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S. Nicholas' and S. Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital,
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There have been one or two changes amongst the Sisters—Sister Liddiatt from the babies' ward left in January after several years' service at Pyrford, and Sister Huxley in May. Sister Markham joined us in May and after service in one or two other wards, is now in charge of the top ward at St. Nicholas', while Sister Woodward is looking after St. Agnes' Home at Pevensey Bay.

The Office Staff was once again disturbed by "affairs of matrimony" and Miss Hodgkinson left in October to get married, after only about 18 months at the Hospital. Great increase in the work of the office had already in March necessitated the appointment of a second clerk in the person of Miss B. Turner, a most efficient worker who as it were dropped on us "from the blue." She too will be leaving us in January to get married, and her place is to be taken by Miss Forty who comes on January 14th, on two months' trial. A very suitable successor to Miss Hodgkinson was found in Miss M. Pearson of Cranleigh, after several other candidates had also been interviewed by the Committee. She took over her duties in October.

On the Male Staff, the only change was the departure of H. Rogers in November after 8 years' service, and the engagement of W. Greer in December as Ward Orderly at St. Martin's.

ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

X-ray Department.—The X-ray apparatus has again cost a lot of money to bring it up-to-date and ensure the taking of satisfactory skiagrams. At the end of 1934 on the advice of the experts, a new couch and shock-proof tube were fitted by the Solus Electrical Company at a cost of about £300. In 1937 it was found necessary to renew the Metallix tube and fit a new rectifying valve at a cost of £108. The apparatus, still proving unsatisfactory, was inspected on April 1st by Dr. Tchapoff from St. Thomas's Hospital, and Mr. Paris from Phillips Metallix, the makers of the tube; they recommended the removal of the old generating unit and the installation of a modern 4-valve one at a cost of £550; this was carried out in June. Since then the apparatus has proved to be quite efficient.

Mercury Vapour Lamps and Electricity Supply.—Late in 1937, as recorded in the Annual Report for that year, it was found necessary to renew the Mercury Vapour Lamp; attention was called then to a drop in voltage under certain conditions which caused the lamp to go out; after the renewal of a badly worn "Starter" for the laundry motor, on the same main circuit as the M.V. Lamp, which did not get over the difficulties, the Working Electric Supply Company made a careful examination of

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

During the year 1938, the principal alteration in the Committee was occasioned by the death of Mr. Oxenford, who had been Honorary Treasurer of the Hospital for so many years; he had made a most gallant fight against ill-health for a long time and was unfailingly cheerful in spite of his disabilities; it was with the greatest regret that we heard of his passing on June 20th. Mr. Austin Bailey of Pyrford was elected to the Committee in September, and kindly consented to take over the duties of Honorary Treasurer.

The Hon. Margaret Wyndham was elected in July, and Mrs. Macleod of "Brakewood," West Byfleet, in November.

Towards the end of 1938, it was decided by the Executive in London, that the Management Committee of the Hospital should be reconstituted, six members being appointed by the Executive, and six locally—this led to the retirement of several local members, with the result that the Committee is now (January, 1939) composed as shown on preceding page, Lady Beatrix Wilkinson being an *ex-officio* member.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

At the same time as the reconstitution of the Committee was approved it was also decided to appoint a full-time Warden, which necessitated the termination on January 31st, 1939, of Engineer Admiral Sheen's appointment, which he has held in a part-time capacity for the last 10 years. The duties of Warden are to be taken over by Mr. F. H. Monkhouse who has already had considerable experience in such work. It is the intention that Mr. Monkhouse shall ultimately have a house either in or adjacent to the Hospital grounds.

Mr. J. Watkins-Pitchford, who came as Resident Medical Officer on October 4th, 1937, stayed till February 10th, when he left to take up an appointment at St. Thomas's Hospital, and was succeeded by Mr. G. L. Gryspeerdt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who remained with us till August 15th, when his place was taken by Mr. D. G. Sheffield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who was still here at the end of the year.

In the Massage Department, Miss Moore who came to us in November, 1936, left in January for private reasons, and Miss Canby, who had been here since November, 1934, and had latterly been in charge of the Department left in May prior to a journey to East Africa to be married. Miss Pittsair, who trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, joined the staff in April, and Miss Biaux at the end of August.

the arrangement of cables supplying electricity to the Hospital, and decided to extend the high tension (2,000 volt) cables and instal a new low tension (200 volt) cable. This was done at no cost to the Hospital and necessitated the erection of a small transformer kiosk near the front gate of St. Nicholas'. No further trouble has since been experienced with the new M. V. Lamp.

Towards the end of the year, the Executive decided on the supply of a Duo-therapy Lamp to St. Martin's so that patients could be treated there as well as at St. Nicholas'. The cost of this was about £70.

