

LICENSING DAY.

This being the day appointed for renewing and granting licences in the county, the innkeepers and publicans attended in large numbers, and all renewals were granted. After which the following persons applied for licenses to houses in the vicinity of the Railway Station, Derby:—Mr. George H. Taylor, Silver Lion; Mr. Robert Baxter, Spirit Vaults; Mr. Charles Robotham, Station Inn; and Mr. Jackson, York Hotel.—Mr. Boden (of the Midland Circuit), instructed by Mr. Huish, attended to oppose the granting of such licenses. After the applicants had stated their respective claims for licenses, Mr. Boden said that he was again instructed to oppose the applications; and as the magistrates had on a former occasion declined to grant such licenses he (Mr. Boden) had expected to hear from the applicants that there was now some reason why the magistrates should depart from their decision of last year, but they had not shewn the slightest grounds for renewing their applications as it was incumbent on them to do. He (Mr. Boden) contended that under these circumstances it was scarcely necessary for him to call any evidence to negative that which had not been proved; but in order to shew that the grounds he took were well founded and not in anyway vindictive or improper, he would call before the magistrates several parties to prove that the accommodation afforded by houses in the neighbourhood of the railway station was more than sufficient to supply the wants of the public, and that it would operate against the public good, as well as be unfair to the owners of inns in the neighbourhood if any more licenses were granted; and he (Mr. Boden) therefore hoped that the magistrates would again refuse these applications, and shew a determination not to depart from their salutary and impartial decision of last year.

Mr. Samuel Leech, clerk to Mr. Huish, produced a plan of the railway station, shewing the positions of the inns and the beer-houses in the neighbourhood, by which it appeared that there were at present about a dozen licensed houses besides double that number of beer-houses close to the railway station, and almost within a stone's throw of each other. The houses already licensed were capable of affording a very large amount of accommodation to the public.

Mr. Charles Leeds, owner and proprietor of the George Hotel, proved that his house was conveniently situated for railway travellers—that he made up 14 beds but upon an average he had not two occupied every night—that the retail spirit trade was quite as flat, that the licensed houses in the neighbourhood were too numerous, that it caused a spirit of competition which was ruinous, and one innkeeper close by had become bankrupt, after keeping an hotel for a few months, and had paid little or nothing in the pound. The trains were so arranged that very few travellers remained in town all night, and the business done in the vicinity of the station was altogether a failure to what was expected.

Mr. BODEN then stated that he would also call Mr. Swift, the manager of the Midland Hotel, Mr. Murfin, of the "Wellington," Mr. Clayton of the "Brunswick," Mr. Foster of the "Railway Tavern," and other innkeepers to give similar evidence, but

The MAGISTRATES stated that it would not be necessary for him to do so, as they were well acquainted with the neighbourhood, and were strongly of opinion that there was no necessity to grant any of the present applications. It was shown by testimonials that the applicants were highly respectable, and were proper parties to be entrusted with licenses, but that was not the question; if such houses were not needed for the accommodation of the public, it would be very unfair to the present innkeepers, as well as be injurious to property in the neighbourhood, if these licenses were granted. All the present applications were unanimously refused by a full bench of magistrates last year, and there was no reason why such decision should be set aside upon the present occasion; but, on the contrary, many strong reasons had been shewn why the magistrates should not grant any more licenses in the neighbourhood for years to come.

Applications refused.

The MAGISTRATES then went through the applications for licenses in other districts, and in every case they evinced a determination not to grant a single license, unless it was absolutely essential for the interests of the public, and shortly afterwards adjourned.

FRIDAY, Sept. 1.

(Before Dr. PEACH, J. RADFORD, and W. Cox, Esqrs., and Major MOSLEY.)

ILL-TREATING A HORSE.—John Theobald was summoned by Mr. Edw. Huggins, for ill-treating a horse at a lock in the canal at Little Eaton.—There was some discrepancy in the evidence of the witnesses as to the right of possession of the lock at the time in question, and the BENCH dismissed the case, intimating that Mr. Huggins might take out a summons of a different nature if the matter was not settled.

ASSAULT AT DRAYCOTT.—Wm. Bates was summoned for assaulting Josh. Astle, at Draycott, on the 26th August.—Mr. Borough appeared for the defendant.—The assault took place at a club meeting of a friendly society, but appearing to be of a trivial character, the defendant was only ordered to pay expenses.

ASSAULT AT OSLISTON.—Joseph Ellerby was summoned for assaulting Sarah, wife of John Hunt, at Osliston, on the 23rd of August.—It was proved by the evidence of complainant and her husband that defendant struck the former over the left breast, in consequence of her remonstrating against the ill treatment of a child.—Mr. FLEWKER appeared for the defendant, and called a boy named Kirkland, who stated that he saw the whole of the occurrence, that provocation was given by the complainant, and that no blow was struck by Ellerby.—The BENCH considered the assault proved, and fined defendant 5s. and 14s. 6d. costs.

