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The Daily Gazette.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1895.

The Church Missionary Society is largely interested in Mission work in China. And it was their station at Ku-cheng which was the scene of the murderous attack on August 1. This and other outrages have, no doubt, caused many inquiries to be made concerning the progress of missionary enterprise within the dominions of the "Sun of Heaven." Works upon the subject have been much in request during the past few days, and it may be admitted that public opinion is not unanimous with reference to the results of the campaign which European and American missionaries have heretofore carried on in the Flowery Land. There are those who hold that, to quote a well-worn phrase, the game is not worth the candle. On the other hand, there are those whose interest in the missionary movement in China is all-powerful. But the question of the moment has not as its crux the propagation of the doctrines of Christianity among the Chinese, and whether or not the methods pursued by the Missionaries are all that can be desired. As to the wisdom of their basis of operations opinions vary considerably. But while the Missions have their opponents, it is only fair to say that they have many friends. Amongst, and strong, reasons may be cited in defence of the Missions and those by whom they are conducted. But when the case is one of considering how outrages such as that at Ku-cheng are to be dealt with, controversy respecting the Missions is not a theme of primary importance. Missionaries, as such, have no especial rights under Treaty. But, by Treaty, Europeans—and this term includes our American cousins—are entitled to the full protection of the Chinese Government, so long as they do not violate any of the laws or customs of that strange people. The authorities of the Celestial Empire may have been compelled, against their will, to enter into the comity of nations. But, while our kith and kin are peaceably sojourning in that land, they are entitled to the protection which every civilised State affords to strangers within its gates. And missionaries may lay claim to that adequate protection as well as merchants and others whose callings are of a purely secular nature. There have been assemblies of the European residents at Shanghai, Swatow, Tientsin, and Hongkong, at which opinions were expressed to the effect that the recent occurrences in China form part of a deeply-laid scheme for the extrusion of foreigners from the Empire. The views of the Europeans located in the ports on the Yangtse-kiang are of little consideration. It is their belief that negotiations with the Tsung-li-Yamen at Pekin cannot possibly lead to any effective results. In support of this, they state that the central authority, which has always been weak in the distant provinces, has suffered still further enfeeblement by the disasters of the Chino-Japanese war. The European inhabitants of the Treaty Ports entertain the conviction that an inquiry at Pekin would be a huge farce, inasmuch as the most culpable officials would be appointed to investigate the origin of crimes for the perpetration of which these officials were themselves responsible. We are asked to believe that under those Chinese inquiries the real authors of the outrages are never brought to justice, and that innocent persons are often substituted for the guilty, and suffer the most cruel punishments conceivable. The Mandarins, so it is stated by those who should know the country well, escape with impunity, and the over-taxed natives of the Provinces in which outrages have been committed are invariably called upon to pay the indemnity for the misdeeds of their governors. This may, or may not, be a true bill. But it certainly points to a state of affairs in China which needs to be met with a strong hand. It is eminently worthy of consideration whether the demands for redress which have been made upon the Pekin Government are commensurate with the necessities of the situation. If we can believe the European community in China, these demands are insufficient and inadequate. They, however, are not always the best judges in such instances. Nevertheless, the policy of the British Government is unmistakable. We cannot recognise any distinction of persons in the ranks of those subjects of the Crown who are residents in China. Our kindred sojourn there under Treaty rights and obligations, and the Government of the Emperor must be made to understand that their rights must be respected. If the Pekin Government—the Tsung-li-Yamen, as it is called—is incapable of undertaking the requisite amount of responsibility, then it is obvious that influence must be brought to bear directly upon the provincial authorities of China. Last evening's meeting in Exeter Hall was under the presidency of Sir John Kennaway, the respected member for the Honiton Division of Devonshire. And it was made clear that political partisanship had nothing whatever to do with the assembly. But it was only to be expected that the voice of the Church Missionary Society should be raised in protest against the atrocities to which its emissaries have been subjected in China. Lord Salisbury's Government has not been active in the matter, and the views of Ministers upon the situation will, no doubt, be set forth to-morrow in the Queen's Speech.