Sterilizers.—The necessity for an efficient sterilizer for dressings, bowls, etc., on each ward, has been stressed on more than one occasion, and during the year arrangements were made to complete the supply of these. The Bridgnorth Branch of the Children's Union very kindly presented us with one electric apparatus, costing about £25, which is installed in the top ward at St. Nicholas' and has a suitable presentation plate on it.

Another, also electrically heated, was presented by the managers of the "Tuck Shop," at a similar cost, and is now at St. Martin's.

Two others, one similar to these and one steam heated, have been purchased and fitted up, the former at St. Martin's and the latter in the girls' ward at St. Nicholas'. The remaining wards already had satisfactory apparatus.

Curative Bath, Lowering and Raising Apparatus for Heavy Patients.—An efficient apparatus was designed and constructed by the Chief Carpenter, after consultation with the Samson Runway Engineering Company, from whom a self-supporting pulley block was purchased; the total cost of the apparatus was about 10 guineas.

Sprays.—Special pipes and nozzles have been fitted so that sprays of water, hot or cold, or tepid can be used on patients when they are actually in the bath.

Special Machines.—A much needed Mortising Machine and an electrically driven Circular Saw have been purchased for the Carpenters' Shop and a Phenix Sole-Sewing Machine for the leather worker in the Split Shop.

REPAIRS AND UPKEEP.

Roof Timbers.—Some of the roof timbers in the main building at St. Nicholas' were found to be worn eaten—spraying with Solignum from a special apparatus appears to have checked the action which was taking place.

In the roof over "Admission" Wing, on the south side, the nails securing the laths from which the tiles are hung, have rusted. A much more extensive examination will be required, before the full range of the deterioration can be ascertained—it is possible that large repairs will be required.

Steam Jacketed Pan in Kitchen.—Important repairs have been carried out to one Cooking Pan to cure leakage from the pan into the steam jacket; which not only prevented its use for cooking, but allowed the milky or greasy contents of the pan to leak into the condense pipe system, back to the condense tank, and so into the steaming boiler.

A good deal of important *constructive work* in addition to the day-to-day repairs, has been carried out by the carpenters' staff; the following are the principal items:—

The construction of two large "play pens" for the small patients in Rudolf and Nursery Wards.

Special seats for the Organ Gallery in the Chapel.

Two large cupboards, and two small ones all with sliding doors, for school purposes on the wards.

A large toy-cupboard, two oak poison-cupboards, and various smaller ones.

Two pairs of four-fold bed screens.

Three stands for sterilizers.

Weather panels, like those already in use in the top ward at St. Nicholas', were built and fitted to Hut 1 at St. Martin's, where the male adult patients are now accommodated; these panels were of considerable value during the bleak and snowy weather at Christmas time.

Steps were being taken at the end of the year, to have similar panels made and fitted to the other two open-air wards.

Some work has been done on two more electrically-heated food wagons, and much detailed work connected with the fitting out of the rooms at St. Martin's, which are now used for adults, both men and women.

A week was spent by the chief carpenter at Pevensey Bay doing work urgently required at St. Agnes' Home.

ST. AGNES' HOME, PEVENSEY BAY.

This seaside home has now been in continuous use since June, 1937, and many of our small patients have spent happy and health-giving weeks

EGG WEEK.

Egg Week, from April 2nd to 9th, resulted in the receipt of about 2,000 eggs, and money for the purchase of several hundreds more—eggs were about 1/3 a dozen at the time.

POUND DAY.

The Sale of Children's Work and Pound Day, took place on October 26th. There were not as many visitors as usual, but in spite of this Miss Hutchinson and her staff sold most of the fascinating things made by the children, and the takings amounted to £62-10-0d. Donations were lower this year at £6-5-0, and these, with the sale of teas and cakes, made a final total of over £75. Some 420 lbs. of commodities were also received from friends of the hospital and tradesmen in the district.

RECREATION CLUB.

The Fernden Tennis Courts were used whenever opportunities occurred, but it was not found possible to hold the usual singles tournament so that no nurse has her name inscribed on the Stoop Cup this year. Hockey was not possible during the winter, as no field was obtainable.

VISITORS.

There have been many visits during the year by Mr. Rowley Bristow, and the Secretary of the Society in connection with the alterations necessary for the accommodation of adult patients at St. Martin's, and the requirements of the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education in the matter.

Dr. Muriel Bywaters from the Board of Education has been down here on two or three occasions, and we also had a visit from Dr. W. S. Craig, F.R.C.P., from the Ministry of Health.

there, though occasionally in the winter, under rather severe conditions. The Brakevan has been of much use in taking patients and nurses backwards and forwards from Pyrford and up to the end of the year, had run a total of 5,841 miles.

