



Sutton Veny

CHILD NEGLECT

Warminster

At a special sitting of Warminster magistrates on Saturday, William and Susan Chapman, a labourer and his wife, living at Sutton Veny, were charged with neglecting their daughter, aged ten years, in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering and injury to health. Mr G. E. Vicary prosecuted on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and called evidence alleging that the child was in a filthy condition, and had to beg for food from neighbours. The male defendant said his average earnings were 12s a week. Mr G. N. Temple (chairman) said it was one of the worst cases that had come before the Bench, and sent the man to prison for a month. They considered the woman had been dominated by him, and had decided not to punish her, but she would be bound over.

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