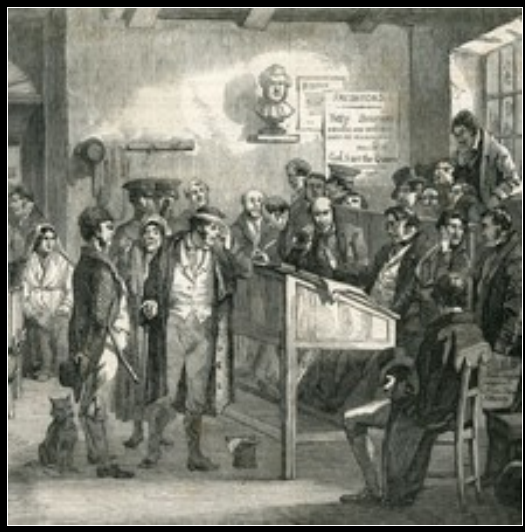


Crime and Punishment

Calne



A Disorderly Tramp

Mary Hobbs, a well-known visitor to Calne, was charged with misbehaving herself while an inmate of the Calne workhouse. **Lucy Gough**, nurse, deposed that at half past 8 o'clock on Saturday evening last the prisoner, with her two children was admitted into the workhouse. She refused to put on the nightgown provided for her. She thought the accused was worse for drink.

On the 1st September last, when she came to the Union, she was guilty of similar disorderly conduct, witness then overlooked it. **Inspector Cross** Informed the Bench that the prisoner had been in the habit of visiting Calne three or four times a year. Her two boys, who went with her about the county, were aged respectively 9 and 7 years, and neither of them could read and write.

The Prisoner who was in a most penitent mood, said she was making her way home to Bath, and she had done.-The Bench sentenced her to 14 days Imprisonment without the option of a fine; and ordered the children to be taken care of at the workhouse during her incarceration

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