The actual official "opening" of St. Agnes' was carried out by the Bishop of Lewes, on June 30th; a full account of the ceremony was given in the "Brothers and Sisters" Magazine for July.

CELEBRATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

No very special celebration took place at the Hospital during 1938.

Empire Day was kept as usual, and a very good display of fireworks was given on November 5th.

The Nurses' Entertainment took place on December 16th, and was much enjoyed by a large audience which included several members of the Committee. This year they gave three little plays by well-known authors, and their efforts were much appreciated, especially as with shortage of staff and consequent stress of duties, they had little time to rehearse and make all the stage arrangements. The carpenters and the painter are also much to be congratulated on the scenery and scenic effects.

Christmas Day was particularly cheery in spite, or perhaps because of the snow, and the generally "seasonable" appearance of the trees and hospital grounds. Both the children and the grown-up patients thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner and the Christmas trees on Boxing Day with their loads of presents, something for everybody.

Sisters, nurses and patients had taken a lot of trouble with the decoration of the wards, and the effects were really charming.

Father Christmas, in the person this year of Dr. Sheffield, the Resident Medical Officer, had a busy time plodding through the snow from ward to ward, and everybody was very grateful to him for all his hard work, clearing the trees of their presents, and getting them round to their grateful recipients.

The domestic staff had their usual dinner on December 27th, and afterwards went to cinemas in Woking, and on the 28th, the Nurses had their special dinner and entertainment afterwards—the festivities ended as usual with the Sisters' dinner and whist drive on December 30th.

Amongst several visitors who have been to the hospital was a Chinese lady doctor, from Foochow, who spent the greater part of a day here in April, and seemed much interested in all she saw.

Several parties of students from St. Thomas' Hospital have come down as usual, and a party of 37 teachers, doing a "refresher" course, came on September 27th.

The new Chairman of the Byfleet Parish Day Committee Mr. G. J. Bruzard, was here with Mr. A. W. Stollery on September 14th, to present the Shield and prizes won by the children at the Exhibition of Work.

On October 12th we had a visit from Mr. G. J. Park, Honorary Treasurer of the Auckland Branch of New Zealand Crippled Children, and principal of Auckland Technical College, who was sent here by the Board of Education to study our school methods and arrangements.

A party of 30 members of the Children's Union and others from five Twickenham parishes, under the leadership of Major F. E. Vaughan, and accompanied by the Vicars of East and West Twickenham, spent a pleasant afternoon here on June 21st.

The Organiser from the Orthopaedic centre in South Wales, Mr. D. Ellis came on June 20th with Miss Worrall, the National Organiser from the Central Council, and spent some time going round the wards.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Fuel for Boilers.—As foreshadowed in last year's report, it has been found more economical to burn Welsh coal in the main boilers instead of coke at its present high price.

The consumption of Welsh coal for 1938 was about 336 tons, costing about £776 and to this must be added about £110 for a certain amount of coke used in the main boilers mostly during the early part of the year, making a total cost of £886. In 1937 the consumption of coke was 383

tons, and at the changing prices ruling in that year, viz., 38/6 to 49/4, the actual cost of this was £771 but had the same amount been used in 1938 at the price ruling during the year (49/4) the cost would have been £944.

Pigs.—We have been somewhat unfortunate with our pigs during the year, as three of the young animals have died from one cause or another. The practice of buying 9 to 12 young pigs, feeding them on the hospital waste for three or four months and then selling them is still followed, and the average profit for the last three years has been £50 per annum.

Legacies.—In September, we received through the Directors of Lloyds Bank, London, a legacy of £250 from the Executors of the late Mr. J. H. Stephens.

Sign Posts.—Sign posts with the name of the hospital painted on them, have been made and are being put up at essential corners near by to direct intending visitors to our somewhat secluded situation which they often have difficulty in finding.

A Parliamentary Bill to grant relief from rates in the case of Voluntary Hospitals, is being supported by the Society and is to be presented to Parliament early in 1939.

FEDERATED SUPERANNUATION SCHEME FOR NURSES AND HOSPITAL STAFF.

After full discussion and interviews with the Assistant Secretary of the Scheme in the earlier part of the year, it was decided that the hospital should become a participating institution. This was made operative from July 1st, and it was incumbent on all Sisters and Nurses (except probationers), Masseuses and Hospital Officers (with certain exceptions), joining the hospital staff after that date, to become members of the scheme.

