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Case 2. John S.

Born 1870 (family living in Brixton at date of application)

Date of application: 1882

Age: 11 years

John was the first boy to be in the care of the Society. He was partially disabled due to a fall on ice and neglect by his parents. At one point, when he was about 10, he worked as a crossing sweeper on Clapham Common in South London. A district visitor found J. in a poor state of health and had him removed from his home to an Orthopaedic Hospital. He spent time in a number of convalescent homes both before and after he was taken into the Waifs and Strays' Society's care. He lived at the Clapton Boys Home in London for a number of years. He became a reader in a print firm, got married and had a daughter. He also became a grandfather to two boys and a girl. In 1907 an article about John was published in the Society's *Our Waifs and Strays* magazine. In the 1920s he wrote poems under the pseudonym "A Waif". John died of tuberculosis in March 1930.

QUESTIONS TO BE REPLIED TO.

boys

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

2. State his exact age, and give the date and place of his birth... *He is now 11 years old - his birthday is Sep^r 6th - Arlington S^t Brixton*

3. Is she legitimate? ... *Yes*

4. Are her parents living? ... *Yes -*

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

6. If living, give their exact places of abode, and state how long they have resided there...
 Mother *Sussex Street - Cornwall Road Brixton - They have lived there a little over a month*
 Father

7. Give the christian names and surnames of her parents (in full)...
 Mother *J*
 Father *J*

8. 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...
Labourer (ground work) His last employer was a Builder Mr H. Lavender Hill S.W. when in regular work he can earn about 6^s a week.

9. 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...
Not any

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

11. Give the names, addresses, ages, occupations and earnings (if any) of all her brothers and sisters...
* Duplicates to this question need be very full and exact.
 No application can be received without full enquiry as to earnings having been made, and result stated.

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	OCCUPATION	WEEKLY EARNINGS
<i>A</i>	<i>now in New Zealand</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Not known</i>	
<i>H</i>	<i>Washleigh S^t Wandsworth R^d</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Labourer - about 5/6</i>	
<i>L</i>	<i>Sussex S^t Brixton</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Crossing Sweeper</i>	<i>2/6</i>
<i>J</i>	<i>S. Michael's Home</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>none</i>	
<i>J</i>	<i>Mark S^t Finsbury</i>			
<i>G</i>	<i>Sussex Street Brixton</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>none</i>	

note - Half brother of a wife + child to support

12. At what address and with whom is the child now living?
He is now under the care of The Mother Superior at S. Michael's Home for Sick & Movable Children Mark S^t Finsbury

13. Give in full the names, addresses, and relations of all persons, either on the father's or mother's side, such as grandfathers, uncles, aunts, &c.
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RELATION	NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	OCCUPATION	WEEKLY EARNINGS
<i>Aunt</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>George's Row</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Light - man</i>	

Grand mother on Mother's side living

The father has several brothers & sisters they are all married & have families of their own - & are poor people - addresses not known by M^r

14. State whether any of his relatives are in your judgment in a position to maintain her, or to contribute in any degree to her support...
Certainly not -

15. Has she ever been convicted? If so, state the nature of her offence and term of imprisonment...
No -

16. Has she ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long?
He once attended Heath R. Clapham Day School - about a year he attended this

17. Has she ever attended Sunday School? If so, where and for how long?
S. Philip's Infants Sunday School - Battersea for a few Sundays

18. Has she ever been in the workhouse? If so, for how long and where?
No -

19. Has she any infirmities of the face, joints, skin or eyes which may have the effect of preventing her from earning domestic service?
He is humped - backed from curvature of the spine but his limbs are not affected.

20. Is she subject to fits? or has she ever had one? If so, state its nature.
 Is the child subject to convulsions of any kind?
No -

21. Is she at present affected with any infectious or contagious disease, or with scabies, requiring medical treatment?
No -

22. Has she had scarlet fever, or whooping cough, or measles, or small pox? If not the latter, has she been vaccinated?
He has had Scarlet Fever, & Measles - not Whooping Cough or small pox - He has been vaccinated

23. Is her general health good?
His health is now fairly good & with proper food & care is likely to continue so -

24. Are the parents, guardians, or next of kin, willing to sign an agreement to consent the girl wholly to the care of the managers of the Home, to obey the Rules in force, and to permit the said girl when fully trained to be sent to any situation in the United Kingdom which may be obtained for her by the Managers?

