



Crime and Punishment

Seend

Keeping a Disorderly House

Melksham Petty Sessions on Tuesday.

Mr Sperring, landlord of the Bell Inn, Seend, was summoned by the Rev S Serjeant, curate of Seend, for allowing drunk and disorderly conduct in his house on the 8th of May. That day was Seend feast, and the rev gentleman was attracted to the inn by a great noise. He went to the inn, and entered the taproom where he saw the room full of drunken, swearing, disorderly people. He spoke to the landlord about it, and he said, "We must live".

A great many witnesses were called for the defence by Mr A B Smith, who appeared for the defendant, who all contradicted the rev gentleman, but the magistrates believed him, and fined the defendant

£1 and costs; and Mr Lopes, as chairman of the police committee, said he should bring the matter before the attention of the chief constable, that the police might do their duty on these occasions.

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