The first male adult patient came in February 1937, and the first woman patient in April of that year, and numbers have gone on increasing gradually. It was thought at first that it would be more convenient to have the women patients at St. Nicholas' and the men at St. Martin's all in inside wards, and that was the earlier arrangement, but experience showed that by a certain amount of alteration and adaptation at St. Martin's, the men could be conveniently accommodated in one of the open-air wards, and the women inside the building in such a way that they can easily be wheeled out into the open, and so in January it was decided that all adults should eventually be at St. Martin's, and at the end of 1938, there were under treatment 17 men and 11 women, all accommodated at St. Martin's, but quite separate of course from the boys.

CONCLUSION.

This 1938 has been a trying year in the hospital in many ways, but principally because of the increasing difficulty in obtaining an adequate nursing staff, and of dealing with the heavy work connected with adult patients.

The transporting of cases from and to St. Martin's; to and from the treatment rooms at St. Nicholas', has also presented difficulties, but these were somewhat eased by the appointment of one ward orderly in December; a second one has now (January, 1939) been engaged and this should help matters still further.

There is much work to be done in 1939—questions of satisfactory heating of the service rooms and weather-proof construction of the roofs of the open-air wards were much to the front during the cold weather and will require to be dealt with. Floors of open-air wards and other places are not all they might be and there are several big structural questions to be gone into.

As this will be my last contribution to the Annual Report, I would end on a personal note, and say good-bye to all those who may have read my annual article each year since 1929 and wish continued good fortune to the Children's Union and to our hospital in its beautiful setting at Pyrford.

C. C. SHEEN, *Warden.*

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

By Act of Parliament, all the domestic staff and those of the male staff not already insured were added on April 4th to the Unemployment Insurance Scheme.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

At the request of the A.R.P. Inspector of the area, forms giving full information as to the capacity of the hospital and other details were filled up in January, and on February 18th a survey was made by Dr. W. S. Craig, F.R.C.P., from the Ministry of Health.

No very definite information as to the function of the hospital in a National Emergency has been received, but it is understood from the County Medical Officer that it would be used for patients evacuated from other hospitals in the area, and that steps would be taken to send away all those patients who could be allowed to go either to their homes or to other hospitals.

During the crisis at the end of September, arrangements were made for a supply of gas-respirators for all the staff and patients, except the very small children and babies, and all these respirators were fitted to their wearers by the Matron and Sisters, assisted by members of the Committee.

Certain precautions were also taken with regard to securing supplies of food and medical necessities, and to the darkening of the hospital windows as required.

ADULT PATIENTS.

As was foreseen in the concluding paragraph of the Annual Report for 1937, the number of adult patients for whom the hospital has been able to provide treatment has increased during the year without interfering in any way with the accommodation required for children.

Treatment Report at S. Nicholas' and S. Martin's Orthopædic Hospital, Pyrford, 1938

DURING the year 1938 we have discharged 119 children as against 171 the year previously. This is accounted for by the fact that there have been fewer applications for admission—the number of crippled children is falling throughout the country—and further, the Follow-up service has allowed the patients to be discharged rather earlier than previously. To-day cripples are being discovered earlier, due to the efficient organisation of the County and Borough authorities. The earlier crippling diseases are discovered and treated, the shorter is the time necessary for treatment, and the results are generally improved.

W. ROWLEY BRISTOW, F.R.C.S.
Orthopædic Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

Statistical Report, S. Nicholas' and S. Martin's
Hospital, Pyrford.

Patients discharged during 1938.

Classification of Diagnosis under the various systems :

BONES.	Congenital abnormalities	3
	Pyogenic osteomyelitis	11
	Old fractures	3
	Cyst of bone	1
JOINTS.	HIP—Congenital dislocations	1
	Tuberculous Arthritis	3
	Observation Tuberculosis	2
	Infective Arthritis	1
	Pseudocoxalgia	2
	Coxa Vara	1
	Coxa Valga Magna Luxans	1
	KNEE. Tuberculous Arthritis	6
	Genu Valgum	6
ANKLE and FOOT.	Congenital Talipes	13
	Metatarsus Varus	2
	Pes Cavus	2
	Tuberculous tarsus	1
SPINE.	Tuberculous	3
	Observation tuberculosis	2
	Scoliosis	4
	Postural deformities	5

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[Central Press Photo]

H.M. The Queen receiving a bouquet when she attended a Concert at the Society's Bazaar at the Dorchester Hotel on December 5th. Teddy C. and Betty W. from the Pyrford Hospital are seen on the left of the picture.

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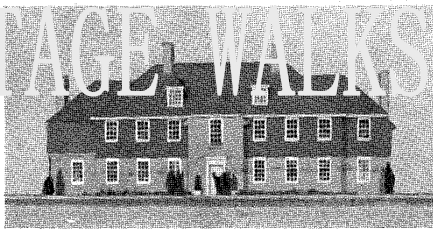


These pages of pictures show the children at the Pyrford Hospital doing their lessons and playing games while undergoing treatment. School work is one of our most valuable assets and the children much enjoy their lessons. The little girl in the centre suffered from T.B. spine and is shown walking by herself after a month's practice.



