

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

AGAINST A WAVERLEY DENTIST.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Barnett, S.M., Thomas Bellamy summoned John Whyte, a Waverley dentist, and Mary Bradley, his attendant, for assaulting him on April 5 and March 13. Thomas Bellamy, a commission agent, for whom Mr. Clegg appeared, said he had carried on business in partnership with the defendant Whyte, and he afterwards got an injunction to enter a branch of the business at Waverley. He went there on April 5 with a Mr. Doyle. Miss Bradley refused them admission saying: "You are not going to get in here, Bellamy." They walked away, and she came out on to the pavement and laughed at them. They waited until Mr. Whyte came home, and he also refused them admission. Witness went in, and the pair of them "chucked him out." On March 13 he went to the place with Constable Donkin. He got in, but they each got hold of one arm, banged him against the wall and twisted his wrists. Mr. Whyte threatened to "break his neck." When they saw the policeman they let him go.

Witness was not a strong man, as he suffered injuries in a railway accident not long ago. Witness's wife had put a lot of money into this business and had lost it all. In cross-examination by Mr. Hughes: Proceedings had been taken in equity in connection with this business. He was very sore for days after the assault.

Mr. Hughes: You've threatened to ruin Mr. Whyte, haven't you?

Witness: Ruin him! He's ruined me and my wife, too. John Roulston Smith, an accountant, and Police-constable Donkin and Ambrose Knight Doyle, a law clerk, gave evidence that they had witnessed the alleged assaults. In the box the defendant denied the charges against him, and said that he wrote to the plaintiff on or about January 13 dissolving the partnership. Mary Bradley, an attendant at White's dental rooms, also absolutely denied that any assault took place, and said that she had never laid a finger on Bellamy, neither had she ever seen Mr. Whyte touch him. The magistrate said he found that there was a partnership; that the complainant had a right of entry to the premises on April 5 and March 13; and that a slight assault was committed on each date. Each defendant would be fined 10s, and £1 11s in costs, in default 14 days' hard labor. Mr. Hughes intimated that there would be an appeal.