

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall
on Tuesday the 26th January 1926

Present:

H. D. Finsell, Esq., J.P. . Master in the Chair

Sir James Boyton, J.P. . Senior Warden

Just Masters

Arthur D. Hill, Esq., Hon. R.C.M. (Treasurer)

G. B. Edgar, Esq., J.P., Mus. Bac., B. Sc.

Maj. A. C. Chamier

A. Barnett Brown

H. J. de LaFontaine, M.A. and W. H. J. Leslie, J.P., F.R.C.M.

W. W. Gabbell Esq., F.R.C.M., F.D.C.M. and Victor. Meard Esq.

Mr. Ernest Hills . A letter was read from Mr. Hills, the wife of the Beadle, stating that her husband was suffering from rumps, and would not be able to be present, and stating that this was the first occasion he had missed an attendance for upwards of 27 years.

The minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 13th October last were read and confirmed.

W. W. Gabbell Esq.
Sir Hugh J. Allen
S. H. Nicholson
Esq. } The Clerk reported that W. W. Gabbell had been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Music, that Sir Hugh Percy Allen, M.A., Mus. Doc., a Liveryman of the Company, had received the C.V.C., and that Mr. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, M.A., Mus. Bac., another Liveryman of the Company, had received the M.V.C., Fourth Class.

James Henry Finsell
James Mackenzie Fraser
Arthur Boyton Fraser } The Clerk reported that Denis Henry Finsell, a son of the Master, had been apprenticed to the immediate Deaf Master, Mr. E. B. Beare, for 4 years from the 19th inst. and that James Mackenzie Fraser and Arthur Boyton Fraser, sons of the Company's Liveryman, Mr. George William Frederick

Freder, C. B. E., had been apprenticed to their grandfather, Sir James Boyton, the Senior Warden, for 4 years and 7 years respectively from the 17th inst. He further stated that Sir James Boyton had paid the full Livery fees of his two grandsons, amounting to £103.2.6 in advance, on the understanding that the money should be the Company's property in any event, and that it should be entitled to the receipt of any dividends earned by its investment, and the Senior Warden was thanked for his liberality. It was decided to earmark the money in the Company's books and to invest it in 5th War Loan under a separate account.

21 W. H. Ash Esq., J.P. A letter was read from Mrs. Ash thanking the Court for their voted sympathy on the death of her husband. W. H. Ash, J.P.

22 Vacancies on Court.
Alderman Sir George Wyall Druscott, Bt.
John Barker Esq., J.P.
Bishop of Worcester
E. Harrow Right Esq.
J. H. Hoyle Esq. A letter was read from Alderman Sir George Wyall Druscott, Bt. resigning his seat upon the Court, and, as his brother, the Master, said his decision was irrevocable, the resignation was accepted with very great regret, and with thanks for his services to the Company during his two Masterships.

Letters were also read from Mr. John Barker, J.P. and the Bishop of Worcester, regretting their inability to accept seats upon the Court.

On the proposition of P. M. Hill, seconded by the Senior Warden, it was unanimously resolved to invite Mr. Edward Harrow Right to accept a seat upon the Court, and upon the proposition of P. M. de Lafontaine, seconded by the Master, it was unanimously resolved to invite Mr. John Henry Hoyle to accept the other vacant seat.

It was further resolved that in the event of either of these gentlemen declining to accept a seat, the invitation should be extended to Mr. George Arthur Hales Beard.

Hilary Hilley
Chadwick Hilley
Esq.

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. Leslie &

Legend
Island

Harold de Vahl
Kutin Esq.

Income Tax

4 Tewkesbury
Head

M^r Hilary Philip Chastwyck Healey, of 2 Weymouth Street, W. a Director of Steamer & Bell L^{td}, was unanimously elected a Member of the Company,

Colonel Ireland

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. Leslie, Colonel Ireland, of Digswell House, Melwyn, Norks, was unanimously elected a Member of the Company,

Harold de Vahl Rubin Esq

*On the proposition of P. M. Hill, seconded by P. M. Edgar, *M^r Harold de Vahl Rubin, of 32 Holborn Viaduct E.C.1 Merchant* was unanimously elected a Member of the Company, following apprenticeship to P. M. Hill, which had expired on the 8th February 1920.*

Income Tax

The Clerk reported that at a recent Meeting of Clerks to City Companies without Heads, the questions likely to arise in connection with the payment of Income Tax on Companies' fees, had been under discussion, and he stated that the rule seemed to be that Income Tax was payable on fees which came from without the Company, such as fees paid for the Freedom of the Company, and not on fees paid from within, such as Court fees.

