



# *Crime Reports*

## *Castle Eaton*

### *Teacher Faces Indecency Charges*

Swindon Police Court on Monday.

Edward Sunderland Johnson, a schoolmaster of Castle Eaton was placed in the dock on a charge of indecency towards a lad 10 years of age. Supt Robinson asked for a remand, as the police were not in a position to complete the case at that hearing. Mr Withy, who appeared for the defence, did not oppose the application, but asked for the defendant's release on bail. This was refused, and the prisoner was remanded for a week. **Gloucester Citizen Tuesday 15 April 1902**

Swindon Police Court on Monday.

Edward Sutherland Johnson, a schoolmaster of Castle Eaton near Fairford, was charged with indecently assaulting Bertie Edward Perry, a boy 10 years of age, at Castle Eaton on various dates since May last year. The boy had been sleeping with the prisoner since that date, with the sanction of his parents.

Mr A E Withy for the defence, urged that there was no corroboration of the boy's evidence, and there was no evidence that the alleged offences were committed against the lad's will.

The Bench, however, decided to send the case to the next Wiltshire Assizes for trial, and prisoner was also committed for trial in respect of similar assaults alleged to have been committed upon William Day, a boy of 11. **Gloucester Citizen Tuesday 22 April 1902**