

3 brothers and 2 sisters (War cases)
Denis, Herbert, George, Ena and Minnie

Case files: 21895, 21890, 21891, 21920, and 21921.

Born: 1906, 1909, 1911, 1910 and 1908

Date of applications: 1917

Ages: 11, 8, 5, 7 and 9 years old

The father, Ernest, and his children lived in Uxbridge, their mother had died of pneumonia in 1912. The father was a soldier fighting in World War I (he was formerly a Farrier Master, a person who shoes horses). His sister looked after the children at first, she became seriously ill and felt unable to carry on caring for them, she died soon afterwards. The Reverend requested that the younger children be taken in by the Waifs and Strays Society (as The Children's Society was formerly known) in response to an appeal from their father; the two elder children were not taken into care.

When demobilized in 1919, Ernest was unable to provide a home for his five younger children for a few years. A government allowance (Separation Allowance) was paid to the Society for the upkeep of the children whilst he was at war. When Ernest was demobilized the separation allowance ceased, he had difficulty paying the Waifs and Strays Society, to keep his children, his business a greengrocers shop was in trouble and he had to go to the Labour Bureau (similar to our Job Centres) and do casual work. He had great difficulty in finding somewhere to live for himself and the children, staying with his mother and father who only had 3 rooms. He eventually found a home in London, N11, running a greengrocers and continuing with shoe smithing. He kept in regular contact with the Waifs and Strays and all his children were returned to him by 1925.

The eldest of the children, Denis was described as "a trouble" as "quick tempered" but "in many ways extremely likeable". He initially went to Stockwell Receiving Home, and then transferred to St Boniface Home, Sampford Peverell, Devon. His father has been at "his wits end to know what to do" to find a house and wished the government would let him "have a hut." Denis decided he wanted to join the Navy, according to his father this is because "he thinks it a way he can get away from the Home". His father requests that Denis is returned to him so that he can "have a chance of seeing which he would like best." He is the first of the children to be returned to his father in 1920 and help his father in his business.

Herbert and George were cared for together. They were placed in Stockwell Receiving Home, 197 Clapham Road, in November 1921. The Society did not wish to separate Herbert and George so they were both sent to a foster mother, Henrietta in Suffolk. It was recommended in 1921 that they were placed in a home because of their age. In 1921 both boys were sent back to Stockwell Receiving Home temporarily and then Herbert went to St. Benet's Home, Caversham, Reading, and George to St Augustine's, Sevenoaks, Kent. Both boys were returned to their father in 1922.

Ena and Minnie are placed in Homes together. They were sent to St Winifred's Receiving Home in 1917, and then the Pickering Home, Hull. The file includes a letter from the father appealing to his vicar for a home for his children till he returns from the War, the vicar then appeals to the Society on his behalf. Ena was returned to her father in 1925 as she "will be useful to me in the house".

In 1921 Minnie was deemed to be guilty of "improper conduct, together with another girl" it was recommended that she was removed and placed in a "suitable" Home. She was sent to St Lawrence's Home in 1921 and found employment as a servant in 1924 at Hyde Park Street, London W1. Minnie left her "situation" in 1925, there is no mention of where she went.

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Secretary—REV. PREBENDARY RUDOLF.

Secretary's Assistant—H. M. FOWLE, Esq.

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.

