

Case File no: 4356. John W.

Born: 1886 (living in Camberwell at time of application)

Date of application: 1894

Age: 8 years

John's father died in May 1894 of paralysis which was believed to have been a result of jumping into the canal the previous winter to save a drowning child. His mother was left with 5 small children and was too poor to look after all of them without some help. She did some washing to earn money but did not receive much. She had been ill for a while and as she could not work until she recovered she was reliant on poor relief. There was no welfare state as we know it today. John's uncles and aunts were keen to help as much as possible but they were also poor with their own families to support. One of his uncles hoped to give some assistance to John's mother and any children who remained in her care once the result of the application to the Waifs and Strays Society was known. It was hoped that the Society would be able to look after John and his younger brother, Edward.

The Society agreed to look after John and he went to live with foster parents at Great Waldingfield, Suffolk. He remained there until October 1900 when he was transferred to the "House-Boy Brigade, Kensington." The aim of this institution was to train poor boys for domestic service. While in the home they were sent out to assist the servants of private families in the neighbourhood, at a charge per hour.

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

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

RESIDENTS:—**HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY & HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.**

BOYS' HOMES:

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| (1) ALMONDBURY (ALL SAINTS' HOME), HUDDERSFIELD; | (13) GISLINGHAM (THORNHAM MEMORIAL HOME) EYE, SUFFOLK. |
| (2) ASHDON (ALL SAINTS' HOME), near SAFFRON WALDEN; | (14) HANLEY CASTLE (HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD), WORCESTER; |
| (3) BEDE HOME, WAKEFIELD; | (15) HEDGERLEY, STOKE POGES, BUCKS. |
| (4) BOGNOR; | (16) KNEBWORTH, STEPHENAGE; |
| (5) BOURNEMOUTH (TALBOT HOME); | (17) LEICESTER; |
| (6) BOWERCHALKE (ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOME), SALISBURY. | (18) " " (WORKING BOYS' HOME); |
| (7) BRON MEIRION, ARTHOG, DOLGELLY; | (19) LYME REGIS (S. MICHAEL'S HOME); |
| (8) BYFLEET (S. NICHOLAS HOME FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN);
(FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS); (BOYS TO BE UNDER 10 YEARS). | (20) ROCHDALE; |
| (9) CROYDON (GORDON HOME), NORTH END HOUSE; | (21) ROCK FERRY, BIRKENHEAD; |
| (10) EYTHORNE, near DOVER; | (22) SEAFORTH, near LIVERPOOL; |
| (11) FRODSHAM (KINGSLEY HALL); | (23) SHERBROOKE (BENYON HOME) CANADA; |
| (12) FROME (SUNNY SIDE); | (24) STANDON FARMING HOME, STANDON BRIDGE, ECCLESHALL. |

GIRLS' HOMES:

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| (25) ARNOLD GROVE, near NOTTINGHAM; | (42) HILLINGDON HEATH (HAYES HOUSE), near UXBRIDGE; |
| (26) AUDENSHAW, near MANCHESTER; | (43) HILLINGDON HEATH (FIRS HOME), near UXBRIDGE; |
| (27) BELBROUGHTON, near STOURBRIDGE; | (44) HULL; |
| (28) BRIGHTON (EGREMONT PLACE); | (45) KNOYLE, SALISBURY. |
| (29) CARNARVON (S. MARK'S HOME); | (46) LEAMINGTON, (30, CLARENDON AVENUE); |
| (30) CARNARVON (S. MARK'S NURSERY HOME); | (47) MARYLEBONE, (123, MARYLEBONE ROAD, W.); |
| (31) COLD ASH (HILL HOUSE), near NEWBURY; | (48) MEANWOOD, (BECKETT HOME). LEEDS; |
| (32) CULLERCOATS (S. OSWALD'S) NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE; | (49) MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK. |
| (33) DARLINGTON (S. CUTHBERT'S HOME); | (50) MIRFIELD, (S. AGNES); |
| (34) DICKLEBURGH, near SCOLE (LEE COTTAGE); | (51) MOULSOE, (ST. FAITH'S HOME), NEWPORT PAGNELL; |
| (35) DICKLEBURGH, near SCOLE (ROSE COTTAGE); | (52) MUMBLES, SOUTH WALES; |
| (36) DULWICH (LAMPSON HOME), OVERHILL ROAD; | (53) PENKRIDGE, (ST. MARGARET'S HOME); |
| (37) FAREHAM, HANTS; | (54) SHERBROOKE, (GIBBS' HOME), CANADA; |
| (38) FAR HEADINGLEY (S. CHAD'S HOUSE), LEEDS; | (55) SHREWSBURY, (ST. SAVIOUR'S HOME); |
| (39) HANDSWORTH (CALTHORPE HOME), near BIRMINGHAM; | (56) SOUTHBOURNE-ON-SEA, (ST. CATHERINE'S HOME), NEAR |
| (40) HARROW; | (57) WINCHESTER, (CONNAUGHT HOUSE); [CHRISTCHURCH; |
| (41) HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, (OLIVE HOUSE), HERTS; | |

