

Dr Barnardo



Q. When did you first realise what was happening to the children on the streets and in work houses?

A. In 1867 when a boy showed me around.

Q. What made you open all of these children's homes?

A. When that little boy, Jim Jarvis showed me round his ragged school and I saw all of these children sleeping in the gutters and I thought children deserved a better life so I build children's homes for them to live in.

Q. Do you have any children of your own?

A. Yes I had seven children but sadly three died young and one of my living children has Down syndrome.

Q. How did you come up with the idea to send children to Canada and Australia?

A. Because I saw how crowded London was so I thought it was better for there future life.

Q. Why Canada and Australia?

A. Because there not very crowded countries and they are countries that are easy to send children to and they are easy to form a life in as they speak the same language.

Q. How did you feel when the children's home turned little John Somers down?

A. I was devastated and when I heard he was dead the next day I was sad and I told the home to except all children.

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