He further stated that from figures he had got out, the whole of the fees received for Livery fees, had, apparently, been treated as capital, and invested.

P. M. Edgar pointed out that Livery fees were paid by an intending Member as a purchase price for something he would get in exchange for his money, and were, therefore, clearly, in the nature of capital, and not income, and it was decided to let matters remain as they were for the present, and to continue to invest the whole of the money received for Livery fees, if possible.

de Peverness Head

*The Clerk reported that *M^r William Macdonald* was only prepared to give £200 in purchase of the ground rent of £8. 15s. on this property, and it was decided that not less than £220 should be accepted.*

Stanley J. Rubinstein Esq

A letter was read from Mr. Stanley J. Rubinstein, a Quiryman of the Company, as to the Company's activities, and it was decided that Mr. Rubinstein should be asked to make suggestions as to what the Company could do more, having regard to its want of funds, and the matter was left in the hands of the Master, Treasurer, and Clerk, to communicate with Mr. Rubinstein on the subject.

Butchers' Company

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Butchers' Company as to preventing the display and use of the arms of a City Company by unauthorised persons, and it was decided that the Company could not usefully interfere and that such letter should lie on the table.

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Victoria & Albert Museum

A letter was read from the Director and Secretary of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, enquiring if the Company would be willing to lend any of its plate and other works of art at an exhibition which it was proposed to hold in July next for about 3 months at the Victoria and Albert Museum, and it was decided that the Director of the Museum should be invited to visit the Master and Clerk at Stationers Hall to inspect the Company's plate, so that the Director might decide whether he thought any of it was suitable for exhibition, having regard to its modernity.

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South East London Musical Festival

A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the South East London Musical Festival, asking for assistance, and it was decided that no funds were available for the purpose.

Miss Hurstons

A letter was read from Miss H. Hurstons, asking if the Company would relinquish their rights in the Royalties of the String & Pianistic Quartette, published by Novello & Co. Ltd, for which her late brother, Mr. H. H. Hurstons, had won a prize, presented by Mr. H. H. Collett in 1905 and it was decided to comply with her request.

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The Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales

The Master reported that he had had an interview with the Controller of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, with a view to trying to arrange for the Prince to attend a Company's Dinner, he being an Hon. Freeman of the Company, which it was hoped might be done, and the Master's action was cordially approved.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date

Mess^{rs} King & Brymer for Livery Dinner on the 27th October last (n.b. £13.8.0 of this amount was received for guest tickets)

James Durocoll & Son J^r. Programmes of Livery Dinner

Mess^{rs} J. Warner & Co. Printing and Lithographing Account for quarter to 31st December last.

Mess^{rs} Ede & Ravenscroft. For hire of Livery Gowns at St. Cecilia Service and care of Gowns during year.

Clerk's Quarters salary to date £13.2.6

In repayment of disbursements to 31st

December 1925

Beadles Quarters salary to date

	12	10	.
	225	2	6
	25	10	.
	11	6	6
	6	10	.
	8	5	6
		2	12
			6
£	304	19	6

James Boykin
acting Master

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall
on Tuesday 20th April 1926

President

Sir James Boyson J.P. (Senior Warden) In the Chair

First Masters

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

G. B. Edgar, D.L., J.P., M.A., B.Sc. Major A. L. Charnier

G. L. Colford, M.A., B.C.L. and E. B. Hoare

and

W. W. Gobbett Esq., F.R.C.M., F.D. Gell. Victor Alcock Esq.

H. Scze Hynetham Esq. and Sir Ian Malcolm, K.C.M.G.

The Master was unable to attend the Court Meeting on account of sudden indisposition but was able to preside at the dinner following the Court.

Herbert Sullivan Esq.

A letter was read from the Junior Warden Mr. Herbert Sullivan regretting his inability to attend on account of an attack of Phlebitis and regret was expressed.

Mr. Ernest Hills

A letter was read from the Beadle Mr. Ernest Hills stating that he had been seriously ill with heart trouble and was not allowed out at night and asking the Court to excuse his absence.

The Minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 26th January were read and confirmed.

Vacancies on Court
E. Harrow Hyde Esq.

