

All a Court of Assistants

held at "The Albion" Aldersgate Street on Tuesday
the 20th January 1903.

Present

J. Harwood Litcher Esq. Master in the Chair
W. G. Fleming Esq. - Senior Warden
G. J. D. Lewis Esq. - Junior Warden
Messrs J. P. Jones, J. St. Shilbeck, W. N. Wilkinson
Sir Frederick Bridge, Messrs J. C. Lillard, L. D. Hiblyn
L. E. Cooper, E. J. Wilkinson and Sir Homewood
Crawford

The Master paid twelve guineas to the Members present

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 29th
October last and of the Special Meeting of the Court held on the
28th November last were read and confirmed.

Treasurer
Accounts } The Treasurer's Accounts for 1902 (a copy of which had been
previously furnished to each Member of the Court and which had
been audited by the Trustees) were presented and a letter from the
Treasurer, who was unable to be present through illness, with reference
to the Accounts, and as to the non-investment of the Court fees, was
read and the Clerk was directed to put the matter on the Agenda

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Appointment
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M^r J. P. Jones' resignation of his position as one of the Trustees for the company was accepted and on the proposition of M^r Shelbock seconded by M^r W. N. Wilkinson, M^r John Clement Collard was appointed a Trustee in his place jointly with the continuing Trustees M^r J. P. Shelbock and W. N. Wilkinson, and M^r J. C. Collard returned thanks for his appointment

New Members
of Court

The letters from M^r Edward Alfred Webb and M^r Joseph Edward Street which had been read at the Special Meeting of the Court on the 29th November last were again read and on the proposition of M^r W. N. Wilkinson seconded by Sir Hornwood Crawford it was resolved that the fine of 40/- for refusing to cover, should not be pressed.

There being still two vacancies on the Court M^r J. C. Collard proposed that M^r George John Hadston as the Senior Liveryman should be elected an Assistant to the Court. This was seconded by M^r S. S. Cooper and carried unanimously.

M^r W. N. Wilkinson then proposed that M^r Albert Charles Hunter should be elected an Assistant to the Court. Seconded by Sir Hornwood Crawford and carried unanimously.

Company's
Records

The Clerk reported the result of his inspection of the contents of the Company's Box at the Guildhall which comprised Livery Lists dating from 1745, Apprentice Books dating from 1776, Minute Books dating from 1772 and Cash Books dating from 1712.

Deputation to Prince of Wales The Clerk reported that H R H the Prince of Wales had expressed his inability, through his Private Secretary Sir Arthur Bigge, to dine with the company, but had stated his willingness to receive a deputation not exceeding three for the purpose of personally receiving the sum of £866 2: 0 to be paid over to the King's Hospital Fund and on the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by M^r W. M. Wilkinson it was unanimously resolved that the Master and Wardens should form the deputation and that the Clerk should be in attendance and accompany them, if permitted.

M^r Andrew Carnegie The advisability of approaching M^r Andrew Carnegie with a view to assisting his interest in the affairs of the company was discussed and as it was stated that M^r Carnegie would not return from America until the spring the matter was adjourned to the next Court.

Proposed Exhibition of Musical Instruments and Manuscripts On pro-vision of notice Sir Homewood Crawford moved "That to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Worshipful Company of Musicians an Exhibition of Musical Instruments and Manuscripts be held under the auspices of the company in the year 1904 and that it be referred to a committee of not less than seven Members with power to add to their numbers to make the necessary arrangements."

This was seconded by M^r Skelbeck and carried unanimously and the following gentlemen were appointed Members of the committee, namely The Master, the Wardens, Sir Frederick Bridge, Messrs J. C. Colled and J. B. Cooper and Sir Homewood Crawford with power to co-opt additional

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New Members
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The Master moved that the Mr Hon George Wyndham P. C. M. P.
a Member of the Cabinet in Mr Balfour's Ministry as Chief Secretary to the
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, be elected a Member of the company

Seconded by the Senior Warden and carried unanimously

Mr C. D. Hoblyn moved that the Rev. Robinson Duckworth D.D. C.V.C.
Sub-Dean and Canon of Westminster and Chaplain in Ordinary to the King, be
elected a Member of the company - Seconded by the Junior Warden and
carried unanimously.

Sir Frederick Bridge moved that Mr William Johnson Galloway M. P.
for the South West Division of Manchester be elected a Member of the
company. Seconded by Sir Homewood Crawford and carried unanimously.

Prize for
Musical
Compositions

The Junior Warden (Mr C. D. Lewis) expressed his desire to give
£10 10 0 for a prize for a musical composition and on the proposition of
the Master seconded by the Senior Warden Mr Lewis's offer was gratefully
accepted and it was resolved that it should be left to him, Sir Frederick
Bridge and Sir George Martin to carry out the matter and arrange details

Miss Briggs

A letter from Miss Mary A. B. Briggs applying for relief was read
and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden it was
resolved that £3 3 0 should be given her as a donation

Mr Mallon
Ground Rents

The Clerk reported that the purchase of three ground Rents was ripe for
completion and on the proposition of Mr Skellock seconded by Mr Cooper

it was resolved that the £567 16 5 bonds standing in the Justice's names should be sold towards realising the purchase money of £750 and the Clerk was directed to instruct Messrs J. R. Frosty & Co. to sell the bonds accordingly.