I certify that the foregoing questions have been correctly replied to.

(Signed) Name *J*
 Address *S. Paul's Close Clapham*
 Date *Feb^r 1882*

boy

As a District Visitor in S. Philip's Parish Battersea I have known
 for more than eight years - his parents have always
 been two of the most wretched and degraded people in the neighbourhood
 & they seldom remain in one house for more than a few months -
 They have a large family none of whom have ever been Baptized with the
 exception of the little deformed boy whom I am most anxious to find
 a Home for - when this poor child was about seven years old he fell
 down on the ice, which injured him severely, he also was fearfully
 burnt & from great neglect afterwards he has never fully recovered
 from these two accidents - he received relief from some Hospital
 and proper supports & instruments were provided for him - but on his
 return to his wretched home his Mother pawned these things & then
 went round the neighbourhood to beg money for a "cripple boy at home"
 the child when strong enough then swept a crossing on Clapham Common
 but his health gradually got worse and about a year ago, he was
 found by one of the S. Philip's District Visitors in such a fearful state
 of neglect and want that with great difficulty he was taken
 when in a most critical condition into the Orthopaedic Hospital -
 Meanwhile the Sisters at S. Michael's Shoreditch hearing of the case
 promised as soon as their New Hospital for sick & destitute incurable
 children was built to take him for "life free" if he was crippled
 enough for their incurable home - their home was not ready till
 last November and the May previously he was fit to come out of
 the Orthopaedic Hospital where they had kept him for three months
 hearing the sad circumstances of his home - Several ladies feeling
 that the child would be ruined if he was allowed to go back to
 his parents kindly provided him with the means to keep him at
 various Convalescent Homes from May to Dec^r 18th / 40 he was on the
 latter date received at S. Michael's Shoreditch for a month on trial to
 see if his was a suitable case for the home - & he is now there -
 I am sorry to say that the Superior of S. Michael's tells me she fears
 that they cannot keep him much longer - for the Doctor says that from
 the proper care - good food and treatment he has had during the last year
 he is so far recovered that he is not according to their rules perfectly disabled
 & incurable & that with proper care & food, there is little doubt of his growing
 up to learn a light trade - they are very fond of the child & are willing
 to keep him for a time so that he may go from them to another Home
 he is now able to run about but a year ago he was compelled to lie on
 his back & was considered by several doctors in a very precarious condition
 he is naturally a very good, quiet, little boy & where ever he has been he was
 evidently a great favourite - he is decidedly ignorant & can read & write
 very little -

Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays.

President
THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Boys' Receiving House

1 Frederick Villas

Aveley Road

Upper Clapton E.

Dear

In reply to your application for the admission of a Boy into the above name HOME, I beg to send you a list of questions on page 3 of this form, to which you will please annex the fullest possible replies. When the form is returned, the case will be carefully considered, and a decision sent to you without delay.

Before filling up the paper kindly note the following instructions.

(First) Obtain, if possible, *all* the information required from the most reliable sources. Do not rest satisfied merely with the relatives' statement as to their pecuniary position, but if possible institute independent inquiry from employers, neighbours, or others.

(Second) Write the answers *clearly* and *distinctly*, never permitting the relatives of the child to write on the Paper, but having obtained the necessary particulars from them or others, fill the same in yourself carefully.

(Third) In addition to the *questions* which are appended, will you kindly give on *page 2* as complete a history of the boy and his parents as you are able to obtain, stating (1) your reasons for desiring his admission into the HOME, (2) the nature and extent of your acquaintance with him and his family, and (3) all other particulars which, although not specified in the accompanying questions, may be useful in arriving at a decision.

It should be distinctly understood that in the event of the child be admitted to the HOME his parents, next of kin, or legal guardians, will have to sign a legal form, surrendering him entirely to the care of the Director or Managers of the HOME, and pledging

themselves under a money penalty, recoverable in a court of law, not to remove or otherwise interfere with him until the full term for which he is entered shall have expired.

For the sake of the boy on whose behalf application is made, and for the protection of the Committee, it is most important that no information should be withheld concerning the child's past history or that is likely to affect his future.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

E. de M. RUDOLF,

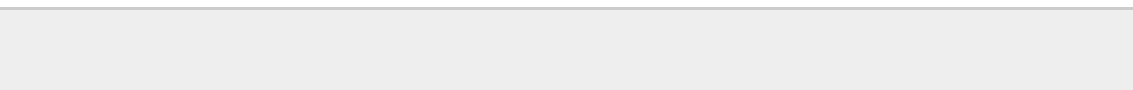
Hon. Secretary.

