Miscellaneous.

JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S,
CLEVEDON.

...TY-FIFTH DEDICATION FESTIVAL, 1912.

PREACHERS:—
...Y, MAY 5th, DEDICATION FESTIVAL.
...m. Rev. C. H. BICKERTON HUDSON, M.A., former Vicar of S. Barnabas', Oxford.
...m. Rev HAROLD T. ADAMS, M.A.
...m. } Rev. J. BAGHOT-DE-LA-BERE, M.A., Vicar of Bedminster.
...Y, MAY 12th, OCTAVE OF FESTIVAL.
...m. Rev. CHARLES MARRIOTT, B.A., former Rector of Cherington.
...m. Rev. R. A. WILLIAMS, B.A.
...m. Rev. M. P. GILLSON, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Clifton.

...PUBLIC HALL, CLEVEDON,
...Y and TUESDAY, MAY 6th and 7th,
FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY.

...E F. R. BENSON SHAKESPEAREAN COMPANY (SOUTH).

...Y Evening, at 8 o'clock,
"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."
...AY Evening, at 8 o'clock,
"ROMEO AND JULIET."

...Doors open at 7.30. Early Doors open at ...xtra to all parts; Ticket Holders Free. ...Admission: Reserved and Numbered ...3.; Second Seats, 2s.; Back Seats, 1s. ...Reduced Terms for School Parties on ...pplication to the Booking Office, Mrs. Nichols', ...ary, where Seats may be obtained.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL SALE
OF THE
...D ZENANA MISSIONS WORKING PARTY
WILL BE HELD AT THE
...HALL, ON THURSDAY, MAY 30TH.

...ributions of Work and Refreshments will be ...y received by MISS GREENLEAVES, ...House, or MISS ANNIE WILLIS, Essex

...EDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

...DERS are invited from licence-holders for ...ply of REFRESHMENTS at the Annual ...Show to be held in the Herbert Gardens, ..., on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 5.h,

...for the supply of TEAS on the Ground. ...s to be sent in before the 12th May to
W. G. EDWARDS, Hon. Sec.,
Lea Grove Road, Clevedon,
...supply further particulars on application.

...EDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO GARDENERS.

...Council are prepared to receive TENDERS ...PLANTING of FLOWERS and KEEPING ...DER certain PLEASURE GROUNDS. ...particulars apply to the Town Surveyor, Mr. ...KNOWLES.
...s to be delivered at my Office before 12 ...Noon SATURDAY, 18th day of MAY.
...lowest or any Tender not necessarily ...d.
HY. C. FRY, Clerk.
...3rd, 1912.

...AND PIER & PAVILION,
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

...ATTRACTIONS FOR SEASON 1912.

SEASON TICKETS,
...e from MONDAY, MAY 27th, to ...DAY, OCTOBER 5th (both days inclusive), ...being issued, subject to the Bye-laws of ...pany and the Regulations and Conditions ...d to the Application Forms.
...of Application, together with Programme ...tainments arranged for the Season, can ...ned at the Ticket Office, Pier Gates; or ...the post by application to the Manager, ...Pier, Weston-super-Mare.

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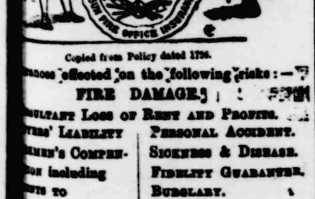

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...sances effected on the following risks:—
FIRE DAMAGE.
...EQUENT LOSS OF RENT AND PROFITS.
...TORS' LIABILITY
PERSONAL ACCIDENT.
...PLOYERS' COMPEN-...ION including ...NTS TO ...ESTIC SERVANTS.
SICKNESS & DISEASE.
FIDELITY GUARANTEE.
BURGLARY.
PLATE GLASS.
...particulars apply to the Agent for Clevedon, ...J. P. NAMKEVILLE, National Provincial Bank.

...GISTER OF SUNSHINE IN CLEVEDON.
...ON FRIDAY, April 26, to TUESDAY, April 30, 1912.
Taken by Capt. Rowlatt.