Telegraphic Address:

Offices;—**CHURCH HOUSE, DEAN'S YARD, WESTMINSTER.**

"WAIFS SOCIETY, LONDON."

Secretary—E. de M. RUDOLF, Esq. Hon. Asst. Secretary—R. de M. RUDOLF, Esq. Secretary's Assistant—H. M. FOWLE, Esq. Clerical Deputation Secretaries—

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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 to E. de M. RUDOLF, Esq., Secretary CHURCH OF ENGLAND INCORPORATED SOCIETY FOR PROVIDING HOMES FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.

1. Give the child's christian name and surname	<i>John W</i>			
2. State the exact age, and give the date and place of birth	<i>8 yrs 1 month June 20 1886 Heate Street, Camberwell S.E.</i>			
3. Legitimate?	<i>Yes</i>			
4. If baptised, state place and date of baptism	<i>St Mark's Coburg Rd, Camberwell shortly after birth</i>			
5. Parents living?	<i>Father died Mother</i>			
6. If, however, either or both are dead, state of what disease they died, and give the date of their death.	Mother			
	Father	<i>died in May 1894 of Paralysis brought on by going into the Canal in winter to save a child's life.</i>		
7. If living, give their exact places of abode, and state how long they have resided there	Mother	<i>Harling St, Camberwell - 4 months - but been in parish 17 years.</i>		
	Father			
8. Give the christian names and surnames of parents (in full) and state their ages	Mother	<i>Ellen Elizabeth 29</i>		
	Father	<i>deceased (James)</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 late employer	<i>Skin-dresser - under 30s per week Mr Hugent, Golden St, Heate St, Camberwell S.E.</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?	<i>Washing - Used to earn 5s per week - but lately has been ill & is only about to begin work again, no particular employer</i>			
11. Have the parents or guardians ever received parish relief? If so, to what extent?	<i>Widowed mother now receives 4/6 or 4/9 in kind</i>			
12. Give the names, addresses, ages, occupations and earnings (if any) of all the brothers and sisters of the child	NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.
	<i>James Henry</i>	<i>Harling St</i>	<i>9</i>	
	<i>Ellen Eliza</i>	<i>Camberwell</i>	<i>6</i>	
	<i>Lily</i>		<i>3</i>	
	<i>John Edward</i>		<i>4 1/2</i>	<i>also applying for admission to Waifs & Strays</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?

DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP.	NAMES.	ADDRESSES.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
Step-uncle (on mother's side)	Henry	Spa Road Bermondsey	26	works for the Vestry	abt 27/6
Uncle on Father's side	John W (4 children)	Wells St Camberwell	27½	Coffee-house manager	30/6
Do do	Edward W (1 child)	Harling St Camberwell	26	Works at a Whitening Factory	abt 22/6
Do do	Harry W (4 children)	Albany Row, Heath St Camberwell	31	Corman	24/6

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

No

16. Can any payment for the child be guaranteed from any source? exclusive of its relatives, if so, by whom?

No

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 and in what Standard is it

Board School - Scarsdale Rd, Camberwell - ^{Infants} 1st Standard

19. Ever attended Sunday school? If so, where and for how long?

Trinity College Mission (Camberwell) 2 or 3 years.