Five years have elapsed since Western Australia obtained responsible government. In extent it comprises one-third of the Australian Continent, and boasts of an area equal to half that of Russia in Europe. The gold-fields of this Colony have brought it into prominence of late. "Westralia" is now the name in common use among financiers and Company promoters. In the Colony itself, we gather that a movement has sprung up for the sub-division of the territory, and Mr. Chamberlain, the new Secretary of State for the Colonies, would, it is said, materially assist the development of the country by urging upon the authorities the importance of dealing with the sub-division problem at the earliest possible moment. Western Australia boasts of a coastline of fully 3,000 miles in length. The only really settled portions are the lands adjacent to the coast. There are other Dependencies of Great Britain in a similar condition, but they are, mostly, Crown Colonies. And, under that system of government, however, is impossible in Western Australia, and under a progressive Administration it is confidently hoped that the Colony will make great strides. The exports amounted last year to £2,100,000, while the exports were valued at £1,500,000. Hitherto the principal industry was wool growing, but the export trade in that commodity has sunk into comparative insignificance since discoveries were made of the presence beneath the soil of the sovereign metal. And hence, we read, the improvement in the Colonial trade has been mainly due to the rapid rise in the population from the continued discoveries of gold. In June last, the population was returned as 90,000. Those are the latest figures to hand, and it may be mentioned that they represent an increase of 15 per cent. on the statistics of 1894. Some idea of the progress which the Colony of Western Australia has made may be gleaned when we state that 30 years ago convicts, under sentence of transportation beyond the seas, were being received there for the benefit of the mother-country. The Colony has made great strides since gold was discovered. Last year the export of the precious metal was valued at £725,000, or over a quarter of a million sterling in excess of the returns for 1893. Among the projects which colonists are represented as favouring are those of the establishment of a Mint, the erection of an Observatory, the addition of a library and Museum to the Government buildings, the laying down of a telegraph cable across the continent to Adelaide, additional railway enterprise, and the establishment of a Stock Exchange at Fremantle. The attention which must be immediately paid to the affairs of Western Australia should afford Mr. Chamberlain an opportunity of winning his spurs by securing the sanction of the Department over which he has been called upon to preside to schemes of improvement. The right hon. gentleman will also have occasion, sooner or later, to put into practice his ideas respecting the development of those Dependencies which, though semi-independent, are in reality administered from Downing-street. Mr. Chamberlain's appointment as head of the Colonial Office has been received with general satisfaction throughout the British Colonies.

The Queen held on Monday, at Osborne, a second private investiture of the Orders of the Bath, St. Michael and St. George, the Indian Empire, and the Distinguished Service Order. Her Majesty was accompanied in the Throne-room by her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Mr. Walter Long, President of the Board of Agriculture, yesterday afternoon met the members of the new House of Commons representing agricultural constituencies. A deputation was introduced by Lord Winchilsea, and a Parliamentary Committee to act in the interests of agriculture was subsequently elected.

Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg have left Heiligenberg Castle for England.

Yesterday both Houses of Parliament met at noon. Mr. Gully, the Speaker-elect, proceeded to the House of Lords in order to receive Her Majesty's approbation, through her Commissioners, of his election. The business of swearing in the Lords and Commoners was afterwards proceeded with in the two Houses.

The Duke and Duchess of York, with the Duke and Duchess of Teck, left Richmond on Monday, and proceeded on a launch up the Thames as far as Datchet, where the Royal party disembarked and returned to Richmond by the South-Western Railway.

The Queen held a Council yesterday at Osborne, at which Her Majesty approved the election of Speaker of the House of Commons and the draft of the Queen's Speech to be read to the Houses of Parliament to-morrow.

A swarm of bees took possession of Newton Ferrers parish church, near Plymouth, on Sunday evening. The service had to be abandoned.

Yesterday, at the Dartmouth Police-court, a woman named Kathleen Harris was fined 11s 6d inclusive for using bad language in Silver-street on Sunday, August 4.

The late Mr. William Nation, to whom reference was recently made, was a barrister of the Western Circuit, and not connected with a large manufactory, as previously stated.

Bideford Borough Bench yesterday inflicted a fine of 10s and 5s 6d costs upon Mr. Richard Kivell, of East-the-Water, Bideford, and a member of the Corporation, for drunkenness the previous evening.

