

DIVORCE SUITS.

The Divorce Court (Mr. Justice Poole) on Wednesday considered a petition by Sydney Oliver Phillips for a divorce from his wife, Annette May Phillips (nee Emerson), on the ground of her alleged misconduct with Leslie Arthur Howlett, of Albert Park.

Petitioner, a plasterer, residing at Teatree Gully, said he married respondent at Sydney on March 25, 1916. There was one child. On April 1, 1916, he went to the war. He alleged that during June and July, 1918, his wife misconducted herself with co-respondent. On his return from active service, on June 20 last, petitioner lived with his wife at Teatree Gully. From August 28 last respondent had lived with co-respondent.

Mr. L. D. Waterhouse represented petitioner. Neither respondent nor co-respondent appeared.

His Honor granted a decree nisi, and gave petitioner the interim custody of the child.

—More Evidence Wanted.—

Misconduct with Harold Edson, at Norracoorte, from February to July, 1916, was alleged against his wife, Alice Helena, in a petition for divorce brought by Harcus John D. Longwill, civil servant, of Pullarton.

Petitioner, for whom Mr. L. D. Waterhouse appeared, said he married respondent at Thebarton on June 7, 1910. They lived at Norrwood, Southwark, and West Crowdon, and there were three children. Witness enlisted in 1910, and returned last year.

Mrs. Edson (wife of co-respondent) and George Rice (enquiry agent) gave evidence.

The hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed to enable petitioner to secure further evidence.

—Nicholls Case.—

The hearing was continued before Mr. Justice Gordon and a jury at the new Courtroom of the case in which George Harold Nicholls, police constable, is seeking a divorce from his wife, Grace Amelia Nicholls, on the ground of her alleged misconduct with Arthur Verdon Baxter, engineer, of Glenelg. Mr. A. S. Blackburn represented petitioner, Mr. H. G. Alderman appeared for Mrs. Nicholls, and Mr. R. W. Bennett watched the interests of Baxter.

Baxter, in evidence, said he knew Mrs. Nicholls as a frequent visitor to a merry-go-round, of which he was the engineer. He had never misconducted himself with her. He had sat with her on the beach near the pier one night.

Mr. Alderman addressed the jury, and the hearing was adjourned until 10.30 o'clock next morning.

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