

WAS IT UNFAIR?

A singular incident is reported from the Hereford Assize Court on Monday, Mr. Justice Avory presiding.

A Bromsgrove domestic, named Lucy Carter, was charged with feloniously killing her newly-born female child. The woman was 31 years of age, and at the time of the offence was hop-picking at Nupend Farm, Cradley, near Malvern. A postman discovered the baby in a hedge, being attracted by the child's cries. A companion accused the prisoner of having thrown the child away, and she replied, "Yes, I did." Death occurred three days later. Sentence of six months imprisonment was passed. After sentence has been passed Mrs. Davies, wife of the Rev. G. H. Davies, assistant [vicar](#) choral at the Cathedral, exclaimed, "I call it most unfair!" "Turn her out," said the Judge. Mrs. Davies proceeded, "I protest as a woman and a mother." She was removed from the court, the Judge remarking that he had power to commit her for contempt of court. He instructed the court officials not to allow her in court again when he was at [Hereford](#).