

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers

Hall on Tuesday 18th January 1927

Present

Herbert Sullivan Esq.

Master in the Chair

G. J. Bennett Esq., M.A. Q.C.

Senior Warden

W. W. Gobbett Esq., F.R.C.H., F.I.C.L. Junior Warden

Past Masters

Arthur F. Hill, F.S.A., Hon. R.C.H. (Treasurer) Major A. L. Chamber

Hugh Wyatt

and

E. B. Hoare

H. Seixe Wyndham Esq.

and

Sir Ian Malcolm, K.C.M.G.

E. Harrow Ryde Esq.

and

J. H. Hes Esq.

Letters were read from Past Masters A. Burnet Brown and H.D. Trustell, J.P. regretting their inability to attend on account of illness.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 12th October last and of the Special Court held on the 26th October last were read and confirmed.

Vacancies on Court. A letter was read from the Hon. Sir Alexander Nelson Hood, K.C.V.O.
 The Hon. Sir Alexander Nelson Hood, K.C.V.O.
 Sir Vincent H. Penciloe Guillard
 Duke of Bronte exceedingly regretting his inability to accept a seat upon the Court on account of his long yearly absences from England.

Sir Vincent Henry Penciloe Guillard made the usual declaration and was admitted an Assistant by the Master.

Museum Exhibits

The Clerk reported that the gift of a bust of Weber and a model of his hand together with a model of Chopin's hand had been handed over by Miss Bell (who had been duly thanked) and had been deposited for safe custody in the Museum of the Guildhall School of Music, and stated that the articles had been insured for £15.

Palmer
Scholarship

At the request of Sir Landen Ronald the Palmer Scholarship held by John Barnes was extended for another year.

Sir James Boyton

The Clerk reported the receipt of a legacy of £100 under the Will of the late Sir James Boyton and it was resolved that a suitable acknowledgement should be sent to the Executors signed by the Master.

Beethoven
Centenary

The following Report from Mr. Arthur E. Hill reads:

"With reference to my suggestion that our Guild observe the Beethoven Centenary, I find that other Musical Bodies are intent on the same purpose, with the result that the loan of specimens connected with the great Composer would be very restricted. My idea was to arrange a small Loan Collection of Beethoven relics, which, placed in museum show-cases, could have been exhibited in one of our City Halls, and, being made known through the medium of the Press, would have attracted a certain number of music lovers, whom we should have entertained with Lectures accompanied by Musical Illustrations of the great Composer's works. As, however, I now realise that such an exhibition cannot be formed, I am reluctantly obliged to abandon the scheme."

With your permission, I, nevertheless, propose to arrange an exhibition of a certain number of Beethoven Letters, his Death Mask, Note Book, Watch, the Ms. of one of his Piano Sonatas, and a few engraved Portraits of the Composer, which, displayed in a show-case, might fittingly be placed on view the evening of a Dinner to commemorate the Beethoven Centenary. The formation of this collection and the work entailed thereby, I am prepared to carry out at my own expense.

In conclusion, I venture to suggest that our Members and their friends be given the opportunity of being present at the Opera of 'Fidelio', which Dr. McEwan, the Principal of the R.A.M. tells me the Students of that Institution would be willing to perform for us, the cost of which, he is to let me know in due course.

Our Fellow-Assistant, Mr. Saxe Wyndham, Secretary of our City School of Music, kindly suggested to me that the Guildhall Students would be willing to arrange a performance for us, but as our Master is a member of the Governing Body of the R.A.M., and our Senior Warden, associated with the same Institution, out of compliment to them, we ought, I think, to have recourse to the Academy."

The Report was discussed at length but it was felt that the performance of the Opera of Fidelio would be too expensive although the Junior Warden Mr. Cobbold generously offered to subscribe £10/- 10/- towards any necessary expenses.

