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PREFACE.

Having passed the half century mark none of the founders of the Orphanage is now alive and the ranks of those who knew of its early days are sadly thinned.

Many of us whose connection with the Home dates from more recent years, and this necessarily includes those friends from the old South Eastern and Brighton Sections, have a very inadequate knowledge of the institution's early days.

This I think, is sufficient justification for the compilation of a record, which I am afraid falls far short of the tribute due to the courage and devotion of that small band of pioneers who in face of serious difficulties and discouragement, succeeded in establishing the first modest home at Clapham, which in later years developed into the Orphanage at Woking.

H. C. Mell.

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PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

Presidents. Sir Henry W. Peek 1885 to 1897
Director, L. & S.W.R.
Sir Wyndham Portal, 1898 to 1904
Chairman, L. & S.W.R.
Sir Charles Scotter, 1905 to 1909
Chairman, L. & S.W.R.
Sir Charles Owens, 1910 to 1931
General Manager, L. & S.W.R.
Sir Herbert Walker, 1932
General Manager, S.R.

Chairmen. F. Sims, Goods Guard. 1885 to 1889
Thos. Higgs, Loco. Running 1890 to 1909
Supt.
Douglas Eve, Clerk, Loco. 1910 to 1919
Dept.
D.J. Radmoore, Chief Yard 1920 to 1924
Inspector.
T.C.R. Orme, Southampton 1925 to 1934
Marine Supt.
H.J. O'Neill, Chief Canvasser. 1935

Joint Hon. Secretaries. F. Woodcock, } 1885 to 1886
J. Dungate, }

Secretaries. W. Spencer. 1886 to 1889
H.G. Warne. 1889 to 1918
A.E. Smith. 1918 to 1938
A.G. Evershed. 1938

Founding the Orphanage.

The idea of the London & South Western Railwaymen having their own orphanage was discussed as early as 1834 and in the March of the following year a Committee, to bring the project to fruition, was elected. Unfortunately no record of their deliberation or progress now exists, the first minute book being missing. The earliest record existent is of a Committee Meeting held on the 8th January, 1836, when Mr. F. Woodcock was elected Joint Hon. Secretary to co-operate with Mr. J. Dungate already acting in that capacity.

At this period the Railway Orphanage at Derby, founded some ten years earlier, was the only railway orphanage, but the L. & S.W.R. was a small company, unable to command anything like the number of votes necessary to secure a candidate's admission, so the prospect of relief to the widow from this source was almost negligible.

However distressful the case might be, all that could be done in most bereavements was the usual "whip round" amongst the dead man's colleagues, resulting in a few pounds to tide over immediate necessities and when that small fund was exhausted the widow and her children were left to fend as best they could.

One has to bear in mind that at this period there were no State pensions to ease the lot of the widow and orphan, and further, owing to the low wages generally prevailing, any assistance given by a man's own colleagues, even to the extent of a shilling or so entailed a real sacrifice on the part of the donor.

This was the atmosphere in which the Orphanage was born. The leading spirit of the enterprise was the Rev. Canon Allen Edwards, M.A. of All Saints Church, Clapham, well known as "The Railwaymen's Parson", supported by Dr. and Mrs. Sope, and Miss Merryweather, residents of Clapham and a small committee of South Western men with Mr. Fred. Sims, Goods Guard, as Chairman.

Disapproval at Headquarters.

The project for the L. & S.W. staff to found an orphanage on their own responsibility was not looked upon with favour at Headquarters. When news of the scheme percolated through to Waterloo Mr. Sims and a number of his colleagues were sent for and were warned by the Secretary of the Company of the folly of working men with no proper backing undertaking heavy financial responsibilities "far beyond those which they could hope to discharge". The warning was doubtlessly kindly meant, but the men stood their ground and it was then that it was insisted upon by the Company that the word "Servants" should be incorporated in the title, so that any tradesman concerned would realise that the L. & S.W. Co. had no responsibility for debts incurred.