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S.

S. Paul's Close Clapham



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

He is now 11 years old. His birthday is Sept 6th Arlington St. Brixton

3. Is he legitimate?

Yes

4. Are his parents living?

Yes

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

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

Mother - Sussex Street Cornwall Road Brixton - They have lived there a little over a month
Father - ""

7. Give the christian names and surnames of his parents (in full)

Mother - E.
Father - J.

8. 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.

Labourer. (Ground work) His last employer was a Builder, Mr. H. of Lavender Hill S.W. When in regular work he can earn about 6d an hour.

9. 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.

Not any

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

The Parish Doctor has many years ago attended the family & a little outdoor relief given 11 years ago when husband ill

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

NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION, WEEKLY EARNINGS
A. now – (married name) In New Zealand, 28, Not known
W . married (Half brother of J. - with a wife & child to support)
Rashleigh St. Wandsworth Rd. 26 Labourer about 22 s/0
S. Sussex St. Brixton 15 2/6
J. "" "" ..14...Crossing Sweeper ?
J... S. Michael's Home, Mark St. Finsbury... 11... None
G...Sussex Street, Brixton...9... None

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

He is now under the care of The Mother Superior at S. Michael's Home for sick and incurable children Mark St. S. Paul's. Finsbury

13. Give in full the names, addresses, ages, occupations and earnings 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, NAME, ADDRESS, AGE, OCCUPATION,
WEEKLY EARNINGS
Aunt on Mother's side H. (married) George's Row, [Lighterman]
Grandmother on Mother's side living L. Lunatic Asylum at Wandsworth,
age 72
The father has several brothers & sisters they are all married & have families of their own & are poor people - addresses not known by Mrs S.

14. State whether any of his relatives are in your judgment in a position to maintain him, or to contribute in any degree to his support

Certainly not.

15. Has he ever been convicted? Is so, state the nature of his offence and term of imprisonment

No.

16. Has he ever attended day school? If so, where and for how long?

He once attended Heath Rd, Clapham Day School when four years old.-
About a year he attended there

17. Has he ever attended Sunday School? If so, where and for how long?

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No

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

He is humped backed from Curvature of the spine but his limbs are not affected

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Yes.

I certify that the foregoing questions have been correctly replied to.

*Name - S.
Address - S. Paul's Close Clapham
Date - Feb 1882*

14 Feb. 82 Accepted subject to the parents signing an agreement for the surrender of the child, & to legal advice being taken as to making them contribute towards his maintenance. To be recd. into the Clapton Home

14 March 82 To be sent temporarily to Rev. R. J. Elliott's Convalescent Home at Southend

19 October 82 Returned from Southend & boarded out under the direction of Miss S. at Balham S.W.

7th May 1883 Sent to Cripples Home Kensington

Miss Maitland

Please note & return

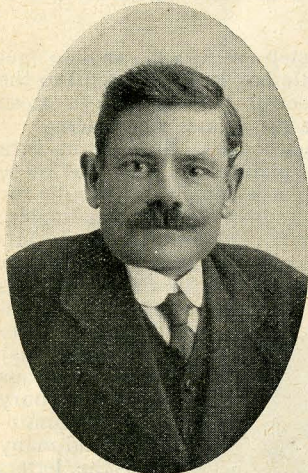
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Noted EKM 18.7.83

21 January 1884

Removed from Cripples Home Kensington to Boys Receiving House
Upper Clapton

CONTRASTS.



John S. 1, the Society's first boy.

"IF only he had come to us!" Such a thought must have been in the mind of many a worker for the Society, on reading in our Christmas Number the sad story of the hunchback who was defeated in life's struggle and went out of his mind. Though children are our care, we would have found some way of helping him.

Very different is the story of John S. 1, the first boy who ever entered the Society's care.

He also was a hunchback, neglected and ill-treated, sent out in all weathers to sweep a crossing, so that those who "cared" for him, if such an expression may be used, might exploit his infirmity. The newly-formed Society rescued him, found hospital treatment for him (there was no Pyrford then), gave him home care and taught him the printing trade.