Give the child's christian names and surname in full ...	Denis Frederick			
NOTE.—In the event of an application being made on behalf of more than one child, separate forms should be asked for.				
State the exact date and place of birth ... Please forward birth certificate.	17 Feb: 1906	20 St. Johns R ^d , Hillingda West.		
Legitimate? (Yes or No) ...	Yes			
State exact date and place of baptism ... Please forward certificate.	April. 15: 1906	St. Dun. Ev. Lebridge Moor		
Are parents living? ...	Father only alive			
6. If however, either or both are dead, state nature of disease and give date of death ...	Mother	- pneumonia - Nov: 20: 1912		
	Father			
7. If living, give their exact places of abode, state how long they have resided there, and what rent is paid ...	Mother	-		
	Father	19 St. Dun. Rd. Lebridge, 4 years - 3/6 Weekly		
8. Give the christian names and surnames of parents in full, and state their ages ...	Mother	Emily Elizabeth	formerly (maiden name) <u>Quinn</u>	Age 32
	Father	Ernest Thomas		Age 38
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 ...	Farmer - about 30/- to 35/- own master			
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...	none			
11. Have the parents or guardians ever received parish relief? If so, to what extent?	no			
12. Give the names, addresses, and ages, of all the brothers and sisters of the child, and occupations and earnings (if any) ... * * * 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 the application is being made should not be given here.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.
	(1) William Henry	16 St. Dun. Rd Lebridge	15	in Lebridge gas works
	(2) Evelyn Ada	19 "	14	-
	(3) Minnie	do,	9	
	(4) Herbert James	"	8	
	(5) Ina	"	6	
	(6) George Edward	"	5	
13. At what address and with whom is the child now living?	19 S. John's Rd. Lebridge with Aunt, Miss Elsie			

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.
	Grandfather	Oliver	The Veterinary College Great College St.	62	Shoering Smith
	" mother	Emily	" Cambridge Rd.	64	"
	Aunt	Ethel	19 S. John Rd Cambridge	39	"
	"	Ada	Blackrock Rd Harroway	32	married woman

** 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.

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*
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. Government separation allowance available.*
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 *The Cambridge Committee, under the Statutory Pensions Act, wife, if needed, find a suitable home*
18. Has the child ever been convicted? Has his or her character been affected in any way by exceptional knowledge of evil? *No*
No
19. Ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long, and in what standard? *yes, St. John's G.E. Schools since infancy - Standard VI.*
20. Ever attended Sunday school? If so, where and for how long? *yes, St. John's Sunday Schools for about 5 years*
21. Ever been in the Workhouse? If so, how long and where? *no*

22. I, of parent (guardian) of do hereby commit wholly to the care of the Society, and promise to obey 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 by the Committee.

Signature..... Date.....

Signature of Witness..... Address.....

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 expedient.

Signature of Witness..... Signature.....
(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..... *J. H. Knight*
Address..... *Vicarage
Cambridge
Middleton*

Date..... *11 May 1917*

Incumbent of..... *S. John's Cambridge*

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."

The father, a widower is
67720 Shoring Smith E.T. Battery R.F.A. At
the present time serving with the Polynesian Field Forces.

The child was placed, with his brothers & sisters, under the care of an Aunt
Miss Ethel - who at the present date is very seriously ill.

The father has applied by writing to the Lebridge Sub Committee
under the Statutory Pensions Act, requesting that allowance may be paid
for the child, because his sister cannot stand the strain of looking after him
& the rest of the family any longer.

The child is rather quick tempered - in very many ways
sharp & intelligent - there is no criminal taint about him -
He has given trouble chiefly because the father's influence has been
removed - He is one of the boys who require a man of them.

The Government Separation Allowance is available
for the child's support.

Rev. F.H. Voight
St. Wens Vicarage
Lebridge

Transcript

Application for the Admission of a child

1. Give the child's christian name and surname
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2. State the exact age, and give the date and place of his birth
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Mother Pneumonia. 20 Nov 1912
Father
7. If living, give their exact places of abode, and state how long they have resided there
Mother
Father St John's Rd, Uxbridge: 4 years: 5/6 weekly
8. Give the christian names and surnames of his parents (in full) and state their ages.
Mother Emily Elisabeth formerly (maiden name) Age 32
Father Earnest Thomas Age 36
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.
Farrier: 30/- to 35/- weekly
Own master
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.
none
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 his brothers and sisters
NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS
William Henry St John's Rd Uxbridge, 15, Uxbridge Gas Co. 15/- about
Evelyn Ada, St John's Road Uxbridge, 14
Minnie, St John's Rd Uxbridge, 9
Herbert James St Johns Rd Uxbridge, 8
Ena, St John's Rd Uxbridge, 6
George Edward, St Johns Rd, 5
13. At what address and with whom is the child now living?
St John's Rd, Uxbridge with Aunt Miss Ethel

