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Orphanage premises assessed at £800, but not being fully occupied reduced to £660.

March 1910.

Mr. Thos. Higgs presented with a silver salver by the Board to mark his 20 years Chairmanship.

Annual Meeting. Chairman points out that after paying builder there will be an outstanding loan of £7,000 and essential that for the future Orphanage income should be £2,500 per annum.

July 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Tull, Boys' Master and Needlewoman resign. Friction with Matron. Matron suggests replacement by single persons. Mr. Aldridge appointed Boys' Master at £30 per annum and Miss Bridger, Needlewoman and Junior Boys' Attendant at £20 per annum.

November 1910.

Grounds Committee appointed. Recommend spending £200 on grounds, making terrace in front of building, etc. Mr. A.W. Szlumper supplies 125 yards of turf. Owing to nature of land no profit in growing vegetables.

In accordance with usual practice Sir Chas. Scotter, President, agrees to provide children's Christmas dinner, but dies before it takes place. Sir Frederick Scotter (Son) carried out his father's obligation.

January 1911.

Staff apply to House Committee to be allowed fruit tart once weekly - granted.

Dugald Drummond again provides for children to visit Pentomine at Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham.

Sir Charles Scotter and Mr. Archibald Scott (Vice President) both leave the Orphanage £1,000.

Mr. Thos. Higgs resigns Chairmanship and Mr. Douglas Eve succeeds. Illuminated address to Mr. Higgs.

Illuminated addresses at £1.5.0. each to retiring Secretaries at Woking and Basingstoke.

Boys' Master asks for uniform. Agreed at a cost not exceeding £4.

Death of Mr. Trevena reported.

February 1911.

Mr. R.G. Davidson appointed Joint Hon. Auditor with Mr. A.E. Newhook, vice Mr. Carter resigned.

Board issue illustrated brochure, 5,000 printed by Locomotive Publishing Co. for £31.10.0.

Brass Band proposed. Tender for 15 instruments £55.7.0. Pipe Band still running.

March 1911.

Annual Meeting. Thanks all round. Gold watch and illuminated address for Mr. Warno (Secretary).

April 1911.

Miss Ashford appointed Needlewoman.

Board decide to have a collecting box for visitors and Mr. Carington submits an antique box which the Board purchase for 20s/-

Guildford Road property put up for Auction Reserve of £275 not reached. Subsequently sold for £200.

June 1911.

Sir Chas. Owen, President, presents each child with Coronation Medal and Directors each child with a Coronation Mug

Brass Band commence operations. Mr. Heather Loco. Dept., Strawberry Hill, Tutor.

August 1911.

Mr. Wilcox, Board Member, given supervision of grounds at £20 per annum. Legacy of £100 from the Rev. Kenrick, Barnstaple.

Mr. Carington submits plan for Drill Hall to be erected by Children's Fund. Mr. Bramwell (Assistant Secretary) retires after 21 years. Given illuminated address. Mr. Cole, Clerk, Nine Elms, succeeds.

Bournemouth excursion brings in £243.9.2.

December 1911.

Sir Frederick Scotter dies and Lady Scotter continues arrangement to provide children's Christmas dinner.

As a result of the sterling loyalty and devotion to duty displayed by L. & S.W. men in refusing, despite strong overtures, to desert their posts during the Railway Strike in August 1911, Viscount Middleton, Colonel Cornwallis West and other local and influential residents sponsor an appeal for an endowment fund, but cause some friction by announcing the Orphanage is £20,000 in debt, whereas the actual figure is £2,000.

Several members of the Board assist in acknowledging donations at 1s/- per hour.

Children go to Shakespeare Theatre Pantomime again at Dugald Drummond's expense.

January 1912.

Special meeting to consider clerical work. Mr. Warne increased £20. Miss Warne £25 to £35. Two Assistants employed, one at £10 and one at £20.

February 1912.

Legacy of £1,000 from Mr. Trevena.

March 1912.

Annual Meeting. Chairman announces that loan of £5,200 on removal to Woking had been liquidated and £2,500 banked as a nucleus of an endowment fund.

Mr. Carington suggests an Annual Mothers' Day to take place in June.