Even as late as 1888 when the Orphanage was

firmly established the official mind was not quite happy about the position and the Chairman of the Company, Mr. Wyndham Portal (afterwards Sir Wyndham Portal) was pressing the Orphanage to amalgamate with the L. & S.W.R. Widows and Orphans Fund. This latter fund was a contributory scheme partially self supporting and almost entirely confined to members of the clerical staff. The possibility of amalgamation was examined, but the Widows & Orphans Fund's proposition amounted to the handing over of the Orphanage assets to be incorporated in the Widows & Orphans Fund's scheme. A one sided arrangement which the Orphanage Committee naturally rejected. Here again the advice was no doubt given in good faith for ten years later Sir Wyndham accepted the position of President and proved a very generous friend.

The Founders.

The Managing Committee (the title Board of Management was not adopted until later years) was almost entirely recruited from the wages grades. The founders were the following :-

F. Sims,	Goods Guard,	Nine Elms.	Chairman.
R. Hamman,	" "	" "	Vice Chairman.
F. Woodcock,	" "	" "	Joint Hon.
J. Dungate,	Inspector,	" "	Secretaries.
C. Burt,	Goods Guard,	" "	
T. Edwards,	" "	" "	
W. Gude,	Foreman,	" "	
R. Young,	Goods Guard,	" "	
T. Madge,	Porter,	" "	
R.H. Pearce,	Inspector,	Traffic Dept.	
G. Reed,	Goods Guard,	Nine Elms.	
G. Smallbones,	Truck Horse Driver,	" "	

In two or three years the Managing Committee had expanded to 45 and it may be of interest to quote the list in full as indicating the men who were carrying on the work. What strikes one, is how very largely the interest is still centered in Nine Elms, Waterloo being represented by a humble lampman.

Managing Committee 1887.

Arcott, T.	Brakesman,	Nine Elms.
Barnard, A.	Booking Clerk,	Richmond.
Brewer, H.	Goods Guard,	Nine Elms.
Burt, C.	" "	" "
Clayton, J.	Carman,	" "
Courtney, J.	Goods Guard,	" "
Davies, J.	Pavior,	" "
Davis, J.	Loco. Inspector,	" "
Dimmer, H.	Ticket Collector,	Vauxhall.
Dungate, J.	Inspector,	Nine Elms.
Edwards, T.	Goods Guard,	" "
Eve, D.	Clerk,	" "
Fountain, W.	Engineman,	" "
Goddard, H.	Painter,	" "
Gray, J.	Brakesman,	" "
Gude, W.	Foreman,	" "
Hannan, R.	Goods Guard,	" "
Harlow, J.	Foreman,	" "
Higgs, T.	Loco. Running Supt.	" "
Hubbard, W.	Brakesman,	" "
Jeffrey, J.	Carman,	" "
Jetton, F.	Pavior,	" "
Judd, A.E.	Station Master,	Richmond.
Lawrence, A.	Inspector,	Weybridge.
Madge, T.	Porter,	Nine Elms.
Maskell, W.	Carman,	" "
Ormond, W.	Brakesman,	" "
Perry, W.	Inspector,	Clapham Junction.
Reed, G.	Goods Guard,	Nine Elms.
Rees, G.	Lampman,	Waterloo.
Rumbelow,	Station Master,	Vauxhall.
Russell, A.	Goods Guard,	Nine Elms.
Sharman, F.	Carman,	" "
Shaw, W.	Cartage Foreman,	" "
Sims, F.	Goods Guard,	" "
Sims, G.	Foreman,	" "
Smallbones, G.	Truck Horse Driver,	" "
Spooner, H.	Engineman,	" "
Taylor, S.	Clerk,	" "
Thomas, J.	Inspector,	Borough Office.
Thorne, A.	Foreman,	Nine Elms.
Tuckett, C.	Goods Guard,	" "
Warsap, S.J.	Foreman,	" "
Waters, S.	Clerk,	" "
Wickens, W.	Brass Finisher,	" "
Woodcock, F.	Goods Guard,	" "

The outstanding figure in this body was Mr. Thomas Higgs, Loco. Running Supt., who acted as Chairman for 19 years and did yeoman service for the Orphanage. Of venerable appearance with his patriarchal beard, Mr. Higgs was a persona grata at Waterloo and accomplished many things for the home, which would have been impossible without such a friend at court.