Coronation Prize March } On the proposition of Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by Mr C. D. Hopkins it was unanimously resolved that the Silver Medal of the company be awarded to Messrs Thomas Lea Southgate, ~~and~~ Arthur Pearson, and James Warner Esq. in recognition of their services to the company in connection with the Coronation Prize March and that these gentlemen be invited to dine with the board on the 28th April next for the purpose of receiving such medals.

The following accounts were passed for payment

The London Taverns Co. Ltd. - October Banquet	133	0	0
Messrs Hyde & Co. for printing Programmes &c	9	12	6
Messrs Parkers & Co. for Printing &c.	6	0	0
Messrs James Warner & Co. for Lithographing &c.	1	0	0
Mr John Brownlie for Silver Medal & Signature in case	2	8	6
The Clerk's quarter's salary to date	7	10	0
Dr Disbursements to 31 st December 1912	5	4	9
The Beadles quarter's salary to date	2	12	6
Messrs Gde & Son - Hire of Quins	1	12	6
	£	167	6 9

Master F. Harwood Esq.

The Silver Medal of the company with Signature Medal was presented to Mr Charles Ernest Rube by the Master at the Dinner held after the Meeting of the Court and Mr Rube then handed over the Loving Cup presented by him to the custody of the Company.

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On Thursday the 12th February 1903 a Deputation consisting of F. Harwood Lescher Esq, Master, W. C. Herring Esq, Senior Warden, C. J. D. Cross Esq, Junior Warden, and accompanied by the Clerk, attended at York House, 3rd James' Palace when the Master presented His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, with a cheque for £666:2:0 being a contribution from the company to King Edward's Hospital Fund derived from the sale of the 'Coronation Prize March', and the Senior Warden presented His Royal Highness with a copy of the March appropriately bound.

The following are extracts of the proceedings from the 'Times' and the 'Daily Express' of the 13th February 1903.

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FOR THE KING'S FUND.

£1,000 FOR CORONATION MARCH AND CONCERT.

THE PRINCE'S PLEASURE.

A little ceremony of great interest was performed at York House yesterday morning, when the Prince of Wales received a deputation from the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

The object of the deputation was to present to His Royal Highness a cheque for £666 2s, the result of the wonderful sale of the "Coronation Prize March," composed by Mr. Percy Godfrey, which was placed before the public during the Coronation season by the "Express." The profits on the Coronation concert and on the sale of the march, which amount to about £2,000, are to be devoted to the Coronation gift to King Edward's Hospital Fund, in which the Prince shares with the King the most profound interest.

No one who was present at the "Coronation Prize March Concert," organized by the "Express" at the Albert Hall on June 12, will ever forget the wonderful effect produced by the playing of the march by some unnamed band.

It was with untiring pleasure that the Prince of Wales received the cheque from the hands of the Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, Mr. Frank Harwood Lescher.

The deputation, consisting of four gentlemen—the Master, Mr. W. C. Herring, the senior warden, Mr. C. T. Daniel Cross, the junior warden, and Mr. T. Collingwood Fawcett, clerk—arrived at York House shortly before eleven o'clock, and were presented to the Prince of Wales by Sir William Carrington.

His Royal Highness, who was in morning dress, cordially shook hands with each member of the deputation, and the proceedings were quite informal.

Mr. Lescher, Master of the company, gave His Royal Highness a brief history of the Company of Musicians, whose charter dated from the time of King Edward IV.

The "Coronation Prize March," composed by a liverpooler of the company, Mr. C. L. Southgate, in 1901, was composed by Mr. Percy Godfrey, who was successful in gaining the prize offered by the company for the best march among 100 competitors.

Comrades stepped in and helped the company, Messrs. Hasky, Limited, commercially pushed the sale. Thus the "Express" pushed the sale of the March imperiously all over the world.

More than 10,000 copies of the "Prize March" were sold. The June concert, at which the march was one of the chief attractions, produced over £2,000, and he had great pleasure in presenting the cheque for £666 2s, as a result of the sale of the march.

The senior warden, Mr. Herring, then presented to the Prince a copy of the March bound in white watered silk, with His Royal Highness' arms in gold.

The Prince of Wales, in his reply, expressed his satisfaction at the success of the company, and warmly thanked the company for the large sum of money, which would do so much good to the Hospital.

His family had always been attached to music, and he was present at the coronation at the Albert Hall, and much enjoyed the "Prize March."

His Royal Highness gave his cordial thanks with the members of the deputation, and they withdrew.



Court Circular.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Feb. 12.
Her Majesty The Queen received the Countess Escholtz this morning.

Her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife) and the Duke of Fife visited Their Majesties The King and Queen and remained to luncheon.

The Queen received Messrs. Curtis (Survey Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Switzerland) and Madame Curie this afternoon.

Her Majesty also received Miss Frawley, Bridesmaid (Survey Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Spain).

The Dowager-Countess of Lytton (Lady in Waiting) and the Hon. Sidney Gessellie (Private Secretary to The Queen) were in attendance.

The Viscountess Chesham has succeeded the Earl of Dalhousie and Desmond (who is indisposed) as Lord in Waiting to The King.

YORK HOUSE, ST. JAMES'S PALACE, Feb. 12.

This morning the Prince of Wales received a deputation from the Worshipful Company of Musicians, consisting of Mr. Frank Harwood Lescher (the Master), Mr. William Condy Herring (the Senior Warden), Mr. Charles Thomas Daniel Cross (the Junior Warden), and Mr. Thomas Collingwood Fawcett (Clerk), who presented to His Royal Highness, as President of King Edward's Hospital Fund, a cheque for £666 2s, being a contribution from the Company to the Fund, derived from the sale of the Coronation Prize March by Mr. Percy Godfrey.