RELEASING HORSES FROM THE POUND.—Frederic Fairbairns was summoned for releasing two horses from the pinfold, at Spondon, on the 14th of Aug.—Mr. Freeman, from Messrs. Simpson's office, appeared in support of the complaint.—The evidence went to show that on Sunday, the 13th ult., the horses were found in a field of Mr. Kerry's, who, having had frequently to complain of their trespassing before, sent them to the pinfold; next day a boy named Edward Winfield, saw defendant go through a house adjoining the pinfold, then into a brewhouse, and from thence through a private door into the pound; here he undid the fastening and the horses walked out; defendant returned through the brewhouse, and took possession of the horses in the street.—Fined 5s. and 11s. 6d. costs, or twenty-one days imprisonment.

JUVENILE BURGLARS.—Three boys, about 12 years of age, named Albert Chambers, Adam Fox, and — Barfield, were charged, under the Juvenile Offenders' Act, with breaking into the dwelling-house of Herbert Goodall, of Church Broughton, and stealing therefrom a gun, powder flask, silk handkerchief, pocket-book, piece of cheese, half a stone loaf, four pots of preserves, some eggs, a clasp knife, and other articles.—Mr. Flewker appeared for the prosecution.—Mrs. Goodall proved locking the door of her house on the morning of the 24th of August—her husband being out shearing for the day—and not returning until half-past seven at night, when she found some panes of glass taken out of the window, the house ransacked, and the articles named taken away; Chambers formerly lived in the village, and knew the premises.—Herbert Goodall identified the articles produced as his property.—Police-constable Dakin, on Saturday morning last, saw Chambers on the Uttoxeter-road, Derby, in company with a witness named Plimmer; he asked them what they had done with the gun they were using on the day before? Plimmer said he would fetch it, and he did so, and also the powder flask produced; from information he received he afterwards apprehended Fox.—Police-constable Holden apprehended the prisoner Barfield.—John Plimmer, John Goodwin, and Alfred Lander, proved receiving the articles produced from the prisoners, and hearing them admit they had broken into a house at Church Broughton, whilst the occupier was out shearing, and stolen a variety of things.—Mr. FLEWKER said the character of the boys was so very bad that it would be a charity to keep them away from their homes and haunts.—Serjeant Fearn, of the Derby police, remarked that they were the sons of very respectable parents, that they had comfortable homes, but that their character was so bad as to make it appear they were irreclaimable.—Dr. PEACH said that Barfield's brother was convicted the other week for stealing turnips.—The BENCH, after administering a severe reprimand, ordered the prisoners to be imprisoned for one month each with hard labour, and to be once whipped.

ASSAULT AT BORROWASH.—Reuben Cook was fined 3s. and 14s. 6d. costs, for assaulting George Billings, at Borrowash, on the 26th of August.

ASSAULT AT LONG EATON.—James Deakin and William Wheatcroft were summoned by Samuel Waterhouse and William Tomlinson, for assaulting them at the Trent Junction, Long Eaton, on the Saturday night previous.—Mr. Flewker appeared for the defendants, who are servants in the employ of the Railway Company, and, who, he said, were the parties who should have brought the charge of assault.—The evidence was very lengthy.—For the complainants, it was alleged that on Saturday night they were at Mr. Eaton's, the Trent Lock public-house; they left there about half-past ten, and were going with their master, Mr. Rice, across the railroad, when the porter, though he allowed their master to cross, stopped them from doing so; they therefore went along the towing-path of the canal, when the defendants came to them, knocked them down without provocation, and greatly ill-used them; they (complainants) were both sober.—Mr. Rice confirmed his men in some particulars, but said they were "fresh."—For the defence, Mr. FLEWKER called the porter, Smith, who said he remembered the defendants coming to him and giving information that the complainants persisted in crossing the railway; witness went to them and would not let them go over; they were both of them "beastly drunk," and used threatening language, and persisted so much that witness told them he should have them up at Derby for it; they then went away, and in a quarter of an hour after witness heard a cry of distress; Deakin ran first and witness followed him, and found Tomlinson strangling Wheatcroft over the hedge; a train was coming up, and witness was obliged to leave; Waterhouse came to him at twelve o'clock and wanted to cross the line, but witness would not let him; he again came at five in the morning, and wanted to fight either of the defendants.—The BENCH dismissed the case, saying that complainants had evidently, from the bruises they bore, been much ill-used by some parties, but the evidence did not prove that it was the defendants who assaulted them. It all arose from public-house drinking; if the complainants had gone straight home from their work, the assault would have been avoided.

DAMAGING WHEAT.—Five boys, Thomas Kirk, John Kirk, Ambrose Latham, James Cooper, and — Horn, of Derby, were charged with damaging growing wheat in a field in the occupation of Mr. Kerry, of Spondon, on Sunday evening, the 27th ult.—A conviction was not pressed for, and the boys were ordered to pay 5s. damages and the costs, making 6s. each; in default to be committed for a month.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The admissions begin to decline in number; a result no doubt due in some degree to the difficulties of access, and to the stoppage which the recent accident at Croydon has put upon excursion trains. Last week the numbers were 49,878, season tickets included, and the receipts at the doors 2,565l.

ENORMOUS SHEET OF PAPER.—A day or two since Messrs. Evans and Arrowsmith, of Bristol, received at their establishment a sheet of paper weighing 3 cwt., and measuring 2784 feet in length, or more than half a mile.