J. H. Mas Esq.

Mr. Edward Harrow Hyde and Mr. John Henry Mas made the usual declaration and were admitted Assistants by the acting Master.

The Prince of Wales

A letter was read from Sir Geoffrey Thomas Bart. the Private Secretary to H. R. H. The Prince of Wales stating that the Prince's

Capt. J. E. Williams
M.P., C., M.A., F.R.C.

Accounts

Palmer
Scholarship

National Memorial
to Queen Elizabeth

engagements during the months of May, June and July were unusually heavy this year and it was not therefore possible for him to accept the invitation to dine with the Company this Summer but that he hoped to have the pleasure of doing so at a later date.

Capt. J. G. Williams The death of Capt. Albert Edward Williams, M. P. O., Mus. Dec. a Librarian of the Company on the 10th February last, was reported.

The Treasurer stated that Capt. Williams was the first soldier musician to take the degree of Doctor of Music and that he had written to Col. J. G. F. Somerville the former Commandant of the R. M. S. M. at Kinross Hill and an Honorary Drummer of the Company, suggesting the possibility of raising £100 for Kinross Hill in Capt. Williams's memory.

Accounts The Treasurer, Post. Master Hill, presented his accounts for 1925 showing a balance on Current Account on the 31st December 1925 of £125 2 2. The accounts had again been audited at the Treasurer's own expense by his Accountant.

The Accounts were unanimously received and adopted and on the proposition of Post. Master Meyer Chemier seconded by Mr. Alford the Treasurer was heartily thanked for his services and liberality in connection with the professional auditing of the Accounts.

A copy of the Accounts appear on pages 25 and 26.

Palmer Scholarship

The Clerk reported that Sir Ernest Palmer, Bt., in a letter dated 2nd March last had given his consent to the amalgamation of his two Scholarships at the Guildhall School of Music into one.

A letter was read from Sir Gordon Ronald the Principal of the G. S. M. asking for the extension of Miss Beatrice Damm's Scholarship for another year and the request was granted.

National Memorial to Queen Alexandra

A letter was read from the Memorial Committee for the National Memorial

Receipts and Payments Account

Balance 1 st January 1925, On current acc ^t		151	19	5	
On deposit acc ^t		2149	13	3	4019 8
		<u>379</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>"</u>	
Ground Rents less tax					
Dividends					
On Water B. Stock	£ 40	0	0	10	
5 th War Loan 1929/41	10	0	0	0	
4 th do do (Tax free)	80	0	0	0	
4 th War Bonds "	10	0	0	0	
Grants	26	18	10		166 19 8
Royalties			5	11	10
Interest on Deposit Account			10	10	11 502 6 10
Fines and Fees					
On elections as Master N. D. Truscott Esq.			10	10	"
as Senior Warden Sir James Bepton			5	5	"
as Junior Warden N. Sullivan Esq.			5	5	" 21 "
On admission to the Liberty -					
A. R. Stock Esq.			32	11	"
Ernest G. White Esq.			32	11	"
H. J. Phillips Esq.			53	11	"
S. Chapman Esq.			53	11	"
G. F. Phillips Esq.			53	11	"
			<u>225</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>"</u>
Less Stamps and fees			41	"	" 184 15 "

£ 1194 15 4

For the year to 31st December 1925

Corporation Duty to 5 th April 1924				26	16	7
• Annual Meetings				1	1	"
Stationers Company Rent of Hall		50	"			
Waltkeepers expenses	10	15	"	0		
Wine &c	2	2	"	0		
		12	17	"	62	17
Clerks Salary		52	10	"		
Commission on Rents		10	4	6	62	11
Beaules Salary					10	10
Clerical Assistance					5	5
Petty disbursements postages &c					18	16
Insurance					6	13
Printing and Stationery					17	4
Car and Hire of Gowns (Edo &c)					6	"
Income Tax					4	11
Press Cutting					1	11
New Minute Book					5	8
Repair of Halo Cup					1	10
Entertainings:-						
• Local Dinners (3)	£241	1	10			
Less Guests Tickets	168	0	0	73	1	10
Liberty Dinner	250	12	6			
Less Guests Tickets	113	8	0	137	4	6
• Music at Dinners					142	"
Transferred to St. Cecilia Trust Account for St. Pauls Celebration					13	8
Hymn Sheets					3	"
					58	8
Stamps and fee on presentation of Honorary Freedom					12	14
Two Illuminated Freedom Certificates					13	17
Presentation Silver Medals.						
• Mr. R. G. Henderson R. A. S. M.	2	1	0			
" J. W. Washen R. C. C.	2	1	0			
Past Masters Medal		6	0	11	11	"
Less received from Wyall Trust for R. A. S. M. Medal for 1924.					2	14
Donations St. Pauls Restoration Fund					26	5
Investments £350 @ 5 1/2 % bonds cost £200						
£362 @ 2 1/4 % do do £200						
					140	"
Balance at 31 st December 1925. On Current account					126	2
					9	109
					11	4