20. Has the child ever been in the work-house? If so, for how long and where?

No

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?

No

22. Is the child subject to fits? or has it ever had one? If so, state its nature

No

Is the child subject to incontinence of urine?

No

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

No

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

never had scarlet fever or whooping cough
has had measles & been vaccinated

25. Is the child's general health good, and has it average mental capacity?

Yes

Impaired by Red measles

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 Society, 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 Committee?

Yes

27. Is there any objection to its being emigrated, if this is thought desirable by the Society?
Preference will be given to those cases in which consent to emigration is expressed.

No objection will be raised

I certify that the foregoing questions have been replied to by John W who is known to me as a responsible person.

(Signed,)

Name Reginald H Grubbe

Address 131 Camberwell Rd, SE

Curate St George's Camberwell

In charge of Trinity College (Camberwell) Mission

Date July 10. 1896

IMPORTANT.

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

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

Mrs W of 5, Harding St has only been known to me a few months - but her children have come regularly to my Sunday School since they were old enough to come - & for some months when I held a Saturday School they came regularly. The Rev. J. T. Rowe my colleague in the Trinity College Mission speaks highly of her. He is in Canada now but will be home at end of July. Sister Katherine of 11 Addison Square, Camberwell would also speak well for her.

Mr James W who died was better known to my colleague Rev. J. T. Rowe than myself - but I believe he was a sober & hardworking man.

Mr John W & his surviving brother is well known to me & I can speak without hesitation of his good character & steadiness. He is a hardworking man with four children of his own who however hopes to give some assistance towards support of the widow & those 3 children (or 4) who may remain at home with her. Hence he cannot offer any help towards support of applicants.

I have had occasion to visit Mrs W frequently of late & have been pleased with her patience under great difficulties & her affection for her children & yet her strong determination to do what was best for them.

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Washing – used to earn 5/- per week – but lately has been ill & is only about to begin work again. No particular employer
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Trinity College (Camb) Mission
Camberwell S.E.



E. Kellett. J. Hough



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.		
Monday	do do	Cold Beef, potatoes or bread & Currant pudding.	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
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

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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."



Church of England Waifs & Strays Society.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN BRANCH.

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St. MARY'S HOME FOR GIRLS, EASTNOR.