Photos by courtesy of Mr. H. C. Deal

The Bishop of Leves, on the occasion of the Dedication of S. Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay on June 30th, with three of the boys.



A model of one of the new houses at the Society's Vocational Training Centre at Redbourne, S. Albans.

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NERVOUS SYSTEM.	Infantile Paralysis	10
	Spastic Paralysis	9
	Spina Bifida	2
VARIOUS.	Torticollis	5
	Tuberculous Glands of Neck	6
	Tuberculous Abdominal Glands	2
	Muscular Dystrophy	1
	Cut Tendons	1
GENERAL DISEASES.	Still's Disease	2
	Amyloid Disease	2
	Debility and Malnutrition	11
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Details of Patients Discharged.

- 3 Congenital Deformities.—Two children were discharged who had congenital deformities of their toes. In one, amputation of the fifth toes was necessary. A third child with a deformed tibia had been operated on elsewhere and came here to convalesce.
- 1 Pyogenic Osteomyelitis.—Eight patients were discharged who had been treated for chronic osteomyelitis. In most cases there was no sinus or discharge and all were much improved in general health. In three an operation to remove dead bone was necessary and after this they did well and rapidly healed.
- 3 Old Fractures.—One patient was admitted from St. Thomas's Hospital to complete treatment of a fractured femur. One patient with an old fracture of the elbow was admitted to have the deformity improved. One girl with an old fractured spine was discharged after a long period of treatment but she was extensively paralysed.
- 1 Cyst of Bone.—One patient was with us for a time with this condition owing to the lability of fracture. He was discharged for observation at St. Thomas's.
- 1 Joints, Hip—Congenital Dislocation.—One child left us after having been treated for a long time in plaster of paris. The hip was well reduced.
- 3 Tuberculous Arthritis.—Three patients were discharged. One had had the hip fixed and did very well. One after an exploration of the hip was treated for a long time and was discharged walking well. The third, a girl with both hips affected and the lumbar spine, was discharged with the disease quiescent.
- 2 Observation, Tuberculous.—Two patients were admitted thought to be suffering from tuberculosis, but after observation it was found not to be so and they were discharged well.
- 1 Infective Arthritis.—One boy was discharged having had a septic arthritis. He had a good range of movement and walked well.
- 2 Pseudocoaxalgia.—Two boys were treated for this condition and the hip recovered very well. One case was bilateral. On discharge there was little disability.
- 1 Coxa Vara.—One patient was treated who had been operated on for the

- deformity at St. Thomas's. After a period in a splint, she was sent home walking normally and with no deformity.
- 1 Coxa Valga Magna Luxans.—One boy was treated for this rare condition and after exercises and physical treatment was able to work as an engineer's fitter. He continues to be well.
- 6 Knee, Tuberculous Arthritis.—Five patients were discharged all wearing protective splints and many had a good range of motion. In no case was operation necessary though they are being carefully observed as often a knee fusion is necessary later. One boy with an old deformed tuberculous knee was admitted and operated on and discharged in plaster, walking almost perfectly.
- 1 Genu Valgum.—One child was admitted after an operation elsewhere. After removal of the splint, he was able to walk well with no deformity. In three children a forcible correction was necessary, followed by irons and treatment and in two cases simple wedging of the heels was sufficient.
- 13 Ankle and Foot, Congenital Talipes.—Two young children were discharged who had been treated from a few months old. Both were walking well and were well corrected. Ten children were discharged in whom an open operation had been necessary. They were children who had had severe deformity, and all were discharged much improved, and some had feet of perfect shape. One child was readmitted and operated on again on account of a relapse of the deformity. He was discharged walking very well.
- 2 Metatarsus Varus.—Two children were discharged who had been treated for this condition by manipulation and splintage. They had feet of good shape.
- 2 Pes Cavus.—One child was readmitted with a relapsed deformity and he was operated on again. He has been seen since and walks very well. The other boy had a mild deformity and no treatment was considered necessary.
- 1 Tuberculous Tarsus.—One child was discharged who had been splinted for a long time. Her two sinuses dried up and she went home walking perfectly.
- 1 Spine, Tuberculous.—One child age 13 was discharged, who had been treated from the age of 4 elsewhere. She was walking well and she had a moderate deformity, but she was well and should have no further trouble. She is being observed at intervals at St. Thomas's Hospital. One girl was discharged, having been with us since 1929. The spine was operated on and she went out walking erect and with no deformity. One boy died

after having been with us since 1934. He had an overwhelming infection and, in spite of treatment, the disease continued to advance.