Canon Allen Edwards.

It may be appropriate here to pay tribute to Canon Allen Edwards without whose wise counsel and generous support the project to found the Orphanage would probably have failed.

The grateful appreciation of the Orphanage Authorities is expressed in a memorial tablet which, together with the table around which the men and the Canon sat to discuss the project, occupies a place of honour in the entrance hall at the Orphanage.

The tablet is worded as under :-

THIS MEMORIAL

is inscribed

TO the GLORY OF GOD
and
in affectionate and lasting remembrance
of the
Beloved Founder of this Institution

THE REV. CANON ALLEN EDWARDS.
(Vicar of All Saints, South Lambeth. Rural Dean of Kennington).
Who passed into eternity on June 7th, 1917.
In the 73rd year of his age.

Ever ready to help those in trouble or distress, he warmly welcomed round the Table which stands at the foot of this Memorial, the Deputation of South Western Railwaymen who invited his aid in founding a Home for the children of their departed comrades, for whom sufficient room could not be found in the only other Railway Orphanage in England.

Entering whole-heartedly into the movement, he succeeded, under great difficulties, in firmly establishing the Institution in his Parish in January, 1885. The Home was opened in March, 1886, and mainly by his practical assistance and that of his many influential friends, placed on a sound and permanent basis, proving the greatest blessing to many helpless widows and orphans. The Canon took a keen interest in its progress and the welfare of the children until the close of his life.

During his 42 years ministerial work in South Lambeth, he, by his untiring and devoted labours amongst his parishioners gained their enduring affection and was familiarly known as

"THE RAILWAYMEN'S PARSON".

"There is but one thing that can never turn into suffering and that is the good we have done".
(Maeterlinck).

Present day Management.

The division of the Line into District Committee areas in 1918 followed by the Southern fusion a few years later, gave the Board of Management a much wider representation than before. This will be apparent from a comparison of to-day's Board of Management, with the list of the members of the 1887 Board given on page 5. The selection of Board members from each of the various districts ensures that the whole of the line is represented.

From the members of the Board of Management, augmented by ladies where necessary, are elected the representatives to serve on the various standing sub-Committees, viz.:-

House Committee.
Finance "
Welfare "
Children's Fund Committee.
Building Committee.
Hospital "

all of which deal with matters coming within their respective scope, subject of course, to confirmation by the Board of Management.

On the following page will be found the names of the present Board of Management.

Board of Management 1940.

