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Cases 941 & 942: Annie and Maria

Born: 1874 & 1879 (living in Woolwich at date of application)

Date of application: 1887

Age: 12 & 7 years old at time of application

This case file relates to two sisters, Annie and Maria. Their mother had died of consumption [tuberculosis] in March 1884. They lived in one room in a house in Woolwich with their 12 year old brother and their father who was an "indigent [very poor] and worthless man" and who was co-habiting with a single woman. The house was being used as a brothel: two married women, whose husbands were abroad, were living there and working as prostitutes. The children earned a few pence by waiting on the prostitutes and running errands for them. They had also worked in this way for prostitutes who lived in an adjoining house. The children had hardly any clothing and were in a wretched condition. The night before the application was made the woman with whom the father was co-habiting had had given birth. Annie and Maria were the subject of orders made at Woolwich Police Court sending them to the Certified Industrial School at Hemel Hempstead. This was done because they were believed to be at risk of moral or physical abuse if they remained where they were. They were admitted to the Home on 10 March 1887.

On 12 August 1890 Annie was transferred to a Home in Marylebone, London. She was now old enough to work and she got a job in Dover with children from the Home, but she was not there long before she left. She probably went to her sister in Woolwich. The Waifs and Strays Society were concerned about her future and wanted her to go into domestic service in a respectable house where she would be working with people who would have a good influence on her. Annie did return to Marylebone where she was going to be helped to find work, but nothing further appears in her file until June 1894, when she was twenty years old. She was in a Female Mission in Greenwich, pregnant and destitute. She did not know the father of the baby and "her friends were bad". Annie would have to go to the Workhouse unless other help could be found. The woman who had been living with Annie's father had just gone into the Workhouse with her children as he had left them: the workers at the Mission hoped to avoid Annie and her father's former partner ending up in the same institution. There was also concern that "it would be the ruin" of Annie if she went into the Workhouse, but there was little option for a poor, unmarried, pregnant girl. She needed financial help for any other course of action. As Annie was now an adult there was little the Waifs and Strays Society could do for her.

Maria remained at the Hemel Hempstead Home until she went into domestic service in Harrow on 31 March 1894. On 27 April 1895 she was readmitted to the Home and from subsequent correspondence it appears that she stole money from her employer. There was a dispute lasting some months about the exact amount which was taken, the employer claiming that it was a much greater sum than the girl would admit to. Maria was sent out to another situation in Hemel Hempstead in May 1895 but she became ill with a gastric ulcer later that year and returned to the Home. She was treated at hospital and at a convalescent Home in Sussex. In March 1896 Maria went to work on a local farm but left shortly afterwards because it was too rough. Her next job was as a housemaid in Bayswater but she was again back in the Hemel Hempstead Home in August 1896. The reason for her return is explained by a newspaper clipping about her employer who had been sentenced to hard labour for acts of gross indecency. A couple of years earlier he had been convicted of indecently assaulting a young servant girl.

Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays.

[Means adopted :—(1) Boarding out in families ; (2) Establishing small homes ; (3) Emigration.]

PRESIDENTS :—

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BOYS' HOMES :

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| (1) AVELEY ROAD, UPPER CLAPTON, E. ; | (3) ASHDON, ESSEX (POST TOWN : LINTON, CAMBS.) |
| (2) STANDON FARMING HOME, STANDON BRIDGE, STAFFORD ; | (4) KINGSLEY HALL, FRODSHAM ; |

GIRLS' HOMES :

- | | |
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| (5) DULWICH (BARODA HOUSE) ; | (12) HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS ; |
| (6) HARROW (HEADSTONE DRIVE) ; | (13) COLD ASH, NEAR NEWBURY ; |
| (7) MARYLEBONE ROAD, W. ; | (14) THE MUMBLES, SWANSEA ; |
| (8) MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK ; | (15) MEANWOOD COTTAGE HOME, LEEDS ; |
| (9) LEAMINGTON ; | (16) WINCHESTER (CONNAUGHT HOUSE) ; |
| (10) FAREHAM, HANTS ; | (17) SOUTHWELL (ARNOLD GROVE) ; |
| (11) ASHURST, TUNBRIDGE WELLS ; | (18) SHERBROOKE, CANADA. |

OFFICE :—No. 32, CHARING CROSS, LONDON, S.W.