	Hours.	Hours.	Hours.
	Before Noon.	After Noon.	Total.
...y.	H.M.	H.M.	H.M.
...ay	4.00 ...	7.00 ...	11.00
...ay	0.20 ...	6.50 ...	7.10
...ay	6.00 ...	7.50 ...	13.00
...ay	4.00 ...	5.40 ...	9.40
...ay	6.50 ...	5.55 ...	12.15
Total	20.40 ...	32.35 ...	53.5

...EXTERNAL READINGS AT CLEVEDON PIER.
For the Week ending Yesterday.
Taken by Captain Rocken at 8.30 a.m.

... 30.20	... Deg. 50	May 1	... 30.50	... Deg.	54
... 30.06	... " 54	" 2	... 30.30	... "	56
... 30.16	... " 53	" 3	... 29.80	... "	62
... 30.30	... " 56				

INCREASE OF MOTOR-CARS IN BRISTOL.

...number of motor vehicles bearing the index ...AE. registered in Bristol on the 30th April ...as follows:—Motor-cars: Used privately, ...used for trade purposes, 74; used as public ...vehicles, 246; heavy motor-cars, 93—1,314; ...cycles, 1,389; total, 2,703.

ROBBED OF £8,000 ON A STEAMER.

...the arrival of the Boulogne steamer at Folke-...on Tuesday night Mr. Max Rosenthal, a ...ed merchant, of London and Antwerp, reported ...s of four pearl necklaces, each valued at £14 to ...several unset diamonds, and 26,000 francs in ...the total value being something over £8,000. ...Rosenthal stated that when he came up the ...way from the steamer with a bag in each hand ...was a crush of people, and afterwards he found ...ullet was missing.

HIGH WATER THIS DAY AND DURING NEXT WEEK.

	Morn.	Even.		Morn.	Even.
Saturday	8.58	9.12	Wednesday ...	11.12	11.42
Sunday	9.27	9.46	Thursday	—	0.9
Monday	9.59	10.20	Friday	0.52	1.26
Tuesday	10.34	10.57	Saturday	2.13	2.49

THE CLEVEDON
Mercury & Courier,
SOMERSETSHIRE ADVERTISER.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1912.

THE USURPATION.

REALLY the most interesting feature of the resumption of the debate on the Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons was the preliminary discussion which was, ostensibly, irrelevant to the main subject but was in truth germane to it in the closest degree. On Tuesday, Mr. Harold Smith, the Unionist member for Warrington, was enabled to introduce, under what is known as the "ten minutes rule" a bill, the purpose of which is to amend and repeal certain portions of the Parliament Act. Among the parts of that Act at which Mr. Harold Smith's Bill is aimed is the preamble. And as exceptional interest and importance attach to the preamble of this statute, we reproduce it textually.

"Whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for regulating the relations between the two Houses of Parliament:

"And whereas it is intended to substitute for the House of Lords as it at present exists a Second Chamber constituted on a popular instead of hereditary basis, but such substitution cannot be immediately brought into operation:

"And whereas provision will require hereafter to be made by Parliament in a measure effecting such substitution for limiting and defining the powers of the new Second Chamber, but it is expedient to make such provision as in this Act appears for restricting the existing powers of the House of Lords.

"Be it therefore enacted," etc.

These are the phrases selected by the Government and solemnly embodied in a statute upon their initiative. The meaning which they convey is quite unmistakable. There ought to be a reformed Second Chamber. It ought to be representative of the popular will. Parliament must create such a Chamber, and as a preliminary and provisional measure, the powers of the House of Lords must be curtailed. That is the message which the preamble proclaims to the nation with all the authority derived from incorporation in the law of the land. Moreover, we have the explicit declaration of the Prime Minister himself that the readjustment of the Constitution so that it may be operative in its completed form as recast is a matter which "does not brook delay."

The Cabinet has pledged itself by deed as well as word to the principle that an effective Second Chamber is a necessary factor in a sound system of Government. Ministers are proud of their co-operation in the work of creating a united South Africa; a Second Chamber is incorporated in the Constitution of the South African Union. The Home Rule Bill now before the House of Commons provides a Second Chamber for Ireland.