Superintendent de Schmid, of the D. Division (Honiton) of the Devon County Constabulary, was unavoidably prevented from attending the funeral of the late Superintendent Baker at Southmoltonon few days since.

In Exeter last week £111 6s 6d was distributed among 1,032 outdoor paupers, against £103 15s 6d received by 957 persons in the corresponding week of last year. For the same periods, the numbers of indoor paupers were 257 and 260, and of vagrants 62 and 43.

The banquet which was arranged to be held at Bath on the 21st inst., and at which the Duke of Beaufort was to preside, to celebrate the Unionist victories in the Western Counties, has been postponed, as Parliamentary business would prevent several members from being present.

Mr. R. R. Rodd (County Coroner) opened an inquest at the Tavistock Guildhall yesterday on the body of the female child of Ellen Hearn, a domestic servant, of Tavistock. The body of the child was found in a box on Sunday last. Dr. Smale having identified the body, the inquiry was adjourned until Saturday morning. Dr. Smale stated that there was no suspicion of foul play.

At the Exeter Police-court yesterday William Jago, a labourer, was charged with assaulting his wife on the 10th inst. Maria Jago stated that she and her husband resided in George-street, Stepcote-hill. Her husband knocked her about on the 10th inst., and gave her a black eye. He was bound over in a surety of £5 to keep the peace for three months. The alternative was 14 days' imprisonment.

At the Wonford Sessions yesterday Henry Routley, of Broadclyst, pleaded guilty to being disorderly and refusing to quit the Red Lion Inn at Broadclyst on the 6th inst. Evidence as to Routley's conduct was given by the landlord, and defendant was fined 12s 6d inclusive. Ellen Budd, a married woman, of Heavitree, charged with being drunk and disorderly at Heavitree on the 4th instant, was fined 10s and costs. Five previous convictions were recorded against her.

The arrivals in the Exeter Port for the week ending 13th August were:—Old Tiff and Olive Leaf from Babbacombe, with stone; Providence, Evanson, firewood; Friendship and Attentive, Exmouth Bight, deals, ex Ganger Rolf; Edward and Frank, Exmouth Bight, oil, ex Flora. The sailings were:—Olive Leaf, light; Buttercup, for London, barrels and timber; Agnoria, Old Tiff, Providence, Dunkerque, and Swift, light; Margaret, in ballast; Bess Mitchell, light; Joseph and Thomas, in ballast.

The King's Arms Hotel, Wellington, was yesterday afternoon, on the premises, offered for sale by public auction. In the absence, through illness, of Mr. W. H. Milton, the sale was conducted by Mr. W. Midon, jun. Mr. W. T. Booker (Wellington) was the solicitor for the vendor. There was a large attendance. The property was started at £2,000, and at £2,750 was withdrawn. Subsequently the property was bought by private treaty by Messrs. W. Hancock and Sons, Wiveliscombe, for £2,900.

At yesterday's meeting of the Bideford Guardians, when the Rev. Preb. Dimond-Churchward presided, the Lady Guardians complained of the quality of the bread supplied to the Workhouse, and it was received that the contractor's attention be called to the matter. The Medical-officer (Dr. Thompson) reported that the boy Hookway was not fit to go into the West of England Deaf and Dumb Institution. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were appointed delegates to attend a Conference on the subject of pensions.

Dartmouth-castle auction was held yesterday by Messrs. Bickwell and Symons. Wether mutton was in good demand, and averaged 7½d per lb, some of the best realising 8½s apiece. Fat ewes were also in fair request at from 44s to 55s, an average of 9d per lb. Fat lambs ran from 24s to 30s, and store ditto from 16s to 25s. Beef was somewhat scarce. Best quality ran from 60s to 64s per cwt., and lesser quality from 58s to 62s. Altogether 42 bullocks were sold. Cows and calves reached an average of 65s per cwt.

At Torquay Divisional Police-court yesterday, the County Magistrates present being Messrs. W. H. Kitson and R. P. Cornish-Bowden, a charge against William Edward Elliott, master mariner, of using bad language in Rathmore-road, Cockington, on Saturday week, was adjourned. Frederick Blacker, gardener, for being drunk in Cockington on Sunday, the 4th instant, was fined 7s 6d. Edward James Murch, dairyman, for leaving his horse and trap unattended outside the Western Hotel on Monday week for two hours, was fined 8s 6d.