It was decided that the Livery should be invited to take tickets to attend a Commemoration Dinner in July, to which Ladies might also be invited and at which a Beethoven Programme of music could be rendered and the following Committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements viz:- the Junior Warden, Mr. H. W. Cobbold,

Past Master, Hill & Edgar

Sir Ian Malcolm

Mr. E. Harrow Ryde and Mr. J. H. Ho

The Master was requested to approach the Prince of Wales with a view to his attending the Dinner and the Clerk was instructed to call a Special General Meeting as early in April as possible to give time to make all necessary arrangements for the Commemoration Dinner in July.

Livery Dinners

The Master stated that he had received several complaints as to the last Livery Dinner and as to the quality of the Wine then provided by Messrs Ring & Brumfitt and the Clerk was instructed to acquaint Messrs Ring & Brumfitt with the Clerks protest.

S. Cecilia
Celebration
Musical Committee

Past Master Hill drew attention to the omission from the musical celebration at St Paul's Cathedral at the last S. Cecilia Celebration of any composition of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan which he thought ought to have been included having regard to the fact that Sir Arthur's nephew was the Master of the Company and it was resolved on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden that Past Masters Hill and Edgar and Sir Vincent d'Ucquillard should be appointed a permanent sub-committee to attend to all musical arrangements in future.

Communications
to the Press

Past Master Hill raised the question as to communicating the election of the Master and Wardens to the Press and it was decided that in future notice should be sent through advertising agents so that they might receive due prominence.

H.S. Fowler Esq
E.G. Nally Esq
H.F. Scudamore Esq

The Master on behalf of Mr Victor Alcard (who was unable to be present) proposed the names of the following gentlemen for election to the Company viz:

• Mr Henry Seymour Fowler, of "Greenbanks", Lyndale, Finchley Road, c.v. W. 3.

• Mr Eric George Simon Nally of "Glenenden", Reigate, Surrey Stockbroker

and • Mr Hugh Frederick Scudamore of "Waveney", Stevenage Road, Hambledon, Stockbroker.

but as none of the above gentlemen were personally known to any

member of the Court present their election had to be postponed in default of a seconder.

It was resolved that a Candidates Book should be kept in future giving full particulars of the Candidates with the names of their proposers and seconders and the Master kindly agreed to provide a suitable book at his own expense.

Miss Margaret Rayson A letter was read from Major S. J. Simpson of the Army Educational Corps asking for financial assistance to enable Miss Margaret Rayson to continue her musical education by entering the Royal College of Music but it was decided that there were no funds available for the purpose.

Income Tax A letter was read from the Clerk of the Glaziers Company asking for a contribution of from £20 to £50 for the purpose of fighting an appeal to the High Court from a decision of the General Commissioners of Income Tax for the City of London against an assessment to Income Tax of certain fees for admission to the Freedom and the Livery of that Company but it was decided that such appeal must lie on the table.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers - For use of Hall to date.

Mess^rs Ring & Brymer - For Livery Dinner on 26th October last

L. B. £107.2*0* of this was received from the sale of Guest Tickets)

Mess^rs Ede & Ravenscroft - Rent and hire of Rooms for 1926

Mess^rs J. Warner & Co. Painting & Lithographing Account for Quarter

	12	10	0
	20	15	6
	5	11	0
	12	0	10

Clerk's quarter's salary to date	<u>£ 13 12 6</u>			
In repayment of disbursements to 31 st December 1926	<u>7 5 2</u>	20	7	8
Beadle's quarter's salary to date		2	12	6
First Instalment of Income Tax		5	14	0
		<u>£ 2 6 3</u>	4	6

Halter

Master

18th January 1926 Mr Walter Newman Flower of "Ickhurst" Sevenoaks, Kent, Publisher, was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees.

Beethoven
Centenary

23 G.J. Bennett

At the dinner following the Court a Programme of Dr G. J. Music composed by Beethoven was given by the "Anthology" Quartet interspersed with songs, the music for which had been composed by the Senior Warden, Dr George John Bennett.

J.J. Bisgood

His Cup

The Cup given by Mr J. H. New for Brass Band, Music to the successful Student from the Royal Military School of Music and the Consolation Prize to another Student was presented by the Master at the Dinner both the Students being introduced by the Commandant of the R.M.S.M.