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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.
MISS SYBIL ASHMORE, Hazlehurst, Bishopswood, Ross.
MRS. CUTFIELD, Merton House, Ross.
MISS G. MORGAN, Stoke Lacy Rectory, Worcester.
MISS H. L. KEMPSON, Moreton Jeffries, Bromyard, Worcester.
MISS GLADYS MILBANK, Norton Manor, Radnorshire.
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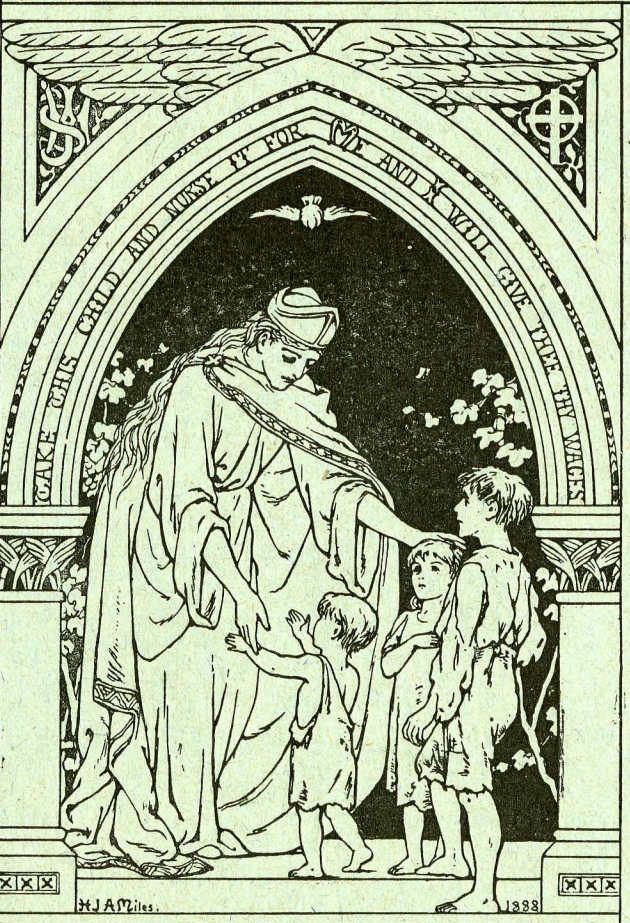
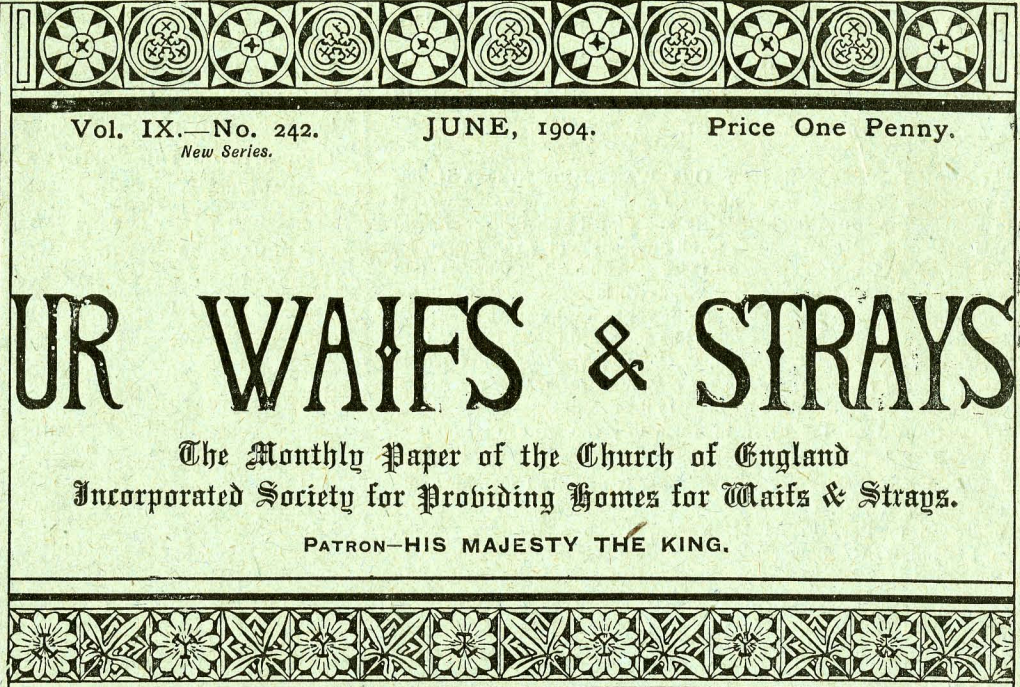
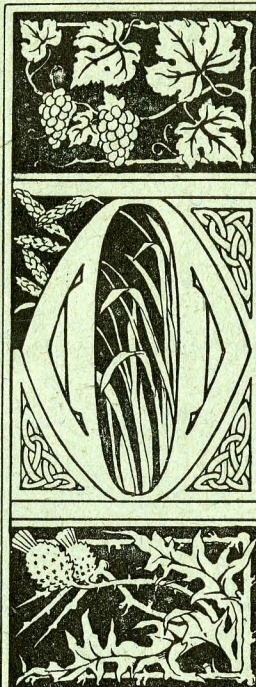
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*ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.*BY THE REV. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A., *Rector of S. Peter's, Walworth.*

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



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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

JOHN W

Document 1 What job did John's father do before his death and how much did he earn each week?

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?