The monthly meeting of Okehampton Charity Trustees was held yesterday. The Mayor (Mr S P B Newcombe) presided. It was decided to apply to the Charity Commissioners for permission to offer for sale by auction Tuckfields Meadow, Postlades Houses and gardens, and Domchay Garden. The tender of Mr. Henry Geen for repairing the bridge across the river near the Cricket Field was accepted. With reference to Tapper's House, in the occupation of James Ayson and others, it was decided to give the tenants notice to quit and to offer the property for sale.

The funeral took place at the Torquay Cemetery yesterday of the late Mr. J. Swift Evans, of St. Kilda, who died on Saturday. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H. B. Clark (Curate of Tor), and among those who attended, in addition to relatives, were the Mayor (Dr. Richardson), the Town Clerk (Mr. F. S. Hex), Aldermen Harrison, Kerswill, and Callard, Councillors Smerdon, R. Crocker, Taylor, Butland, and Mortimer, Mr. J. J. E. Slade, Mr. W. H. Lord, and Messrs. J. Salter, J. A. Ward, S. Pope, S. Pope, jun., J. Young, and Captain Best. Messrs. W. Brock and Co. carried out the funeral arrangements.

The annual exhibition of the Moretonhampstead Cottage Garden Society was held yesterday. A report shall appear on Friday.

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THE VOLUNTEER CAMP AT CARDINHAM.

A fine day succeeded a very uncomfortable night. The 6 o'clock parade before breakfast was attended by continuous rain. But, despite this, the 4th Devon were engaged for an hour and a half in outpost duty. After breakfast the sun came out, and the Battalion was occupied by ceremonial drill. The afternoon was given up to visits to the encampments of the 1st and 2nd Cornwall, who were being inspected by Colonel Knox, commanding the District. After tea the 4th again assembled, and were occupied with outpost work under the supervision of General Mackay-Heriot. The Cornish Battalions numbered strongly at their inspection, and acquitted themselves very fairly. The marching was a little weak, but this was mainly due to the fact that a large number of men came in for the inspection who had not taken any part in the camp drills. To-day the Brigade will march into Bodmin.

EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOL AT ILFRACOMBE.

Yesterday, at the Ilfracombe Police Station, an inquest was held by the Deputy-Coroner (Dr. E. Slade King) on the body of Elizabeth Jane Kennick, of 5, Minehead-terrace, Ilfracombe. She was the widow of Charles Kennick, a mariner, and was 54 years of age. Mrs. Bessie Jane Conibear said deceased was her mother. On Sunday, Richard Vellacott told witness that her mother was in the house alone and very poorly. She went down about 5 o'clock, and deceased was conscious. About half-past 9 deceased died. Witness knew nothing as to the cause of death. Dr. Payne had attended her occasionally since January last. By the Foreman: She knew nothing out of the way in the habits of deceased. Maria Lewis, charwoman, said on Saturday evening Mrs. Kennders asked her to go down and see how deceased was as she was very ill. She went to the kitchen door which was fastened, and then went to Mr. Vellacott's, who advised her to gain access by the back door. The first thing she saw on entering was the deceased crouching down between the bedroom and sitting-room doors, and received no reply when she spoke to her. Witness lifted her into bed. Mrs. Vellacott on being asked by witness if she knew what was the matter with her, said, "Oh! she's drunk," and she believed that there were lodgers who had been fetching whisky for her. Witness, after returning from deceased's daughter's house found deceased sleeping comfortably. Dr. W. A. Payne, medical practitioner, deposed that on Sunday, 11th August, he was called to see deceased, and he found her quite conscious. On being questioned, she said she had a pain in her back. Witness ordered restoratives, and came two or three times to attend deceased. At half-past 9 she died. He believed that deceased's habits were intemperate, and the probable cause of death was due to the heart's failure, following continuous alcoholism and exposure after drinking. There was no evidence to make him suspect foul play or suicide. Possibly she had taken all alcohol without food. After the Coroner had summed up, the jury returned a verdict of failure of the heart's action, following the excessive use of alcohol.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NEAR TIVERTON.

CHARGE OF FAILING TO NOTIFY.