Carnegie
Scholarships

Second

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall

on Tuesday 10th May 1921

Present

Herbert Sullivan Esq. Master in the Chair

G. J. Bennett Esq., M.A., D. Senior Warden

H. W. Cobbett Esq., F.R.C.H., F.G.C.L. Junior Warden

Past-Masters

Arthur F. Hill, F.S.A., Hon. R.C.H. (Treasurer) Heijer, J. L. Chamber

C. L. Collier, M.A., B.C.L. Hugh Wyatt

E. B. Hoare and H. D. Friswell, J.P.

Victor Alcock Esq. and H. Scatle Wyndham Esq.

Sir Ian Malcolm, K.C.B., LL.D. E. Harrow Ryde Esq.

and J. H. Hees Esq.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 18th January last were read and confirmed.

J. J. Bisgood

The Clerk reported the death of Mr Joseph John Bisgood, B.A., J.P., the Mayor of Richmond and a Liveryman of the Company on the 10th February last and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden a vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with his Widow and family.

Carnegie Scholarships

A letter was read from Sir Gordon Ronald the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music asking that the Carnegie Scholarship held by Miss Edith R. Corner might be extended for another year and the request was granted.

Accounts

The Treasurer (Past-Master Hill) presented his accounts for 1920 showing a balance on current account on 31st December 1920 of £18.3.5 and on

Deposit account of £600, the accounts having again been audited, at the Treasurer's own expense, by his accountant.

He stated that he proposed to invest £400.

Mr. J. B. Allen suggested that a copy of the account should be supplied herewith to each member of the Court for their information and after discussion it was decided that a copy (without the Trust Accounts) should be sent to each member of the Court confidentially, and to be returned to the Clerk.

The accounts were received and adopted and on the proposition of Mr. Allard a motion for the Junior Warden a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Treasurer for his services and liberality.

A copy of the accounts appear on pages 51 and 52.

The following letter from Sir Godfrey Thomas (the Prince of Wales' Private Secretary) to the Master was read.

S^t. James's Palace, S. W.

• April 5th, 1927

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

The Prince of Wales has given careful consideration to the kind invitation which you extended to him on behalf of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

His Royal Highness's programme for the forthcoming summer has proved so difficult of adjustment owing to the fact that he has to leave for Canada considerably earlier than originally intended, that he greatly regrets that it is impossible for him to accept any further engagements during the months of May, June and July.

Believe me, Yours very truly,

Herbert Sullivan Esq.

Godfrey Thomas
Private Secretary.

It was decided that if possible the Beethoven Dinner should be held on the 12th July next (the date previously fixed for the Quarterly Court) and the Master was requested to invite the Earl of Bessborough to attend as the Guest of the Company on that occasion. All the necessary arrangements were left in the hands of the Committee.

Dr J. B. Ewen The Senior Warden proposed that Mr J. B. H. Ewen the Rec. the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music should be offered the Hon. Freedom of the Company and this was seconded by the Junior Warden.

It was suggested that perhaps Dr. Ewen might be willing to join the Livery as a distinguished professional musician at the reduced fees and the matter was directed to stand over until the next Court.

Kneller Hall Garden Party The question of popularizing the annual Garden Party given by the Commandant and Officers at Kneller Hall in July was again raised by the Treasurer, and after discussion, the Clerk was instructed to suggest to the Commandant that not less than a month's notice of the function should be given, and that Liverymen might be invited to bring friends with them.

It was further suggested that a better attendance would be secured if the Garden Party could be held in the same week in July as the Beethoven Centenary Dinner and the Clerk was to suggest Friday 15th July as the 14th was already fixed for a big Masonic function which would interfere with the attendance of several members.

Candidates Book The Master presented a handsome Candidates Book for the use of future Candidates for election and was thanked for his liberality. It was decided that the Book should be kept at the Clerk's Office and that all candidates names should be entered therein for reference and that the same should be signed by the proposer and seconder of all future Candidates.

