

Case File no: 26443. Arthur.

Born: 1914 (living in Islington at time of application)

Date of application: 1922

Age: 8 years

His father died in 1918 of wounds and heart disease. Arthur (aged 8) was influenced by some boys "of dishonest tendencies" and with them he broke the windows of a factory and stole 5 boxes of soldiers. Various other misdemeanours were alleged but nothing serious. His mother couldn't control him and it was thought best all round that he be removed from the area and given a fresh start. He went to Cheshire but it was too far for his mother to visit (she was living on a widow's pension) and so he was moved and spent most of his time at Knebworth supported by the South Africa Fund for children whose fathers had been killed or died as a result of the War. His mother kept in touch with him and he eventually returned to the family home having started an apprenticeship as a cabinet maker. The family lived in Islington and there is some information about the locality, the school Arthur attended and the family's lodgings.

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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. 11.

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.

1. Give the child's christian names and surname in full ...	[Redacted], Arthur.			
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 ...	15.4.1914. Shore ditch.			
* Please forward birth certificate	B/c attached Birth certificate sent Dec., 6'22. n.p.c.			
3. Born in Wedlock? - (Yes or No)	Yes.			
4. State exact date and place of baptism ...	St. Andrew's Church, Hoxton.			
Please forward certificate	St. Andrew's, Canal Rd, Hoxton, 29.5.1914.			
5. Are parents living?	Mother only Father deceased.			
6. If however, either or both are dead, state nature of disease and give date of death. ...	Mother	Died of wounds 22.11.1918.		
	Father	Died of wounds 22.11.1918.		
7. If living, give their exact places of abode, state how long they have resided there, and what rent is paid. ...	Mother	38 ^o Pickering Street, Dagenham. over five years - Rent 7/6		
	Father	Deceased.		
8. Give the christian names and surnames of parents in full, and state their ages ...	Mother	[Redacted]. Ada Mahler formerly (maiden name)	Age	35.
	Father	[Redacted]. Arthur	Age	36 in 1918
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 ...	Cabinetmaker £3 - per week Mr. Vaughan 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. ...	Nil.			
11. Have the parents or guardians ever received parish relief? If so, to what extent? ...	Parish Relief in 1919 whilst waiting decision of appeal for Pension 28/- per week for about eight months.			
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.
	[Redacted] Charles William	38 ^o Pickering St	14	Cabinetmaking out of work
	[Redacted] Lillian May	" "	10	School
	[Redacted] Alice Jane E.	" "	6	"
* Replies to this question must be very full and exact.				
The name of the child on whose behalf this application is being made should not be given here.				
13. At what address and with whom is the child now living? ...	With Mother 38 ^o Pickering Street. N.1			

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO—Continued.

DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
Grandfather	James	44. Barman St Hoxton	67	Cabinet maker	Unknown
Grandmother	Rebecca	"	64	Nil	"
Uncle	Thomas	Prescott Place Clapham	42	Taxi Driver	"
Aunt	William	Minton Street Hoxton	38	Cabinet maker	"
"	Mrs C	Joy Lane Hoxton	44	Cabinet maker	"
"	Florence	44. Barman St	20	French Pisher	"
Uncle	Minnie	"	18	Machinist	"
"	Edward	Unknown			
Aunt	George	Kemmy St. Hoxton			
"	Mrs A.	"			

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? ... *Nil.*

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. *Yes - Pension. Mrs [redacted] 380 Pickering Street. N.1*

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 [redacted] 380 Pickering Street. N.1*

18. Has the child ever been convicted? Has his or her character been affected in any way by exceptional knowledge of evil? *No. His character has been affected by association with boys of dishonest tendencies but not otherwise.*

19. Ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long and in what standard? *Yes - Popham Road School, Dleigham 3 years Standard 0*

20. Ever attended Sunday school? If so, where and for how long? *Yes 2 years. Britannia Row Sunday School.*

21. Ever been in the Workhouse? If so, how long and where? *No.*

22. I, *Ada Matilda* of *380 Pickering Street* parent (~~guardian~~) of *Arthur* do hereby commit... 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 *him* by the Committee.
Signature: *Ada M.* Date: *25.10.1922*

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: _____ Signature: _____
(If consent to emigration is not given, this space should be left blank).