to Queen Alexandra but it was decided that there were no funds available for the purpose.

July 1st Dinner Past. Master Hoare moved that the Dinner in July should be held at Waverley 8 p.m. and not at 7 and that Ladies should be invited as on the same occasion last year.

A letter was read from Sir Homewood Crawford (who was unable to be present through indisposition) suggesting that the Dinner should be held at 7.30 and this hour was agreed to and the Clerk was instructed to notify that the reception would be at 7.15.

It was decided that the Waverley should be celebrated by a programme of the Composer's Music on that occasion and that the Livery should be invited to take tickets for the Dinner and that Ladies should be invited as guests.

10 Hornsey Park Road.

Correspondence that had passed between Miss Winifred G. Waghorn a recent assignee of the Lease of 10 Hornsey Park Road and the Clerk was read with reference to an encroachment by the owner of the adjoining house (7.4.8) many years ago to make a side entrance to the latter house.

The Clerk explained that he had had an interview with Miss Waghorn's Father who stated that his daughter did not propose to take any action in the matter so long as the Company raised no objection and it was resolved that no action should be taken.

H. J. Smith Esq.

On the proposition of Past. Master Major A. G. Charnier seconded by Past. Master Hill, Mr. Humphrey Pembrett Smith of 25 Belgrave Terrace, N. W. 3, Engineer and an amateur Harpist and pianist a son of Mr. Eric Pembrett Smith a Liveryman of the Company was unanimously elected a member of the Company.

J. R. Goodwin
Esq. C. B. E.

Victoria
Albert Museum

Kneller Hall
Garden Party

J. H. Goodwin
Esq. C. B. E.
On the proposition of the acting Master seconded by Past-Master
Major A. G. Lhamica, M^o Frederick Reed Goodwin C. B. E. of 213
Shaftesbury Avenue, W. C. 2. formerly a Director of Cinematograph
Companies, but now retired, was unanimously elected a member of the
Company.

Victoria &
Albert Museum
The Clerk reported that he had met M^o Wells, F. S. & J. at Stationers
Hall, who stated that only silver over 100 years old was to be exhibited
and that he had selected the Company's Ware and the Littleton Dish Cup
as suitable and also at the suggestion of the Clerk had said he would try
and arrange for an exhibition of the City Companies' Banners with a
view to exhibiting the St. Cecilia banner, and the Clerk's action was
approved.

Finchley Hall
Garden Party.
The poor attendance of members at the Annual Garden Party given by
the Commandant and Officers at Finchley Hall was revised by J. M. Hill
and it was decided that a whip should be sent out with the Invitations
as had been done on a previous occasion with a view to securing a
larger attendance of members of the Company if possible.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date	12	10	.
Mess ^{rs} King & Brymer for Court Dinner on 26 th January	29	10	.
Mess ^{rs} J. Warner & Co. Printing and Lithographing Account for Quarter	11	19	.
Clerk's Quarter's salary to date	£13	2	6
In repayment of disbursements to 31 st March 1926.	4	14	8
	17	17	2

Beadle's Quarters salary to date	2	12	6
Mess ^{rs} Chas ^r Richards & Co., Brandy & Whisky	25	10	-
Mess ^{rs} G. Betterell & Sons, Cigars	7	18	-

Mary Dutton Spence
Master

20th April 1926 • Mr Hilary Philip Shadrach Healey of 2 Weymouth Street, W. a Director of Steamer & Bell Ltd, was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees.

20th April 1926 • Mr Harold de Vahl Rubin of St. Andrews House, 32 Holborn Viaduct, E. C. 1. Merchant, was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master following Apprenticeship having previously paid the fees

2nd April 1926 • After the Dinner following the Court, Mr Alfred Joseph Clements, the Gentleman nominated by the Director of the Royal College of Music as the recipient of the Cobbett Medal for Chamber Music for 1926, was presented with the Medal by the Master, and a Programme of Chamber Music was performed.