Receipts & Payments - Account

Balance - 1st January 1926

125 2 2

Current Account

327 3 2

Ground Rents (less Tax)Dividends

On Water & Gas Stock	40 16 0
" 5% War Loan 1929/49	15 0 8
" 12½% ds (Div free)	80 0 0
" 12½% New Bonds ds	10 0 0
" Consols	36 5 1
	<u>182 1 9</u>
	3 19 10

RoyaltiesInterest on Deposit - Account

-10 19 10 524 2 4

Fines and FeesOn Election

As elector, Herbert Sullivan Esq

10 10 "

As Senior Warden

C. J. Bennett Esq

5 5 "

As Junior Warden

W. H. Hobbs Esq

5 5 " 31 "

On Admission to the Court

J. H. Hes Esq.	63 "
E. Harrow Ryde Esq	63 "
G. A. Wales Board Esq.	63 "

On Admission to the Livery

J. H. Frieser Esq	51 11 "
J. B. Frieser Esq	51 11 "
H. de Vosk Budin Esq	51 11 "
H. P. Chaswyck Heale Esq	53 11 "
H. P. Smith Esq	53 11 "
J. B. Goodwin Esq	53 11 "
Col. A. D. Island	53 11 "
	<u>559 17 "</u>

Less Stamps & Fees

44 5 " 513 12 "

Legacy received under the Will of the late Sir James Boyton

100 "

£ 1,283 16 9

For the Year ending 31st December 1926

General Expenses

Corporation Duty to 5 th April 1925		24 17 3
Emorial Buring		1 1 "
Stationers' Company - Rent of Halls	50 "	
Hall Keeper's Expenses	11 16 5	
Wine & Ale	<u>2 2 0</u>	13 18 5
Clerk's Salary		52 10 "
Dr. Commission on Banks &c		<u>10 14 4</u>
Beadle's Salary		5 5 "
Clerical Assistance		23 12 1
Petty Disbursements, Postage &c		6 13 "
Insurance		69 12 1
Printing & Stationery		
(including £260 10s. Special Programme "Weber Centenary")		4 10 "
Levvy and Hire of Goods (Excl. £6)		4 14 7
Income Tax		1 8 "
Cheque Books and Printing		

Entertaining

Lovt Dinner (5)	309 15 5	
Less Guests Tickets	<u>245 14 0</u>	64 1 5
Lovy Dinner	227 0 11 6	
Less Guests Tickets	<u>101 0 2 1</u>	120 2 6

Music

41 Dinners	42 "	
Transfer to St. Cecilia Trust Account for St. Pauls Celebration	11 11 6	
Service Papers	<u>14 14 "</u>	57 15 6

Presentation Silver Medals

J. Blech S.C.M.	2 14 "	
John Turner S.C.M.	2 14 "	
Band Master S. Rhodes R.C.M.S.C.M.	2 14 "	
Dr. P. Delaplace R.N.S.C.M.	2 14 "	
Post Master's Medal	<u>6 "</u>	
Less Received from Ryall Trust for R.N.S.C.M. Medals for 1926	9 2 "	
	2 14 "	6 18 "

Donation

G. S.C.M. Composition Scholarships 1925 and 1926		18 18 "
		<u>551 11 4</u>

Investments

£ 100 15 9 5% War Loan		105 2 "
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Balances at 31st December 1926:-

on Current Account	18 3 5	
o Deposit Account	<u>611 "</u>	629 3 5
		<u>£ 1,283 16 9</u>

K. Mitchell
Banks Esq., K.C.
M.P.

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Treasurer all
Beginald & Mitchell Banks, Esq., M.P. of Temple Gardens.—
Temple Esq. was unanimously elected a Member of the
Company.

H. S. Fowler Esq.
E. G. S. Waller Esq.
H. J. Scudamore Esq.

On the proposition of Mr. Victor Allard seconded by Past
Master Major A. C. Chamberlain the following Gentlemen were
unanimously elected members of the Company viz:

Mr. Henry Seymour Fowler, of Greenbanks, Lyndale, Finchley.

