

Case File no: 20185. Amy
Born: 1912 (living in Vauxhall at time of application)
Date of application: 1915
Age: 3 years

Amy's parents were not married to each other. This was thought to be very shocking early last century. After she was born her father left her mother and disappeared without trace. Amy's mother later married a man who had been fighting in the First World War. He had been in action in the battles of Mons and the Marne. In 1915 he was discharged from the Army because his health was "shattered". He was shocked to find out about Amy, as he had not known about her when he got married. He was very poor because he could not work and Amy's mother was ill, so neither of them could afford to look after her. Amy's mother was ill because she had had an abortion. This was very dangerous at this time as the operation was illegal. Poor women could not usually pay for a compliant doctor to run the risk of carrying out the abortion and would often be forced to rely on a woman (without medical training) who lived locally and who would perform a crude procedure without proper medical instruments or regard to cleanliness. Many women died or were damaged for life by these "backstreet" abortions. The Waifs and Strays Society agreed to take care of Amy. They discovered she had rickets. This condition was common in poor children in the early twentieth century. They often had inadequate food and bad living conditions in general and their bones did not develop properly. They were too soft and became deformed. Amy recovered when she received proper treatment. She went to live with a foster mother in Cranbrook, Kent. Young children were usually cared for by foster parents rather than going into Homes because it was felt that a family setting was better for them at that age. Amy left her foster mother in early 1917 and was placed in St Elizabeth's Home in Clapham for a short while, until she went to a new foster home in Aylesbury, Bucks. She stayed there until 4 December 1917 when she was discharged to the care of her grandmother in London.

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APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF A CHILD.

NOTE.—This form, when filled up and certified by a Clergyman of the Church of England, should be returned with the medical certificate to Secretary, Waifs and Strays Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London, S.E.

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.

1. Give the child's christian names and surname in full	Army				
N.B.—In the event of an application being made on behalf of more than one child, separate forms should be asked for.					
2. State the exact date and place of birth	8 th March 1912 Lambeth Infirmary				
* * Please forward birth certificate.					
3. Legitimate? (Yes or No)	No				
4. State exact date and place of baptism	Not baptized.				
* * Please forward certificate.	20th Feb: 1916 Cranbrook Church, Kent.				
5. Are parents living?	Yes				
6. If, however, either or both are dead, state nature of disease and give date of death	Mother				
	Father				
7. If living, give their exact places of abode, state how long they have resided there, and what rent is paid	Mother	6. Lafford Place Vauxhall 5/- weekly			
	Father	absconded left no trace			
8. Give the christian names and surnames of parents in full, and state their ages	Mother	Helen Dinning	y (maiden name)	McLaren	Age 25
	Father	Arthur			Age
9. What was, or is, the nature of the father's occupation and the amount of his weekly earnings? Give the name and address of his present or last employer	Blacksmith Clapham				
10. What was, or is, the nature of the mother's occupation and the amount of her weekly earnings? Give the name and address of her present or last employer	Daily work now ill under S. Thomas Hospital Laundry Haines Coal harbour Lane Brixton				
11. Have the parents or guardians ever received parish relief? If so, to what extent?	C.O.S. giving present husband 8/- weekly up to now Army allowance 4/8 for disablement				
12. Give the names, addresses, and ages, of all the brothers and sisters of the child, and occupations and earnings (if any)	NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
* * * Replies to this question must be very full and exact.					
No application can be received without full enquiry as to earnings having been made, and result stated.					
The name of the child upon whose behalf this application is being made should not be given here.					
13. At what address and with whom is the child now living?					

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.—Continued.

