

## FARINGDON.

**ACCIDENT ON THE BRANCH LINE.**—An accident, happily unattended with any serious personal injury, occurred on Monday morning to the train reaching Faringdon at 10.30 a.m. From some unexplained cause the brake upon nearing the station did not act efficiently, and though steam was shut off, the train ran into the station at a comparatively rapid speed. The engine dashed into the block end of the line, destroying the woodwork and hurling a huge baulk of timber across the station road. The front part of the engine was much injured, and the engine itself became firmly embedded in the bank. The passengers of course sustained a severe shaking, but fortunately no one was hurt. The usual 11.58 train did not leave Faringdon. A fresh engine and a breakdown gang were soon procured, and the damaged engine was during the afternoon released from its position and conveyed to Swindon to be repaired.

**VESTRY.**—The annual Lady Day Vestry, for the appointment of parish officers, was held at the Savings Bank on Tuesday afternoon, when the attendance was rather limited. Mr. T. L. Goodlake presided. Messrs. Alfred Carter and Henry Tarrill Taylor were nominated as Overseers, and Messrs. George Frederick Crowdy, William Atkins, Robert Tucker, and Robert Pocock as Guardians. Messrs. George Tarrant and George Liddiard were re-elected Waywardens. The fire engine accounts for the past year having been passed, a discussion arose with regard to the desirability of appointing a Superintendent of the fire engine resident in Faringdon (the present Superintendent, Mr. John Rixon, being resident at Littleworth, a distance of two miles from the town), and it was proposed to refer the question to the Fire Engine Committee to consider and report upon it to the Easter Vestry, but the proposal was negatived. The thanks of the Vestry were accorded to Messrs. Robert Pocock and George Daniel Merton, the Managers of the Water Cart Fund, and they were asked, and consented, to continue their services during the coming season.

## PETTY SESSIONS, TUESDAY.

Present, T. L. Goodlake, W. Dundas, and W. J. Butler, Esqrs., and the Hon. W. B. Barrington.

Harry Cook, horse dealer, Fernham, was summoned by Susan Parker, of Fernham, single-woman, who applied for an order in respect of her illegitimate child, born in December last. Mr. G. J. Haines appeared for complainant, and Mr. L. Jotcham for defendant. After a long hearing, the Magistrates made an order for 2s. 6d. a week and 1*l.* costs.

James White and John Johnson, Overseers of Woolstone, and William Henry Trudgen, Assistant Overseer, were summoned for non-payment of a highway contribution out of the poor-rate of 3*l.* 5s. due on the 4th of February last. A warrant of distress was issued against the Overseers. The money was afterwards paid.