He got the very best out of life. With his keen, intelligent mind he was able to get a good position as a proof-reader, and lived an active, useful life until his death in 1930, just before our Jubilee Year.

To the end he loved and helped the Society which had been father and mother to him. I met him once, at the Annual Meeting in 1924, I think. I noticed the little bent man, who was to lead the procession of purses, sitting waiting for the signal. He had an air of alertness and quickness which instantly took the attention. There seemed to be something familiar about his face . . .

"I think you must be John S. 1," I said to him.

"Yes," he said proudly, "I am Number One." He talked eagerly about his past life, told me many a tale, and used the words which I have never forgotten: "My life has been one long answer to prayer." Brave words, and true.

A few years later, a prominent newspaper "featured" a correspondence on the subject, "If Christ came to London." S. 1 joined in; he wrote:—

"Why 'if'? Does He not come? But, alas! He is seldom recognised. Christ Jesus, I am fully assured, visited 'Mean Street,' Battersea, one day, and rescued a crippled child crossing-sweeper, not merely from an early grave, but possibly from a life of crime.

"In hospital He was 'seen in another form,' and the child heard for the first time the most wonderful story that ever thrilled a world. 'He raises the poor out of the dust.'"

That was so like him. He was positively aflame with faith and zeal. As I listened to him that day I thought of the words "Our God is a consuming fire." The memory of that meeting and conversation has always been a help, and, indeed, an inspiration.

One of my happiest memories is connected with another little hunchback. A certain Charlie came to Pyrford at the age of five, bent, weak, and pathetic, looking like a backward child of three. He had three operations, and was on a frame for two years.

Then one day, when visiting Pyrford, I saw him. I was walking along a garden path, when suddenly I received a smart blow on the back of the head from a ball. Looking round, I saw a little boy running (running, mark you!) to hide behind a bush. I gave chase, and, after much dodging and giggling, I caught the little rascal, picked him up, and said, "Now, who are you?"

It was Charlie, cured—straight and strong—a fine boy for his age; no longer crawling feebly around, but running about, throwing things at respectable clergymen.

Thank God for Pyrford!

G.F.N.

TRUE AND LAUDABLE SERVICE.

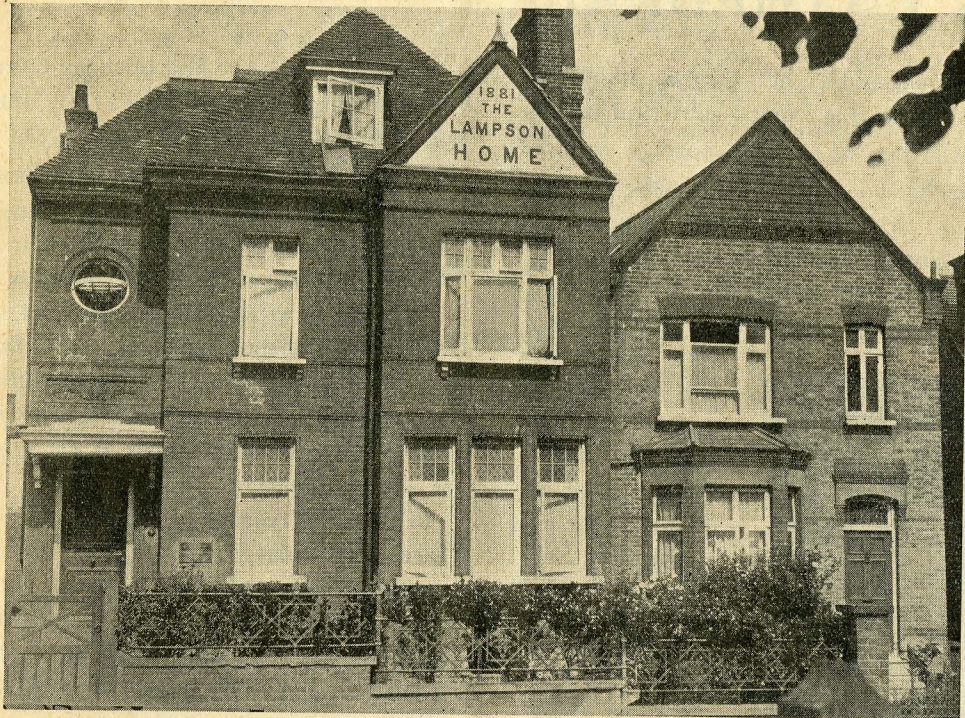
IN grateful appreciation of faithful services and much good work for a number of years by the following friends now relinquishing, through ill-health and other causes, their official positions as Honorary Local Secretaries.