Victoria and Albert Museum

Sir James Boyer

Met a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall

on Tuesday the 13th July 1926

Present

H. D. Truswell Esq. J.P.

Master in the Chair

Herbert Sullivan Esq.

Junior Warden

Past Masters

Sir Homewood Crawford C.V.C.

Arthur F. Hill D.S.A. Hon. R.C.M. (Treasurer)

G. B. Edgar D.L., J.P. Mus. Bac. B.Sc.

Major A. C. Chamer

A. Burnell Brown

H. J. C. de LaFontaine M.A.

and E. B. Heare

G. J. Bennett Esq. Mus. Doc.

and H. Saxe Wymcham Esq.

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

E. Harcour Ryde Esq.

and J. H. Dred Esq.

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

Victoria and
Albert Museum

The Clerk reported that the Authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum had accepted the Company's Mace, the Littleton Irish Cup, and the Company's St. Cecilia Banner for the exhibition of works of Art belonging to City Companies and that the exhibition was to be opened by The Right Hon. Reginald M. Kennel P.C. on the 2nd instant, and he handed several invitations to the opening ceremony to such members of the Court as wished to attend.

Sir James Bepton

The Clerk reported the death of the Senior Warden Sir James Bepton J.P. on the 16th May last, and on the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. Edgar a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence, was

unanimously passed with Lady Keyton and her family, the members upstanding.

W. H. J. Leslie Esq.

The clerk reported the death of P. M. William Henry Perry Leslie J. P., F. R. C. M., on the 23rd May last and on the proposition of P. M. Arthur F. Hill seconded by P. M. Major Chamier a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence was unanimously passed with Mr Leslie and her family, the members upstanding.

H. J. C. de Lafontaine Esq.

The clerk reported the death of M^{rs} de Lafontaine wife of P. M. H. J. C. de Lafontaine on the 8th May last and on the proposition of P. M. Sir Homewood Crauford seconded by The Master a sincere vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with M^{rs} de Lafontaine, the members upstanding.

Senior Warden
Herbert Sullivan Esq.

On the proposition of The Master seconded by P. M. Sir Homewood Crauford Mr Herbert Sullivan was unanimously elected Senior Warden till the end of the current year. Mr Sullivan who had been unable to take up his admission as Junior Warden through indisposition signed the Roll as Junior and Senior Warden and was admitted to the latter office by the Master.

Junior Warden
G. J. Kennell

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. Major Chamier Mr George John Kennell M.A., D.C., the organist of Lincoln Cathedral and the Sheriff of that City were elected Junior Warden for the remainder of the current year. Mr Kennell signed the Roll and was admitted into office by the Master.

Vacancies on Court
Sir Felix Otto Schuster Bart
G. A. Neal Esq.
Bund Esq.

On the proposition of P. M. Edgar seconded by P. M. Sir Homewood Crauford, Sir Felix Otto Schuster Bart, who Mr Edgar stated was willing to accept a seat upon the Court, was unanimously elected an Assistant. The filling of the other vacancy was discussed and it was

Companys School
Medal.
The Guildhall
School of Music
The Royal Naval
School of Music
The Royal Military
School of Music
Trinity College
of Music
(Triennial)

Distinguished
Guests

unanimously decided to invite Mr. George Arthur Hayes Beard to fill the
vacancy, and failing his acceptance then to invite Mr. Charles Harry Allen
Hill, and failing his acceptance, Mr. Jocelyn William John Cooper.

Company's Silver Medal.
The names of Mr. John Turner the student nominated by the Principal
of the Guildhall School of Music and of Bandmaster Sam Rhodes, A.R.C.M.,
The Royal Naval School of Music, the student nominated by the Commandant of the
Royal Military School of Music were approved and the clerk was
directed to accept the name of the student to be nominated by the
Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music later on.

The question as to the presentation of the Company's Medal to
Trinity College of Music was discussed at some length and in the absence
of the old Minute Book it was resolved that the question be left in
the hands of the Master to decide whether or not it had been resolved
in 1923 that the medal was to be permanently presented to Trinity College
of Music (Triennially) or for that year only.