14. Give in full the names, addresses, occupations and earnings of each living relative the child is known to possess, either on the father's or mother's side, such as grand-parents, uncles, aunts, &c. ...	DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
	Grandmother	Annie	74 Mayall Road Heine Hill	45	Cleaner	2/6
	Uncle	Alfred	India	16	Soldier	unknown allows to his mother but not yet been
	Aunt	Lily	74 Mayall Rd	20	Living in Sis	
	Aunt	Mrs Annie Payne	" " "	27	with a sailor married to a soldier	10/- weekly
15. State whether any of the child's relatives are, in your judgment, in a position to maintain the child, or to contribute in any degree?	No relations able to help					
16. Can any payment for the child be guaranteed from any source exclusive of the relatives? If so, by whom? State full name and address ...	No					
17. Give name and address of person who will receive the child, if it is found necessary to discharge him or her from the Home.	Mrs McLaren Grandmother 74 Mayall Rd Heine Hill					
18. Has the child ever been convicted? Has his or her character been affected in any way by exceptional knowledge of evil? ...	Child aged 3.					
19. Ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long, and in what standard? ...	No					
20. Ever attended Sunday school? If so, where and for how long?	No					
21. Ever been in the Workhouse? If so, how long and where? ...	6 weeks after birth					

22. I, Elonice Minnie of 6 St. John's Place parent (guardian) of Amy McLaren do hereby commit her wholly to the care of the Society, and promise to obey the rules in force, to permit the said child to be brought up in the Faith of the Church of England, and when fully trained to be sent to any situation in the United Kingdom, which may be obtained for her by the Committee.

Signature Elonice Minnie Date Oct 14 1915
 Signature of Witness Sister Honor Gray, C.S.P. Address 141 Rennington Lane Vauxhall

23. I also hereby give my consent to the child being emigrated to Canada, if he or she is found suitable, and if the Committee consider it advisable.
 Signature of Witness Honor Gray, C.S.P. Signature Elonice Minnie
 (If consent to emigration is not given, this space should be left blank).

N.B.—Preference will be given to those cases in which consent to emigration is expressed.

I certify that the foregoing questions have been correctly answered, to the best of my belief.

(Signed) Name W. D. Ball
 Address St Peter's Vicarage
 Vauxhall SE

Date Oct 14 1915 Incumbent of St Peter's Vauxhall SE

IMPORTANT.

This page must be filled up (as concisely as possible) with a full and particular account of the child, its parents, family, etc.

Details should be added here if Question 18 is answered in the affirmative.

The guarantee for payment (if any) should also be written here

When signing this page please state permanent address, and whether "Rev.," "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss."

Mrs [redacted] present husband Private [redacted] did not know of the existence of this illegitimate ^{child} until a few days ago & he is very much distressed to find that she has sinned with another man

He has served his country for the past year in France & has been through Mons & the battle of the Marne. He is discharged on account of shattered health & head disorder owing to the hardships which he has gone through.

He married Mrs [redacted] last June (unaware of the existence of this child -) He is unable to recover. He receives 4/8 weekly from the Army & 8/- from C.O.S.

he cannot afford to keep the child Mrs [redacted] herself is seriously ill & cannot work to support the child (she is under St. Thomas Hospital) & the relations are all very poor

It is on account of Private [redacted] who has so nobly served his country & is now in very distressful circumstances that I venture to ask the Society to adopt the child.

The child is perfectly healthy & Doctor's report will follow.

(Sister) Honor [redacted]
141 Upper Kennington Lane
Vauxhall

waiting for S. Peter's Church Vauxhall.

All communications as to this case to be made through Mrs Coyne of the Vauxhall C.O.S. A.P.C. 14.3.6

N.B.—Please do not write on page 4. Any additional particulars of the case should be written on foolscap.

No acknowledgment of the receipt of this application will be sent, but the Committee's decision will be forwarded with the least possible delay.

Please do not write in margin—for office use only.

Transcript

AMY

-----Application for the Admission of a child

1. Give the child's christian name and surname

Amy

2. State the exact date and place of birth

8th March 1912 Lambeth Infirmary

3. Born in Wedlock? – (Yes or No)

No

4. State exact date and place of baptism

20th Feb: 1916 Cranbrook Church, Kent

5. Parents living?

Yes

6. If, however, either or both are dead, state nature of disease and give date of death

Mother

Father

7. If living, give their exact places of abode, and state how long they have resided there and what rent is paid

Mother: Lapford Place, Vauxhall 5/- weekly

Father: absconded left no trace

8. Give the christian names and surnames of his parents (in full) and state their ages.

Mother: Florence Minnie -- formerly (maiden name) -- Age 26

Father: Arthur --

9. What was or is the nature of the father's occupation and the amount of his weekly earnings? Give the name and address of his present or last employer.