I certify that the foregoing questions have been correctly answered, to the best of my belief.
(Signed) Name: *W. P. [redacted]*
Address: *Vicar, St. Bartholomew's Church, Dleigham*
Date: *November 3, 1922*
Incumbent of: *St. Bartholomew's, Dleigham*

IMPORTANT.

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."

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

A very decent respectable family as far as is known by the Pensions Cttee & spoken well of in the district. Mother is very distressed about her boy who has come under bad influence & taken to pilfering in the street, he has never taken anything at home & she has no trouble at all with her other children

"Two boys & Arthur broke windows of a factory on Sunday evening about 16 weeks ago & took 5 boxes of soldiers, mother reported it to the police, he has also been seen taking bread from a barrow but no proof of this has been produced.

Pension will be paid direct to you by the Ministry of Pensions Acton.

Mrs) C. N. Webster.

Longton War Pensions
Fowler Rd.
NI.

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

Acknowledgment of the receipt of this application will be sent, but the Committee's decision will be forwarded with the least possible delay.

Transcript

ARTHUR

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

1. Give the child's christian name and surname

Arthur

2. State the exact date and place of birth

15.4.1914 Shoreditch

B/C attached Birth certificate sent Dec 6 22. A.D.C.

3. Born in Wedlock? – (Yes or No)

yes

4. State exact date and place of baptism

St Andrew's ['Christ' crossed through] Church, Hoxton

Canal Rd, Hoxton 29.5.1914

5. Parents living?

Mother only Father deceased

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

Mother --

Father Died of wounds 22.11.1918

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

Mother: Pickering Street, Islington

Over five years Rent 7/5

Father: Deceased

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

Mother: Ada Matilda formerly (maiden name) Age 35

Father: Arthur Age 36 in 1918

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.

Chairmaker, £3 per week

Mr Vaughan

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.

Nil.

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

Parish Relief in 1919 whilst waiting decision on application for Pension

28/- per week for about eight months

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

NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS

Charles William, Pickering St, 14, Cabinet Making, out of work

Lilian May “ “ 10 School

Alice Jane “ “ 6 “

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

With Mother

Pickering Street. N1

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

Grandfather James, Harman Street, Hoxton, 67, Cabinet Maker, Unknown

Grandmother Rebecah, “ “ “ “ 64, Nil

Uncle Thomas, Prescott Place, Clapham, 42, Taxi Driver, “

Uncle William, Minton Street, Hoxton, 38, Cabinet Maker “

Aunt Mrs C., Ivy Lane, Hoxton, 44, “

Aunt Florence, Harman Street, 20, French Polisher “

Aunt Minnie, Harman Street, 18, Machinist “

Uncle Edward, Unknown, -

Uncle George, Hemming St., Hoxton

Aunt Mrs A. “ “

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:

Nil.

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

6/- Pension

Mrs – [Mother]

Pickering Street, N1

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 – [Mother]

Pickering Street, N1

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

No

His character has been affected by association with boys of dishonest tendencies but not otherwise

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

Yes – Popham Road School, Islington

3 years Standard 0

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

Yes

2 years. Brittanica Row Sunday School

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

No

22. I Ada Matilda of Pickering Street, parent of Arthur do hereby commit him 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 him by the Committee.

Signature: Ada M.

Date: 25.10.1922

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

A very decent respectable family as far as is known by the Pensions Cttee [Committee] & spoken well of in the district. Mother is very distressed about her boy who has come under bad influence and taken to pilfering in the street, he has never taken anything at home & she has no trouble at all with her other children.

Two boys & Arthur broke windows of a factory on Sunday evening about 6 weeks ago & took 5 boxes of soldiers, Mother reported it to the police, he has also been seen taking bread from a barrow but no proof of this has been produced.

Pension will be paid direct to you by the Ministry of Pensions, Acton.

Miss C.M. Webster

Islington War Pensions, Fowler Rd, N1.

ARTHUR [REDACTED]

Born 15th. April, 1914.