Road, & F. W. Dr. Stockbroker

Mr. George Simon Waller, of Glensoken, Reigate, Surrey, Stockbroker

& Hugh Frederick Scudamore, of Hawney, a Harryat Road,
Hambledon, Stockbroker

Givery of
Company

The Clerk stated that the election of these four gentlemen
brought the number of the members of the Company up to the
limit of 150 in accordance with the resolution of the Court of the
23rd April 1912 and he was instructed to make enquiry of the City
Chamberlain as to whether the leave of the Lord of the Admiralty was
necessary under the circumstances, to increase the number of the Givery
and if so, the mode of procedure, and the approximate expense.

W. H. Ash
deceased

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph J. Ash a son of the late
Past Master W. H. Ash offering to return his Father's Silver
Medal and badges and the Clerk was instructed to accept such
offer.

H. P. Chodwick
Healey Esq.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Hilary Philip Chodwick-Healey a
recently elected Liverymen of the Company proposed to present a piece
of old plate and he was instructed to inform Mr. Chodwick-
Healey that the plate would be willingly accepted and to arrange

for its presentation at the next Court

The following accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers, for use of Hall

To date

Mess^rs Ring & Brumley for Court Dinner on the 18th January,

last

Mess^rs George Kenning & Son, for Livery Badges

Mess^rs J Warne & Co. Printing and Lithographing Account

for Quarter

Corporation Duty

Clerks quarterly salary to date

£ 13. 2. 6

In repayment of disbursements to 31 March 1927 £ 4. 16. 11

17. 19. 5

Beadle's quarterly salary to date

2. 12. 6

	12	10	"
	28	12	"
	9	18	"
	7	7	"
	28	14	"
£ 13. 2. 6			
£ 4. 16. 11			
2. 12. 6			

Master Hubert Sullivan

At a Court of Assistants held at Grocers Hall, &c.

on Tuesday, the 12th July 1927

Present:

Herbert Sullivan, Esq. Master in the Chair

G. J. Bennett Esq., M.A., D. Senior Warden

H. H. Cobbold, Esq., F.R.C.H., F.R.C.S. Junior Warden

Fast-Masters-

Arthur J. Hill, F.S.A., Hon. R.C.H. (Treasurer)

Gifford B. Edgar, D.L., J.P., M.A., B.Sc.

Staple, A. G. Chamber C. L. Collard, M.A., B.L.L.

J. Burnett Brown H. J. de Lafontaine, M.A.

E. B. Hocre and H. D. Truscott, J.P.

J. Heade Falkner, Esq., M.A. H. Saxe Wyndham Esq.

Sir Ian Malcolm, K.C.H.B. E. Harrow Hyde Esq.

J. H. Hes Esq.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 10th May last, were read and confirmed.

J. J. Bisgood

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Bisgood in reply to note of condolence.

Charles Macpherson
M.A., F.C.

The Clerk reported the sudden death of Mr. Charles Macpherson M.A., F.C., a Liverman of the Company, on the 28th May last, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Senior Warden a minute of sympathy and condolence was passed with his widow.

On the proposition of the Treasurer, seconded by Fast-Master Edgar, it was resolved to make a contribution of £50 out of the

E.C. Beneficed Fund towards the fund which was being got up on behalf of the Widow and child.

Joseph Pollak. The death of Mr. Joseph Pollak, another Liveryman of the Company on the 13th June last, was reported.

D. J. Bellenden. On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Treasurer, Mr. John R. Bellenden, M.A., the Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, was unanimously elected a member of the Company as a prominent professional Musician.

Leo Stern Memorial Gift. The Clerk reported that Sir Hugh Allen had awarded the Leo Stern Memorial Gift to the Royal College of Music for 1926 to Audrey H. Piggott, and for the current year to E. Kendal Taylor.

Company Silver Medallist. The Clerk reported he had not yet received the name of the Royal College of Music.
Royal Naval School. Student nominated by the Director of the Royal College of Music as of Music.
Royal Military School. The Silver Medallist for the year, but the names of Band Master 2nd Class William Northcote Davis, R.N. Band, nominated by the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music, and of Student George William Hooper, A.R.C.M., 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) nominated by the Commandant of the Royal Military School of Music, respectively, were approved.