Hon. Sec.—E. de M. RUDOLF, Esq.
Clerical Secretary—Rev. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A.

Telegraphic Address :

“ WAIFS SOCIETY, LONDON.”

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 to
MR. E. DE M. RUDOLF, Hon. Secretary, CHURCH OF ENGLAND CENTRAL SOCIETY FOR PROVIDING HOMES FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS,
No. 32, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.

1. Give the child's christian name and surname	<i>Annie</i>
2. State the exact age, and give the date and place of birth	<i>13 Next May Born at Chatham 14th May 1874</i>
3. Legitimate?	<i>yes</i>
4. If baptized, state place and date of baptism	
5. Parents living?	<i>Father living</i>
6. If, however, either or both are dead, state of what disease they died, and give the date of their death.	Mother <i>died Consumption 12 March 1874</i> Father
7. If living, give their exact places of abode, and state how long they have resided there.	Mother Father <i>Living at Mary Ann Cottages Back Lane Woolwich since 14th Aug^r</i>
8. Give the christian names and surnames of parents (in full) and state their ages	Mother Father <i>George, 43 Next Aug^r</i>
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	<i>At Present No occupation</i> <i>Mr Williams 12 Union Street Chatham</i>
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?	
11. Have the parents or guardians ever received parish relief? If so, to what extent?	<i>No</i>

NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
<i>Reve,</i>	<i>Mr Purvis Wellington St Woolwich</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>In service</i>	<i>4^s</i>
<i>George,</i>	<i>Mary Ann Cottages Back Lane</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>at school</i>	

** 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.

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO—Continued.

13. At what address and with whom is the child now living? ...	Marydon Cottages, Back Lane, Woolwich, Living with the father					
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 grandparents, uncles, aunts, &c. * * * Replies to this question must be very full and exact. No application can be received without full enquiry as to the earnings of relatives having been made, and result stated.	DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP.	NAMES.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
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 towards its support ...	None					
16. Can any payment for the child be guaranteed from any source	None					
17. Has the child ever been convicted? If so, state the nature of the child's offence and term of imprisonment	No					
18. Has it ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long?					
19. Ever attended Sunday school? If so, where and for how long? ...						
20. Has the child ever been in the work-house? If so, for how long and where? ...	In Plumstead Workhouse five weeks					
21. Has the child any affections of the limbs, joints, skin or eyes which may have the effect of preventing it from entering domestic service?	None					
22. Is the child subject to fits? or has it ever had one? If so, state its nature ... Is the child subject to incontinence of urine? ...	None					
23. Is the child at present affected with any infectious or contagious disease, or with scrofula, requiring medical treatment? ...	None					
24. Has the child had scarlet fever or whooping cough, measles, or small pox? If not the latter, has it been vaccinated? ...	None					
25. Is the child's general health good?	Yes					
26. Are the child's parents, guardians, or next of kin, willing to sign an agreement to commit it wholly to the care of the managers of the Home, to obey the rules in force, and to permit the said child when fully trained to be sent to any situation in the United Kingdom or the Colonies, which may be obtained for it by the Committee? ...	Yes					

A medical certificate replying to these five questions is absolutely necessary.

Copy to perquisite
 Medical certificate attached
 I hereby certify that
 I have this day examined
 Annie Maria ... & they
 are in a good state of health.
 Woolwich
 Feb. 23. 87.
 J. Wilcox M.D.

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

(Signed,) Name Samuel G
 Address The Rectory, Woolwich
 Incumbent of Woolwich
 Date 22 February 1887

This page should be filled up with a full and particular account of the child, its parents, family, &c.

When signing this Page please
say whether "Mr.," "Mrs."
"Miss," or "Rev."

