

CHARGE OF ABDUCTION.

EVIDENCE OF THE GIRL.

THE ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

SYDNEY, September 10.

At to-day's sittings of the Court of Quarter Sessions, Raleigh Melhuish Walsh, aged 22, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having at Enmore, on April 15, abducted Myrtle Ivy Krausmann from her father's home with intent to marry her, the girl at the time being 16 years and one month old.

The girl said in evidence that she first met the accused about 12 months ago. On April 13 last he said, "I am leaving for Brisbane. You must come with me. Will you come with me and marry me tomorrow?" She arranged to go to Brisbane with him. After going home to pack up, witness later on met accused again. He told her that there was no time for a marriage that afternoon, as notice had to be given. He also showed her what she thought was a blank marriage form, and told her that it would be available in Brisbane. When at Brisbane on the night of April 17 a detective went on board and spoke to her, and she was sent back to Sydney, arriving on April 21. She was in love with the accused at the time. When accused came back from Queensland her father agreed that the engagement should go on.

The accused said that when he told the girl that he was going to Queensland she said, "Wherever you go I go," but he said that she had better not go with him, as it would cause a disturbance at home. Next day she asked him to marry her that day. He refused, and told her that he was going away. He did not see her again until he met her at the wharf, when she told him that she was travel-

when she told him that she was traveling by the same boat. When he returned from Brisbane they had a dispute at a skating rink, and he was afterwards charged with abducting her.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Walsh was discharged.