- June 1912. Woking District Committee raise question of Roman Catholic children and Board agree to meet costs of placing such children in suitable institutions.
- July 1912. Special meeting of Board with ladies of House Committee. Mr. Whittle proposed that ladies be eliminated from House Committee owing to their "lack of business methods and lack of unity which causes unpleasantness". Ladies protest that they have never been instructed in their duties. Matter fizzles out.
- Mr. F. Hutchinson, Surbiton, offers to provide a model engine and carriages if a satisfactory running track can be found for them at Orphanage events.
- August 1912. Sir Ernest Cassel donates £105 and Canon Sowter £25.
- Board consider erection of house for Secretary and Boys' Master. Architect attends with sketches and estimate. Secretary's house £470. Cottage £260. Hughes, Wokingham tender for £785 accepted.
- Carpenter's shop opened and equipped.
- Mr. Orchard appointed Boys' Master.
- October 1912. Brass Band going strong and Mr. Heather, their trainer, given special gratuity of £5 and illuminated address.
- Matron reports Mr. Orchard no good - sacked.
- Reported that collecting dogs from 1894 to September 1912 had collected £5,184.
- November 1912. Death of Dugald Drummond. Mr. Dale appointed Boys' Master at 30s/- per week.
- Children's Fund undertake to provide children's Christmas dinner for the future.
- Honours Board in Dining Room provided by Children's Fund.
- Cottage found too small and bays put in at cost of £30.
- Agree to advertise Orphanage in "Punch", "Spectator", "Country Life", "Land & Water", "Harper's Magazine", "Lawyers' Companion and Diary" and various religious papers.
- January 1913. House and cottage when finished cost £830.
- February 1913. Mr. Dale fitted out with uniform £3.13.9.
- Death of Mr. Thos. Higgs.

- July 1914. Board agree that children of M. & S.W. and S. & D. are eligible.
- August 1914. Mr. Dale called up for active service and whilst away Mrs. Dale allowed free rent, rates, water and light.
- Mr. Dale's absence covered by employing school teachers, etc. part time at 15s/- weekly.
- October 1914. Under Mr. Carington's emigration scheme 4 boys go to Canada.
- Orphanage pay £279.6.5. towards cost of making up Oriental Road.
- February 1915. Mr. S.W. Kershaw leaves £500.
- Staff suggest Superannuation Fund. "Matter to lay on table".
- Board issue cheque £500 to Children's Fund to form endowment.
- March 1915. Total of seven boys in Canada. All said to be doing well.
- War economy. Boys fitted out with new knickers only instead of complete suits and girls instructed to wear hair ribbon on Sunday only.
- May 1915. Founders' Day, up to now held annually, abandoned on account of restricted travelling facilities.
- Mr. S.E. Marsh retires from active service and is appointed Hon. Line Secretary.
- Mr. G.R. Barrell, late Storekeeper, L. & S.W. leaves £1,000.
- October 1915. The "Aldershot News" in leading article suggests that the Orphanage should be offered to the Government as a hospital and children boarded out.
- General Manager instructs that 2 dog cases at Waterloo be removed and a special box affixed to the rails of the Bodmin coach. General Manager later agreed the dog cases be exhibited at Southampton West and Bournemouth.
- December 1915. Five additional Board Members elected, increasing number from 40 to 45.
- Mr. Frank Russell, Eastleigh leaves £225.
- July 1916. Application to admit 2 children of Eastleigh man - insane. Declined as contrary to rule.



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- August 1916. Mr. A.E. Newhook, Hon. Auditor, proposes contribution through Pay Bills and General Manager agrees.
- Sale of land at Cove for £518.4.3. which with £59.15.0. rent from L.& S.W. amounted to £577.19.3. against the cost of £774.14.4. Loss £196.15.1.
- January 1917. During 1916 Mr. Carington collected £1,342.4.5. for Children's Fund.
- Children's Fund present Board with carved chair made in Carpenter's Shop.
- March 1917. Board buy six young pigs at 26s/- each. Four die from unknown causes. Two left killed at Christmas 1917.
- June 1917. Canon Allen Edwards dies 7th June 1917.
- September 1917. Mr. John Coates, Islington leaves £5,000 to "The Railway Orphanage". Board claim share but are unsuccessful.
- November 1917. Two senior boys have lessons in hair-cutting at 2s/6d per lesson to enable them to cut other boys' hair.
- December 1917. Mr. G.B. Coleman, Editor S.W. Gazette retires. and receives illuminated address. In 30 years raised £2,500 for Orphanage.
- Owing to increased cost of provisions, members having tea at the Orphanage expected to contribute 6d.
- April 1918. House Committee recommend further venture in live stock. 6 pigs, 4 lambs and 3 rabbits purchased. Results not recorded.
- June 1918. In order to give assistance to a child with tuberculosis Board adopt rule that grants may be made at discretion of Board of Management towards the maintenance of children who, "by reason of diseased condition cannot be accepted in the home".
- £300 received, proceeds of public inspection of American ambulance train built at Eastleigh.
- Special meeting of Board to deal with discrepancy of £200 in 1917 accounts.
- Secretary, Mr. H.G. Warne, admitted getting into difficulties and using money, intending to pay it back. Offer to repay in given time with interest. Accepted.
- Mr. A.E. Smith appointed Secretary, pro tem. at late Secretary's salary. Position to be advertised as a full time job at £300 per annum.