Inmate of the Society's Boys' Home, Tattenhall

The Father of this boy served in the Army and died of wounds received. The Mother is very respectable and spoken well of in the district in which she lives, but this lad was causing her much distress as he had come under bad influence and taken to pilfering in the street and she felt that he ought to be under stricter discipline.

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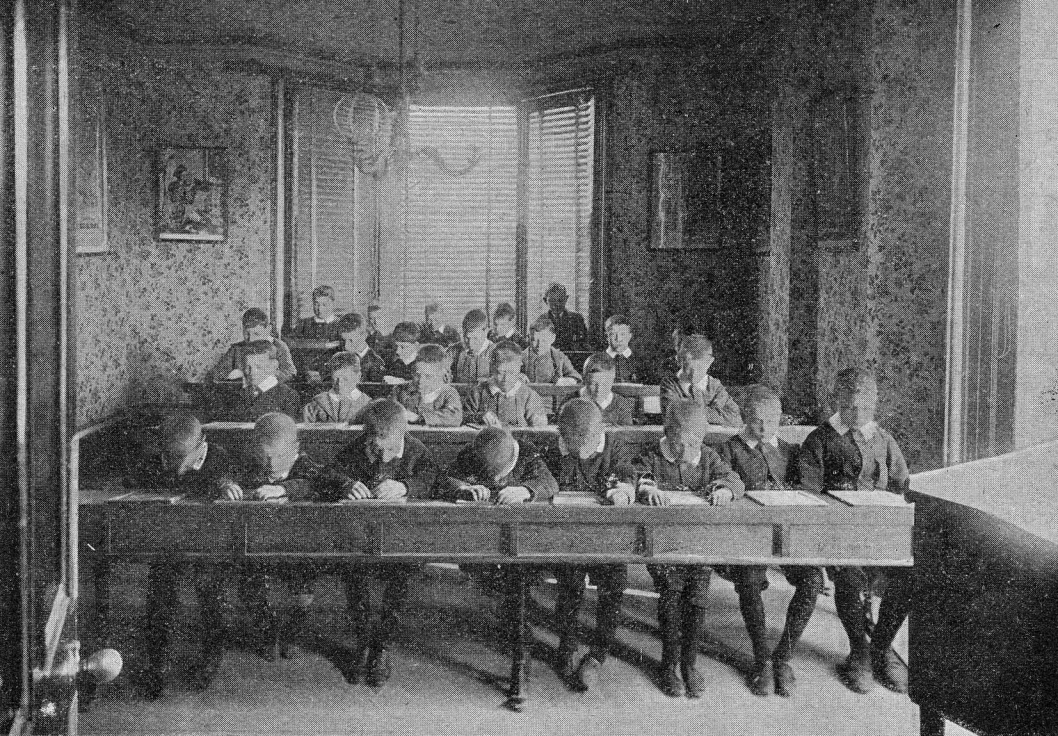
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Days Home From
Dietary

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

	Breakfast	Dinner	Supper	Extras
Sunday	Bread and Butter Coffee or Cocoa Dripping or 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		
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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:—