At a meeting of the Tiverton Rural District Council yesterday Dr. Haydon, Medical-officer of Health, reported that cases of scarlet fever had occurred at Butterleigh, in the families of William Dunn and John Western, which were not notified. In reply to the Chairman, Dr. Haydon said no doctor attended. In reply to Mr. Southey, Dr. Haydon said the parents said they did not know it was scarlet fever. Mr. Upcott said that was no excuse. The Clerk: The Magistrates would not convict. The Rev. J. Fowler: Then in this case our adoption of the Infectious Diseases Act is merely a farce. He moved that the parents be prosecuted. Mr. Barrons, Sanitary Inspector, said he had given one of the parents warning. Mr. Upcott seconded Mr. Fowler's motion, which was carried.

SOUTH BRENT SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

The poll was declared yesterday, as follows:—Kingwell, 211; Wakeham, 189; Pearse, 156; Walkom, 134; Hustwan, 117; Cole, 115; Mead, 110; Hingston, 108; Gorman, 65; Davis, 62; Mahon, 40; Tope, 40. The first five form the new Board. Messrs. Kingwell and Pearse thanked the electors.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR KINGSWEAR.

At Scabbacombe Rocks, about two miles from Kingsweat, yesterday morning, a farm labourer named Edwin Hooper, aged about 20, fell over the cliffs, sustaining terrible injuries. He was conveyed home to Boohay, but in spite of all Dr. Kendall (Kingsweat) could do for him he died about quarter to 5 o'clock. Mr. S. Hacker, County Coroner, will hold an inquest.

POLTIMORE ESTATE EMPLOYES ON HOLIDAY.

Yesterday the members of the building staff upon the Poltimore Estate had their annual outing. Having entrained at Stoke Canon, the party, numbering 24, reached Teignmouth shortly after 11 o'clock. At the Railway Hotel they were provided with dinner by Mr. Marks, who did his best for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors. The Estate clerk of works (Mr. W. Wreford) presided, and proposed a vote of thanks to Lord and Lady Poltimore, the kind donors of the holiday. The vote was enthusiastically endorsed by the company. Harmony followed, with pianoforte accompaniments by Mr. C. Wreford. After dinner the party divided, some walking to Dawlish, and the remainder spending a few pleasant hours at Teignmouth. The homeward journey of an enjoyable excursion was commenced at 7.30.

BAZAAR AT SIDMOUTH.

OPENING BY LADY KENNAWAY.

Yesterday the Manor Concert Hall, Sidmouth, was transformed into a fancy fair, the funds collected being devoted to the new Volunteer Drill Hall, which is in course of erection at the east end of the Esplanade. It will be remembered that the foundation-stone was laid by Miss Connie Radford not long since, with a pleasing ceremony, in which Colonel Sir John Kennaway, Bart., M.P., took part, and it was hoped that the popular commander of the 3rd V.B.D.R. and respected member for the Honiton Division, would have been present to perform the opening ceremony at the bazaar. Parliamentary duties, however, interfered, and the ceremony was most graciously carried out by Lady Kennaway. The Manor Hall had as chief decorations the colours red, white, and blue—most appropriate for a Volunteer bazaar. The various stalls were neatly arranged, and the whole arrangement of the room was most attractively designed under the superintendence of Lieutenant Pothury. On the platform an excellent orchestral band was stationed. Its formation was in a great measure due to Lieutenant Valliance, and a capital programme of music was given under the direction of Mr. J. A. Hughes. The dairy stall was located near this, and contained a most tempting supply of butter, packed in fancy baskets, eggs, honey, chicken, ducks, hams, &c. At the opposite end was a stall laden with fruit and flowers, in charge of Miss C. Radford, assisted by Miss Haden. Miss Addington, with Miss Kennaway, Miss C. Leese, and Miss Muriel Tyrrell sold lampshades, in all conceivable colours and shapes, and also had a good variety of photographs for disposal. To Mr. Coulson credit be given credit for getting such a conglomeration of fancy and useful articles for the advertisement stall, and these things were quickly disposed off, thanks to the exertions of Miss D. Favell and Miss May Bouville Wren. There were four variety stalls, from which could be obtained the prettiest fancy articles—in fact, anything usually associated with bazaars. One was presided over by Mrs. Faulkner and Miss Faulkner; another by Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Scaraglil, Mrs. and Miss Williams, Mrs. Dent, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Sprague, the Misses Fawcett and Mrs. Reid; a third by Mrs. Kennet-Were, assisted by Miss Joyce Kennaway, Miss Kathleen McNeile, and Miss Lucy Tyrrell; and the fourth, by Miss Orchard, assisted by Mrs. James Jerman, of Exeter, and Miss L. Orchard. Mr. R. W. Hine-Haycock and Miss Hine-Haycock managed a sweet stall, and Mrs. Mowburn was in charge of one where embroideries and suchlike found a ready sale. A cafe chantant was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy, assisted by Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. James Coulson, Miss Gertie Drew, Miss Passmore, Miss S. Searle, Mr. W. C. Vallance, Lieutenant Beal, Mr. J. Orchard, Mr. L. Pollard and Mr. P. Michelmore. Mr. H. Faulkner conducted a fortune-teller from Rome, and Miss Dorothy and Master Clive Leese successfully managed a dipping wedding cake. Master Faulkner had under his care a dipping drum; and as "The old woman who lived in a shoe" Miss Madeline Tyrrell did a good trade in dispensing of her children." Miss McNeile contributed a large doll dressed in the complete uniform of an officer of the 3rd V.B.D.R., and a handsome folding scrap screen drawn in with charcoal, and representing scenes of Sidmouth, the Tower Bridge, &c., was given by Miss Williams and greatly admired. There was no end of pretty articles to attract the visitors, and the charming manners of the fair saleswomen were the means of adding many shillings to the fund. To Mrs. Kennet-Were must be given the lion's share of the credit for the organisation of such a successful venture. She has shown the greatest interest in the undertaking, and in it she has been accorded most valuable assistance by the residents and tradesmen of the town, who have contributed largely to the various stalls.