Blacksmith

Davis Clapham

Hoxton Street for about 6 weeks after discharge

10. What was or is the nature of the mother's occupation and the amount of her weekly earnings? Give the name and address of her present or last employer.

Daily work now ill under St Thomas Hospital

Laundry Haines Coalharbour [Coldharbour] Lane, Brixton

11. Have the parents or guardians ever received parish relief? If so, to what extent?

C.O.S. [Charity Organisation Society] giving present husband 8/- weekly up to now

Army allowance 4/8 for disablement

12. Give the names, addresses, ages, occupations and earnings (if any) of all his brothers and sisters

NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS

13. At what address and with whom is the child now living?

14. Give in full the names, addresses, ages, occupations and earnings of each living relative the child is known to possess either on the father's or mother's side such as grandparents, uncles, aunts, &c.

DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP, NAMES, ADDRESS, AGE,
OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS

Grandmother Annie, Mayall Road, Herne Hill, 45, Cleaner, 2/6

Uncle Alfred, India, 16, Soldier, unknown, allots to his mother but not yet received

Aunt Lily, Mayall Rd, 20, Living in sin with a sailor

Aunt Mrs Annie, Mayall Rd, 27, married to a soldier, 10/- weekly

15. State whether any of the child's relatives are in your judgment in a position to maintain the child, or to contribute in any degree to its support:

No relations able to help

16. Can any payment for the child be guaranteed from any source?

No

17. Give name and address of person who will receive the child, if it is found necessary to discharge him or her from the Home

Mrs – Grandmother Mayall Rd, Herne Hill

18. Has the child ever been convicted? Has his or her character been affected in any way by exceptional knowledge of evil?

Child aged 3

19. Ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long and in what Standard?

No

20. Ever attended Sunday School? Is so, where and for how long?

No

21. Ever been in the workhouse? If so, for how long and where?

6 weeks after birth

22. I, Florence Minnie of Lapford Place, parent of Amy do hereby commit her wholly to the care of the Society, and promise to obey the rules in force, to permit the said child to be bought up in the Faith of the Church of England, and when fully trained to be sent to any situation in the United Kingdom, which may be obtained for her by the Committee.

Signature: Florence Minnie

Date: Oct 14 1915

A full and particular account of the child, its parents, family, etc

Mrs – present husband, Private –, did not know of the existence of this illegitimate child until a few days ago & he is very much distressed to find that she has sinned with another man.

He has served his country for the past year in France & has been through Mons & the battle of the Marne. He is discharged on account of shattered health and heart disease owing to the hardships which he has gone through. He married Mrs – last June (unaware of the existence of this child). He is unable to recover. He receives 4/8 weekly from the Army & 8/- from C.O.S. [Charity Organisation Society], he cannot afford to keep the child.

Mrs – herself is seriously ill & cannot work to support the child (she is under St Thomas Hospital) and the relations are all very poor.

It is on account of Private – who has so nobly served his country & is now in very distressful circumstances that I venture to ask the Society to adopt the child.

The child is perfectly healthy & Doctor's report will follow. [*Amy was actually suffering from rickets. This disorder, rare today but very common early last century, affected children, causing poor development of the bones in the skeleton. The bones were too soft and became deformed. The cause was usually a nutritional deficiency.*]

(Sister) Honor Mary C.S.P.

141 Upper Kennington Lane, Vauxhall

Working for S. Peter's Church, Vauxhall





Copies

Days Home From
Dietary

Examined & approved by 85.1.
Committee Oct 2nd - 1888
John Constable

	Breakfast	Dinner	Supper	Extras
Sunday	Bread and Butter Coffee or Cocoa Dripping Jam or Treacle	Hot roast Beef, Greens, Potatoes & Bread.	Same as Breakfast except milk & treacle instead of Coffee & Cocoa	Extra suppers allowed for Scurvy, Rickets boys &c In case of sickness the diet is ordered by Doctor's direction
Monday	do do	Cold Beef, potatoes or bread & Currant pudding.		
Tuesday	do do	Soup & Bread.		
Wednesday	do do	Irish Stew.		
Thursday	do do	Fish pudding with treacle, Jam or Sugar.		
Friday	do do	Soup and bread or fish and potatoes		
Saturday	do do	Bread & Cheese & Pickles		

No limit as to quantity.
Subject to alteration for convenience.