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- September 1918. Special meeting at Salisbury to amend constitution of Board and present system of District Committees adopted.
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- Children's Fund agreement brought into operation and Committee set up.

December 1920. Mr. A.W. Szlumper, Hon. Secretary, resigns and Mr. G.T. Hedge appointed.

Free Church Clergy express desire to minister to Orphanage children. Board decide to take no action.

February 1921. Board decide that outside advertisements appealing for subscriptions shall cease.

Mr. Geo. Hopgood accepts post as Deputy Secretary (unpaid).

March 1921. Miss Warne resigns. Board appoint Mr. G.F. Turner as Clerk.

April 1921. Orphanage in quarantine for three months. No Board meetings.

July 1921. Pony bought for £10.

August 1921. Three legacies. Mrs. Bulnois, Chertsey £500. Mr. G.J. Ingram, Woking £500. Miss Vinson, Surbiton £500.

Guildford Flag Day. Driver Stacey cuts his hand opening tin and dies in four days from blood poisoning.

January 1922. Mrs. A.E. Smith resigns from House Committee.

Mr. Wickins resigns. During his active service Mr. and Mrs. Wickins' dogs at Waterloo collected £5,747.

July 1922. Miss Core (Matron) raises question of superannuation for self, Miss Love (Assistant Matron) and Mr. Dale (Boys' Master).

October 1922. First Re-Union Day.

Canon Devereux resigns on removal to Leicestershire and is presented with gold watch. The Rev. Jolly appointed as successor.

Sub-Committee propose Superannuation Fund based on R.C.A. scheme to cover Secretary Supt. and Clerk, Matron and Assistant Matron. This the Board adopt.

January 1923. Sub-Committee appointed to consider effect of S.R. amalgamation on Orphanage.

March to 31st August, 1923. In quarantine for diphtheria. Board Meeting held outside Orphanage.

May 1923. Mrs. E.A. Harrison, Weybridge leaves a legacy of £500.

- October 1923. Arrangements made for children to attend Free Church services upon written request of Mother.
- January 1924. Mrs. Millard, Epsom dies. Mrs. A.E. Smith takes over Pound Day.
- Mr. Dale's application to join Superannuation Fund is refused on advice from Hon. Auditors.
- May 1924. Board instruct that a form be sent to each Mother annually asking whether she has re-married or not. To be countersigned by another householder. (Same practice as Widow & Orphans Society).
- June 1924. Sir Herbert Walker gives children day at Wembley.
- September 1924. Diphtheria again - 21 children affected remain at their homes. Brothers and sisters bring the total up to 41 unable to return to Orphanage.
- Sir Hugh Drummond, Trustee, dies.
- October 1924. Sub-Committee after consultation with Sir Herbert Walker report on Fusion and Board agree to adopt the title Southern Railway Servants' Orphanage as from the 1st January, 1925.
- January 1925. Mr. Radmoore resigns Chairmanship. Mr. Thos. Orme, Vice Chairman, elected Chairman. Mr. Radmoore made life member of all standing Committees and presented with gold watch and chain.
- Mr. O'Neill elected Vice Chairman.
- February 1925. Mr. A.E. Newhook, Hon. Auditor resigns on leaving service and Mr. F.R. Wilson is elected in place.
- March 1925. Mr. Gower, Head Master, Monument Hill School retires after 15 years teaching Orphanage children. Presented with suit case with silver fittings.
- Orphanage propaganda meetings held at Victoria and Folkestone.
- October 1925. First visit of S.E. & C. and L.B. & S.C. staff.
- January 1926. Mr. Pocock, Victoria, Mr. Jarrett, London Bridge, Mr. West, Dover and Mr. Wilson, Folkestone attend Board for first time.
- Report of Special Committee to consider re-constitution of Board of Management consequent on fusion. Present Board - 56 members for staff of 30,000. S.E. & C. and L.B. & S.C. staff number 42,000. Pro rata representation would increase Board to 133. Arrangement adopted to reduce Board to approximately 40.