(A. B. - On reference to the Minute of the 10th July 1923 it is quite
clear that the Court then decided by a large majority that Trinity
College of Music should be once more added to the list of Musical
Institutions qualified to recommend medalists for the Company.

Distinguished Guests On the proposition of P. M. Hill seconded by Sir John Malcolm
it was decided to invite Mr. Robert Mayer as the distinguished
Amateur Musician to the Livery Banquet in October and failing
him Mr. Richard Northcott.

And on the proposition of P. M. Sir Homewood Crawford seconded
by Dr. G. J. Bennett it was decided to invite Sir Henry Howard,
Mus. Doc. the conductor of the Sheffield Choir as the distinguished
professional Musician and failing him Sir Herbert Bruce the

Original of Gloucester Cathedral.

Herbert Sullivan
Esq.

P. H. Hall informed the Court that the Cluthers & Co. of Woburn Jubilee Quire presented by Mr Herbert Sullivan on his election as Junior Warden in October last had turned out to be a good copy and not the original as believed. The copy however which had been presented by Sir George Smart to Sir Arthur Sullivan in 1861 was handed over and directed to be kept in the Comptroller's Archives.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:-

The Worshipful Company of Stationers & Co. of Hall to date	12	10	"
Messrs King & Brunner for Court Dinner on 20 th April	28	-	-
James Inwood & Sons Ltd - Dinner Invitations, Stationery	10	9	6
Messrs J. Warner & Co Printing & Lithography Accounts for Quarter	6	10	10
Clerks quarters salary to date	£ 13. 5. 6		
Interpayment of disbursements to 30 th June 1926	£ 7. 3		
Brook's Quarters Salary to date		2	12 6
	£	79	14 9

Mary Dorcas Smith
Master

13th July 1926

Colonel Alfred Dyke, Colonel C.B.E., D.L.J.P. of Digswell House Welwyn, Herts, was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees

13th July 1926

Mr Humphrey Penderell Smith of 25 Belsize Avenue, N.W.3.

13th July 1926

A. B. H.
The Duke of
Cornwall
Wife
Centenary

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

13th July 1926

Mr. Frederick Rice Speedwin C.B.E. of 213 Shaftesbury Avenue W.C.1. formerly a Director of Cinematograph Companies was this day admitted to the Livery by the Master having previously paid the fees.

H. R. H.
The Duke of
Connaught
Weber
Centenary

The dinner following the Court was attended by H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught K.G. and many other distinguished guests and after the dinner a programme of Carl N. von Weber's music in commemoration of the Centenary of his death in London arranged by the Master was performed. The Master in proposing "The Memory of Weber" mentioned the interesting fact that the last composition Weber ever penned was written for his friend Mr. William Ward who was M.P. for the City of London and Governor of the Bank of England and twice Master of the Musicians Company in 1830-1 and 1835-6.

2	10	"
8	"	"
10	9	6
6	10	10
19	11	9
2	12	6
79	14	7

well House
Master
W. 3.

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers Hall

on Tuesday the 12th October 1926

Present:-

H. D. Truscott Esq. J.P.

Master in the Chair

Herbert Sullivan Esq.

Senior Warden

Just. Masters

Arthur F. Hill F.S.A. Hon. R.L.M.

G. B. Edgar, D.L., J.P.

(Treasurer)

Mus. Bac., B.Sc.

Major A. G. Chamber

A. Burnett Brown

and
Hugh Wyll

W. H. Lobbell Esq. F.R.C.M., F.D.C.M.

Victor Alcock Esq.

H. Saxe Wymetham Esq.

E. Harriot Ryde Esq.

and
J. H. Hled Esq.

T. G. J. Bennett

A letter was read from D. G. J. Bennett, the Junior Warden, expressing regret at being unable to attend the meeting on account of an Annual Dinner at Lincoln, which he, as Sheriff, was expected to attend.

The minutes and proceedings of the Court held on the 13th July last were read and confirmed.

Sir James Boyton
W. H. P. Leslie Esq.
H. D. G. de
LaFontaine Esq.

Letters were read from Lady Boyton, M^{rs} Leslie, and W. H. P. de LaFontaine, M.A. in reply to votes of condolence.

The Clerk on behalf of Lady Boyton, presented a Silver gilt Loving Cup dated 1750 made by W. Fuller White, which had been purchased at Christie's by her late husband, Sir James Boyton, J.P., when Senior Warden, with a view to its presentation by him to the Company on his election as Master on this day, and states that Lady Boyton had generously borne the expense of inscribing the cup, and of a suitable case for it.