Balment, A.E.	Clerk,	Plymouth Friary Gds.
Banham, Rev. J.C.	Hon. Chaplain,	
Bawtree, Rev. S.R.	Hon. Chaplain.	
Bovett, W.J.	Station Foreman,	Exeter.
Bruce, A.	Train Motorman,	Epsom.
Carter, C.E.	Electrical Fitter,	Durnsford Road.
Copp, T.H.	Clerk,	Exeter, D.S.O.
Diprose, L.A.	Clerk,	Maidstone Goods.
Dunn, T.	Chargeman Erector,	Eastleigh Works.
England, C.	Goods Agent,	Portsmouth.
Gillett, E.G.	Clerk,	Richmond Goods.
Goad, F.L.V.	Stores Issuer,	Lancing Works.
Gray, W.	Carriage Examiner,	Basingstoke.
Hawkins, P.	Stationmaster,	Newport, I.O.W.
Hedge, G.T. (Rtd.)	Outdoor Com'l Manager,	London Bridge.
Hibberd, W. (Rtd.)	Loco. Fitter,	Nine Elms.
Hicks, A.	Electrician,	Southampton Docks.
Jacobs, H.J.	Staff Clerk,	Ashford Works, Kent.
Jarrett, H.	Chief Clerk,	Holborn.
Lamperd, C.F.S.	Clerk,	Kingston.
Lawrence, C.R.	Engineer's Foreman,	Southampton Docks.
Leeves, H.	Area Representative,	Maidstone.
Loveland, C. (Rtd.)	Horse Dept. Foreman,	Bricklayer's Arms.
Lowe, J.	Carpenter,	Eastleigh Works.
Luckey, G.	Checker,	Portsmouth Goods.
Marsh, S.E. (Rtd.)	Goods Supt.	Nine Elms.
Mongham, G.	Station Foreman,	Guildford.
Moore, R.S.	Headmaster,	Monument Hill Sch'l.
O'Neill, H. (Chairman)	Chief Canvasser,	Waterloo.
Pape, W.G.	Gen. Manager's Indoor Assistant,	Waterloo.
Perry, B.	Clerk,	Dover Loco.
Pheby, G.T. (Rtd.) (Vice Chairman)	Driver,	Basingstoke.
Pinney, F.C.	Signalman,	Sutton.
Pitcher, F.W.	Loader,	Nine Elms.
Pocock, T. (Rtd.)	Signalman,	Victoria.
Price, F.G.	Driver,	Guildford.
Radmoore, D.J. (Rtd.)	Chief Inspector,	Nine Elms.
Rodd, T. (Rtd.)	Checker,	Nine Elms.
Russell, A.J. (Rtd.)	Storekeeper,	Southampton Docks.
Russell, W.	Goods Foreman,	Nine Elms.
Shaw, G.	Clerk,	Bournemouth Goods.
Stainer, A.	Chief Clerk,	Bournemouth Goods.
Stone, S. (Rtd.)	Foreman, C.& W. Dept.	Clapham Junction.
Taylor, J.	Station Foreman,	Woking.
Thilthorpe, G.S.	Stores Issuer,	Faversham Loco.
Tillett, L.	Clerk,	Portsmouth Goods.
Truckel, G.	Electrician,	Eastleigh Works.
Uzzell, E.	Welfare Officer,	Waterloo.
West, F.R.	Clerk,	Dover, T.O.
Wey, G. (Rtd.)	Checker,	Exeter Goods.
Wilcox, W.G. (Rtd.)	Clerk,	Nine Elms.
Winsor, A.G.	Inspector Lighting Dpt.	London Bridge.
Wood, E.H.	Fitter,	Lancing Works.

Orphanage Officers 1940.

<u>President.</u>	Sir Herbert A. Walker, K.C.B. Retired General Manager, Southern Railway.
<u>Trustees.</u>	E. Gore-Browne, Esq., D.S.O. Deputy Chairman, Southern Railway. Major-General Gilbert S. Szlumper, C.B.E., T.D., A.M.I.C.E., M.I.T. Director-General of Transportation & Movements, War Office. H. O'Neill, Esq., Chief Convasser, Southern Railway.
<u>Chairman of Board of Management.</u>	H. O'Neill, Esq., Chief Convasser, Southern Railway.
<u>Hon. Treasurer.</u>	Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bart., M.P.
<u>Hon. Secretary.</u>	G.T. Hedge, Esq., O.B.E. Outdoor Commercial Manager, Southern Rly.
<u>Hon. Auditors.</u>	R.G. Davidson, Esq., F.S.A.A., Chief Accountant, Southern Railway. F.R. Wilson, Esq., Accountant's Office, Southern Railway.
<u>Hon. Solicitor.</u>	H.L. Smedley, Esq., Solicitor, Southern Railway.
<u>Hon. Chaplains.</u>	Rev. J. Clifford Banham, M.A. Vicar of Christ Church, Woking. Rev. S.R. Bawtree, Congregational Church, Woking.
<u>Hon. Consulting Physician.</u>	G. Dick Read, Esq., M.A., M.D. (Cantab.)
<u>Secretary Supt.</u>	Aldred G. Evershed.
<u>Matron.</u>	Miss C. Reynolds, S.R.N.
<u>Medical Officer.</u>	K.L.J. Scott, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P. (London).
<u>Dentists.</u>	H. Slater, Esq., L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.). J.D.T. Pickering, Esq., L.D.S.
<u>Bankers.</u>	Westminster Bank, Ltd., Woking.
<u>"The Children's Fund."</u>	Founder - Cecil W. Carington, Esq. Hon. Treasurer - T.A. Dunn, Esq. Hon. Secretary - A.G. Evershed, Esq.