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2nd March 1915 The Reverend Robinson Duckworth D.D., C.V.O. of 5 Abbey Road N.W. Canon and Sub-Dean of Westminster and Chaplain in Ordinary to the King was this day admitted a Member of the Company (having previously paid the fees) and took up his Lodging.

All a Court of Assistants

held at 'The Albion' Aldersgate Street on
Tuesday the 27th day of April 1915

Present

J. Harwood Lecher Esq. Master in the Chair
W. C. Henning Esq. Senior Warden
G. J. D. Crews Esq. Junior Warden
Messrs J. P. Jones, H. R. Frost, W. J. Colford, W. M. Williamson, Sir Frederick Bridge, Messrs J. G. Colford, C. D. Heblin, E. C. Cooper, Sir Hemwood Crawford and Mr. A. C. Hunter

The Master paid thirteen guineas to the Members present

The Minutes and Proceedings of the Court held on the 20th January last and of the Deputation to H. R. H. The Prince of Wales on the 12th February last were read and confirmed.

Mr. Member
of Court

Mr. Albert Charles Hunter took the Assistant's bath and was welcomed to the court by the Master

A letter was read from Mr. George John Gardner asking to be excused from service as a Member of the court on the ground of age and the Senior Warden then proposed that the filling up of the remaining vacancy on the court should be postponed to the October court. This was seconded by Mr. J. P. Jones but on Sir Homewood Crawford pointing out that the court was not properly constituted until it had its full complement of 13 Assistants in addition to the Master and Wardens, the Senior Warden with the consent of Mr. J. P. Jones withdrew his motion.

The Master then proposed that Mr. Thomas Lea Southgate should be elected an Assistant to the court. This was seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge and carried unanimously.

Information

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Letters were read from Messrs Thomas Lea Southgate, Esqrs Arthur Pearson and James Munnis Coward thanking the court for the honour done them by the award of the Silver Medal of the company and the following letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of King Edwards Hospital Fund for London, and was decided to be entered on the Minutes.

King Edwards Hospital Fund for London
21 Cheapside EC4 12th Feb. 1913

J. G. Fenwick Esq

Clerk

The Worshipful Company of Musicians
16 Bowers Street W.

Dear Sir,

I have today received from Sir Arthur Bigge, cheque for

£566.2.0 being a contribution to this Fund from your Worshipful Company derived from the sale of "The Coronation Prize March" by Mr Percy Godfrey.

On behalf of His Royal Highness the President and the General Council, may I ask you to be good enough to convey to your Worshipful Court sincere thanks for their generous support of the Fund.

Formal acknowledgment is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully

J. W. Craggs

Honorary Secretary

Proposed
Exhibition
of Musical
Instruments and
Manuscripts

Sir Homewood Crawford read the Report of their Committee appointed at the last Court which is as follows:—

To The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Council of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

Gentlemen,

At a Court Meeting held on the 20th January last it was unanimously resolved, on the Motion of Sir Homewood Crawford, that to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Company's Incorporation by Royal Charter an Exhibition of Musical Instruments and Manuscripts be held under the auspices of the Company in the year 1964 and that it be referred to a Committee of not less than seven Members, with power to add to their numbers, to make the necessary arrangements. It was further resolved that the Master, Wardens, Sir Frederick Bridge, Mr John Clement Collard, Mr Edward Consett Cooper and Sir Homewood Crawford form the Committee, and have power to co-opt additional Members from the Livery.

The Committee held their first Meeting on the 5th February last, when

Sir Homewood
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Daniel Cross £
Sir Frederick
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to the Livery

Sir Homewood Crawford was unanimously elected Chairman, and the following Members were co-opted from the Livery. Mr Thomas Lea Southgate Mr Arthur Frederick Hill, Mr Charles Ernest Rube, Sir George Clement Martin and Mr John Fred Randall Stance. The offer of the Le Royers Royal Hotel Company Limited Victoria Embankment to afford the committee accommodation for their meetings gratuitously was accepted. The committee proceeded to consider various matters in connection with the Exhibition, and resolved to recommend that the same should be held, if possible, in the City of London, at one of the Livery Halls, and should remain open for at least 21 days. Further that steps should forthwith be taken to secure Royal Patronage, and that a Guarantee Fund be opened to meet the expenses connected with the exhibition. The Chairman intimated as the result of his experience of previous Exhibitions that about £1000 would be required.

At a Meeting held on the 13th of February, Mr A. F. Hill and Mr J. F. Stance consented to act as joint Honorary Secretaries and were so appointed, and the following additional Members were added to the Committee: - Mr Alfred Henry Littleton Mr Clifford Blackburn Esq. Sir Ernest Clarke and Mr Thomas Bellingwood Fenwick. It was resolved to request the Court to be good enough to place a sum of £150 out of the general funds of the Company at the disposal of the Committee for initial expenses: - and the following subscriptions to the Guarantee Fund were announced: - The Master Mr Frank Hawood Lecker £25 the Senior Warden Mr William Hardy Staring £21 the Junior Warden Mr Charles Thomas Daniel Esq. £50 Mr John Clementi Bellard £21 Mr Edward Ernest Cooper £21 Sir Frederick Bridge £20 and Sir Homewood Crawford £50. The Chairman was authorized to address a circular letter to other Members of the Court and to the Livery, inviting them to join the Fund.