- MISS AYRES, ST. MARY, WOODFORD.
- MISS E. A. P. BARNFIELD, STOCKTON (SALOP).
- MISS H. BRAINE, ST. MARY, ABERGAVENNY.
- MISS D. E. BROOKES, SUTTON COLDFIELD. (At Rest.)
- MRS. COLLYNS, DULVERTON.
- MISS E. DAVIS, LEADENHAM.
- MISS A. HART, EPPING.
- MISS A. FIRMINGER, HARRIETSHAM.
- MRS. HATCHARD, LOSTWITHIEL.
- MISS M. HENRY, ST. MARY MAGDELENE, LAUNCESTON.
- MISS M. HICKTON, PLUMTREE.
- MISS G. HUCKLE, HIGH CROSS.
- MISS M. G. JOLLY, BRAY.

- MISS LINDSEY, ST. BARNABAS, HENDON, WEARMOUTH.
- THE REV. CANON MCKENZIE, HALE MAGNA.
- MRS. PELLY, YARKHILL. (At Rest.)
- MISS V. PERRY, NORTHBOURNE.
- MRS. PLUMMER, SPEEN.
- MISS K. SALTER, MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.
- MISS E. M. SAUNDERS, HOXNE.
- MRS. SMEE, GREAT BADDOW. (At Rest.)
- MRS. SMITH, ST. JAMES, EAST COWES.
- MISS THISTLETHWAITE, NANTWICH.
- MISS TREDAWAY, BELMONT.
- MISS TUCKER, ST. MICHAEL, SOUTHWARK.
- MRS. R. LOVETT TURNER, ILMINSTER.

PROGRESS.

1881 ————— 1933.



The Society's first Home was opened in Dulwich in 1881, and was removed to its present premises in Overhill Road in 1884.

JOHN S

the little crippled crossing sweeper
who was the first boy received by
the Society.



John S when under
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"In hospital He was 'seen in another form,' and the child heard for the first time the most wonderful story that ever thrilled a world!

"This is a personal testimony of the first boy waif of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society (1881).
"John S....."



John S as he was when
he wrote this letter.



A GROUP OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN THE GARDEN.

Copies

Days Home From
Dietary

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

	Breakfast	Dinner	Supper	Extras
Sunday	Bread and Butter Coffee or Cocoa { Dripping { Jam or { Treacle	Hot roast Beef, Greens, Potatoes & Bread.	Same as Breakfast except milk & treacle instead of Coffee & Cocoa	Extra suppers allowed for Scurvy, Rickets boys &c In case of sickness the diet is ordered by Doctor's direction
Monday	do do	Cold Beef, potatoes or bread & Currant pudding.		
Tuesday	do do	Soup & Bread.		
Wednesday	do do	Irish Stew.		
Thursday	do do	Fish pudding with treacle, Jam or Sugar.		
Friday	do do	Soup and bread or fish and potatoes		
Saturday	do do	Bread & Cheese & Pickles		

No limit as to quantity.
Subject to alteration for convenience.

Satisfactory

Joshua Parsons
Medical Officer.

Transcript

Boys Home Frome

Examined & approved by Committee Oct 2nd 1888
John Constable

Dietary

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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."