Distinguished Guest. It was decided to invite Sir Hamilton Harty of Manchester, as a distinguished Professional Musician, to the Livery Banquet in October, and, failing him, Mr. Malcolm Sargent, and also to invite Sir James Dundas Grant, as a distinguished Amateur Musician, and, failing him, Sir William H. McCormick.

Golf Competition. A letter was read from the Master of the Clothmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company, suggesting the getting up of a Golf Team to play for the Prince Arthur Cup recently presented to commemorate the

250th anniversary of the Coachmakers' Company under its present Charter, and the Clerk was instructed to circulate the members of the Livery to see if any livery member would undertake to get up a Team.

St. Mary le Bow

A letter was read from the Rector of St. Mary le Bow, asking for a subscription for the necessary repair of his Church, but it was decided that no funds were available.

The Clerk
J. C. Fenwick

Grocers Company

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Junior Warden, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Grocers Company for the use of their Hall for the Beethoven Commemoration Dinner, and the Treasurer was requested to write a cheque for 5 guineas, being a gratuity of 2 guineas for the Steward and 3 guineas for his staff.

Livery of Company

The Clerk stated that he had made enquiry of the City Authorities and found that it would be necessary to petition the Court of Aldermen for leave to increase the Livery of the Company, the cost of which would be about £21, but as the Members on the Livery had been reduced by death since the last Court, it was decided to let the matter stand over for the present.

Company's Handbook

A letter was read from Mr. Alfred R. Stock, a Liverymen of the Company, suggesting that a copy of the Company's Handbook should be sent for the bookcases of the City Livery Club, and the Clerk was instructed to act accordingly.

Incorporated Society of Musicians

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, asking if a reception to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd January 1928 by the Society in a City Hall, could be held under the auspices of the Company, and whether the Master would receive the guests, all expenses being defrayed by the Society, who

would arrange for some specially interesting music during the evening. It was decided that the matter should stand over for further information, and the decision was left in the hands of the Master and Wardens.

The Clerk
J. C. French) The following letter to the Master from the Clerk was read:-

The Worshipful Company of Musicians
Clerks Office
Herbert Sullivan Esq. 16 Berners Street
London. W.1

9 July 1929

My dear Master

I am getting old, and, as you know, I am not in very good health, which necessitates the strictest dieting, and I have felt that the hot room at our Court & other Dinners & the continued strain after a Court meeting, is too much for me.

I never dine out now more than I can possibly help, and I feel that the very careful arrangements which our functions, especially the big dinners, entail, are more than I ought to undertake.

I have therefore come to the conclusion, with the greatest regret, that I must resign my position as Clerk to the Company (in which I shall complete my 25 years of service in October next) and make room for a younger man.

A convenient date for my resignation to take effect would seem to be on the 11th October, when in the ordinary course my name would again come up for re-election and my successor could then take over the office & make the necessary final arrangements for the Library Dinner on the 25th October when the new Master & Wardens would be admitted into office.

I need not say that I shall be only too pleased to give my successor

all the help and information I can
Will you please read this letter to the Court on Tuesday & will
you let me know if you would wish me to retire from the room
when you do so.

Yours sincerely

J. C. Fenwick

The Committee to consist of the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and the
Immediate Past-Master, Mr. H. D. Innesell, was appointed, to consider
the election of a new Clerk, and it was ordered that Mr. Fenwick's
letter should be entered on the Minutes.

The following Account were passed for payment:-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers, for use
of Hall to date

Mess^rs King & Brymer for Court Dinner on
the 10th May last

Mess^rs J. Warner & Co. Printing and Lithographing
Account for quarter

Mess^rs Matthews Drew & Co. New Cash Book

Clerks quarters salary to date £13 2s 6d

In repayment of disbursements to

30th June 1921

Beadles quarters salary to date

	L	s	d
	12	10	0
	33	15	6
	8	9	6
	1	11	0
	13	2	6
	14	12	8
	17	15	2
	2	12	6

Robert Sullivan

Master

12th July 1921

Mr. Reginald Mitchell Banks, B.A., F.L., LL.B., of

1 Temple Gardens. Temple E.C. was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master, having previously paid the fees.