- June 1926. Scouts Jamboree and Rally at the Orphanage. Lord and Lady Baden Powell attended.
- September 1926. Jason Kernan and Wm. Curtis go to Russell Cote's Nautical School, Parkstone for training as Officers in Mercantile Marine. Board donate £20 to the School.
- October 1926. London West District Committee propose consideration be given to extending the Super-annuation Scheme.
- November 1926. Board consider erection of Works Dept. in place of existing hut erected in March 1924 at a cost of £142. Pain & Sons quote £1,692 for Works Dept.
- March 1927. Southampton District Committee present cinematograph outfit.
- June 1927. Mrs. Wedgwood, a regular subscriber, donates £700 to be used on the proposed Hospital with a request that the name of her son, lost at Gallipoli - Lieut. Allen Wedgwood - be associated with it.
- August 1927. Mr. A.W. Szlumper retires from position of Chief Engineer and Mr. Ellson promises to do everything possible to assist Orphanage.
- January 1928. Church Parade at Woking. Old banners march for last time. After dedication at Christs Church are hung in the Orphanage.
- February 1928. Number of children now within eight of maximum. Any further increase could only be met by turning the two infirmaries into dormitories. Board agree time ripe to proceed with Hospital plan.
- March 1928. Board agree to circulate epitome of minutes.
- April 1928. Bournemouth ask for deputation on a Sunday and Board agree as a special case.
- May 1928. The Rev. Jolly removed to St. Mary's, Southampton and is succeeded by the Rev. J.C. Banham. The Rev. F. Middleton Price appointed as first Free Church Chaplain.
- August 1928. E.C. Hughes, Wokingham - tender for hospital £9,518.
- September 1928. Up to this date children on August vacation have been supported by their Mothers. Board now agree 7s/6d per week be allowed each child. When necessary and recommended by District Committee this can be increased to 10s/-.

November 1928. Mrs. S.A. Knottley, Dover leaves £200.

December 1928. Lady Walker lays stone of hospital.

January 1929. Matron provided with uniform.

April 1929. Mr. G.W. Betteridge dies. Ten years Chairman of House Committee.  
Earl Middleton resigns trusteeship.

May 1929. Mr. W.J. Thorrowgood, Telegraph Supt. leaves £1,000 for higher education.

June 1929. Board agree that children of female staff employed on Southern Railway are eligible for the Orphanage.  
Girl Guides company formed.  
Lady Edith Durning Lawrence leaves £2,000.  
Board decide to reduce Trustees from four to three.  
Minature railway starts first season at Hove.

November 1929. Mrs. Orme opens hospital.  
Miss Cummins appointed hospital sister at £80.  
Hospital Committee appointed - Mr. Bickley (Southampton) Chairman.  
Eastleigh ask that "Eastleigh Day" be held at Woking instead of Eastleigh for the future.

February 1930. "Old Bottle Fund" started by Mr. E.C. Cox.

May 1930. Mr. Turner, Clerk, resigns to go to East Africa.  
An old boy (Mr. Woodyer) attends a Board Meeting for first time.

June 1930. Mr. A.G. Evershed appointed vice Mr. Turner.

August 1930. Electrolux refrigerator purchased at cost of £73.7.0.  
Mr. Prince, Havre presents full signed billiard's table.  
Mr. Walter Wickins (old Board member) dies.

October 1930. Miss Core (Matron) completes 21 years service and is presented with diamond dress ring.  
London East and Central Garden Show Committee donate £200 to Orphanage. £50 to General Funds and £150 earmarked towards erection of gymnasium.