On the arrival of Lady Kennaway outside the hall Captain Orchard said it was his pleasing duty to ask her ladyship to open the bazaar, and it was with great delight he wished her to perform so interesting a ceremony. He wished their gallant Colonel, Sir John Kennaway, could have been present to take part in the gathering that day. On such an occasion political feeling was put on one side, and all were anxious to promote the success of the undertaking. He thanked Mrs. Kennet-Were, on behalf of the Sidmouth Company of Volunteers, for what she had done, and also all the other ladies and gentlemen who had assisted in bringing the bazaar to such a happy issue. He hoped the sunshine that afternoon would be a fitting omen of the success of the bazaar. Captain Orchard concluded by asking Mrs. Kennet-Were, on behalf of the officers of the Company, to present Lady Kennaway with a bouquet.

Lady Kennaway returned thanks. She expressed great regret that Sir John was not able to be present. He could not foresee that the bazaar would be fixed the same day as the commencement of the new Parliament, and he could not foresee the fearful events which had taken place in China. As President of the Church Missionary Society, he had to be present that evening at a meeting in London connected with the murder of the missionaries in the East. Sir John was a zealous Volunteer, having attended their camps for the last 30 years. Nothing would have given him greater pleasure, had he been able, than to have taken part in that bazaar, which was organised for the benefit of the Sidmouth Company of Volunteers, which had proved itself so efficient both at Woodbury and more lately at Aldershot. Lady Kennaway then formally declared the bazaar open, and business commenced.

Among those also present at the opening ceremony were the Misses Kennaway, Lady Leese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kennet-Were, Dr. Radford, Mr. W. J. Y. Anderson-Morshead, Mrs. Hunt, the Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Freer, Captain and Mrs. Hastings, Colonel and Mrs. Mowburn, Mrs. Williams, Mr. C. Reid, Mrs. Tyrrell, Mrs. Pothury, Miss McNeile, &c.

MUSHROOM GATHERERS IN TROUBLE.

Henry Westlake and Robert Coles, labourers, of St. Thomas, were summoned at the Castle of Exeter, yesterday, for committing damage to certain fencing to the extent of 2s, the property of George Reed, at Whitstone, on the 23rd August. On Saturday week the defendants, it was stated, broke Reed's hedge in order to enter the field to gather mushrooms. Complainant remonstrated with them, but they refused to quit the field until their baskets were filled. Frank Reed, son of the complainant, corroborated. The defendants, who pleaded not guilty, were fined 6s 3d each, inclusive of damage and costs. A week was allowed for payment.