12th July 1924. Mr. Henry Seymour Fowler of Green Banks, Lyndale, Finchley Road, N.W.2. Stockbroker, was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master, having previously paid the fees.

" Mr. Hugh Frederick Sandmore of Warrency, Marquall Road, Wimbledon, Stockbroker, was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master, having previously paid the fees.

H. B. Chadwick-Healey. Mr. H. B. Chadwick-Healey presented the Company with a handsome Silver Cup and English Tankard and Cover made by John Swift of London in 1765, and was cordially thanked by the Master.

Beethoven Centenary. The Beethoven Centenary Commemoration Banquet was held in the Grocers Hall, after the Court, when a fine concert of Beethoven's instrumental and vocal music was given before a very large and distinguished gathering, including The Earl of Balfour, K.G., C.B., as the principal guest, who made an interesting speech on Beethoven's music, in replying to the toast of "The Guests" after the dinner.

200/-

	s.	d
12	10	
33	15	6
8	9	6
1	11	
17	15	2
2	12	6

allowance

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At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday 11th October 1927.

Present

<u>Herbert Sullivan Esq</u>	Master in the Chair
<u>G J Bennett Esq M.A. D</u>	Senior Warden
<u>W W Cobbett Esq P.R.C.M. F.T.C.L.</u>	Junior Warden

Past Masters

<u>Arthur F Hill L.S.A. Hon R.C.M.</u> (Treasurer)	
<u>Major A C Charnier</u>	<u>C L Collard M.A. B.B.L.</u>
<u>A Burnett Brown</u>	<u>Hugh Wyatt</u>
<u>E B Hearne</u>	and <u>H D Truscott J.P.</u>
	and _____

<u>J Meade Falkner Esq M.A.</u>	<u>Victor Alcaire Esq</u>
<u>Sir Ian Malcolm K.C.M.G.</u>	<u>E Harrow Hyde Esq</u>
	and _____
<u>John Hiles Esq</u>	

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 12th July last were read and confirmed.

E W Nicholls

The death of Mr Edward William Nicholls, an old Liverpian of the Company, on the 28th July last, was reported, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by P W Wyatt, a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence with his widow and family was passed.

He Companys
Silver Medal
Royal College
of Music

The Clerk reported that the Director of the Royal College of Music had nominated Edgar Kendal Taylor as the recipient of the Company's Silver Medal for the year.

Bethoven
Centenary

The Treasurer reported that the Master had made a gift of £30⁰⁰

Wolffman
Trust

Palmer
Scholarship

Golf
Competition

Band 55
Maypole
Road

The Master

Vote of thanks
to Retiring
Master

Senior
Warden

a contribution to the expenses of the Beethoven Commemoration Banquet, and the Master was cordially thanked for his liberality.

Wolffman
Trust) The Treasurer reported a further gift of £100 from Mr. Wolffman to increase the capital of the "Willy Wolffman Fund at the Royal College of Music."

Palmer
Scholarship) A letter was read from the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, asking for the Palmer Scholarship held by John R. Barnes to be extended for another year, and the request was granted.

Golf
competition) The Clerk further reported as to the Golf Competition between City Livery Companies, and the matter was left in the hands of the new Clerk.

Band 55
Maypole
Road) A letter was read from Mr. E. C. Davies, the Lessee of No. 55 Maypole Road, Clapton, enquiring if the Company would sell her the ground rents of £5-5-0 per annum each arising out of Nos. 53 and 55 Maypole Road, Clapton. The matter was discussed, and directed to stand over for further information as to the number of the houses in the road, position, &c.

The Master) On the proposition of P.M. Hill (the Senior Past Master present), seconded by P.M. Major Chamber, Mr. George John Bennett, M.R. D., was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and the Master-Elect briefly returned thanks.

Vote of thanks
to Retiring
Master) On the proposition of P.M. Truscott, seconded by P.M. Wyatt a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Master, Mr. Herbert Sullivan, to which the latter suitably replied.

Senior
Warden) On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, Mr. Walter Wilson Cobbett, F.R.C.H., F.I.C.L., was unanimously elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year.