The following sub-committee were then appointed to draw up a Scheme and make suggestions as to the form of the proposed exhibition - Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir George Martin, Mr. Southgate, Mr. Littleton, Mr. Edgar, and the Honorary Secretaries.

The Committee held a further Meeting on the 30th March last, when the Chairman announced that he had received favorable replies to his several applications for Royal Patronage, and that Her Majesty, the King, Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, and Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince and Princess of Wales, had graciously consented to act as Patrons of the exhibition. The Chairman also announced the receipt of the following subscriptions to the Guarantee Fund

Mr. Walter Maacock Wilkinson £20, Mr. C. G. Pinks £50, Mr. W. B. Broadbent £50, Mr. C. J. Powell £50, Mr. C. B. Edgar £21, Mr. Septimus Croft £20, Mr. H. Wyatt £10 10/-, The Rev. R. H. Hadden £10 10/-, Mr. J. C. Fenwick £10 10/-, Sir Ernest Clarke £10 10/-, Mr. Southgate £10, Mr. A. F. Hill £10, Mr. Staines £10, Mr. W. J. Lancaster £10, Mr. Westrop £5 5/-, Mr. Mowl £5 5/- and Mr. G. A. Webb £5. The Sub-committee presented their Report in the following terms: -

Report of Sub-committee

The Sub-committee appointed to submit suggestions with regard to the form and scope of the Loan exhibition proposed to be held in 1904 in celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the granting of King James the First's Charter to the Assurance Company, have the honor to report as follows: -

The size of the hall that can be obtained and particularly the facilities for hanging pictures or placing them on screens will determine to a great extent the size and scope of the exhibition. It is most desirable that the Hall should be lit by daylight, and not, as was the case in the Victorian Loan

Exhibition by artificial light only.

Though the exhibition is primarily designed to illustrate the progress of music during the last three centuries of the company's existence, it should not be too rigidly restricted in point of date or nationality, unless the consideration of the space available should make such restriction necessary.

The exhibition should include Musical Instruments, Autograph Manuscripts, Printed Music Portraits and Personal Memorabilia of distinguished musicians, exhibits relating to any one musician should, as far as possible, be grouped together.

An endeavour should be made to obtain the permission of Her Majesty the King for the loan of some of the valuable manuscripts preserved at Buckingham Palace, and we think that exhibits illustrating formation music, and in general the connection of Royalty with music would prove of much public interest.

English instruments of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries should be made a special feature, as stringed instruments of those centuries and particularly of the former, are the equal of much of the finest contemporary work of the continent.

Original additions of early music, such, for example, as the Madrigals that were written in England during the golden period of English music, should be sought out and exhibited. It is desirable that the exhibition should have special and distinctive features and as examples of what may be done in this direction we suggest:-

- (a) That eminent organ builders should be asked to exhibit a series of organ pipes showing their historical development.
- (b) That Music Printers and Publishers be asked to contribute an exhibit illustrating present and past processes of music printing and engraving.
- (c) That the formation of a series of portraits should be aimed at, as for example of the Organists of Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral, of Professors of Music

in our Universities, or of Masters of the King's Musick.

All objects lent would have to be insured for the value their owners put upon them, expenses of carriage paid, and their keeping and return guaranteed.

It is essential that the glass cases employed should be absolute airtight, and we would strongly advise that cases such as those in use at South Kensington Museum which long experience has found most suitable, should be hired.

It is very desirable that everything should be well and correctly labelled and that a catalogue should be published.

If a good and comprehensive collection be formed, we believe that the Company would be well repaid by the publication of a catalogue de luxe containing photographs of some of the important objects shown. Such a record of the Exhibition would be a fitting memorial of an important work carried out by the Company.

Finally, if there should be sufficient space, we would suggest that musical performances should be given illustrating English music of various periods, and making use of some of the instruments exhibited. At South Kensington in 1885 concerts of music were given on antique instruments by players many of whom came from abroad for the purpose, but we do not think this would be necessary now. We hope this idea will be taken into consideration. If the music were to be given in the hall where the exhibits are shown the question of seating the audience would have to be carefully considered, it might be advisable to obtain the use of a smaller room for the express purpose of musical performances, and giving brief descriptive lectures on the history of the various types of instrument shown and the music performed.

At some later date we suggest that the cooperation of the Lord Mayor and Corporation be invited.

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We also suggest that with a view to arousing the interest of the Members of the Company, a general meeting of the whole of the Livery should be called at which the scope of the exhibition might be explained and assistance invited.

(Signed) Frederick Bridge
 Clifford Blackburn Edgar
 Arthur Frederick Hill
 Alfred Henry Littleton
 George Martin
 Thomas Lea Southgate
 J. F. R. Stamer