The lawful mother of these children is dead. The father is an indigent and worthless man cohabiting with a single woman. Two named women RESIDE in the house. whose husbands are abroad. and who are now living as prostitutes. receiving men in the house. The children scrape money by waiting on them and running errands for them. There have been prostitutes in the adjoining house and the children have been waiting on them. The children are almost nude and are in a wretched condition. This woman with whom the father is cohabiting was confined last night. The whole family resides in one room.

signed (Geo^d) Samuel G.
The Rectory,
Woodwich

Transcript

1. Give the child's christian name and surname.

Annie

2. State the exact age, and give the date and place of birth.

13 Next May Born at Chatham 14th May 1874

3. Legitimate?

yes

4. If baptized, state place and date of baptism.

5. Parents living?

Father Living

6. If, however, either or both are dead, state of what disease they died, and give the date of their death

Mother Died consumption 12 March / 84

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

Father Living at 2 Mary Ann Cottages Back Lane Woolwich
since 14th Aug

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

Father G 43 Next August

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.

At Present No occupation

Mr Williams Union Street, Chatham

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. –

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

No

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

NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS

R. Wilmington St, Woolwich, 18 In service 4s

S. Mary Ann Cottages, Back Lane, 12 at school

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

Mary Ann Cottages, Back Lane, Woolwich,
Living with the father

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

None

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.*

Relatives not known

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

None

17. *Has the child ever been convicted? Is so, state the nature of his offence and term of imprisonment.*

no

18. *Has it ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long?*

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

20. *Has the child ever been in the workhouse? If so, for how long and where?*

The Plumstead Workhouse five weeks

21. *Has the child any affections of the limbs, joints, skin or eyes which may have the affect of preventing him from entering domestic services?*

22. *Is the child subject to fits? or has ie ever had one? If so, state its nature. Is this child subject to incontinence of urine?*

23. *Is the child at present affected with any infectious or contagious disease, or with scrofula requiring medical treatment?*

24. *Has the child had scarlet fever, or whooping cough or measles, or small pox? If not the latter, has it been vaccinated?*

25. *Is the child's general health good?*

Copy of Medical Certificate attached - I hereby certify that I have this day examined Annie & Maria & they are in a good state of health

Woolwich

Feb.23.87.

W. M.D.

26. *Are the child's parents, grandparents or next of kin, willing to sign an agreement to commit it wholly to the care of the Managers of the Home, to obey the rules in force, and to permit the said child when fully trained to be sent to any situation in the United Kingdom, which may be obtained for it by the Managers?*

yes

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

Name S

Address The Rectory, Woolwich

Incumbent of Woolwich

Date 22 February 1889

The lawful mother of these children is dead. The father is an indigent and worthless man cohabiting with a single woman. Two married women reside in the house whose husbands are abroad and who are now living as prostitutes, receiving men in the house. The children earn pence by waiting on them and running errands for them. There have been prostitutes in the adjoining house and the children have been waiting on them. The children are almost nude and are in a wretched condition. The women with whom the father is cohabiting was confined last night. The whole family resides in one room.

signed (Revd) S.

The Rectory

Woolwich

Application Number 1829

Accepted number 941

Name A

Age - 13 -

Present Address Mary Ann Cottage Back Lane Woolwich

Legitimate? yes

Baptised? cant say

Mother alive? - no -

Father alive? - yes -

Sisters (how many?) - 2 -

Brothers (how many?) - 1 -

Medical Certificate? attached

Free or part payment

Decision of Committee 10 March 1884

Committed to Girls Home Hemel Hempstead

20/5/90.

Rev E.J. Gallop writes A. was baptized on 28/5/89.

12 August 1890

Transferred to Blandford Square, Marylebone

Gone to Dover with children from Marylebone Home

16 Sep 1890 went to Miss Lee 20 Blandford Square



6. *One of our earliest Waifs.*



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.

