

## SOMERSET QUARTER SESSIONS.

The trials of prisoners on Wednesday resulted as follow :—

Mary Ann Edney pleaded guilty to stealing an ulster, value 7s., the property of Elizabeth Blinman, trading as Lewis and Lewis, at Taunton, on the 22nd of December, and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

John Miles (19), labourer, pleaded not guilty to an attempted suicide at Whitechurch on the 26th of December. Prisoner was sentenced to six months' hard labour, application to be made to the Secretary of State for his release at the end of three months if he were of good behaviour.

John Hopkins (29) and Alfred Cottell (30), labourers, pleaded guilty to an indictment for breaking and entering a certain building within the curtilage of the dwelling-house of Samuel Stuckey Frith, and stealing three gallons of cider and two pecks of apples, his property, at Wells, on the 23rd of December. Prisoners were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Albert James and Albert White, on bail, were indicted for stealing silver and bronze coinage to the amount of 5s. and upwards, the moneys of Richard Earl, at Glastonbury, on the 26th of December. Both prisoners were found not guilty, and they were accordingly discharged.—Alfred Pitman, on bail, was indicted for stealing 34 pieces of old oak timber, value £2 5s., the property of Samuel Cuzner, at Frome, on the 30th of November last and divers other days ; and Benjamin Bown and Mary Bown, on bail, were indicted for receiving the same, well knowing it to have been stolen. A verdict of not guilty was returned.