Can anyone sanely and honestly contend that a Second Chamber in this country, representative of the popular will and capable of discharging its duties, would pass the Home Rule Bill without insisting that the voters of this country should have an opportunity of recording their judgment upon it? The bill heavily mulcts the British taxpayer while depriving him of control of the tribute which is to be levied upon him for Ireland. It brings into existence for the first time an Irish Executive responsible to a Parliament dominated by the Nationalist vote. It establishes in Ireland that system of dual control and concurrent authority which never fails to cause intolerable friction and sustained ill-will, and which we have abolished in Egypt because it involved an interminable conflict between British and French interests, perpetuated a disastrous estrangement between this country and France, and brought the two Powers to the verge of a war which could have benefited neither and might by its consequences have proved ruinous to both. It delivers the loyalists of Ulster to the jurisdiction of their enemies with a parade of "safeguards" which are powerless to protect their civil and religious liberties and are merely an insult to their intelligence.

Of 310 Liberal and Labour members returned to Parliament as the result of the last appeal to the country, only 137—including 13 out of 38 members of the Government—mentioned Home Rule in their election addresses. For an obvious reason not one of those addresses foreshadowed the nature of the Cabinet's Home Rule proposals. Why, then, while the House of Lords is incapacitated from discharging other functions than those of a debating society, while the ancient British Constitution is in disuse, and the Cabinet, in defiance of the political rights which are the heritage of the voters of this country, has usurped unchecked power under a single Chamber System, is the step of supreme importance to be taken, the dismemberment of the United Kingdom, to be accomplished by fraud? Why does not the Government, having stated in the most solemn form possible what its duty is, do its duty and proceed forthwith to re-establish that Constitutional equipoise which it has proclaimed to be necessary?

The answer is obvious. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues can only be kept in office at a price, and that price is no less than the betrayal of their trust as guardians of the Constitution. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues intend to remain in office. But they no longer form, as their predecessors formed, the representative government of Great Britain. They are Mr. Redmond's creatures.

THE CASE AGAINST HOME RULE.

FOR the nonce, Welsh Disestablishment is removed from the arena of political discussion to make room for Home Rule. The second reading debate marks a stage in the movement towards the dismemberment of the Empire for the gratification of an obsolete sentiment and lust of power on the part of Irish disloyalists. At this stage, as at every other in the great fight, Unionists will oppose the Separatist policy with all the means at their command. Never did a party enter upon a struggle in such good heart; never was a cause so dear to the heart of the nation as the cause of the Union. In vain have the forces of disintegration twice essayed their strength against it. On each occasion the verdict of the country has been overwhelmingly opposed to Home Rule in any shape or form.

There is nothing in the history of Irish relations with the larger island to suggest a reason for any change of view to-day. The same objections hold the field now as ever, and the one solitary advantage for which Britons of all shades of political opinion might be willing to make such sacrifices no longer exists. We refer to the presence of Irish representatives at Westminster. For many years, this small knot of members has contrived to make itself a veritable thorn in the side of political development. We hear much of what the Nationalist party will accept as a full and complete settlement of the Irish question; but there is another side to the picture. The larger island has also a right to say on what terms it will agree to a full settlement. Clearly there can be no finality and much room for dissatisfaction in any arrangement which leaves Ireland still in a position to influence, and perhaps to dominate, the course of political events across St. George's Channel.

We are fully persuaded that, to the majority of people, the sole recommendation of Home Rule has been in the removal of Irish members from the British House of Commons. Without this compensating advantage, the bargain is so manifestly one-sided that it would be a matter for laughter if its import were not so serious. The net position is that the inhabitants of England, Scotland, and Wales are to be taxed in order to provide, not only an Army and Navy to the cost of which Ireland will contribute nothing, but also an annual bounty of some two million pounds. This is the price demanded by the Nationalist caucus for their assent to the Government's retention of office, and anything short of that price may bring about the instant expulsion of a Ministry which Mr. Redmond, in his own words, has forced to toe the line.