The Report being considered in detail, the Chairman explained the steps he had taken to secure the loan of a suitable Livery Hall, and the difficulty encountered in endeavouring to obtain one for a period of 21 days during the Summer of 1904. Several Halls visited were unsuitable for want of light, and not one had yet been found where pictures would be permitted to be hung on the walls. It was resolved to appoint the following as a special Deputation to visit and report upon a suitable Hall. The Master, The Chairman of the Committee, Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir George Martin, Mr. G. Cooper and Mr. A. F. Hill. The Report of the Sub-committee having been adopted for recommendation to your Honorable Court, the following additional suggestions were made:— that early Church Music as well as Madrigals should be sought after, that His Majesty, the King, be asked to honor the Company by exhibiting the Company's Gold Medal presented to him when Prince of Wales and some of the valuable Manuscripts, together with Handel's harpsichord, now at Buckingham Palace, that Messrs. Miller & Walker and Mr. A. G. Hill

be approached to exhibit some old specimens of organ pipes; that amongst the series of portraits to be exhibited those of the Gresham Professors of Music be included and that the loan of some of the Portraits of Musicians at present now in the University Schools be sought that musical performances should be given in connection with the exhibition; that the catalogue of the exhibition should include a limited number of advertisements, and be illustrated, if possible; that application should be made for the loan of some of the Manuscripts of Westminster Abbey, which included an autograph letter of Orlando Gibbons, Father Smith's Agreement to add 4 stops to the Abbey Organ with Purcell's attestation, and other interesting Musical Manuscripts.

We desire to record our sincere thanks to the Sub-committee for their valuable assistance

In conclusion, we have to report the receipt of the following additional contributions to the guarantee Fund - The Immediate Past Master, Mr Charles Dennis Hoblyn £10 10/- Mr Robert Paton Warwick £20. and Colonel Thomas Broadway Shaw-Holker £10. and that Mr Otto Goldschmidt, Mr Walter Paratt, Dr Lammings, Mr John Thetrop, and the Rev^d Mr Galper have most kindly consented to lend many interesting Manuscripts, Autographs and Portraits.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Homewood Crawford
Chairman

April 28th 1903

Mr Homewood Crawford then moved the adoption of the Report explaining that it was thought that the Fishmongers' Hall would be

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Mr H. G.
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Mr C. D.
James N. W.
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the most suitable place to hold the exhibition if the loan of it could be obtained. The adoption of the Report was recorded by Mr C D Hoblyn and after the Senior Warden had referred to the financial position and the Treasurer had stated that he had sufficient funds on hand for the purpose it was unanimously resolved that the Report be recorded and that the recommendation of the committee that £150 should be placed to the credit of the committee for initial expenses should be adopted.

Mr Andrew Carnegie

The advisability of approaching Mr Andrew Carnegie with a view to enlisting his interest in the affairs of the company was further discussed and it was left in the Masters hands to approach Mr Carnegie on the subject.

Mr Thomas Dapen

An application from Thomas Dapen (who took up his Freedom of the Company in 1858 by apprenticeship to Mr Joseph Wilkinson) was read and on the proposition of the Master recorded by Mr W A Wilkinson it was resolved that £3 5 0 should be given him as a donation.

New Members of the Company

Mr H R Fussy moved that Mr John Benwick Ogell of 21 Hart Street Bloomsbury W.C. Auctioneer be elected a Member of the company

Seconded by Sir Frederick Bridge and carried unanimously

Mr C D Hoblyn moved that Mr William Henry Ash of 51 Hamilton Terrace N.W. a Justice of the Peace for the County of London and Chairman of Clandrus Ash & Sons Limited be elected a Member of the company

Seconded by Mr W L Colvard and carried unanimously

M^r Robert Hughes

A letter was read from M^r Robert Hughes of St. Margaret's 167 Rue Road Richmond asking for pecuniary assistance to enable his daughter to complete her musical education but the Clerk was directed to inform M^r Hughes that the company had no funds available for the purpose.

The following accounts were passed for payment

The London Taverns by L ^{td} January beurb Dinner	41	12	4
Miss Parkins & Co. Printing Programmes &c	4	13	0
The Royal Academy of Music - For Students expenses on the 29 th October 1902	5	5	0
M ^r John Browne - For 2 Silver Medals and Miniatures	7	5	6
Miss James Warner & Co. - For Lithographing &c	1	14	4
A Burnett Brown Esq. - Surveyors fee in respect of New Nelson Ground Rents	4	14	0
Legal expenses in connection with the purchase of Giltie	24	2	6
The Clerk's Quarters salary to date	7	18	0
M ^r Disbursements to 31 st March 1903	6	4	4
The Board's Quarters salary to date	2	12	6
	£	105	47

Signed

F. Scammell Secy

Master

The Silver Medal of the company with Amalure Medal was presented

to M^r Thomas
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27th April 1903
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to Mr Thomas Lea Southgate by the Master at the Supper held after the Meeting and the Clerk was directed to forward Mr Cyril Arthur Pearson and Mr James Munro toward their Medals as they were unable to attend

29th April 1903

Mr William Johnson Galloway of 36 Portman Square W. M.P. for the South Western Division of Manchester was this day admitted a Member of the company, and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery

4th May 1903

Mr John Bewick Uggell of 21 Hart Street Bloomsbury W.C. Auctioneer was this day admitted a Member of the company and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery

4th May 1903

Mr William Henry Ash of 51 Hamilton Terrace N.W. a Justice of the Peace for the County of London Chairman of Claudius Ash & Sons Limited was this day admitted a Member of the company and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery.

19th June 1903

The Right Honourable George Wyndham of 55 Park Lane W. a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, M.P. for Dover and in the cabinet of Mr. Balfour's Ministry as Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland was this day admitted a Member of the company and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery

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was presented

A Court of Assistants

held at The Albion Aldersgate Street on
Tuesday the 7th July 1905.

