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# THE AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION

For Poor Persons discharged recovered from Asylums for the Insane.

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June 25. 1914.

Patroness—H.R.H. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.  
President—THE EARL OF MEATH.  
Secretary—H. THORNHILL ROXBY, Esq.

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## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE.

Name of person? ... Elizabeth Shields  
Age? ... 22  
Religion? ... C of E.  
Married or Single? ... Single  
Occupation? ... General servant  
Name and address of last employer? ... see letters already sent.  
Present and former address? ... Horton Asylum prior 19 Cambridge Gds Kensington  
To what Poor Law Union chargeable? ... Kensington  
When discharged from Asylum? ... Not discharged  
Period of residence in Asylum? ... Since 11 Mar 1909  
Have there been any previous attacks? ... Congenital  
Has she any physical ailments which require treatment? ... No  
Form of Assistance suggested? ... "On trial" for a month to your care  
If any relatives are able to assist, please say so? ... No  
In what employment was the patient engaged, & for what service is she now fitted? ... General servant  
Any facts connected with the previous history of the Applicant which it is important to know?

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has been discharged  
recovered from \_\_\_\_\_ Asylum, and in my opinion is able to undertake work,  
now, or after a short residence in a Cottage Home.

Date 15 June 1914.

Signed *[Signature]*

It is very important that all cases have their clothing before leaving the Asylum, or Workhouse.

## INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

*Daily Telegraph Sept 21. 1914*

A S KITCHEN or SCULLERYMAID. SITUATION (as live) REQUIRED. In hotel or restaurant, for respectable girl, honest and willing. Free now. Has had a month's illness; now perfectly well and strong.—Apply by letter, care of Miss Vickers, Church House, Westchester.

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- Jun.13th. Application received from Dr. Lord on behalf of this girl and enclosing two letters about situations for her, one from her former employer Mrs. Caplan and the other from Mrs. Hardgraft who had known her from a child. Reply sent to Dr. Lord asking him to fill up a form and if the girl would have the usual allowance and if he would accept a local doctor's certificate at the end of her trial.
- Jun.15th. Form received from Dr. Lord. Miss Roworth visited the Kensington Gdns and also Mrs Caplan.
- Jun.18th. Letter received from Dr. Lord about arrangements and stating that the case would receive the usual maintenance allowance of 11/1 for 4 weeks, and that a medical certificate would be accepted.
- It was arranged that the girl should go to Mrs. Hegerty's
- Jun.20th. The girl was brought up and Miss Roworth took her down to Teddington. £1.11.8 received from the Asylum and receipted.
- Jun. 24<sup>th</sup> Accepted now in our home at Teddington*
- Jul.9th. Certificate received from the Clerk at Horton and sent on to Mrs. Hegerty with letter asking her to have it filled and returned to the Asylum at once. Letter sent to the Clerk telling him we had done this, and that we were under the impression that the trial did not expire until the 20th.
- Jul.10th. Letter sent to Mrs. Caplan saying the girl was now recovered and asking when she wished her to re-enter her service. Communication received from Horton saying they had received the certificate and the Sub-Committee had signed an order for the girl's discharge as recovered.
- Jul.14th. Reply received from Mrs Caplan who said the girl could return on the 16th. This was arranged.
- Jul.15th. Mrs. Hegerty wrote asking for caps, aprons, etc for the girl.
- Jul.16th. Mrs. Hegerty brought the girl up to Waterloo where Miss Roworth met her and handed her over to Miss Caplan.
- Jul.22nd. Letter received from the girl saying she had been having bad attacks of nose-bleeding, and found the work hard. Miss Vickers replied and advised her going to see her panel doctor if the attacks continued.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Placed, closed, & installed.*
- Aug.1st. Letter received from Dr. Lord enclosing one he had received from the girl who asked for his help as she asserted that her master had taken liberties with her, and a friend told her that she thought he would send someone to take her away. Dr. Lord said he had replied asking her to come and see us. A letter had also been received from Miss Caplan the day before asking us to send our Visitor immediately re the girl, whom she found was not fit for service yet. Miss Vickers replied that we could not do anything in the matter, and if necessary her panel doctor or the R.O. should be called in. Reply sent to Dr. Lord telling him of this and that we had asked the girl to call. Letter sent to the latter asking her to do so.
- Aug.24th. Letter received from Miss Caplan saying the girl had left on the 21st without her knowledge and had not returned. She had left a good part of her clothing behind. Miss Caplan had been under the impression for a couple of weeks that she was not quite recovered from her illness. Miss Vickers replied asking

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**VISITOR'S REPORT OF CASES.**

Name of Applicant? Elizabeth Shields Age? 22

Present address? Horton Asylum, Epsom (A-7-200)

Married or single? Single (If married are they living apart?)

Union? Melrose Road, High St. Kensington

Asylum and date of discharge? to be discharged on trial

Have there been former attacks of mental illness; if so, in what Institution treated and when? no

Nature of help required? Conscience & education, her last employer is willing to take her back.

Last and previous employment? General servant

Name and address of two last employers? Mrs Caplan, 19 Cambridge Gardens

Names and addresses of two references other than employers and relatives? Mrs Handcraft, 915 70th St. N.Y.C.

Particulars of family:

(a) Parents? both dead. Her girl is illegitimate, Mrs Handcraft

(b) Brothers and sisters? is said to be the foster mother.