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

Grandfather, Denis, The Veterinary College, 64, Shoeing Smith
Great College St
Camden Town

Grandmother, Emily as above 61

Aunt, Ethel St Johns Rd, Uxbridge 29

Aunt, Ada Breckwock Rd, Holloway 32, married

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

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

No. Government separation allowance available

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

The Uxbridge Committee, under the Statutory Pensions Act, will if needed find a suitable home

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

No

19. Has it ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long and in what standard?

Yes St Johns C.E. schools since infancy standard V1

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no

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Signature

Date

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Address

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(Signed)

Name J.H. Voight
Address St John's Vicarage
Uxbridge
Middlesex

Date May 11 1917

Incumbent of Uxbridge Moor

The father, a widower is 67720 Shoeing Smith E.T., 11 Battery R.F.A. At present time serving with Salonika Field Forces.

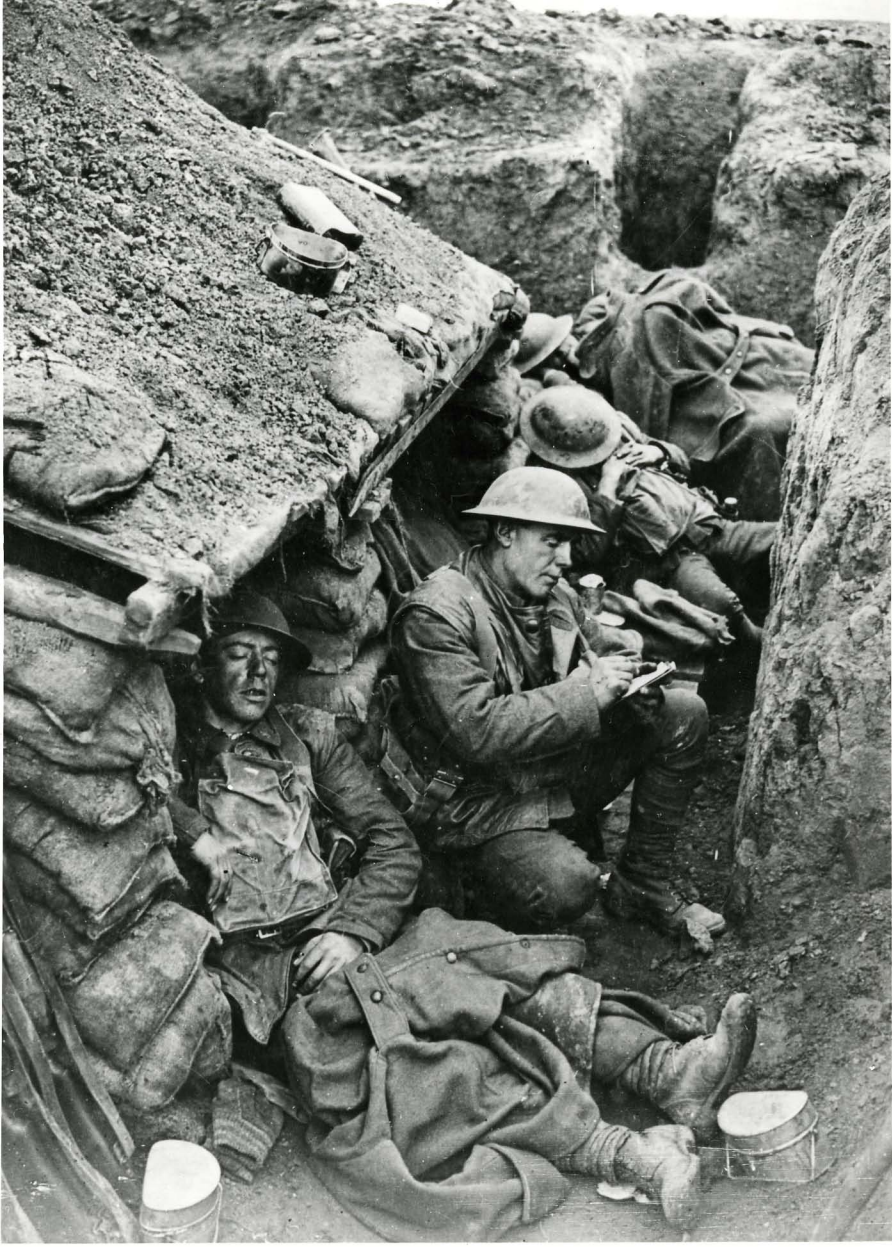
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Days Home From
Dietary