Satisfactory
Joshua Parsons
Medical Officer.

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Boys Home Frome

Examined & approved by Committee Oct 2nd 1888
John Constable

Dietary

	Breakfast	Dinner	Supper	Extras
Sunday	Bread and Butter, Dripping, Jam or Treacle Coffee or Cocoa	Hot roast Beef, Greens, Potatoes & bread	Same as Breakfast except milk & water instead of Coffee & Cocoa	Extra supper allowed for scrubbers, kitchen boys etc. In case of sickness the diet is served by Doctor's direction
Monday	do do	Cold Beef, potatoes or bread & currant pudding		
Tuesday	do do	Soup & Bread		
Wednesday	do do	Irish Stew		
Thursday	do do	Suet pudding with treacle, jam or sugar		
Friday	do do	Soup and bread or fish and potatoes		
Saturday	do do	Bread & Cheese & pickles		

No limit as to quantity
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Satisfactory

Joshua Parsons
Medical Officer

The subjoined Rules and Dietary for the Dulwich House, drawn up by the local committee, were submitted to and approved by the executive :—

COPY OF RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF THE DULWICH HOUSE.

- 1.—Children to rise in summer at 6.30. in winter at 7.
- 2.—On leaving the bedrooms, beds to be stripped, and windows thrown wide open top and bottom, unless it be either raining, snowing, or foggy weather, in which case they must only be opened a little at the top.
- 3.—~~After breakfast, girls above nine to be set in turns, day about, to help the matron in house, kitchen, and laundry work ; girls above eight may help to make beds, wash up, and such light work.~~
- 4.—After breakfast, girls above nine to be set in turns, day about, to help the matron in house, kitchen, and laundry work ; girls above eight may help to make beds, wash up, and such light work.
- 5.—Dinner to be at 1 p.m.
- 6.—Children to attend school twice daily.
- 7.—Saturday being a holiday at school, all girls above nine are to help to clean the house from top to bottom.
- 8.—Little ones to be in bed by 7 o'clock, those under nine by 8 o'clock, under twelve by 8.30. above twelve by 9 o'clock.
- 9.—Grace to be said before and after meals.
- 10.—Prayers, with a short portion of Scripture, to be read before breakfast and after tea.
- 11.—Tea to be at 5.30 in the winter and at 6 in summer.
- 12.—Children to be taught a simple prayer (in addition to the Lord's prayer) to be said at their bedsides morning and evening.
- 13.—The matron is to see that the children are washed to their waists, before going to bed ; that they wash their faces and hands in the morning, and that they are bathed once a week ; also that their hair is cut short on their admission and kept perfectly clean. They should wash it every morning when washing their faces, and rub it perfectly dry.
- 14.—Sheets must be changed once a fortnight, half the beds one week, and half the next ; blankets and quilts to be washed once a year, in the summer.
- 15.—Children are to go to church on Sunday morning, and to Sunday school in the afternoon, and those above ten who wish it may go in the summer evenings to church with the matron's approval.
- 16.—Average cost of housekeeping to be 8s. per head per week for adults, 3s. 6d. for children.
- 17.—If the matron wishes for a day or two's holiday at any time, she must put her request before the Local Committee at the monthly meeting on the first Wednesday in the month.

DIETARY FOR GIRL'S RECEIVING HOUSE FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS.

Summer

Breakfast

7.30 a.m. Sundays, bread and butter, with cocoa.

Winter.

8 a.m. Week-days, porridge and milk, and bread ; and bread and dripping, with milk and water, on alternate days.

1 p.m.

Dinner.

Sunday, meat, vegetables, rice pudding, or stewed rhubarb or fruit in summer.

Monday, soup, with thick round of bread, and milk pudding, alternating with boiled apple or rhubarb pudding.

Tuesday, Irish stew with rice and carrots, or a dripping crust.

Wednesday, boiled suet pudding with treacle.

Thursday, meat and green vegetables, with a little bread.

Friday, soup and bread, and a milk pudding.

Saturday, baked suet pudding with raisins, apples or carrots.