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Hon. Treasurer - T.A. Dunn, Esq.
Hon. Secretary - A.G. Evershed, Esq.

appointed Orphanage Concert Secretary and in his first year of office succeeded in raising concert receipts to £255.14.9.

Rail Excursions.

In the early days rail excursions added considerably to the receipts. True the first one run in 1886 to Rowlands Castle resulted in a loss of 3s/6d, but the venture was persisted in annually and in 1891 a trip to the New Forest showed a profit of £87, two trains being provided by the L. & S.W.R. free of cost. In 1893 the venue was changed to Bournemouth, three trains, again provided free, resulted in a profit of £304. A top figure of £440 was reached in 1895, but the following year the Company reduced the trains to two and receipts from then on, until the outbreak of war averaged £250 per annum.

In the days when annual holidays and extensive travelling was not so common as to-day, the Orphanage excursion provided a golden opportunity for the staff and public in South West London to spend a day at the sea. For several years it was the practice to close the Nine Elms Loco. and Carriage Works on this day, leaving only a few essential men on duty. These men and their families were the backbone of the excursion and in many cases it provided the only opportunity these folk had of a trip to the sea.

The concession was withdrawn during the war and never restored, one reason being that the ultra low fares charged contravened the post-war agreement made between the various Companies, to institute minimum fares below which passengers should not be carried, in order to wipe out the absurdly low rates which competition had brought into being, such as Skegness and back for 4s/6d, and similar very low competitive figures.

Church Parades.

At the instance of Canon Allen Edwards many church services were held in London and elsewhere, and a special appeal and collection made for the Orphanage. In 1888 a "Parade Committee" was formed under Mr. Wm. Gude to organise Church Parades. A banner was secured and "Church Parades" became a familiar Sunday feature at many South Western towns.

A sympathetic cleric, willing to give a Sunday to the Orphanage would be found, and on the appointed day the Parade Committee would travel with the Orphanage banner (later augmented by a second one). Yeovil, Salisbury, Winchester, Eastleigh, etc. etc. were annual events. With any bands that could be mustered, the local fire brigade, Oddfellows, Druids, anything or anybody to make a show, a parade would be formed and with banners waving in the breeze, collecting boxes rattling to the cry of "help the railway orphans", the procession would tramp the streets of the town before going into church for the service, where a collection for the Orphanage would be taken up.

The following account extracted from the Southern

Daily Echo" of the 29th April, 1907 shows that in those days church parades attracted no small interest in the towns visited.

"Over 3,000 people were present at the annual service held in Winchester Cathedral yesterday afternoon in aid of the funds of the L.& S.W.R. Servants' Orphanage. As usual a special train was run from Southampton to Winchester, calling at intermediate stations, the number travelling by it being between 750 and 800.

"The scene outside the station was a very animated one. Hundreds of Wintonians had assembled to watch the arrival of the visitors and then subsequent procession to the Cathedral".

Church Parades which brought in an income of approximately £250 per annum, were suspended during the war and never revived. The old Orphanage banners, with their brave motto "Bear ye one another's burdens" now hang in honourable retirement on the Orphanage walls. Mr. William Gude, the last of the founders and the head and front of the parade arrangements, passed away in July 1938 at the age of 86, actively interested to the last.

Collecting Dogs.

