

Crime and Punishment

Baverstock



BURGLARY AT THE RECTORY

The Rectory was broken into recently, and 19s 11d in money and silver-plate valued at between £50 and £60, stolen. The drawing-room opens into the conservatory, the door of which was, on the night of the burglary, left unlocked, and the robber or robbers got into the house by turning, by means of a pair of pliers, the key of the drawing-room, which had been left in the lock inside. The thieves then proceeded to the library, where they broke open a cupboard, and took from it 19s 11d. They then, it appears, went to the panty, where they stole the plate. The plate-chest was under the table, but was fortunately not discovered, otherwise the loss might have been greater. The burglary is supposed to be the work of professionals. So quietly was it carried out, that although the Rector and his family were at home and there were dogs loose on the premises, no-one was disturbed, and the rogues got off without leaving anything to lead to their discovery. The matter is in the hands of the police. It seems that there are organized gangs of thieves working the district.

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