Observation Tuberculosis.—Two children were admitted for observation with a tentative diagnosis of tuberculosis. After a period of observation, they were found not to be tuberculous and they were discharged normal.

Scoliosis.—Two children were discharged who had been treated by postural exercises for a mild scoliosis. After a period of treatment, they were improved and were able to be discharged without anything further having to be done. In two other patients the deformity was very severe and this necessitated a spine fusion and a long period of treatment.

Postural Deformities.—Five patients were treated for this condition and after a period of postural training were able to stand well. They were discharged and will be observed in various clinics to check any tendency to relapse.

Nervous System. Infantile Paralysis.—Ten patients were discharged who had been treated for this type of paralysis. Two were old cases and after stabilising operations they were sent home walking better. Two patients had been operated on at St. Thomas's for paralytic deformities, and were sent here to complete treatment. The rest were admitted here soon after the acute attack and were given physical treatment to help restore the power of the paralysed muscles.

Spastic Paralysis.—Nine patients were discharged who had been treated for this condition. In three, minor corrective operations were necessary, and in the others re-education in standing and walking enabled the patients in all except two instances to be discharged much improved and able to look after themselves.

Spina Bifida.—Two patients were discharged who had been operated on for this condition, and one child was able to walk well without assistance, but the other who was severely affected, was able to walk only with assistance.

Various. Torticollis.—Five children were discharged who had been treated by tenotomy for this condition. After a period of massage and treatment, they were discharged for after-care in the local clinics, where they will be observed until there is no tendency for them to relapse.

Tuberculous Glands of the Neck.—Six patients were discharged who had been treated. In one, removal of the gland was necessary, and in three, removal of the tonsils. They were all sent home with no discharge and very well.

Tuberculous Abdominal Glands.—Two patients were treated for this

condition by sunlight and fresh air, and after a period were sent home very much improved.

Muscular Dystrophy.—One boy was discharged who had been with us for a time. He had massage treatment and was sent home improved.

Cut Tendons.—One boy was discharged who had been treated for an old cut tendon. This was sutured and the boy was sent home well.

General Diseases. Still's Disease.—One boy was sent home after a short period treatment, walking very well. The other boy had been in before this time; he had corrective operations and after a long period of treatment he was sent home walking much improved.

Anyloid Disease.—One child died of this condition after a period of treatment for a tuberculous hip. The other child recovered after treatment and remains well.

Debility and Malnutrition.—Eleven children were discharged who came here for country air treatment, suffering from improper feeding. The country life soon remedied this and they were discharged very well in health.

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ST. NICHOLAS' AND ST. MARTIN'S HOSPITAL,
PYRFORD

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st January, 1938		35,839	8	5
Contributions from Members of the Children's Union—				
Church Alms	10	3	0	
Lent Savings	0	2	0	
Donations	30	4	0	
Private Collections	61	17	10	
Proceeds of Bazaar, Pageant, Sales of Work, Entertainments, Sale of Silver Paper, etc.	1,085	18	0	
Part Interest on Investments	925	0	0	
Legacies	104	12	5	
		2,217	17	3
Contributions from other Sources—				
Pyrford Maintenance Account	483	6	4	
Legacies	250	0	0	
Balance of Interest on Investments	365	8	3	
		1,098	14	7
		£39,156	0	3

*Interest on Investments as follows:—		£	s.	d.
Pyrford Homes Endowment	1,185	3	1	
Pyrford—George Edward Morrison Cot	38	15	10	
Pyrford—Leila Ward Endowment	36	16	10	
Pyrford—St. Martin's Home Endowment	29	12	6	

Endowment Funds. Summary for the year 1938

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
By Transfer of Interest on the George Edward Morrison Red and Leila Ward Endowment Fund to Maintenance Fund		75	12	8
Bronze Plate		0	7	6
Transfer of Interest to Pyrford Maintenance Fund		1,144	13	1
Nett Loss on Sale of Stock		123	16	5
Balance 31st December, 1938:—				
Investments	34,725	13	10	
Cash at London Bankers	3,085	16	9	
		37,811	10	7
		£39,156	0	3

We have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers and found it correct.
 KERN HOUSE, (Signed) HENRY LOVELOCK & LINNETT,
 61-62, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, W.C.2. Chartered Accountants.
 April 4th, 1939.