In 1894 Mr. Slark, Basingstoke, with his dog "Jack" collected £18.10.0. for the Orphanage. The idea caught on and the following year dogs were also operating at Bournemouth and Waterloo, the trio collecting a total of £78.4.10. In 1899 a fourth dog was operating at Southampton, increasing the total to £109. Of this quartet says the report, "the most successful is Mr. Wickens' "London Jack" who became famous during the summer through his capture by, and subsequent rescue from the clutches of a gang of dog stealers, who were brought to justice through the instrumentality of Detective Sergeant Clark, and received their just reward in the shape of a long term of imprisonment".

By 1909 no less than 22 dogs are recorded as working at various stations, but with the exception of the London dogs they were worked very spasmodically, and the receipts for that year amounted to £453 only. From that date on, the number of dogs declined but the receipts increased. Since the last war about half a dozen dogs have operated, mostly at the London stations. From the time Mr. Slark at Basingstoke collected the first £18.10.0. in 1894 to the present time the Orphanage dogs have collected no less a sum than £25,189.

Staff Subscriptions.

In 1890 the Orphanage turned to the staff for support and an appeal was made for the contribution of one penny per month. The sum so collected in this year amounted to £60.13.0. or as the report rather quaintly puts it - 14,556 pence.

From this date staff subscriptions show a steady

increase. The laying of the Foundation Stone of the new building at Woking in 1907 was made the occasion of a special appeal to the staff and the public, and met with an excellent response, the staff subscriptions reaching £1,994 as compared with £1,018 the previous year, dropping back however, to £974 in 1908.

In 1912, consequent upon the introduction of the National Insurance Act, and by a process of reasoning difficult to follow, a large number of the staff withdrew their support of the Orphanage, resulting in a drop of £150. This ground was recovered the following year only to be lost again in 1914 owing to some 2,500 L. & S.W. men joining the colours. In 1916 subscriptions through the pay-bills came into being and subscriptions improved and were less liable to violent fluctuations.

In 1918 the London (West) District Committee was organised and by systematically covering their area brought in many more subscribers. From then on staff subscriptions have steadily increased and the opening of the Orphanage to the sister Sections on the 1st January, 1925 provided further scope for an appeal to which the South Eastern and Brighton staffs generously responded.

In 1935 the increased expenditure brought about by the extension, rendered it necessary to still further increase the income and as the result of a special personal canvass made throughout the whole of the system, over £4,000 per annum was added to the 1934 figure. Another £1,000 per annum was secured by similar means in 1939 with the result that the figures for that year show an increase in staff subscriptions of £5,336 over 1934.

The weakness still exists of subscriptions lost on men being transferred from one station to another, or of men resuming duty after protracted sick leave. No remedy for this trouble appears feasible, and the loss can only be checked by periodical canvass of all non-subscribers, many of whom are ignorant of the fact that they are not subscribers.

Profits from "South Western Gazette" and
"Southern Railway Magazine".

In 1891 the "South Western Gazette" (Proprietor Mr. W.H. Goffe, Editor Mr. G.B. Coleman) donated half the profits for that year, amounting to £26 to the Orphanage. By 1910 the "Gazette" contributions to the Orphanage had gradually increased to £215 per annum.

In 1917 Mr. Coleman, who in the meantime had become sole Proprietor of the "Gazette", retired and was presented with an illuminated address by the Board of Management, when it was mentioned that during the time Mr. Coleman had been Editor and later Proprietor, the Gazette had donated £2,500 to the Orphanage.

The role of the "Gazette" was taken over by the "South Western (later the "Southern") Magazine" and the benefactions to the Orphanage continued.

Garden Shows.

The various Garden Show organisations throughout the line have been very helpful to the Orphanage. The West of England Garden Show Committee have been responsible for the endowment of several cots.