Summer 6 p.m.

Tea.

Sundays, bread and butter, and tea.

Winter 5.30.

Week-days, bread and dripping, and bread and treacle alternating with milk and water.

The following table shows the arrangement of the girls' time in the Marylebone Home:—

	6 or 6.30	to 7.45	7.45	9 to 12.15	12.45	2 to 4.15	5	5.30	6 to 7	7
MONDAY TO FRIDAY	Rise.	Housework.	Prayers and Breakfast.	School.	Dinner.	School.	Tea.	Housework.	Play or Walk (in Summer).	Prayers and Supper.
SATURDAY				Housework and Walk.		Needlework and Darning				
SUNDAY				Sunday School, Short Service, and Walk.		Sunday School or Children's Service.				

Time tables, however, in themselves show but little; they represent only *what* is done. *How* and *why* things are done gives to them their real significance. May we ask any of our readers who are interested in children, to visit the Home itself, and they will learn more about it in half an hour's visit than hours of explanation can give? And those of them who look upon boarding-out as the only satisfactory method of dealing with homeless children may, if they will come, be brought to allow that children can enjoy a natural life even within the walls of a "Home."



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The ANNUAL POUND DAY will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29th, 1903.

Encouraged by the results of the "Pound Day" instituted last year for the S. Mary's Home, the Committee again appeal for gifts of useful articles for replenishing the store cupboards. Pounds of edibles, Articles of Clothing, Utensils for the house, in fact, anything of use to the children will be gratefully received.

Potatoes
Oatmeal, Lentils
Utensils (Kitchen)
Night Dresses
Drapery

Dry Soap
Apples
Yarn

Shoes and Boots
Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa

Money
Arrowroot
Rice
Yellow Soap
Sugar

Haricot Beans
Oranges
Marmalade and Jam
Eggs

Flour
Onions
Raisins and Currants

Wool (Mending)
Apparel (Wearing)
Irons (flat)
Fruit
Soda

Artichokes
Nail Brushes
Dusters

Starch
Towels
Rugs
Aprons
Yearly Subscriptions
Scrubbing Brushes

Earthenware
Any useful articles
Sago
Tapioca
Notepaper
Outfits (girls)
Rubber Shoes

N.B. — Cloaks for the children to wear to and from School in the winter are specially needed.

GIFTS may be sent on or before October 29th, to the Home, addressed to the Matron, (Ledbury Station) to any of the members of the House Committee, or to the following Hon. Local Secretaries:—

REV. D. C. MOORE, Cusop Rectory, Hay.
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MISS BARKEE, Staick House, Eardisland.

A MEETING and ENTERTAINMENT will be held at the Home, at 2.30, on October 29th, and the Home will be open to Visitors.

Tea will be provided at the Home after the Meeting.