- November 1930. Mr. G.E. Coleman, many years editor of South Western Gazette, dies.
- May 1931. Sub-Committee report on admission of children under six and recommend no action. Board agree.
- August 1931. Mr. Leigh Bennett's brochure "Surrey Home", 20,000 copies printed at a cost of £133.10.0.  
London West Garden Show Committee renovate interior of Boys' Recreation Room.  
Mr. G. Brockwell, old Board member, dies.
- September 1931. Board agree to employ barber and relieve Mr. Dale of hair cutting.
- December 1931. Sir Wm. Portal (Trustee) dies.  
Board ask if Orphanage deduction can be included in consolidated deductions but Accountants turn proposition down. Mr. Orme suggests a census card and employment of female clerk (Miss Blake).  
Arising out of Mr. Dale's illness House Committee ask for ruling as to who shall be treated in Hospital. Board agree that as the Orphanage claim National Health Benefit and Panel Doctor's fee, the onus is on the Orphanage to provide treatment in hospital if doctor considers it necessary.
- February 1932. Mr. F.H. Grant, Portsmouth dies.
- March 1932. Mrs. J.E.C. Caulfield leaves £500.
- May 1932. General Baring (Trustee) dies.
- June 1932. Outdoor Staff exempted from Unemployment Insurance, except Boot Repairer.
- August 1932. Board buy piece of land west of the Orphanage - 150' x 150' for £750.  
Gaze & Son's, Kingston, tender of £1,527 including Architect's fees, accepted for gymnasium.
- November 1932. Secretary Superintendent given authority to dispose of condemned boots at his discretion.  
Mr. Gore Brown, Mr. Gilbert Szlumper and Mr. H. O'Neill appointed Trustees.
- February 1933. Sir Chas. J. Owens, President, dies and Sir Herbert Walker accepts the position.  
Lady Owens presents Sir Charles' grand piano to the Orphanage.



- June 1933. Dr. Dick Read resigns and Dr. Scott is appointed.
- Sub-Committee to consider erection of extension (new wing) appointed.
- August 1933. Miss Groom appointed Junior Girls' attendant.
- September 1933. Mr. Hitchcock, Southern Railway Rating Officer, secures reduction of £100 in Orphanage assessment.
- London West Garden Show Committee accept responsibility for secondary education of two boys and two girls.
- Finance Committee draw attention to increasing expenditure and falling income.
- November 1933. Miss Core (Matron) resigns - 154 applicants for position. Miss Hilda Collins appointed at £175 per annum.
- February 1934. Mr. S. Taylor, old Board member and Chairman of Finance Committee for many years, dies.
- Deputation from Bricklayers Arms on Good Friday agreed as a special case.
- May 1934. Grace & Marsh, Croydon, tender £20,880 for new wing and £350 to modernise heating.
- June 1934. Miss Rosina Love, Assistant Matron, retires on pension. Miss Catherine Reynolds appointed Assistant Matron at £100 per annum.
- August 1934. Board decide that Miss Collins is temperamentally unsuited for her position as Matron and ask her to resign. Miss Reynolds to carry on.
- South Railway donate £500 towards cost of new wing.
- September 1934. Miss Reynolds appointed Matron, and Miss Groom, Assistant Matron.
- The Rev. Middleton Price resigns on leaving Woking. The Rev. G. Bailey appointed as Frec Church Chaplain.
- December 1934. Mr. Thos. Orme dies 14/12/34.
- Board decide all children to attend Church in accordance with the declaration of Mothers at time of admission.
- London West Garden Show Committee promise £1,000 to endow dormitory in new wing.
- Death of Mr. A.W. Szlumper.

- January 1935. Mr. H. O'Neill elected Chairman and Mr. G. Pheby, Vice Chairman.
- Miss J. Hall, S.R.N. appointed Staff Nurse (title later altered to Sister) at £75 per annum.
- March 1935. Board agree to special canvass being made.
- April 1935. Board discuss "All Line" Flag Day, but agree to leave District Committees to take what action they consider best individually.
- June 1935. Board agree to Matron attending House Committee.
- July 1935. Opening of New Wing by Mrs. Holland Martin - 20th July, 1935.
- September 1935. In order to save gas Board purchase Teatomaton at a cost of £60.18.0. but turn down suggestion for electric potato peeling and bread cutting machines.
- New Wing increases assessment by £300 but Mr. Hitchcock, Southern Railway Rating Officer, secures reduction of £114.
- Guildford Hut completed and deeds handed over to Orphanage.
- December 1935. Board deal with question of meals to Boys' Master and his Relief and set up scale of charges for meals when supplied.
- February 1936. Mr. F. Bennett appointed Chief Handyman and moves into lodge vacated by Mr. Dale, Boys' Master.
- April 1936. Board agree to admit Motherless children experimentally.
- May 1936. Board decide that in the case of total orphans, War and Orphan pensions shall be credited to a special fund from which any child leaving the home may be helped by supplementing wages, apprenticeship, tools, etc.
- July 1936. Mr. Evershed appointed Assistant Secretary Superintendent.
- Superannuation Fund revised to allow of joint annuities, also to allow any member of permanent staff to join.
- September 1936. Paybill deductions in the case of Motherless children to be checked every six months. Steps to be taken to ascertain, where possible, income of father.