Present

J. Howard Lescher Esq. Master in the Chair

W. C. Herring Esq. Senior Warden

G. J. D. Lewis Esq. Junior Warden

Messrs J. P. Jones, W. S. Colvard, J. C. Colvard

G. D. Hodlyn, G. G. Cooper, Sir Howard Crawford

and Messrs A. C. Hunter and J. L. Southgate

The Master paid blown guinness to the Members present

A letter was read from Mr W. M. Wilkinson stating he was unable
to attend on account of ill-health

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 29th April last
were read and confirmed

Mr Thomas Lea Southgate took the Assistant's Oath and was welcomed
to the Court by the Master

The Treasurer (Mr W. S. Colvard) made a statement with regard to the
financial condition of the Company and pointed out that the annual income

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Report
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of the company was approximately £327 whereas the average expenditure for the last four years was at the rate of £392 per annum or an excess of £55 per annum over income. He further stated that since 1894 the sums received for board and Livery fees amounted to £1324.
 of which had been invested only £ 753.
 showing that £ 571.

had been spent in carrying on the business of the company out of capital. He accordingly, in accordance with notice, moved a Resolution

"That the fees payable at the Court Meetings be suspended until further notice"

This Resolution was recorded by Mr S. S. Cooper, but it was pointed out by several Members of the Court that having regard to the Resolutions passed at the Court held on the 28th October last, it would be better to wait at any rate until the end of the present financial year.

Sir Homewood Crawford accordingly moved as an amendment that any suggestion for the suspension of fees should be deferred till the end of the present financial year. This amendment was recorded by the Junior Warden and on being put to the meeting was carried.

Proposed
 resolution of
 Council Instruments
 and Memoranda

Sir Homewood Crawford, the Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, reported that he had obtained the loan of the Fishmongers Hall for three weeks in July 1914 and that a form of circular was in course of preparation asking for the loan of suitable articles. He also reported that Messrs J. Wilkinson, A. G. Hunter and the Rev. H. J. Galt had added their names to the guarantee fund.

Company's Silver Medal } On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden it was resolved that the company's Silver Medal for the present year should be bestowed on Miss Kate Elizabeth Anderson, a singer, the Pupil recommended by Sir Herbert Parry the Director of the Royal College of Music.

New Members of the Company } The Master moved that M^r James Boyton of 6 Vero Street Oxford Street Auctioneer & Surveyor, be elected a Member of the company
 Seconded by M^r E. S. Cooper and carried unanimously
M^r W. S. Colhard moved that M^r Stanley Hawley of 19 Oxford Mansions Oxford Street W. Pianist and Composer, the company's First Medalist be elected a Member of the company

Seconded by M^r C. D. Hoblyn and carried unanimously

M^r C. D. Hoblyn moved that M^r Robert Stimmoley Rumford of Temple Lodge Harley Road South Hampstead be elected a Member of the company

Seconded by Sir Homewood Crawford and carried unanimously

Sir Homewood Crawford moved that M^r F Lincoln Bacon of Messrs Barclay Perkins & Co and of Hippington Leicestershire be elected a Member of the company

Seconded by M^r J. L. Southgate and carried unanimously

Honorary Chaplain to the company } On the proposition of Sir Homewood Crawford seconded by M^r C. D. Hoblyn it was unanimously resolved that the Sir Robinson Duckworth Bt C.V.O., a Member of the company be invited to accept the post of Honorary Chaplain to the company.

M^r Andrew Carnegie } The following list to be entered on the

My Dear Master,
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M^r Andrew
Carnegie

The following letter from M^r Andrew Carnegie was read and was ordered to be entered on the Minutes

May 14th 1903

Langham Hotel
Portland Place London W.

My Dear Master,

Your favor of the 10th reached me this morning.

You propose a great honor indeed, but based upon my love of Music, I do feel that few more owe more to that than I. - To me, Confucius did not exalt it unduly when he said, "Music, sacred tongue of God, I hear thee calling and I come." It is the highest form of expression yet attained by Man. -

Next season when we are in London if your Guild still desire to extend the "Freedom" I could not decline it.

We reach London in May & remain as this year a week or more in London en route for the Mountains & Moors, and the Music of the running waters.

Truly Yours gratefully

(Signed) Andrew Carnegie

We are off Friday (tomorrow) 14th.

Coronation
Page March

The following letter from M^r G. Arthur Pearson was read and was ordered to be entered on the Minutes

192 Leam's Gate L.W.

May the 16th 1903

J. G. Fenwick Esq

Dear Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will convey to the bearer of this

Musicians' Company my very sincere thanks for the extremely handsome note which they have been so good as to present to me and I shall value it very highly

Yours faithfully

(Signed) C Arthur Pearson

Guildhall School of Music

The following letter from Dr Bummings the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music was read and was ordered to be entered in the Minutes.

The Guildhall School of Music
Victoria Embankment EC

To the Worshipful Company of Musicians
Gentlemen,

I have to report to you that your scholar Herbert P Thomas has availed himself to the fullest extent of the advantages afforded by your liberality

He is not only an excellent Violinist and Pianist, but is also a composer of more than ordinary promise, and I have great hope that he will be able to do some work which will bring credit and honour to your Worshipful Company and to our school.

