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THE AFTER CARE ASSOCIATION

FOR

Persons discharged recovered from Asylums for the Insane.

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Office—CHURCH HOUSE, DEAN'S YARD, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

VISITOR'S REPORT OF CASES.

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August 11-1910

Name and age of Applicant? *William Simpson (Walter Perris) 32.*

Present address? *Mr Perris, 26. Lupton Avenue, Forest Gate*

Married or single? *Single*

Parish and Asylum *Wandsworth Prison, Long Grove.*

Nature of help required? *Had been in gaol four times (Housebreaking). Application to Long Grove for grant to compensate him for clothes destroyed*

Former employment? *Black*

Name and address of last employer? *Head Office Home & Colonial Stores*

Age and Sex of Children? *.....*

Total earnings of family? *.....*

Are any relations able to assist? *Are not willing to do so.*

Is applicant a member of club, trade, or benefit society, or in receipt of any government pension, or has he money in the bank? If so, amount? *no. Has had small savings but not in the Bank*

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

Does applicant require teeth attending to spectacles, or any surgical instruments? *not at present. 2 pairs need fresh glasses*

Has applicant sufficient clothing for work, if so, where is that clothing now? *Has one body suit.*

Is there any infectious disease in the present home of the applicant? *no.*

Name and address of reference? *Secretary, B.P.A.S.*

Date *Bequival 2. 1910.* Signed *B. Margaret Wells.*

Has not kept in touch with his Church.
was at St Josephs Schools Aldershot; left when 13.
was an office boy at first & kept his situation well
His last place was as Clerk in the Home Vol. #. 8,
he left by his own wish, being in bad health. He
underwent Sanatorium (Famley) treatment &
the tuberculosis is now cured. He was at Famley
nine months.

On leaving the Sanatorium he was unable to
get work, after wandering about for some time
he broke into a house to steal, was caught &
sent to Prison, thence to the Asylum.

- July 26th Heard from C.P.A.S. of this case
- July 27th The Secretary wrote to Dr. Bond on behalf of this man.
- July 28 This man called here, he was unwilling to answer questions and left saying he desired to have nothing to do with the Association. Miss Vickers, who interviewed him on this occasion, wrote to the Secretary, C.P.A.S.
- Aug 2nd This man called with a note from C.P.A.S. He answered all questions and gave particulars on the other side
- Aug. 3rd. Not having heard from Dr. Bond, telephoned to Long Grove, Dr. Clark replied saying that he could not recommend the case as he did not think he would keep straight, he advised that he was referred to the C.P.A.S. Called on Mr. T.W.Hunter, who kindly promised £2-2-0. for the case
- Aug 4th Letter received from Long Grove, Secretary sent to Dr. Percy Smith asking his advice, he counselled that the cheque should be ret to Mr. Hunter and the case be declined. Saw the Secretary of C.P.A.S. who asked if any doctor on the Council would see the man as they were dissatisfied with his present mental state, advised that he was sent to the St Thomas's hospital and wrote to Dr. Percy Smith.
- Aug 9th This man was seen by Dr. Percy Smith, who kindly sent a written opinion to C.P.A.S. Later in the day this man attacked a gentleman on the Underground Railway and was arrested

Aug 11. Declined.

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VISITOR'S REPORT OF CASES.

from interviews at office

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Name and age of Applicant? William Simpson (Perris) 32

Present address? 26 Lepton Avenue, Forest Gate

Married or single? Single

Parish and Asylum Long from Asylum

Nature of help required?

Former employment?

Name and address of last employer?

Age and Sex of Children?

Total earnings of family?

Are any relations able to assist?

Is applicant a member of club, trade, or benefit society, or in receipt of any government pension, or has he money in the bank? If so, amount?

Have there been former attacks of mental illness; if so, in what Institution treated?

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

Has applicant sufficient clothing for work, if so, where is that clothing now?

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

Name and address of reference?

Date July 28 1910

Signed Ethel J. Vickes

This man is hearing we should have to communicate with St. Bond, wishes at C.P.A.S. had said he would draw his case. He stated the C.P.A.S. had said he should give immediate financial aid without further enquiry & if he wished for any forms or references, he would have nothing to do with us.

STRUGGLE IN A TRAIN.

ACCUSED MAN IN COURT.

BOTTLES OF POISON.

William Simpson, the man captured in a tunnel of the Metropolitan Railway near Swiss Cottage Station after the outrage on Mr. W. S. Frost on Tuesday, appeared at Marylebone Police Court yesterday on the charge of feloniously shooting him with intent to murder. Simpson's age was given as thirty-two and his occupation as that of a clerk.