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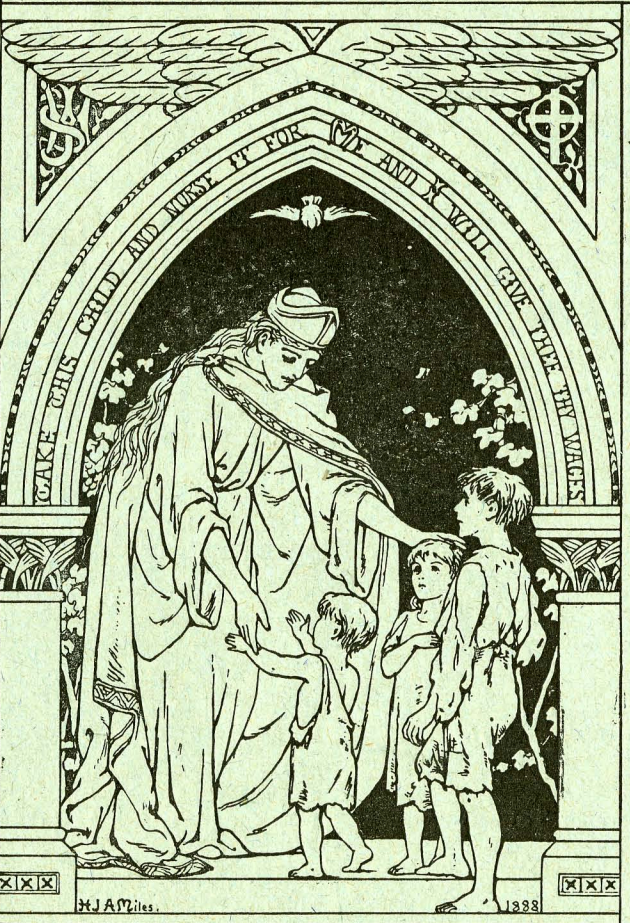
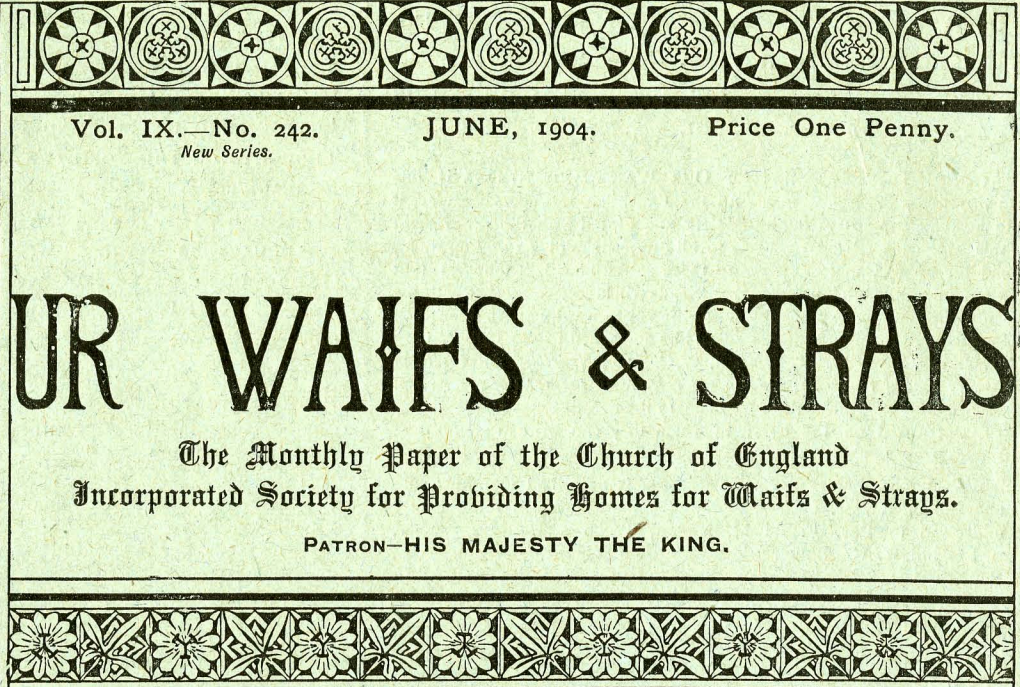
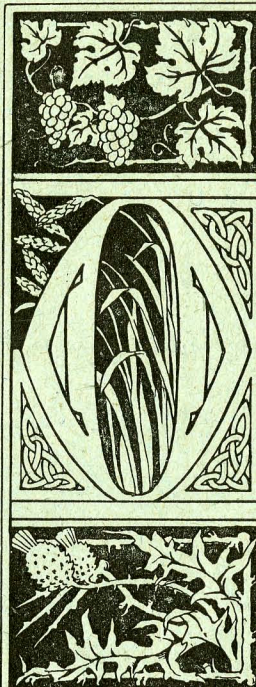
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ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.

BY THE REV. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A., Rector of S. Peter's, Walworth.

IN whatever department of social reform people are interested, they cannot proceed many steps before finding the stumbling block of intemperance in their path. In many cases, indeed, it seems not so much a stumbling block as a flint wall against which

probably sixty per cent of the rooms in our workhouses, are filled by those whose loss of liberty, or of reason, or of health, whose expensiveness to the State are due, directly or indirectly to their habitual and excessive use of intoxicants. "Crime is condensed



THE DRUNKARD'S HOME.

they dash themselves in vain, only to fall back bruised and bleeding. It is a commonplace and admitted fact, that three-quarters of our prison cells, half of the beds in our hospitals and Poor Law Infirmarys, at least a third of the wards in our asylums, and

beer," is a statement I ventured to make some years ago, which expresses with bitter truth, although not of course with entire accuracy, what is the case with regard to one burdensome class of the community. With respect to our Asylums, the complaint of



A MATCH SELLER.

"WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?"

THE following are a few of the cases recently brought before the Committee. They have been accepted by the Society as free cases, as the relatives are entirely unable to help. It is therefore suggested that individual friends might come forward and make themselves responsible for these special cases by guaranteeing £18 a year (7s. a week), or *any less sum*, towards the support of one of the children mentioned below. **The Society earnestly pleads for immediate help in respect of these particular cases.** Further information respecting any case will gladly be supplied on application, and subscribers are invited to take a personal interest in the child selected.

30828. PERCY T. B. Aged nine. This lad was adopted immediately after his birth by a woman who had just lost her own baby. She and her husband brought him up as their own until the husband's death two months ago. The widow has to go out to earn her own living and now has neither the means to support the boy nor the time to supervise and train him. There is no knowledge of the boy's own parents or relatives, and the Society has been asked to carry on the work begun by this good woman nine years ago, and to make a man of the boy.
30802. FRANK LEONARD G. Aged six. One of four fatherless children under the age of eight. Father died in May last, and the mother, in her efforts to work for her little one's support, is handicapped by bad eyesight.
30530. LEONARD J. C. Aged nine. One of three children who have lost their mother by cancer. The home has since been under the notice of the N.S.P.C.C. Now comes an appeal to the Society in these words: "The boy may be made a man of if taken at once from his surroundings, which are most terrible—please do your utmost to remove him at once and so save another soul."
30651. OLIVIA A. G. Aged eight. Father dead and mother, suffering from dropsy and heart disease, is unable to work. The mother's brother, who is described as having done his utmost for his sister and her children, is prepared to keep the mother and one child, but cannot do more.
30798. WILLIAM E. W. Aged twelve. Father unknown, this boy, deserted by his mother a woman of most unsatisfactory character, has been brought up by the good couple in whose charge he was left when she disappeared eight years ago. Adverse circumstances prevent their keeping him any longer. A veritable waif, "One of the least of these," the Church cannot refuse to adopt him.
30533. NELLIE A. W. F. Aged seven. One of a large family, mother dead and father, owing to ill-health, unable to work. Nellie had found a home with an elder brother, who has now enlisted and whose home has consequently been broken up. "A sad, deserving case," write those interested.
30660. ROBERT R. B. Aged eight. Mother died four years ago, and father died last March. The boy is described as a good little chap, and is surely worth considering as a possible asset to the nation in the days to come. A brother of sixteen is already in the Navy.
30847. GEORGE E. D. Aged ten. One of five children whose father, a private in the army, died as the result of an epileptic fit. His widow is ineligible for a pension and is quite unable to maintain her five little ones.
30634. ALFRED H. M. Aged eight. One of three children whose father never married their mother. Now he has married another woman, and the three wronged little ones are left to be supported by the mother. A woman of weak health she can do no better than earn 7s. a week and her food at a butcher's shop.
- 30543-4. GEORGE and RICHARD E. Aged eight and six. Father, an ex-soldier, experienced misfortune after leaving the army, and died two years ago, his health having been undermined by want and privation. He left five young children. The mother by casual work endeavoured to maintain the children. Then came tales of her association with bad characters, and now another little mouth has been added to those which were so often insufficiently fed before.
30556. ANNIE M. L. Aged six and a half. Five little ones to keep on her earnings of 10s. a week as a charwoman is the situation facing this child's mother. Six years ago the father died, and under the guise of friendship and a home offered to her little ones further trouble has come to the mother. The case is very strongly supported by the district visitor.

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Quiz

AMY

Document 1 What was Amy's mother's name and which hospital was she attending?

Document 2 What did the boys at the Frome Home eat for dinner on Wednesday?

Document 3 How often were the blankets and quilts washed at the Dulwich Home?

Document 4 What did the girls at the Marylebone Home have to do on Saturday mornings?

Document 5 What was the name of the Home which was holding the Annual Pound Day?

Document 6 What was wrong with Olivia's mother?