



The Former Warminster Reformatory for Boys

A Case for the Reformatory

Richard Wallis, 11, son of Rojer Wallis, was charged on Saturday (before Col. Everett, Rev. G.F.S. Powell and Mr N.F. Barton), with stealing 6s 6d, the property of Julia Daniells.

The complainant stated that on Sunday evening she left her house with her father to go to chapel. They locked the house up. On returning they found that someone had been at the fruit trees in the garden, and on Monday she missed a purse containing 6s 6d., which she had left in her father's room. The purse was found in the room empty, and PC Langley, hearing that the prisoner had been spending money, apprehended him. A boy named Henry Udal, who was with the prisoner on Monday, said that he had 6s and that he stated he had earned it. The prisoner admitted his guilt to the police.

Mr Daniells said that he did not wish to press the case too heavily, but he had frequently missed things, and about a year ago the prisoner stole a rabbit belonging to him.

The boy's father was in court and said that he did what he could for the boy. He was "always a-beating of him".

The magistrates inflicted a sentence of ten days' imprisonment without hard labour, and five years in a reformatory.

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