I am, Gentlemen, Yours very truly

William H Bummings

Principal

25 June 1903

Livery Dinner

Resolved and ordered

That the Court and Livery be invited to dine at The Albert Tavern

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The following... The London Tavern... Messrs Parkers... Metglen + Co Ltd... supplied in... Guildhall School of... Mrs James

Aldersgate Street on Tuesday the 27th day of October next

Ground Rents } The Clerk gave particulars of further ground rents amounting to £24 per
at New Malden } annum secured upon N^{os} 13, 15, 17 and 19 Altonvale Gardens New Malden -
 which adjoined the houses recently purchased and which could be acquired
at 25 years purchase, and it was resolved that such further ground rents
should be purchased

Apprentice } A letter was read from M^r A. F. Hill a Member of the Livery with
 reference to the apprenticing of the son of M^r Edwin Marriott Hodgkins
 of 17 Portland Place W. to a Member of the company and on the proposition
 of Mr Tomwood Crawford seconded by the Master it was unanimously resolved
 that such Apprentice should be received

The Avenue } The Clerk reported that he understood N^{os} 11 to 23 (odd numbers) The
Hornsey } Avenue Hornsey were in a bad state of repair and he was directed to instruct
M^r A. B. Brown the company's Surveyor to inspect the same with a view to
giving notice of dilapidations if necessary

The following accounts were passed for payment.

The London Taverns Co^s L^{td} April week Dinner

Messrs Parkins & Co^s Printing Programmes

Motzler & Co^s L^{td} For copies of location Prize March
supplied in 1912

Guildhall School of Music Scholarship

Miss James Warner & Co^s For Lithographing etc.

45	14	0
3	3	0
10	16	5
9	9	0
4	7	0

The Clerk's quarterly salary to date	£ 7	10	0	
Disbursements to the 30 th June 1913	2	11	6	10 1 6
The Beadle's quarterly salary to date				2 12 6
				<u>£ 25 3 5</u>

Signed

J. Harwood Beadle

Master

14th July 1913 Mr James Boyton of 6 Vere Street Oxford Street W. Antient and Surveyor was this day admitted a Member of the company and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery

17th July 1913 Mr Robert Kemmerly Dummerford of Compton Lodge Starley Road South Hampstead N.W. Vocalist was this day admitted a Member of the company and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery

17th July 1913 Mr Stanley Hawley of 19 Oxford Mansions Oxford Circus W. Pianist and Composer, the company's First Medallist, was this day admitted a Member of the company and on the same day paid the fees and took up his Livery

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A Meeting of the Livery

on Tuesday the 21st July 1903
of the company held at the Parish Clerks'
Hall 24 Silver Street Wood Street E.C.

(Kindly lent for the occasion by the Master and
Wardens of the Parish Clerks Company) to receive a
Report from the exhibition committee as to the
steps taken in connection with the proposed exhibition
of Musical Instruments and Manuscripts to be held in
Fishmongers Hall in July 1904.

J. Harwood Lischer Esq Master in the Chair

Fifteen Members of the company attended and Sir Homwood Crawford
the Chairman of the exhibition committee made a statement as to the present
position of affairs and informed the Meeting that including the £150 voted
by the Court he had actually received promises amounting in all to £794.
Various suggestions were made and questions were answered by Sir Homwood
Crawford and on the proposition of the Rev. F. J. Carl M.A. seconded by
M^r. W. St. Ash J.P. it was manimously resolved

"That the Livery cordially welcome the proposal to hold an
"exhibition of Musical Instruments and Manuscripts in Fishmongers Hall
"in July 1904 and will use their best endeavours to make it a
"success both as regards raising the guarantee fund and in making the
"exhibition known to their friends."

On the proposition of M^r. John Westrop seconded by M^r. C. L. Colcland

it was unanimously resolved

"That the best thanks of the Livery be given to the Chairman, Sir Hemwood Crawford the joint Honorary Secretaries and the members of the joint committee of the Court and of the Livery who have worked so well and so successfully up to the present time"

On the proposition of the Master seconded by Sir Hemwood Crawford it was unanimously resolved

"That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Master Wardens and Court of the company of Parish Clerks for their kindness in lending their Hall and that this be transmitted to them through the Clerk of the Musicians company"

And on the proposition of Mr W. C. Hoaring (Senior Warden) seconded by Mr J. L. Southgate it was unanimously resolved

"That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Worshipful Master for his courtesy in calling the Livery together and for his able conduct in the Chair"

Signed

Harwood Green

Master

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All a Court of Assistants

held at Grocers Hall Princes Street & C
on Tuesday the 27th October 1903.

Present

J. Hanwood Lescher Esq^{rs} Master in the Chair
W. C. Herring Esq^{rs} Senior Warden
C. J. D. Crews Esq^{rs} Junior Warden
Messrs J. P. Jones, H. R. Finby, Sir Frederick Budge
Messrs J. C. Colbard, C. D. Hoblyn, G. S. Cooper
Sir Homewood Crawford and Messrs A. C. Hunter
and J. L. Southgate

The Master paid twelve guineas to the Members present

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 7th July last
and of the Meeting of the Livery held on the 21st July last were read
and confirmed

W. M. Wilkinson
Esq } A letter was read from M^r. G. J. Wilkinson reporting the death
of his Father M^r Waller Meacock Wilkinson on the 24th September 1903
and on the proposition of the Master seconded by the Senior Warden
it was unanimously resolved

That the Members of this Court desire to record their regret at
the loss sustained by the death of their esteemed and respected friend
and colleague Waller Meacock Wilkinson Esq^{rs} and to offer to

M^r Wilkinson and other members of his family their sincere expressions of condolence and sympathy on the bereavement they have sustained