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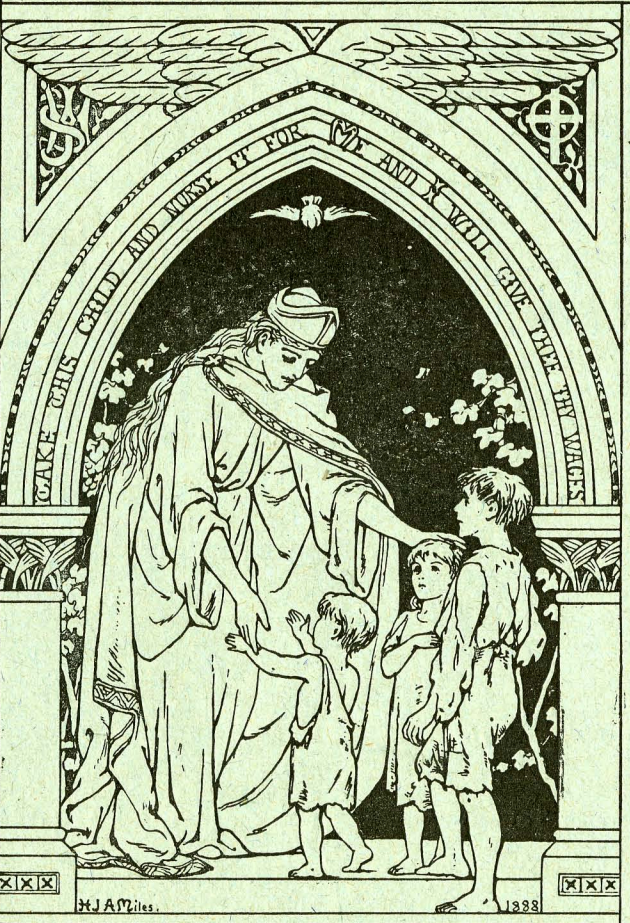
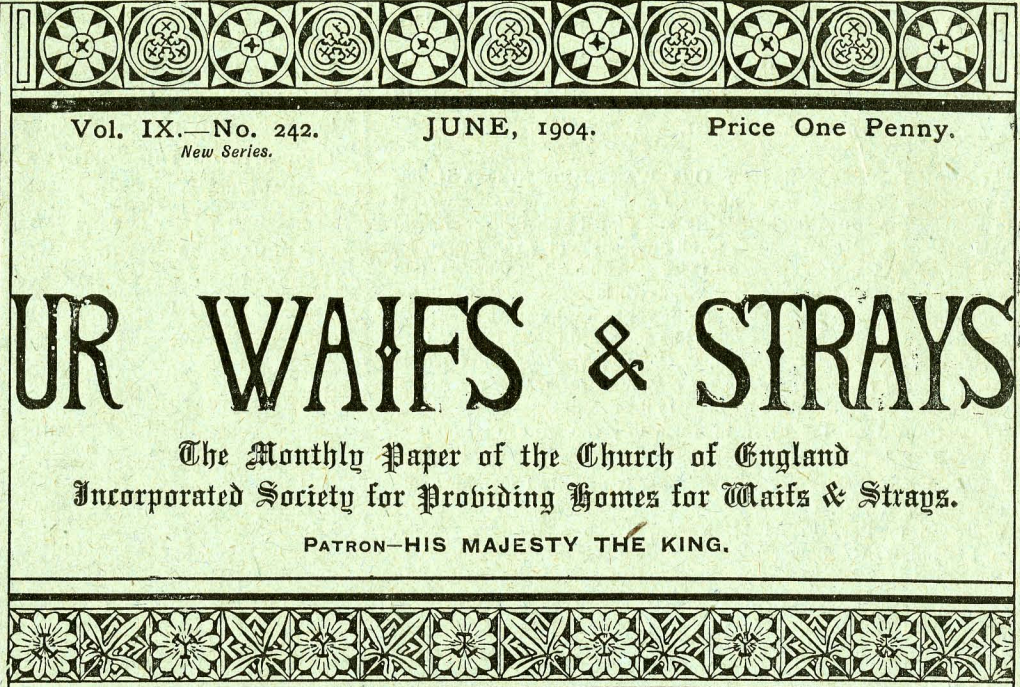
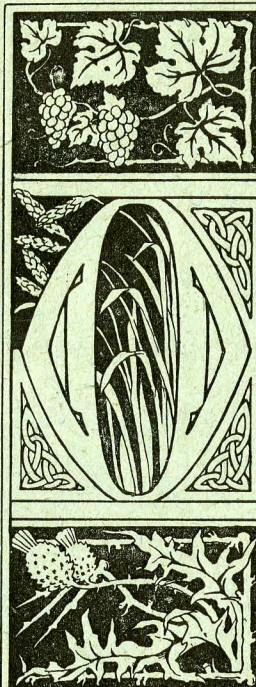
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*ENEMIES OF CHILDHOOD. No. 1.—Drink.*BY THE REV. J. W. HORSLEY, M.A., *Rector of S. Peter's, Walworth.*

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



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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 S

Document 1 What did John's mother do when he came home from the hospital?

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?