REV. D. C. MOORE, Cusop Rectory, Hay.
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MISS BROWN, Clun.
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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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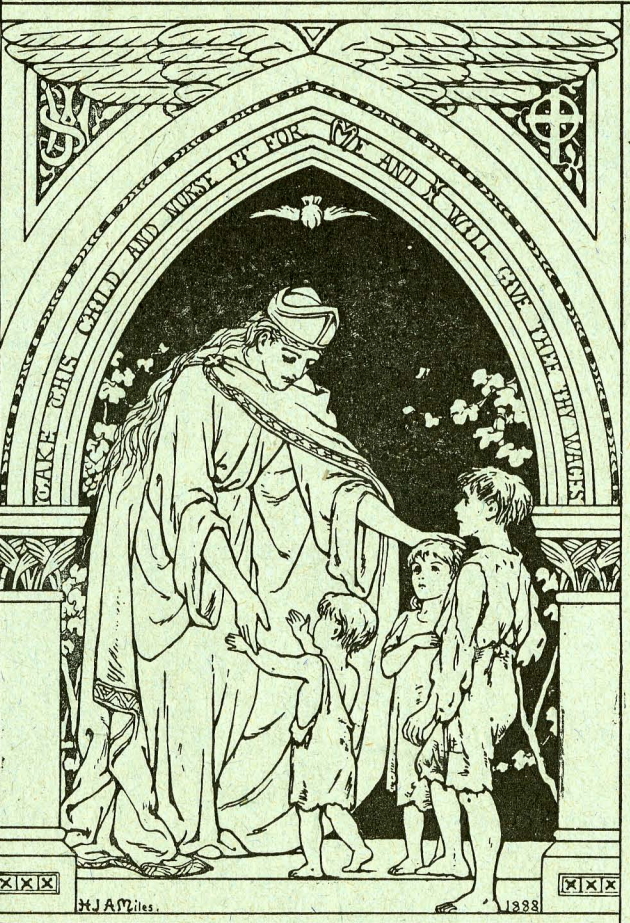
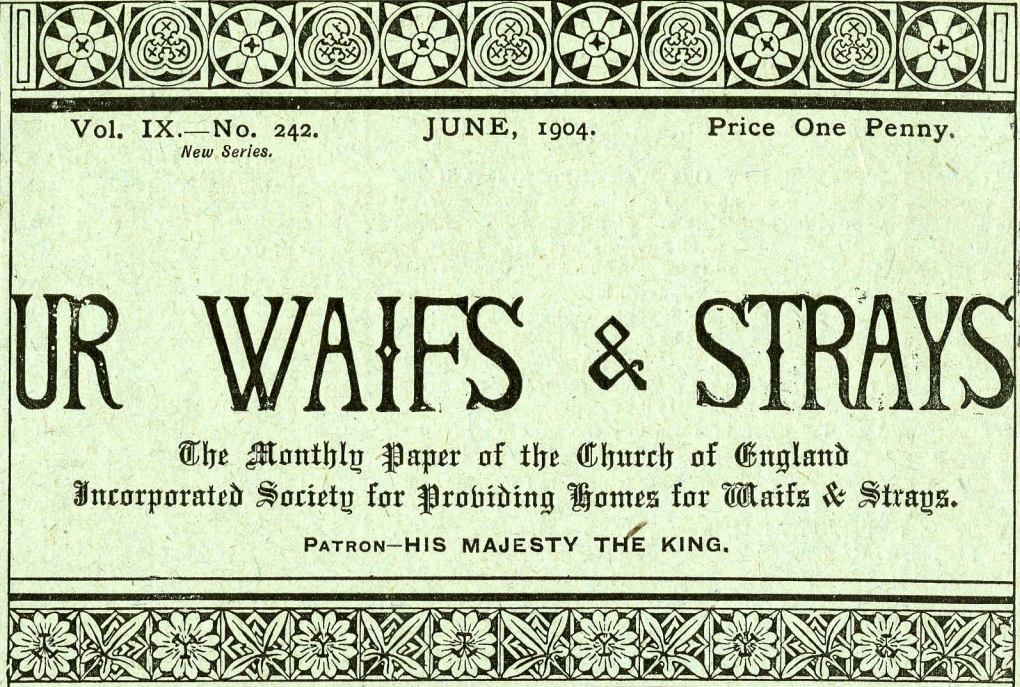
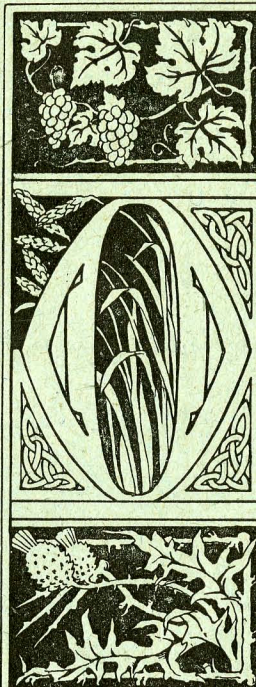
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*ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.*BY THE REV. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A., *Rector of S. Peter's, Walworth.*

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 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

ARTHUR

Document 1 What was the name of the school that Arthur attended and how long had he been 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?