

**Case File no: 12246. Violet.**

**Born: 1892 (living in Camberwell at date of application)**

**Date of application: 1907**

**Age: 14 years**

Violet's father had a laundry business worth £400 and an inheritance of £600 from his mother. His second wife drank herself to death on this money. Violet (child of 2nd wife) came into the care of the Waifs and Strays Society aged 14, because she could not secure work as she had not been trained. She was referred by Talbot House Settlement in Camberwell. Her father drank and the lodgings were awful and without a window. Her father was also in the habit of asking her for money. She went into service a couple of years later and then largely disappeared. She got in contact again in 1917 for a reference because she was marrying a soldier and then sent Edward Rudolf (the founder of the Waifs and Strays Society) updates about herself whilst her husband was in France.

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

[Means adopted:—(1) Small Homes; (2) Boarding out; (3) Emigration.]

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Secretary: REV. E. DE M. 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 to Rev. E. de M. RUDOLF, Secretary, WAIFS AND STRAYS SOCIETY, Savoy Street, London, W.C.

### QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.

1. Give the child's christian name and surname ... .. *Violet Elsie (.....)*

2. State the exact age, and give the date and place of birth ... *14 1/2, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1892, Larkhall Lane, Clapham*

3. Legitimate? (Yes or No) *Yes.*

4. If baptised, state place and date of baptism ... .. *~~Not baptised~~ St. Thomas's Church, Winchester  
23 Aug. 1907  
~~Grandparents Baptists.~~*

5. Are parents living? ... .. *Father*

6. If however, either or both are dead, state nature of disease and give date of death ... ..  
Mother. *Dead, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1901*  
Father.

7. If living, give their exact places of abode, state how long they have resided there, and what rent is paid ... ..  
Mother.  
Father. *101 Camberwell Rd, S.E. 9 yrs October 1906. 7/-  
576 weekly.*

8. Give the christian names and surnames of parents (in full) and ... ..  
Mother. *Mary Ann ... 47<sup>th</sup> September 1900*  
Father. *Frederick Robert ... 64, March 1906*

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 ... ..  
*Wheelwright 20/-  
W. Dyason, Winton Road, Camberwell*

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 ... ..  
*X*

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

NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
<i>Edgar William</i>	<i>Boundary Lane</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>at school</i>	

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

*Miss Ward.  
M.A.B.G.S. Home  
9 Albert Road  
Beckham*

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 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.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	WEEKLY EARNINGS.
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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 ...

no

16. Can any payment for the child be guaranteed from any source exclusive of its relatives? If so, by whom? State full name and address ...

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? ...

Boundary Lane School  
left in 1906. Standard VII.

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

yes till she went to service.

20. Has the child ever been in the Workhouse? If so, 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. Is the child subject to incontinence of urine? ...

no

23. Is the child at present affected with ringworm or any other 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? ...

no

25. Is the child's general health good?

Yes, except a great throat

26. Has the child average mental capacity, or is it to any extent of weak intellect? ...

Doctor's Signature: *Robert Redmond* Address: *Peckham St.*

A medical certificate signed by a medical man replying to these six questions, is Absolutely Necessary.

27. I, Frederick, of Camberwell Rd, parent (guardian) of Viola do hereby commit wholly to the care of the Society, and promise to obey the rules in force and to permit the said child when fully trained, to sent to any situation in the United Kingdom, which may be obtained for her by the Committee.

Signature: Frederick Ralt  
Date: Feb 14 1907

Signature of Witness: Susan  
Address: Talbot House Settlement, Camberwell

28. 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 adv  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If consent to emigration is not given, this question should be left blank.)

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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 replied to, to the best of my belief.

(Signed) Name: *John Henry ...*  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Incumbent of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Not known to a  
clergyman

**IMPORTANT.**

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

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

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

The Father has married twice & during his first wife's life time had a Laundry which was worth £200 at his death. He also had £500 left him by his mother. He afterwards married the Cousin a very different woman who appears to have spent all his money & drunk herself to death. The two eldest Daughters have married & he knows nothing of their whereabouts. The two children with him are his second wife's. There is no doubt but that the man drinks and the room in which he lives is the most dismal place with scarcely any furniture but tidy. The boy is doing well at school but is very badly dressed & he has to wear a splint but is much better.

ma is a Baptist he says & Violet has written to him. But he is quite willing she should be only he does not want her to be taken away from him altogether supposing he were dying that she should come to him. Violet has had no training whatever & the mistress who has tried her has been obliged to send her back to the MABYS Home but she is now in a temporary place as if she returns to her Father she cannot but go to the bad & I think she wants to improve. She already looks a different girl to when she was with him. The boy is a quiet nice little fellow, but the room in which he & his Father live has no window to the outer light & is not fit for anyone to live in. I am afraid there is no one to whom we can appeal to pay for Violet but as she is 14 she should soon be able to go out to work & we will provide an outfit.

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VIOLET

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

1. Give the child's christian name and surname

Violet

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

14 yrs, October 9<sup>th</sup> 1892, Larkhall Lane, Clapham

3. Legitimate?

yes

4. If baptized, state place and date of baptism

not baptised Grandparents Baptists [crossed through] St Thomas Church,  
Winchester 23 Aug 1907

5. Parents living?

Father

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

Mother Dead, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1901

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

Father: Camberwell Rd, S.E. 9 yrs October 1906 & 5/6 weekly

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

Mother: Mary Ann, 47 in September 1900

Father: Frederick Robert, 64 in March 1906

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.

Wheelwright, 20/- M. Dyason, Wyndham Road, Camberwell.

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.