ST. NICHOLAS' AND ST. MARTIN'S HOSPITAL,
PYRFORD

RECEIPTS.	Pevensey.		Pyrford.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance 1st January, 1938 :-				
General Account	£173	17 9		
" Our Day " Fund	£677	19 8		
Annual Subscriptions (including Happy Birthday League) ..	0 4	10	851	17 5
Church Collections			133	1 5
Lent Savings			91	9 11
Donations	3 11	6	120	19 1
Private Collections by members of the Children's Union and others	2 12	1	2,591	9 0
Contributions for Special Cases	5 11	1	69	15 0
Proceeds of Pageants, Flag Days, Fetes, Entertainments, Payees, American Teas and Collections at Meetings, etc.	4 5	3	3,491	8 7
Maintenance of Children by Parents, Relatives, Government Departments, Board of Education and Public Authorities ...	0 14	0	11,882	4 6
Interest			4	6 8
Transfer of Interest from the Pyrford Endowment Funds— George Edward Morrison Bed and Lella Ward Endowment Funds and Interest from the St. Agnes' Home, Pevensey Endowment Fund	80 0	6	1,220	5 9
Legacies			59	0 0
Sale of Handwork, etc.			62	10 0
Sale of Pigs			78	10 0
Acknowledgment Rent			0	2 0
	96 19	3	22,602	3 1
			96 19	3
			£22,699	2 4

S. Nicholas' and S. Martin's Orthopædic
Hospital School No. 29587.

(UNDER THE BOARD OF EDUCATION)

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1938.

St. Nicholas'	Under 5	Over 5	Total
Number of children on roll, January, 1938	25	32	57
Number of Children on Roll, December, 1938	28	43	71
St. Martin's			
Number of boys on Roll, January, 1938	—	55	—
Number of boys on Roll, December, 1938	—	34	—
Total number on Roll, January, 1938	25	87	112
Total number on Roll, December, 1938	28	77	105
Number of children admitted during the year	114	—	—
Number of children left during the year	121	—	—
Average attendance for the whole school	24	80	104

There have also been from 6 to 7 boys and girls over 16 in regular attendance.

The decrease in number at St. Martin's, was due to the removal of the small boys from Hut 1, some of them to Hut 2, some to St. Nicholas'.

Staff Notes.—Miss Andrewes left us at the end of May to be married. She had been with us three years and done very good work. As numbers were low no one was appointed in her place. The decrease in numbers also meant that Miss Coghlan, experimentally appointed to St. Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, left us in April.

In March the small boys in Hut 1, St. Martin's were moved either to Hut 2 or to St. Nicholas'. Mrs. Fleming then went down to Pevensey and Miss Edwards to the Nursery Class at St. Nicholas'.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1938

	Pevensey.		Pyrford.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By Maintenance of Homes :-				
Food less refunds	281	6 11	2,837	10 5
Clothing and Outfits less refunds	2	7 8	160	19 3
Laundress and Washing	66	9 10	954	13 7
Education—including Employers' Contribution to Teachers' Superannuation Fund	2	2 6	2,653	17 6
Medical Expenses less refunds	14	7 3	3,440	14 0
Travelling and Excursion less refunds	48	2 8	122	2 1
Rent, Rates and Insurance	36	7 11	572	0 1
Fuel, Light and Water	85	14 11	1,563	13 3
Furniture, Linen and Utensils less refunds	18	12 3	940	14 0
Repairs and Alterations less refunds	38	17 4	747	2 4
Salaries and Wages less refunds	3	18 6	2,194	18 1
National Insurance less refunds			171	11 1
Books, Stationery and Postage less refunds	14	10 10	149	17 5
Garden, Stable and Poultry	0	1 10	751	6 5
Carriage and Sundries less refunds	8	4 8	119	0 4
Purchase of X-Ray Apparatus and Duo-therapy Unit	621	5 1	16,985	19 10
Repairs to Operating Theatre, Chaplain's Room and Cloak Room ..			611	8 6
Contribution to Nursing Staff Superannuation Fund			84	5 11
Grant to Pyrford Homes Endowment Fund			483	6 4
Proportion of Salary and Expenses of Secretary, Assistant Secretary, of the Children's Union, Printing, Badges, etc. ...			1,484	7 6
Proportion of cost of " Brothers & Sisters " Magazine—less Sales			413	18 9
Service of Staff and Proportion of Rent, Rates, Fuel, Light at Headquarters of the Waifs & Strays Society	14	10 11	880	18 3
	635	16 0	21,203	4 2
			635	16 0
			£21,839	0 2
Balance 31st December, 1938 :-				
General Account	£366	19 4		
" Our Day " Fund	£493	2 10		
			860	2 2
			£22,699	2 4

We have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers and found it correct.

(Signed) HENRY LOVELOCK & LINNETT,
Chartered Accountants.

KENY HOUSE,
61-62, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, W.C.2.
April 4th, 1939.

St. Agnes' Home School, Pevensey Bay.—Visits to Pevensey are now part of the regular school routine. Length of stay varies but is usually about six weeks. When the time for a change over is due there is great speculation amongst the children as to whose turn it will be to go down to the seaside. All of them enjoy the change.