Appointment of new Trustee

On the proposition of M^r E Cooper seconded by M^r C D Hoblyn M^r Charles Thomas Daniel Crews F. I. A. was appointed a Trustee in the place of the late M^r Waller Meacock Wilkinson jointly with the continuing Trustees Messrs J H Skelbeck and J C Colford

Members of Court

Sir Homewood Crawford suggested that as M^r W M Wilkinson's death caused a vacancy on the Court M^r Robert Paton Warwick who had been admitted an Assistant on the 4th January 1876 and had served the office of Master in 1879-80 and 1891-2, but who had not attended the Meetings of the Court for some years, should be asked to resume his seat upon the Court. This was seconded by the Master and carried unanimously

Honorary Chaplain to the Company

The following letter from the Rev Robinson Duckworth D.D. D.C. accepting the post of Chaplain to the Company was read and was ordered to be entered on the Minutes

5 Abbey Road NW
July 9-1903

My dear Hoblyn,

I am very grateful to you and to the Court for the honour offered to me of becoming Chaplain to the Worshipful Company of Amicurs, and I accept the office with pleasure, or hope I may

find it possible of the privilege

On the prop J L Southgate

The Clerk

The Master

M^r C D Hoblyn

find it possible amid the many demands on my time, to avail myself of the privilege which the office confers.

Believe me, Very sincerely yr^s

R. Duckworth

company's
Silver Medal } On the proposition of Sir Frederick Bridge seconded by M^r. J. L. Southgate it was unanimously resolved that the thirteen past recipients of the company's Medal who were formerly students of the Royal College of Music the Royal Academy of Music or the Guildhall School of Music respectively should be presented with miniatures thereof so that they might wear the same.

The Avenue
Hornsey } The Clerk reported that acting upon the advice of the company's Surveyor he had served notice to repair the houses N^{os} 11 to 23 (odd numbers) The Avenue Hornsey, and he was instructed to see that such repairs were duly carried out.

Master } The Master moved that M^r. William Cordy Horning, the Senior Warden be elected Master for the ensuing year Seconded by M^r. C. J. D. Grows, the Junior Warden, and carried unanimously
The Master elect was then sworn in

Senior Warden } M^r. C. J. Hoblyn moved that M^r. Charles Thomas Daniel Grows F. S. A. be elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year Seconded by Sir Homewood Crawford and carried unanimously

Junior Warden } M^r C D Hoblyn moved that M^r Edward Ernest Cooper be elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year. Seconded by M^r J C Colbard and carried unanimously

The Wardens elect were then sworn in

Treasurer } The Master moved that M^r William Stuartson Colbard J P be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Seconded by M^r J S

son and carried unanimously

Clerk } The Senior Warden moved that M^r Thomas Coltingwood Fenwick be re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year. Seconded by the Junior Warden and carried unanimously

Beadle } The Junior Warden moved that M^r Ernest Halls be re-elected Beadle for the ensuing year. Seconded by M^r E E Cooper and carried unanimously

New Members of Company } M^r C J D Grows, the Junior Warden, moved that M^r Alfred Lewis Reynolds of 4 Hans Place S W be elected a Member of the Company

Seconded by M^r C D Hoblyn and carried unanimously

Sir Frederick Bridge moved that M^r Edward William Nicholls of 62 Queens Gardens Hyde Park W be elected a Member of the Company

Seconded by M^r E E Cooper and carried unanimously

It was suggested by the Clerk that in future new Members of the Company should be invited to attend at the next Court to be sworn in before the Master and afterwards dine with the Court and this suggestion was approved

Cost of Dinners } The Clerk submitted a Table he had prepared showing the cost per head of Dinners in the past and suggested that the Company might to be able to obtain all they require at an inclusive cost not exceeding 25/- per head and he was directed to interview the Manager of the

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Ground Rents
at
New Malden

The Clerk reported that the purchase of the ground Rents amounting to £24 per annum secured upon Nos 13 15 17 & 19 Albion Gardens, New Malden had been duly completed

The Worshipful
Company of
Grocers

On the proposition of the Master seconded by the Junior Warden it was unanimously resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Master Warden and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Grocers for the loan of their Hall for the Livery Dinner and that the Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the Grocers Company

The following accounts were passed for payment

The London Taverns Co ^{rs} £ th - July Court Dinner	9	0	6	
Messrs Walker & Cockerell - Printing Invitation Tickets	2	10	-	
Messrs James Warner & Co ^{rs} - Printing and Lithographing Account	2	5	6	
M ^r John Brownlee for Silver Medals and Minutaries	2	14	0	
Royal College of Music for Students' expenses	5	5	-	
Legal expenses in connection with the purchase of further ground Rents at New Malden	17	11	-	
M ^r Tom Broad Printing Programmes, plans of tables &c	8	13	6	
Gratuities to officials at Grocers Hall	5	-	-	
The Clerk's Quarters salary to date	£	7	10	0
D ^r : Disturbments to 30 th September 1903	1	15	3	
	9	5	3	

The Beadler's Quarters salary to date

	2	12	6
£	65	17	3

Signed

William E. Herring
Master

The Banquet following the court was attended by His Excellency
The American Ambassador, the Hon Joseph H. Choate amongst others
and the Silver Medal of the company was presented to Miss Kate
Elizabeth Anderson the pupil selected by the Director of the Royal
College of Music.

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The Master paid

The Minutes and pro
cess read and confirmed

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the Society of thanks was
presented for his con-
tributions returned thanks

The Clerk reported the
of the house on the 30th