



# *Crime News*

## *Assault*

### *Bishopstone 1887*

#### **A Drunken Mother and a Brutal Son**

**William Thomas Smith**, alias **William Cue**, labourer of Bishopstone, was summoned charged with assaulting his mother, **Ann Cue**, a widow, at Bishopstone, on Sept. 15th.

Prosecutrix stated the facts of the alleged assault, which were to the effect that defendant knocked his mother down and kicked her.

Annie Johnston was called by Prosecutrix, and stated that she saw defendant knock his mother down four times and kick her.

P.C. Read said he knew the woman was addicted to drink; there had been many rows between the parties in question.

In answer to the Bench, defendant said his mother was a drunken woman; she was only sober one day out of seven, and that was Sundays. He denied assaulting his mother, exclaiming that he "never kick her, hit her or anything else".

The Bench considered the case proved, and fined defendant 2s. 6d., and 8s. costs, in default 7 days; allowed a fortnight in which to pay the money.

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