AXMINSTER PETTY SESSIONS.

The Magistrates present yesterday were Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode, Mr. W. H. Willans, Captain Forward, Captain Rogers, Mr. S. Sanders Stephens, and Major Quinn. Mr. Beans, of the George Inn, Seaton, was granted permission to sell in a field at Seaton on the 22nd August, the occasion of a Club Festival. Miss Plimsoll, of the Clarence Hotel, Seaton, was granted an occasional license to sell at the Beach Assembly Room, on the occasion of a ball this evening. Alfred Rendall, of Millbrook, Axminster, pleaded guilty to being drunk at Axminster on Saturday last. Ordered to pay 10s. costs.

PLYMOUTH AND THE RAILWAY RATES.

The Railway and Canal Commission (consisting of Justice Collins, the Right Hon. Sir Frederick Peel, and the Right Hon. Vincent Cobbam) sat yesterday to hear the case of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce v. the Great Western Railway Company and the London and South-Western Railway Company—Burnard and Alger v. the same. In these applications, which were heard together, complaint was made that the defendants unduly preferred the traffic of the Millbay Docks and of Sutton Harbour at Plymouth, which were in direct communication with the Great Western Railway, and unduly prejudiced the traffic making Pool, which were in direct communication with the lines of railway of the South-Western Company. In the instances complained of the traffic passed for a distance of a mile, or three-quarters, on the lines of the South-Western Company before reaching the main line of the Great Western Railway for conveyance to stations in South Devon and Cornwall. In such cases, although the direct distances were about the same by either route, sums varying from 6d to 9d were added to the ordinary Millbay rates when the traffic was despatched from the docks or wharves connected with the South-Western, and it was charged that of these sums which constituted the preferences complained of. Alternatively, the applicants asked that through rates of the Great Western, those in force at Millbay and Sutton Harbour should be put into operation at Cattewater and Balfour Brown, Q.C., Mr. Butten, and Mr. Mc Dale were for the applicants; Mr. Crippe, Q.C., and Mr. Moon appeared for the Great Western Company; the South-Western Company was not represented. Sir Frederick Peel, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said that in deciding the rates complained of neither defendant could be shown to have contravened the provisions of Section 30 of the Act of 1888, under which the complaint had been made, and which provided for equal treatment of different ports by Railway Company. As regards the South-Western Company, they carried up and from their own ports only, and could not be held to have shown any preference in respect of their own charges by the charges made by any other Company. As regards the Great Western Company, who in one case provided station accommodation and in the other paid a proportion of the rates, it did not seem to be a disproportion to the services rendered. It was true though the Court could not hold that there was any preference existed, yet, under the circumstances of the case, they thought the Great Western through rates might fairly be granted. The South-Western Company had asserted to the rates proposed, and if some deduction were made in those as representing services not performed by the Great Western Company and allowed to the South-Western Company, whose services were mainly confined to shunting, it might be found that a fair apportionment could be made between the Companies, either of the rates as proposed or with such additions to them as might be found necessary. Viscount Cobham and Mr. Vincent Collins also shortly stated their reasons for concurring in the above judgment.

THE AFFAIRS OF LORD HALTON.

A meeting of creditors in connexion with the bankruptcy of the Right Hon. Lawrence Peel, Baron Halton was held at the Castle. Mr. Rodd presided. The proceedings were formal. The Official Receiver (Mr. T. Andrew), the trustee (Mr. and Mr. G. H. Harris, solicitor (Messrs. Rodd) and Mr. Ford) were the only persons present. They represented several creditors, some of whom were Mr. W. G. Coulson, Torquay (£4,000), and Mr. James Tucker, Torquay (£100 10s 8d). In the place of the late Mr. Brutton Ford, Mr. G. H. Harris was appointed trustee of the property of the bankrupt, and a remuneration as the Committee of Inspection might determine. Mr. W. A. Rodd, of Exeter, merchant, of 18, Mortimer-street, Marylebone, London, was appointed a member of the Committee of Inspection, for the purpose of attending the administration of the property. In the place of the Trustee, in the room of Mr. Edward Jones, who had resigned