LITTLEDEAN PETTY SESSIONS.

TO-DAY.—Before Sir Thomas H. Crawley-Bœvey, Bart (in the chair), and Russell J. Kerr, Esq.

This being the annual licensing day, Supt. Ford presented his report as follows:—

"Littledean, Aug. 26th.

"To the Magistrates, &c. Gentlemen,—I have to report that during the past year the ale and beer houses in your division have been generally well conducted. There are 143 licensed houses in the division, namely, 65 ale houses, 49 beer houses, 19 beer houses off, and 10 grocers' licenses. 116 persons have been convicted of drunkenness, a decrease of 14. Two licensed persons have been convicted for offences against their licenses, a decrease of 4, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Wm. Jones, landlord of the Dog Inn, Cinderford, was fined 15/- and costs on the 8th Oct., last, for selling beer to a drunken person. He was also fined 10/- and costs on the 8th July, 1886, Absalom Vaughan, holder of an out-door license at the Pludds, was fined £2 and costs on the 5th Nov., 1886, for selling beer contrary to his license. I have served notices upon these persons, that I should object to their licenses being renewed to-day. John Bailey, landlord of the King's Head ale house, and Hannah Burgum, landlady of the Anchor beer house, both of Lydbrook, wsre each fined £1 and costs on 8th July, 1886, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, for selling adulterated spirits. I have no objection to the renewal of the licenses. I have received notices of transfer of the Point ale house, Plump Hill, to James Greenwood, and of an out-door beer house, at Cinderford, to David Clark. I have no objection to these transfers. I have also received a notice from Mr. Henry Playsted, of the Sun, Brain's Green, near Blakeney, of his intention to apply to your worships to-day for a license to sell beer and cider to be consumed upon his premises. Mr. Playstead now holds an off beer license at Brain's Green, which I submit to your worships is sufficient for the requirements of the inhabitants there.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

"GRANTLEY FORD, Supt. for the Forest Division."

The Chairman, after the licenses had been renewed, said, with regard to the report, he was glad it was of so satisfactory a character.

Mr. Robinson appeared to support Vaughan's application for renewal, which the Bench acceded after having cautioned the landlord to be more careful in the future.