(c) Children? This woman tried to take her life by turning on the gas in her bedroom, when she was found in the morning, she poured a Kettle of boiling water on to a little dog & killed it

Total earnings of family? .....

Are any friends or relations able to assist? no

To what Denomination does she belong? .....

What Place of Worship does she attend? .....

Is applicant a member of any club, trade or benefit Society, or in receipt of any government pension, or has she any money in the bank? no  
Has she been helped by any charitable society before?  
Give full particulars?

Does applicant require teeth attending to, spectacles, or any surgical instruments? .....

Has she any permanent physical disability? suffers from incontinence

Has applicant sufficient clothing for work, if so, where is that clothing now? no

Has she any debts or pawn tickets? .....

What is the rent, and is it paid up? .....

How many rooms are occupied by applicant and her friends? .....

Is there any infectious disease in the present home of the applicant? .....

Date June 15 1914 Signed E. P. ...

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her to let us know if she heard anything of the whereabouts of the girl and advising her sending the clothing to her c/o the Gdns. if she did not claim it.

- Aug.26th. Letter received from Miss Caplan stating that the girl had appeared giving as her reason for having suddenly left that the place was too hard. She had taken her clothes with her and said she was staying with a friend.
- Sept.4th. The girl called. She stated that a good deal of her clothing had disappeared and she wanted another situation at once. Miss Vickers tried to persuade her to go with her to see a member of the Council, as she thought it possible she was not so well.
- Sept.7th. Miss Roworth visited the girl at her friend's but she said she did not wish to see a member of the Council and would rather place herself. She had sent us a letter from Dr. Lord recommending her to apply to us again and saying she could use his name as a reference. He also enclosed a small P.O. for her use. This letter was copied and Miss Roworth returned it to her.
2. Sept.9th. The girl went down to Horton and saw Dr. Lord who gave her a written reference. This she handed over to us later.
1. Sept.8th. Letter sent to Dr. Lord giving him particulars of the our dealings with the case, etc.
- Sept.10th. Letter received from Dr. Lord saying the girl had called on him, and he thought her very well in mind, for her, and he thought she should make a very useful servant, and had given her a reference.
- Sept.11th. Letter sent to the girl asking her to call if she wished us to find her another situation, and saying that as she had seen Dr Lord it would not be necessary for her to see another doctor.
- Sept.18th. The girl called. Letter sent to Miss Caplan asking her to send us a change of underclothing the girl had left behind. Her friend, Mrs. Young called with the girl
- Sept.21st. Advert. inserted in the Daily Telegraph. As a result a post  
Sept.23rd. was found for her in the kitchen at Ingram House, Miss Carr the housekeeper was seen by Miss Roworth.
- Sept.22nd. Letter sent to the girl about arrangements and one to her friend, Mrs. Young, enclosing 6/- as a small payment towards the maintenance of the girl
- Sept.23rd. Letter received from Mrs. Young saying she could not afford to go on keeping the girl, and asking us to take her if we had not got a situation for her. Mr. Young wrote about a box for the girl's clothes.
- Sept.24th. The girl called twice and went to the situation. Letter and the only garment left behind by the girl received from Miss Caplan. Miss Vickers replied and enclosed 3d for postage. A supply of clothing was given the girl.
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> *Placed again. Closed & initialled.*
- Oct.15th. Letter received from Miss Carr stating that she could not keep the girl as though willing and a good scrubber she was not otherwise good enough at her work and needed a lot of supervision. Reply sent saying we were endeavouring to place her in a laundry as suggested. After some correspondence the girl was placed with a Mrs. Elderwood at Englefield Green
- Oct.22nd. The girl came up and Miss Roworth saw her off to her situation.
- Oct.26th. Letter received from Mrs. Elderwood stating that the girl left

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on the 23rd. She insisted on leaving as she said the place was too dull and quiet, and she said she was going to Epsom Asylum. The lady enclosed a letter that the girl had evidently forgotten to post and asked what she should do with a lot of clothing left behind. Miss Roworth replied apologising for the trouble the girl had given and asking that the clothing might be sent here. This arrived later.

Oct.29th. Has run away from situation. Further help declined.

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Feb.19th. Letter received from a Mr. Hadcraft asking for this girl's basket of clothes to be sent her as he had the care of her.

Mar.1st. Letter sent to the girl asking how she got to Glasgow and who Mr. Hadcraft was, as we could not forward her clothes without a letter written by herself answering these questions, and asking us to send them. This letter was returned "not known."

Jul.13th. Letter received from the girl from another address in Renfrew saying she had been ill again and had been transferred from Horton to Newcastle and then to North Riding, York. She was now staying with an aunt but was going to a situation and would like her basket of clothes sent her. She would pay the carriage on it when it arrived.

Jul.14th. Letter sent to the girl saying we were sending the basket at once and should be glad to hear from her when she received it and also later on to know how she was getting on.

Jul.19th. Card received from the girl saying the basket had arrived, but she asked if we would write to an address in Surrey for an umbrella she had left there. Miss Vickers replied that she must write for this herself.

Aug.17th. The girl wrote to say that her situation was alright but that the wages were small. She asked if we knew of a situation, as she wanted to return to London. Reply sent advising her to stay where she was as situations were difficult to get and the Council would probably not help her again. If they did we would let her know.

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Declined. To be advised to remain in Glasgow