Vacancies on Co.
Sir Felix Schust
Bart.
A. A. Miles Barr.
The Hon. Sir
Alexander Selous
Need, F.C., V.C.
Sir Vincent H. J.
Caillard

W. H. Allen Esq.

Sir Jan. Hled
M.D. of Hled

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Treasurer Mr Arthur J. Hill, a unanimous vote of thanks to Lady Boyton was passed for her kind and generous action in the matter.

The Clerk reported that Mr George Arthur Miles Beard had accepted a seat upon the Court and paid his fees, but was prevented by illness from attending to take up his admission this evening.

The Clerk further reported that Sir Felix Schuster, Bart, had asked to be excused from election to the Court on the ground of ill health, and it was unanimously resolved to invite the Hon. Sir Alexander Nelson Hood K.C.V.O. (Duke of Brontë) and failing his acceptance Sir Vincent Henry Penelver Gaillard.

The Clerk reported the death of Mr William Henry Allen, of Tiverton of the Company, and High Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1904, on the 3rd September last.

The following letter was read from Sir Jan Malcolm, K.C.M.G.

57 Endow Square, S.W. 7

27th September 1926

Dear Mr Denwick,

You may remember that, on September 22nd, I wrote to you from Paris and indicated that during the present week I should be sending you a document which you might think worthy of presentation to the Worshipful Company of Medicines. I send it to you herewith for your inspection.

You will see by the cover what it is. Sir Basil Zaharoff found these manuscripts (I believe in Milan) and presented them to the library in the Institute of France. He was, however, allowed to have a few copies. Twenty-five, I think - made of them, and one of these he gave to me.

Vacancies Court
Sir Felix Schuster
Bart
Mr. A. Miles Beard Esq
The Hon. Sir
Alexander Nelson
Hood K.C.V.O.
Sir Vincent H. P.
Gaillard

W. H. Allen Esq

Sir Jan Malcolm
K.C.M.G.
(Mrs. J. M. M. M.)

I feel that their right place would be with the Worshipful Company, and if you think they would accept them, I would gladly offer them

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Jan. Malcolm

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the Senior Warden, a vote of thanks was passed to Sir Jan Malcolm for his kind gift, which the Clerk was directed to carefully preserve with the archives of the Company

Company's Silver Medal
The Royal Naval School
of Music
Trinity College of Music

The nomination of Band-Master, Percy Francis Grace, R. M. Band, by the Superintendent of the Royal Naval School of Music, and the nomination (Triennial) of Mr Henry Klock, by the Director of Studies of Trinity College of Music, were approved.

Victoria & Albert
Museum

The Clerk reported that the exhibits lent by the Company to the Victoria & Albert Museum (ante page 30) for the Exhibition of Works of Art belonging to the City Companies, had been duly returned, and a letter was read from the Director and Secretary of the Museum, stating that the exhibition had been one of the most successful ever held. It was resolved to purchase a copy of the illustrated edition of the Catalogue of the Exhibition at the price of 10/6, as offered by the Director.

Bethoven
Centenary

P. M. Arthur J. Hill moved that the Beethoven Centenary of next year be observed by the Worshipful Company of Musicians in the following manner:-

- (1) By the formation of a Loan Collection of Uvertures of the great Uverturist to be held in one of our City Halls, during the period of, say, one month.
- (2) Lectures on Beethoven with musical illustrations from his works during the period of the Exhibition.

The Master

Vote of Thanks to
 retiring Master

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Treasurer

Clerk

Beadle

Mr Hill's suggestion was approved, and he undertook to make enquiries, and present a report at the next Court.

The Master

On the proposition of P. M. Hill, the Senior Past Master present, seconded by the Master, Mr Herbert Sullivan was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and the Master Elect briefly returns thanks

Retiring Master

On the proposition of P. M. Edgar, seconded by P. M. Major A. G. Lhamier, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring Master, Mr H. J. Truscott, J.P. to which the latter suitably replied

Senior Warden

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. ^{Major} Lhamier, Mr George John Bennett, Mus. Doc. was unanimously elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year.