The London West Garden Show Committee by a gift of £175 in 1931 made it possible to convert the old Drill Hall into a comfortable and well equipped Recreation Hall. On the occasion of the opening of the New Wing in 1935 the Committee pledged itself to subscribe £1,000 to endow a dormitory, which obligation has been faithfully discharged. A further tentative promise (subject to war conditions, etc.) has been given by our London West friends to finance the re-building of the Boys' Recreation Hall at an approximate cost of £4,000. The existing temporary building has long been an eyesore and has spoilt the general appearance of the estate. Another very useful contribution of the London West Garden Show Committee for some years past, has been the payment of the fees for four of our children attending secondary school.

The London East and Central Divisions Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show Committee have also been substantial benefactors to the Orphanage. In 1932 at a cost of £2,000 they provided the excellent gymnasium which has proved such an asset to the children's health, and which is more fully described elsewhere.

On the completion of the New Wing they, like their London West confreres undertook the endowment of a dormitory by donating £1,000 in instalments from their funds.

Southern Miniature Railway.

The model railway constructed and worked by Mr. F. Russell Hutchinson of Surbiton, which is such a well known feature at Garden Shows, etc. has been a source of income to the Orphanage for the past 30 years.

Contrary to popular belief Mr. Hutchinson is not a railwayman, the models being built and run entirely as a hobby. Prior to the last war the pursuit of his hobby brought Mr. Hutchinson into contact with L. & S.W. railwaymen and the Orphanage. Impressed, on a visit to Woking, with the work being done for the children, he volunteered then and there to operate his railway any where and any when where benefit to the Orphanage would accrue. For over 30 years the Miniature Railway has been "on call" for the Orphanage.

For the past eleven years, thanks to the kindness of the Hove Corporation, a site has been granted on the Hove lawns and, until the outbreak of war, the railway operated there for three months each summer with considerable financial benefit to the Orphanage.

The ways the Southern staff have devised of helping the Orphanage are many, and amongst the unique methods may be classed the "Old Bottle" Fund. By permission of the General Manager, and thanks to the painstaking efforts of Mr. Selves of the Traffic Manager's Office, old bottles left in trains, instead of being thrown on the rubbish heap, have, since 1928, been carefully collected at various points, and sold for the benefit of the Orphanage.

The result of the first year's effort was to equip the Orphanage Hospital with a much appreciated radio, and the next year with a gramophone and useful stock of records.

In 1931 it was decided to establish the "Old Bottles Scholarship Fund", the income of which enables three children to have the advantage of secondary education at the County School.

Pound Day.

The Orphanage Pound Day originated in a Sale of Work organised annually at Epsom by Mrs. Millard (wife of L.& S.W.R. Bill Inspector, Waterloo) in the early days of the last war. In 1920 it developed into a Pound Day appeal with a much wider scope.

Mrs. Millard died in 1924 and the organisation of the Pound Day appeal was undertaken by Mrs. A.E. Smith (wife of the Secretary Superintendent) with even more successful results.

In 1938 the Pound Day work was carried out by the Orphanage staff, but in the following year, owing to the International situation and the appeals made to the staff in other directions Pound Day was discontinued.

Notable Contributions, Legacies, etc.

Besides the amount raised by the various District Committees or by individual departments, stations or organisations, by way of endowment of cots, etc. the Orphanage has been fortunate in receiving substantial donations, legacies, etc., some from officials of the railway and others from members of the public who have known and approved the work done for the children.

To attempt to particularise the several good friends of the Orphanage is a somewhat hazardous proceeding, as the risk of overlooking excellent and generous workers is very real. There were many friends in the past who by reason of their financial position were able to make marked contributions to the development of the Orphanage. On the other hand, others, equally sincere and equally zealous for the success and progress of the Home, gave not only their "widow's mite" but time and labour without stint.

As a matter of interest and because many of the names are household words, especially to members of the old L.& S.W. staff, some of the principal benefactors of the Orphanage are mentioned below:-

First perhaps should be mentioned the hundred guineas donated annually by the Company.

When one considers the various items shewn below, it will be realised what help and encouragement these "windfalls" brought to the Orphanage authorities in their struggle to get the institution on a sound basis.

