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SWINDON POLICE COURT
Thursday

William Edwards, labourer, of Chisledon, was summoned to show cause why an order should not be made upon him to contribute towards the support of the illegitimate child of Ellen Fuller, of the same place. Mr Ormond appeared for the defence.

Complainant said her child was born on the 23rd of June. She said she had been in the same employ as defendant, and the intimacy took place when they were in the fields together at Hackpen. Adjourned for a week.

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ADJOURNED AFFILIATION CASE : **William Edwards**, labourer, of Chisledon, was summoned to show cause why he should not be ordered to contribute towards the support of the illegitimate child of **Ellen Fuller**. The case was adjourned from last week for want of time to complete the evidence. The evidence of complainant last week went to show that she had been working at a farm at Barbury in September last, a week before Chisledon feast, helping Edwards to thatch some ricks. There were others at the same work. Edwards sent them all away except herself, and then took liberties with her, which resulted in the birth of the child. The intimacy was renewed several times after. She admitted having another child on a former occasion.

In answer to Mr Osmond, who appeared for defendant, she said she went into the Workhouse in September, and was then in child by Edwards. She was there two months, and had been out about three weeks.

Mrs **Hannah Plumb**, a witness called by complainant, said she was one of the hands employed at the thatching of the ricks. On being asked when it was, she, like the complainant, appeared to have no idea of dates. First she said it was the end of October, then a week before Chisledon feast, and then a week after Marlborough fair, which is in August.

Mr. North said Chisledon feast last year was one week before October 11. This would corroborate the statement of complainant. Witness, continuing, said the complainant was in her sight all the morning, and no connection could have taken place between the parties as alleged.

The evidence was of so conflicting a nature that the Bench dismissed the charge.

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