Junior Warden

The Clerk reported that Mr R. Kennedy, Rumsford, and Mr J. Alcide Falkner, both asked to be excused from serving the office of Junior Warden for the ensuing year, the former on the ground of necessary continual absence, and the latter on the ground of ill-health, and stated that Mr Walter Willson Lobbett, J. R. C. M., J. J. C. M. who was next on the list, was disinclined to serve, but after prodding on the proposition of P. M. Edgar, seconded by Mr H. Saxe Wymsham, Mr Lobbett was unanimously elected Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

Treasurer

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr E. Harrow Hyde, Mr Arthur Frederick Hill, F.S. & Hon. R. C. M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Clerk

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by P. M. Wyall, Mr Thomas Colbywood Fenwick was unanimously re-elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Reads

On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Mr Alford, Mr Ernest

Hills was unanimously re-elected Beadle for the ensuing year.

Professional Musicians

Mr Saxe Wymoutham stated that some of the Professors at the Guildhall School of Music would like to join the Company, but were debarred by the high fees, and he was referred by the Clerk to the resolution of the Court of the 21st October 1916, for the election of prominent and promising professional Musicians at reduced fees, and Mr Saxe Wymoutham said he would bring this to the notice of the gentlemen in question.

Museum Exhibits

The Master stated that Miss Bell of Kensington, having read an account of the Weber Centenary Dinner, had offered to present to the Company a Bust of Weber, also a model of his hand, together with a model of Chopin's hand. The custody of these articles was discussed, and Mr Saxe Wymoutham stated he was sure the Guildhall School of Music would willingly house them on the Company's behalf in their Museum. It was accordingly resolved to accept Miss Bell's kind offer, and the Master undertook to fetch the articles and hand them over to Mr Saxe Wymoutham.

Brass Bands

Res. Cup.

Mr Hes stated that an annual competition exclusively for the Students of the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall had been instituted by him for the composition of original works for Brass Bands, the subject of composition being varied from year to year, and that a Cup of the value of 10 guineas, known as the "Hes Cup" is presented annually to the successful competitor, together with a cash prize, and a consolation prize of cash to the second in order of merit, the Cup becoming the absolute property of the winner for each year.

Mr Hes said the idea was to foster the development of knowledge

of securing for Brass Bands, so that Army Bandmasters would be able to take an active interest in the provision of good standard original British music for these Brass Bands, and on leaving the service be able to take an active part in the direction of any Band or Bands for whom their services might be available. He said that as the Company were so intimately connected with Kneller Hall, he would like the Cup to be presented by the Master at one of the Company's Dinners. This suggestion was cordially approved, and it was arranged that the Cup should be presented at a Court Dinner, and not with the Medals at the Livy Dinner.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

The Worshipful Company of Stationers for use of Hall to date	12	10	,
• Messrs King & Brymer for Weber Dinner on ^{13th} 14th July last	212	7	,
<u>N. B.</u> £193 + 4 ⁰ of this was received for the sale of Guest Tickets			
James Duvocell & Son Ltd - Special Programmes for Weber Dinner	£26	10	0
Ditto Stationery, etc	7	10	9
• Messrs J. Warner & Co. - Printing and Lithographing account for Quarters	2	5	6
• Clerk's Salary, to date	£13	2	6
• In repayment of disbursements to 30 th Sept 1926	14	2	8
• Beadle's quarters salary, to date	2	12	6
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Arthur Sullivan

• Master

The Members attending the Court, and the Clerk, were subsequently,

entertained to Dinner by the Master Elect, at his Club, The Garrick.

Master
Herbert Sullivan Esq.
Senior Warden
Dr G. J. Bennett
Junior Warden
W. W. Gobbett Esq.

At a special Court held at Stationers Hall on Tuesday, the 26th October 1924 (before the Livery Dinner) Mr Herbert Sullivan was sworn in as Master, and Mr George John Bennett, M.D., (Sheriff of Lincoln) and Mr Walter Millson Gobbett, were sworn in as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively

G. A. Males Beard Esq.

At the same Court Mr George Arthur Males Beard was admitted our Assistant by the new Master.

Newman Flower Esq.

On the proposition of the new Master, seconded by the Treasurer P. W. Arthur F. Hill, Mr Newman Flower, of Messrs Cassell & Co, of La Belle Sauvage Yard, E.C. 4 was unanimously elected a Member of the Company

Herbert Sullivan
 Master

Vacancies on Court
 The Hon. Sir Alexander Nelson
 Hood K.C.P.C.
 Sir Vincent H. J. Guillard

Museum Exhibits

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