X

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

2 weeks food

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

NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS

Edgar William, Boundary Lane [crossed through] at home, 12, at school

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

Miss Ward, M.A.B.Y.S. [Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants] Home, 9 Albert Road, Peckham

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 listed]

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

17. *Has the child ever been convicted? Is 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?*

Boundary Lane School, left in 1906. Standard VII

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

Yes till she went to service

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

No

27. I Frederick R. of Camberwell Rd, parent of Violet do hereby commit her wholly to the care of the Society, and promise to obey the rules in force, to permit the said child when fully trained to be sent to any situation in the United Kingdom, which may be obtained for her by the Committee.

Signature: Frederick Robt

Date: Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1907

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

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Days Home From  
Dietary

Examined & approved by 85.1.  
Committee Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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.

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Boys Home Frome

Examined & approved by Committee Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 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		

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Satisfactory

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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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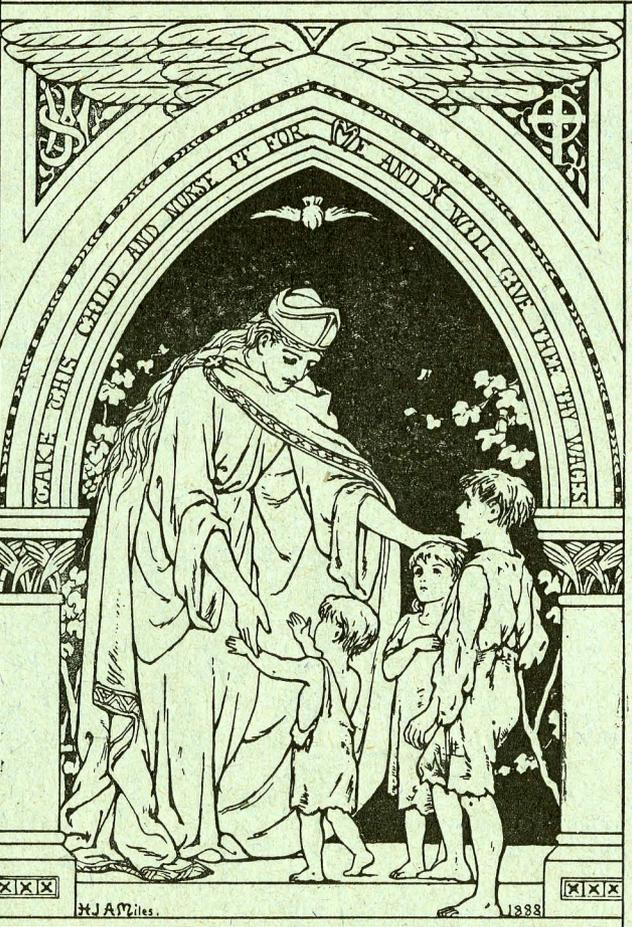
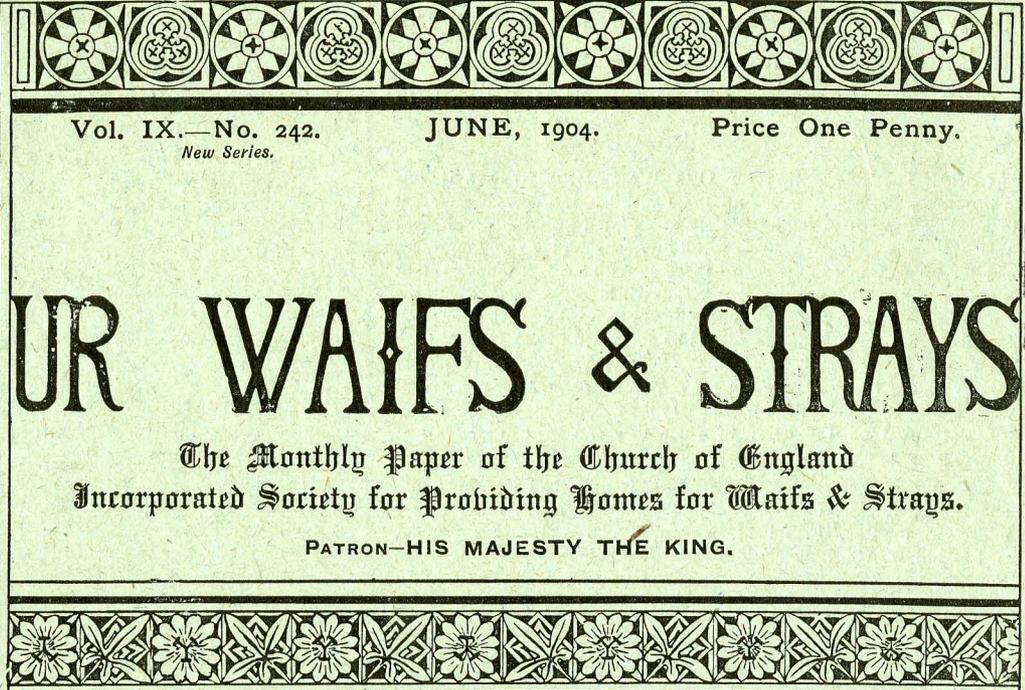
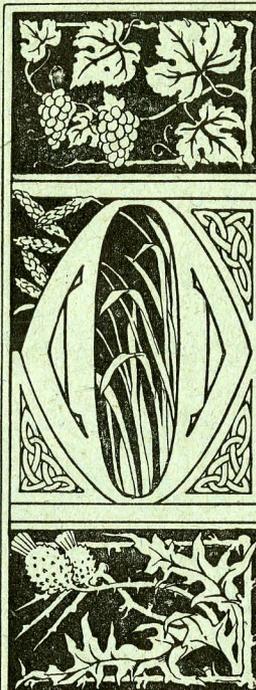
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## ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.

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

### VIOLET

Document 1 Where was Violet living at the time this application form was written?

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?