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
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Friday	do do	Soup and bread or fish and potatoes		
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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:—

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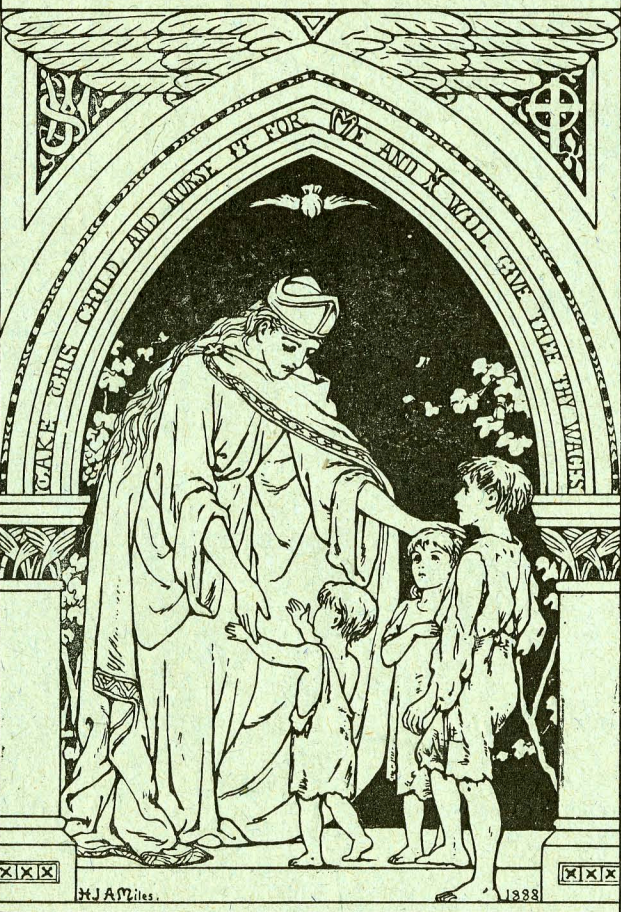
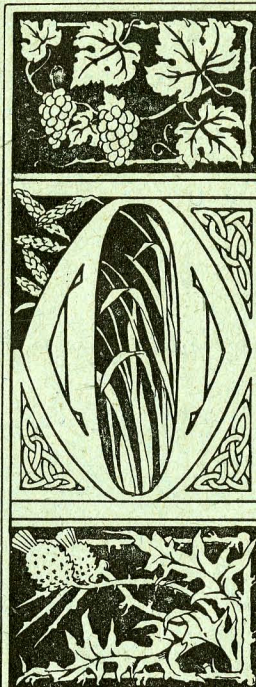
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*ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.*BY THE REV. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A., *Rector of S. Peter's, Walworth.*

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 Infirmaries, 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

DENIS

Document 1 What were the names of Denis's grandparents and what job did his grandfather do?

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?