Transcript

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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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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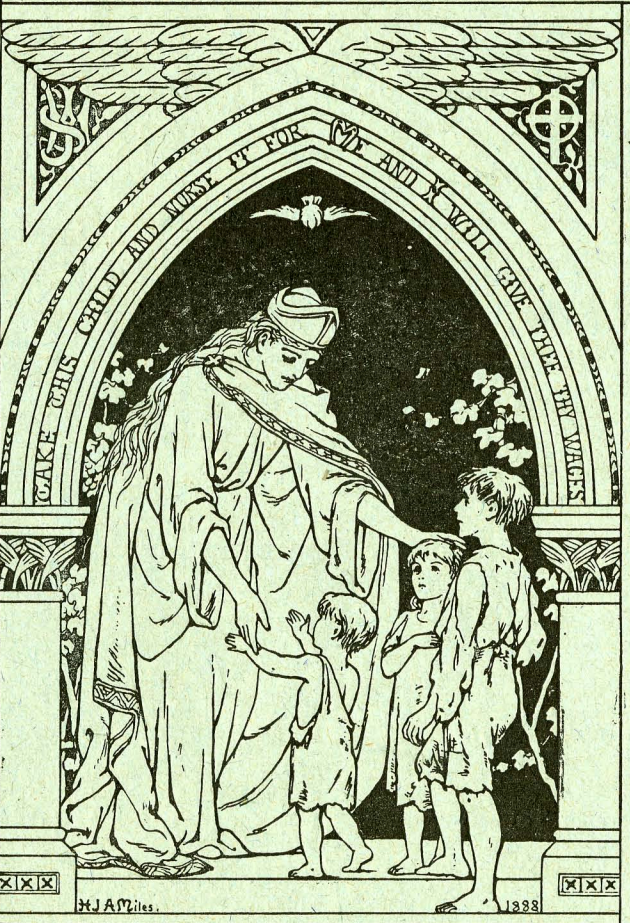
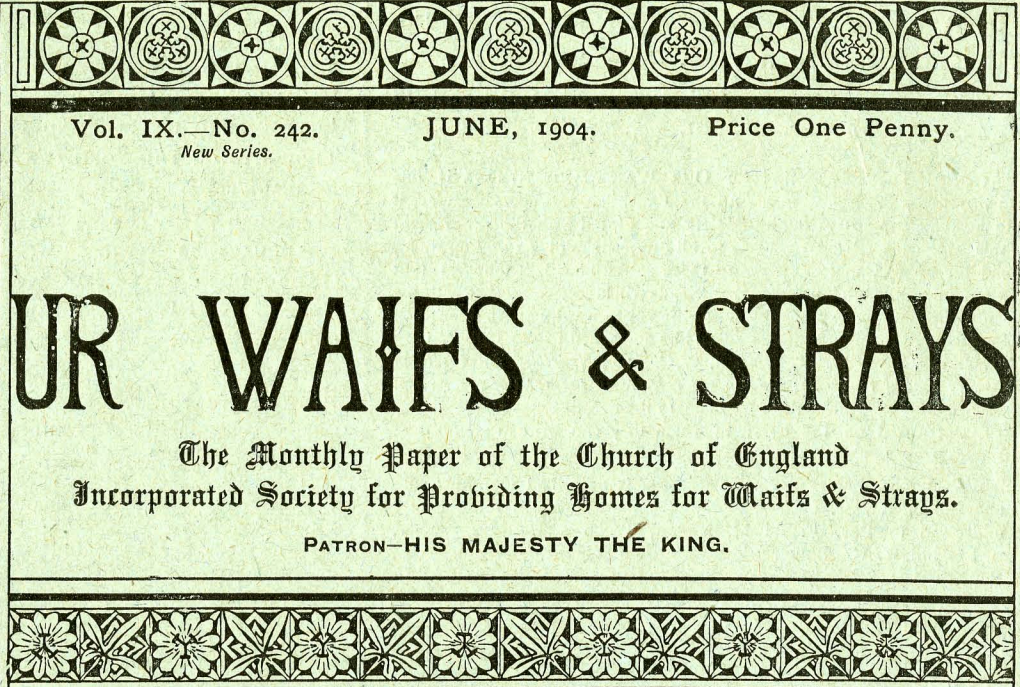
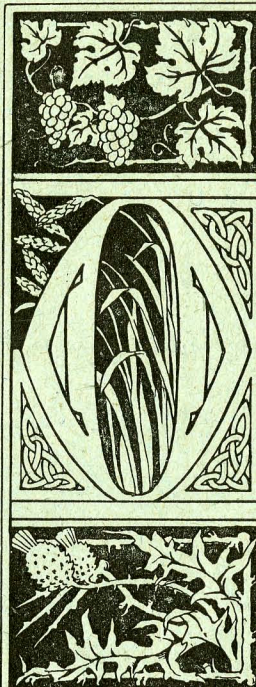
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*ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.*BY THE REV. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A., *Rector of S. Peter's, Walworth.*

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

ANNIE

Document 1 What was the name of the Workhouse that Annie had stayed in? How long was she there?

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?