Simpson stood in the dock with his hands in the pockets of his loosely fitting and shabby jacket. His lower jaw was thrust forward in an aggressive manner, showing an extraordinary length between the throat and the point of the chin. He is at least six feet in height.

Simpson's features present several remarkable points. He has a high, narrow forehead, deeply furrowed between the eyebrows, a prominent nose, wide,



[Illustrations Bureau.]

WILLIAM SIMPSON.

firm-set mouth, high cheekbones, hollow, swarthy cheeks, large jaws, and peculiar ears set closely to his head.

From the evidence of a receipt found upon him the police judged that the man had been in a prison asylum, and promptly on his arrest removed his necktie, handkerchief, and a rubber collar, thus giving him a wild and unkempt appearance.

PRISONER'S STATEMENT.

Only formal evidence of arrest was given. Detective-Sergeant Bex said that he saw the prisoner at Marlborough-road Station. When told that he would be taken into custody, Simpson said: "He attacked me before I attacked him."

Detective-Inspector Brooks produced a long leather revolver case with a revolver, which he said were found on the railway line, and he added that Mr. Frost saw the revolver on the floor during the struggle and kicked it out of the open door of the carriage. Forty-three live cartridges, two bottles of chloroform, and a bottle of laudanum were found in the prisoner's possession.

During the brief hearing Simpson only made one remark. Mr. Paul Taylor, the magistrate, asked if he had any questions to ask. His reply was to jerk his head in the direction of the Press representatives and say: "That man there is making a sketch of me. I object to it." Mr. Paul Taylor said he did not see any objection, even if it was being done.

Before the prisoner, who was remanded, was taken back to the cells the inspector stated that he was known at Bow-street Police Station. Subsequent inquiries resulted in the discovery that he has been convicted as a burglar and housebreaker. The police have found the individual from whom he bought the foot-long Colt pistol, but have not yet ascertained how he came in possession of the money necessary to buy it.

Simpson was taken to Brixton Prison yesterday, where finger-prints were taken. If necessary they will be examined by the finger-print department at Scotland Yard to-day, but it is thought that the history of the man is sufficiently well known already.

NO COMMUNICATION CORD

VICTIM'S VAIN SEARCH.

Mr. William Frost, the victim of the railway outrage near Swiss Cottage on Tuesday, had so far recovered yesterday afternoon that he was able to leave hospital and go home. Though he still suffered considerably, Mr. Frost was able to give a representative of this journal a graphic account of his struggle for life.

"In a flash," he said, "I was transported from the everyday dull experiences of the average Londoner to those I had only imagined as existent in the pages of romantic novels. I had given my fellow traveller only a glance when he entered the carriage, and, to be sure, he looked harmless and ordinary enough.

"The communication cord? Where could it be? Four times I worked towards the corner where my instinct told me it should be, and with my right hand tugged vainly for it.

"To me the most terrible feature in the whole affair was the absence of a communication cord. Is it right that railway travellers in the very heart of London should be shut off from all communication with those whose duty it is to assist them in such desperate moments as those I experienced yesterday?"

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

An official of the Metropolitan Railway Company stated yesterday that none of the trains on the line has any system of communication between the passengers and the guards and drivers.

"The Board of Trade," he explained, "only require communication to be provided on trains which run twenty miles or over without a stop. The longest non-stop run on the Metropolitan Railway is nine and a half miles, between Baker-street and Harrow. As the time taken by a train to cover the distance between any two stations on that section of the line is not more than three minutes, it is practically certain that any outrage, such as was committed on Tuesday, would quickly be detected by someone on the platforms and the train stopped. Besides, at least 75 per cent. of the trains running between Baker-street and Harrow are of the 'open corridor' type.

"In regard to the recent unfortunate occurrence the train, I find, was pulled off fifty-eight seconds after the struggle between the two men had been noticed at Marlborough-road Station. Had there been a communication cord in the train it is doubtful whether it could have been stopped in a shorter time. It is also highly probable that Mr. Frost's assailant would have effectually prevented him getting at it. This, I may add, is the first case of dangerous assault that has ever occurred on the Metropolitan."

Inquiries yesterday showed that all the principal railway companies with termini in London have communication chains—which as a rule automatically apply the vacuum brake—fitted to every train on their systems. Trains on the District Railway are being equipped with apparatus which will enable passengers, by turning a handle at either end of the carriages, to apply the brakes, bringing the train to a standstill.