Junior Warden } On the proposition of P.M. Major Chamier, seconded by P.M.
Collard, Mr. Victor Allard was unanimously elected Junior Warden
for the ensuing year.

Treasurer } On the proposition of P.M. Major Chamier, seconded by Mr. Allard
Mr. Arthur Frederick Hill, F.S.A., Hon. R.C. M. was unanimously
re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Clerk. } The Committee suggested the election of Major Charles Keith
Phillips, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.A (Cantab), Solicitor, of 20 Bedford
Square, W.C.1 a Liveryman of the Company, as the new Clerk,
and on the proposition of Mr. Allard, seconded by Sir Ian
Malcolm, Major Phillips was unanimously elected Clerk to the
Company.

On the proposition of P.M. Major Chamier, seconded by P.M.
Hare, a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for their
services.

Beadle } On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Junior Warden
Mr. Ernest Hills was unanimously re-elected Beadle for the
ensuing year.

M.J.C. } The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Clerk, Mr.
Tenwick Thomas Collingwood Tenwick, which was seconded by the Senior
Warden, and Mr. Tenwick shortly replied.

The Treasurer stated that a Testimonial Fund, which was being
raised, exceeded £100 and it was arranged that the presentation
should be made at the January Court and that the Fund should
be allowed to remain open for the present.

Incorporated Society of Musicians } The Wardens reported interviews with Mr. Chadfield, the Secretary
of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, with reference to the proposed

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Reception at a City Hall on the 3rd January 1928, and Mr Jenwick was requested to ask Mr Chadfield to meet the new Master and Wardens at Stationers Hall at 6 p.m. on the 25th inst. (just before the swearing in of the new Master and Wardens, and the Livery Dinner) to further discuss the suggestion, and subsequently to dine at the Livery Dinner.

Hall for Company) The Treasurer suggested that a Fund should be started for the purchase of a suitable Hall for the Company, and that any donations or subscriptions should be invested in Cumulative or Government Stock, and this suggestion was approved, although it was pointed out that a very large sum would have to be raised to achieve the object in view.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers;

For use of Hall to date.

L	s	d
12	10	0

Mess^r Ring & Bynner. Fr Beethoven Dinner

at Grocers Hall on 12th July last.

N.B. £228 18 0 of this amount was received

for Guest Tickets.

Mess^r J. Warner & Co. Printing and lithographing

Account for quarter

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£	13	2	6
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Beadle's quarter's salary to date.

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Geo J. Bennett

At a Special Court held at Stationers Hall,

Master M. G. J. Bennett October 25th 1927 (before the Livery Banquet) M. G. J. Bennett M.
Junior Warden was sworn in as Master and Mr. Walter Wilson Coblett F.R.C.M.
W. W. Coblett and Mr. Victor Allard was sworn in as Senior and Junior
Junior Warden F. R. C. S. and Mr. Victor Allard was sworn in as Senior and Junior
Mr. V. Allard Wardens respectively.

At the same Court the following gentlemen were admitted to the
Livery by the new Master having previously paid their fees:-

M. J. B. McEwan Mr. John Blackwood Mc Ewen M.A., Mus. D., of 25 Heron
Place N.W.8.

M. E. G. S. Waley Mr. Eric George Simon Waley O.B.E., of "Glenferden" Reigate
Surrey.

Incorporated Society of Musicians P.M. Hill reported that he had had further interviews with
Mr. Chadfield, the Secretary of the Incorporated Society of Musicians
with reference to the proposed reception at a City Hall on the
3rd of January 1928, and that Mr. Chadfield was in attendance
to discuss the proposal further if required.

It was resolved on the proposition of P.M. Major Chamber
seconded by Mr. C. H. Ryde, that owing to the impracticability of
obtaining a City Hall with adequate accommodation and to lack
of funds for entertaining the guests to be received by the Company,
Mr. Chadfield should be informed that the Company regretted they
were unable, with the means at their disposal, to do justice to
the occasion

Mr. Chadfield was informed accordingly by the new Master and
invited to stay to the Livery Banquet

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Master.