- December 1936. Board instruct that the School inspection of eyesight shall be supplemented by independent tests by the Sister.
- April 1937. Mr. R. Pearce, old Board Member dies.
- June 1937. Mr. Davidson agrees to collect any arrears of Fathers' subscriptions on receipt of advice from Secretary Superintendent.
- Piece of land west of Hospital, nearest railway - approximately 150' x 150' - rented from Southern Railway at £5 per annum.
- Greenhouse built - cost £52.15.0.
- July 1937. Board agree to re-imburse Secretary Superintendent any expense arising from guardianship of Jupp family.
- November 1937. Board instruct that in all applications for admission a report be obtained from Head Master for information of Doctor.
- December 1937. Mr. A.E. Smith due to retire on the 1st March, 1938, given three months leave of absence.
- Mr. A.G. Evershed appointed Secretary Superintendent at £350 per annum.
- Matron's salary increased to £200.
- Trustees meet and express satisfaction with Orphanage investments.
- January 1938. Board agree to dispense with August meetings.
- February 1938. Booklet "Home from Home" - 40,000 copies printed.
- March 1938. Board meet at Christ Church Hall, Woking on account of diphtheria. Secondary School children boarded out.
- May 1938. The Rev. Baily resigns on leaving Woking - the Rev. Bawtree appointed Free Church Chaplain.
- Miss Bridger, Junior Girls' Mistress, retires and receives presentation at the hands of the Board.
- June 1938. Board agree to alter and enlarge Secretary Superintendent's House "Trevana" at a cost of £608.
- August 1938. Two boys Le Brocq from St. Malo admitted.

- September 1938. Orphanage staff undertake catering for visitors.
- Miss Groom appointed Captain of Girl Guides.
- Mr. H. Bower, old Board Member, leaves legacy of £50.
- London West Garden Show offer to finance erection of new Recreation Hall and also continue scholarships.
- November 1938. Board decide that for purposes of discipline Boys' Master, Gymnasium Instructor and Senior Boys come directly under Secretary Superintendent.
- December 1938. Board instruct that all future references in respect to staff be issued by Secretary Superintendent.
- Guardianship of Jupp family passes from Mr. A.E. Smith to Mr. A.G. Evershed, but no legal steps taken on advice of Solicitor.
- January 1939. Secretary Superintendent reported interview with Ministry of Health representative re commandeering Orphanage as casualty clearing station for London.
- February 1939. Surrey County Council agree to make a grant of £1,11.6. towards cost of tonsil and adenoids operations for the future.
- March 1939. Victoria Station Cot Committee arrange to defray cost of two years domestic training for two girls.
- Special canvass started, and results in large increase of Pay-Bill subscribers.
- May 1939. Separate Committee for Isle of Wight agreed.
- July 1939. Board agree to improve Lodge at cost of £230.
- Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees appointed to take over the management of the Home in event of war. Board to be summoned when necessary.
- September 1939. Mr. Platt (Assistant Boys' Master), Mr. Bennett (Chief Handyman) and Mr. Bucksey, (Houseman) called up for R.A.M.C., R.A.F. and R.N. respectively. Board agree to pay their wives difference between their basic service rate and their Orphanage pay.
- Staff Staff, except Miss Blake (Clerk) on loan to Ministry of Health as from the 1st September.
- Premises taken over by Ministry of Health. Children on vacation in "safe" areas remained with their Mothers, remainder returned to Orphanage on Friday, 1st September, and were

September 1939. passed on to billets in Basingstoke under  
(cont.) the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Pheby and  
members of the Basingstoke Committee.

Premises and contents valued by Mr. A.G.  
Bonsor, Kingston.

January 1940. Mr. A. Gosden, Gardener, joins Military  
Police.

March 1940. Ministry of Health agree to rent Orphanage  
premises at £2,200 per annum. Take over  
all "consumable" stores at Bonsor's valuation  
and take remainder on loan at 7½% of value  
per annum.

April 1940. "Stowthorna", Epsom Road, Guildford rented  
as Boys' Hostel (approximately 25 children).  
Miss Groom, Assistant Matron in charge.

"Echo Hurst", Warwicks Bench Road, Guildford  
rented as Girls' Hostel (approximately 25  
children). Miss Hall, Hospital Sister in  
charge.

Railway Scale of War Bonus adopted for  
Orphanage Staff - Staff living in to receive  
two-thirds.