decided that this should be done.

Bandsmen V.C. The Master reported that Lance Corporal Thomas Edmund Rendle V.C. who had been presented with a gold Watch had twice called on him when passing through London and had again expressed his gratitude to the Company for the handsome presentation made to him which he said he highly valued.

The following Accounts were passed for payment :-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers, For use of Hall to date		21	0	0
Messrs Ring & Brigner Court Dinner on the 13 th July last		13	10	0
Messrs J Warner & Co ^s Printing and lithographing Account to the 30 th September last		2	5	0
Messrs Cole Son & Ravenscroft. Hire of Livery Gowns at presentation of Gold Watches to Bandsmen V.Cs		1	15	0
Novello & Co ^s Ltd Printing 100 copies of Mr Frank Bridges Fantasia Quartet		5	4	6
Mr John Brownlie Medals		4	15	3
James Fusscott & Sons Ltd Stationery			14	6
Clerks Quarters salary to date	£ 13. 2. 6			
Disbursements for Quarter ended 30 th September last	2. 4. 1	15	6	7
Headles Quarters salary to date		2	12	6
Sir Hubert Parry Bart Leo Stern Scholarship		5	5	0
Signed		£ 72	8	4

C. J. Collins
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