

Son Assaults Father Charge

Yesterday

Before the Rev. Canon Bouverie and Gen. Buckley, M.P.

George Smith, of Coombe Bissett, labourer, was brought up in custody, charged with assaulting George Smith, his aged father. From the statement of the complainant it appeared that the son came home the night before very drunk and was exceedingly abusive. He beat his father very severely and broke several articles in the house. Had not the police been sent for by the neighbours, the consequences might have been very serious, as the old man was much injured.

The prisoner, who has been several times convicted of assaults, was ordered to pay £5, and in default was committed to prison for two months.

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