Ordinary school work has proceeded along the usual lines, so needs no comment.

Training in citizenship is much to the fore in these difficult days. The community life in a children's hospital is in itself a partial training for good citizenship. The children have to try to live up to the ideal of " each for all and all for each," else all is confusion and nothing worth what lies ahead of them when they go out into the world we have good modern text books dealing with the life of an ordinary citizen, and we encourage free discussion of news heard on the radio or read in newspapers.

Closely connected with this work is the religious instruction. Working as we do in a Hospital School under a Church of England Society we have a definite period each morning for scripture lessons. But, as most of those who work with children know, " at the heart of all teaching lies the teaching of religion," and the children themselves, with their difficulties, their questions and observations during other lessons make us realise the truth of this.

Visits and Visitors.—A visit from the 50 students attending the Board of Education Refresher Course for Teachers of Physically Defective Children was arranged for September 27th. Unfortunately this was one of the days of the Crisis; so although most of the students came down, and the children did their very best to make things interesting, our recollections of the day are not really happy ones.

Amongst other school visitors we have had several from New Zealand and South Africa.

Dr. Bywaters, Board of Education, came down in April and again in December. She had only a short time for the inspection of school work. Both visits were mainly concerned with medical and administrative questions.

Handwork was exhibited as usual at the Byfleet Parish Day Show and awards for the best work were made.

Our Annual Sale Day was held on October 26th. Most of our old friends and some new ones came to encourage us by buying the handwork. Proceeds for the year amounted to £75.

Dorchester Hotel Sale.—Once again two of our children had the honour of being presented to H.M. The Queen, a unique event in their lives. They also helped to sell the Handwork taken up for 'The Cripples' Industries' Stall.

Old girls and boys.—Letters from old pupils come at regular intervals, some from as far afield as India and South Africa.

There are several old girls living outside London who have to spend most of their time in wheel chairs and cannot go out to work. We have been able to visit these and keep them happily occupied with simple needlework. Most of our children are able to go back to their old schools, then, when old enough, to get suitable work.

Hobbies Hut.—The boys have made very good use of the Hobbies Hut. On their own initiative they have put up extra shelves and stands for paint brushes, have made cupboards from old tea chests, and a sloping board to enable "chair" boys to get into the hut easily. At regular intervals they set to work and scrub the floor, then re-stain it, stain the cupboards and paint the window frames. All they need from us is a supply of wood, saws, nails, etc., a little friendly criticism and occasional suggestions.

Our correspondence through the Junior Red Cross with the Crippled boys and girls of the Jedlicka Institute, Prague, still continues. We sent our annual greeting at Christmas time and had from them a beautiful painting of King Wenceslas done on glass by a partially paralysed boy. This interchange of greetings gives the children an opportunity of learning something, though in a very small way, of the value of international understanding and friendship.

Christmas.—There were the usual breaking up parties, carol singing for the parents, presentation of small gifts made by the children to the members of the Committee, the Warden, Matron, Doctors and Chaplain. The senior girls had their doll dressing competition, and Miss C. Egerton came to do the judging.

The unusually heavy fall of snow in December made a fairy land of the garden and entranced the children. It also gave us the chance to sing carols in traditional Christmas style. During the afternoon of December 22nd, the "up" boys made paths through the snow to the wards. Then

when it was quite dark we lighted our lanterns, real old fashioned oil and candle ones, and went round singing the old carols to the patients.

Visitors to the Hospital are sometimes perturbed when they see the children in the various positions they have to assume whilst undergoing treatment. They would feel quite happy about them if they lived with them as we do. Anything that comes to the children is accepted by them as inevitable. Perhaps that is too serious a statement—the children do not seem to *think* about their odd positions. Everything possible is done to make for ease, and various kinds of equipment are made to fit to the frames and beds so that school work can be done as comfortably as possible. And hospital children, like others, can forget all discomforts when absorbed in work and play. They can "turn pumpkins into coaches and mice into horses. . . nothing into everything. . . live in a nutshell and count themselves kings of infinite space."

HELEN HUTCHINSON, Head Mistress.

MEDICAL REPORT, 1938.

This has been a very good year with little illness, until the exceptionally severe weather in the third week of December produced a number of catarrhal infections. Following a midnight inspection, I made a number of recommendations for increasing the comfort of patients and nurses.

The death of Ada Ollett, at the age of 45, deserves special mention. She had been at the Hospital for 30 years, first as a patient and then as a maid. Although much disabled by extreme scoliosis and latterly by heart disease, she continued doing what work she could until within a few weeks of her end, and was happiest so doing.

T. M. HARDY.