

ould protect both of them, whoever was in he wrong. It was decided that the case ould go on.

Mrs. Last stated that she was in Guildford-street at about 8 on the Saturday evening in question, and defendant came behind her. He asked her to go with him. He offered to make her a home. She told him to go away—that she hated him; and said she had had enough trouble. He struck her in the face, and snatched her beads away. He returned hem later.

Cross-examined, complainant said she made no complaint to anyone in the street at the time, as defendant had gone off. He made an accusation regarding some money. She had no witness to the assault, but now called her husband as he noticed she was upset when she got home.

For the defence, Mr. Farr said the case was n a nutshell: there would again be an absolute denial. Horsler and his wife were in the Palace Theatre, returning home about 10 p.m., and there was evidence to prove the alibi. Complainant's story was uncorroborated. They could not disassociate this case from he last one.

Horsler denied all knowledge of the assault and the beads, and when questioning him, Mrs. Last said "You are a wicked liar," Horsler denied meeting her outside the Skefko Works to give her the beads back again.

Fred Reynolds and Mrs. Horsler gave evidence as to defendant being in the Palace Theatre at the time.

The Bench decided to dismiss the case, the Mayor saying it was due to a lack of corroborative evidence.

A HOSPITAL ROMANCE.

Pretty Wedding at Luton.

Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed at the Luton Roman Catholic Church on Saturday afternoon, when a very pretty wedding took place.

The bride was Miss Harriett Sprouston, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and has been sister at the Rosemary Military Hospital, Harpenden (Luton) for two years. There she met and nursed the bridegroom, Staff-Sergt. E. A. Lyons, Civil Service Rifles, attached to the Army Signal School, Dunstable. His home is at Ledbury, Gloucester, where his father is a schoolmaster. Sergt. Smith has also contributed to newspaper columns under the nom-de-plume of Michael St. Michel. He joined up nearly four years ago, and was wounded at Messines. He was sent to the hospital at Harpenden, and later he became a staff N.C.O. at Dunstable.

The ceremony on Saturday was performed by Father O'Connor in the presence of a large number of the bride's colleagues, and of 28 N.C.O.'s from the bridegroom's depot, including representatives of the British Isles and the Colonies. The guests included Dr. Cheese and Mr. Cotton Rowley, of Harpenden. The bride, who was given away



KIMPTON.

VILLAGE INSTITUTES.—A meeting was held at the Village Hall on Thursday afternoon, when Miss Pollock, of Northaw, gave a very interesting address, explaining the uses and advantages of village institutes. There was a very good attendance, and it was unanimously decided to try a village institute in Kimpton for six months. A committee was elected, and 53 members joined.

CLOPHILL.

CONCERT.—A very successful entertainment was given in the Schoolroom on Friday evening before a crowded and appreciative audience. Members of the Haynes Park Signal Depot, known as "Iddy Umptye," were responsible for the whole programme. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Local

by Mrs. Oakshott, Commandant of the Hospital, wore her indoor uniform. The best man was Lieut. Mitchell.

After the ceremony the nurses and soldiers joined in a picturesque and enthusiastic ceremony. The soldiers formed in lines and made an archway of signal flags. Between the soldiers were the nurses, who, in token of their hospital's title, threw sprigs of rosemary tied with red, white, and blue ribbon, and also threw confetti.

The happy couple left for the honeymoon in London, the car being lent by Mrs. Sidebottom, President of the Red Cross Depot at Harpenden. It was only with difficulty that they got away owing to the handshaking and salutations. The soldiers created fun with the song "Wedding bells are ringing."