1888.	Legacy - Miss L. McKellar.	£100.
1891.	Bazaar in aid of Freehold Purchase Fund, held at British Home for Incurables, Clapham for five days realised £477. Subsequent sale of work a further £100, including thirty guineas from the President, Sir Henry W. Peek.	£577.
1892.	Legacy - Mrs. C.M. Woodroffe.	£200.
	Mr. Wyndham Portal - donation on appointment Chairman, L.& S.W.R.	£100.
	Southwark & Vauxhall Water Co. - donation.	£50.
1893.	Legacy - Mrs. E. Keeble.	£200.
1894.	Sir Charles Scotter - to endow ward in memory of late wife.	£500.
1895.	Mr. Wyndham Portal - donation.	£105.
	Sir Charles Scotter - "	£105.
	Mr. Govett (Director) - "	£105.
	Archibald Scott - "	£50.
	Sir Henry W. Peek - "	£42.
	Many lesser amounts from Railway Officials and local residents in response to special appeal for funds to establish Boys' Home.	
1901	L.& S.W. donation towards cost of extension of Boys' Home.	£525.
	Legacy - Mr. R.B. West, Exeter.	£250.
1906	Earl Rosebery - donation	£100.
	Legacy - Richard Ponton.	£100.
1907	Legacy - Thos. Parker Harvey.	£3,000.
	Collection at stone laying ceremony, Woking.	£1,700.
1910	Legacy - Sir Charles Scotter.	£1,000.
	" - Archibald Scott.	£1,000.
	" - Mr. W.H. Legge, Romsey.	£100.
	" - Rev. C.H.W. Kenrick.	£100.
1911	Special "loyalty" appeal.	£3,623.
1912	Legacy - Mrs. Trevena.	£1,000.
	" - Mr. F.J. Macaulay .	£50.
	(late Secretary, L.& S.W.)	
	" - Mr. F. Johnson.	£50.

1913	Legacy - Mr. G.J. Fenwick, Bournemouth.	£500.
1915	" - Mr. S.W. Kershaw.	£500.
	" - Mr. F. Russell.	£225.
1917	" - Mrs. Barrell (widow of late Storekeeper, L.& S.W.R.)	£700.
1919	" - Mr. Charles Harvey.	£1,000.
1923	" - Mrs. Harrison.	£500.
1924	" - Mr. Antony Waterer.	£250.
1925	" - Mrs. Vezey.	£347.
	" - Mrs. L. James.	£205.
	" - Mrs. Oldham.	£108.
	" - Mr. A. Ware.	£90.
1928	" - Mr. W. Purser.	£500.
1929	" - Mrs. A. Malby, widow of late Goods Manager, L.& S.W.R.	£379.
	" - Mrs. S.A. Knottley.	£200.
	" - Mr. W.J. Thorrowgood, late Signal & Telegraph Engineer, L.& S.W.R., to found "Thorrowgood Scholarships".	£1,000.
1930	" - Lady Dunning Lawrence.	£2,000.
	" - Mr. F. Hartnell, late Accountant, L.& S.W.R.	£100.
	" - Miss Kempster.	£50.
1931	" - Mrs. E.M. Hilditch.	£100.
	" - Mrs. C.F. Parkins.	£100.
1932	" - Mrs. J.E.C. Caulfield.	£500.
1934	" - Mr. G.J. Smith, Southampton.	£100.
1935	" - Mrs. J.J. Brewer, Widow of late Secretary, L.B. & S.C.R.	£500.
1937	" - Mrs. Laurens, Jersey.	£300.
1938	" - Mr. Jesse Marsh.	£50.
	" - Mr. E.K. Burstall.	£100.
	" - Mr. H. Bower (late Board member).	£50.

Mr. Dugald Drummond's name has not been included but from 1896 until his death in 1912 he was a consistent supporter of the Home, and his personal subscriptions from time to time amounted to over £1,000. The Orphanage benefitted also, to the extent of nearly £200, by the sale of his lectures in book form at 1s/6d per copy, the whole proceeds of the sales being given to the Orphanage.