So far as it is humanly possible to judge, the electorate, as we have said already, is opposed to any grant of Home Rule to Ireland. The present policy of the Government does not possess, in all probability, the support of those voters who follow them on other questions. That doubt has constantly and generally assailed the Radical party in connection with this question is clearly proved by the astonishing reticence shown both by Ministers and the members of the rank and file at election time. Since Home Rule was last defeated it has never been made an election cry.

The Radicals regained power at the election of 1906 when the issue had little enough to do with Home politics. They manufactured a most disgraceful lie that thousands of British soldiers had given up their lives in South Africa for no other purpose than the introduction of Chinese slaves into the mines. The next election was at the beginning of 1910, and it was fought on the "People's Budget," and on that alone. At the end of the year the Government once more appealed to the country and then the only issue was the Parliament Act. From 1906 and on to the East Nottingham Election Home Rule for Ireland never was a party cry. East Nottingham had the first chance with it and our readers will require no reminder of the result. We are told that every elector knew, or ought to know that, whether Home Rule was mentioned at election times or not, the Radicals would proceed with it as soon as they got the chance. This is scarcely good enough. Home Rule is not a minor parochial question which can be polished off when the House has a few odd days with nothing else to do. Home Rule means the tearing up of the Act of Union and the country is entitled to say whether or not it will authorise it. The Government is well aware that the country will say "No." It was because of this that they rushed the Parliament Act into law and now, unless the very strongest pressure is brought to bear by the constituencies, they will hang on to office for just long enough to get Home Rule automatically through Parliament, trusting that the Unionists will not dare to engage in the enormous task of repealing it. In a little while they will find out their mistake.

THE month that came to a close this week will be remembered as one of the brightest and driest Aprils within memory. The rain has been insignificant, the few slight showers producing collectively only about a quarter of an inch, and every farmer and gardener would welcome a gentle and refreshing downpour. The month has been exceptional in the hours of sunshine, no less than 230 hrs. 25 mins. having been recorded in Clevedon, as compared with 172 hrs. 45 mins. for the corresponding period last year, and it may possibly prove a record in this particular. The old taunt about British weather accords ill with the experience of long periods during 1911, and with that of April, 1912. The range of temperature during April was considerable. On several occasions the warmth was equal to a hot summer's day, but cold evenings were frequent, and on several nights the thermometer on the grass showed a frost. The cuckoo was heard much earlier than usual, and, although critics have sometimes declared that the May blossom is generally deferred until June, the hedgerows in the neighbourhood are full of white buds on the verge of opening and white may in flower was seen before the close of April. Wednesday's forecast prophesied the end of the drought, but although the sky was very overcast no rain fell worth speaking of, and the weather on Thursday and yesterday was simply ideal, the latter bringing with it a corresponding rise in the temperature. There are not wanting signs, however, that the end of the drought is near at hand.

THE spell of fine weather should have proved beneficial to the seaside resorts and made up for the loss of business at Easter, when the railway service was disorganized through the coal stoppage. As far as Clevedon is concerned, however, and for that matter other resorts as well, things are very quiet at present, and there are comparatively few visitors staying in the town. But the advent of May, and a continuance of the present spell of fine weather, should do much to stimulate the seaside and touring spirit, and we may confidently look forward to an improved state of affairs in the near future. It is now only three weeks to Whitsuntide, by which time the Season Concert Party will have put in an appearance, to be followed shortly afterwards by the Promenade Band. The Concert Party arrangements will again be in the hands of Mr. Stanley Goddard, who gave every satisfaction last season, while the re-engagement of the Gloucestershire Military Band cannot fail to give universal satisfaction. Unfortunately, it is too much to hope that the work of erecting the new landing stage at the Pier-head will be completed in time for the Whitsuntide holidays, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, the contractor's workmen being engaged night and day, and a start has at last been made with the difficult task of driving in the ground piles.

THE bathing season will shortly be commencing—in fact, several local enthusiasts have already had their opening dip—and our readers will note with satisfaction that the Council, or rather the Bathing Committee, has shown commendable foresight and enterprise with regard to the local facilities, with the result that nothing will be found wanting by all those who avail themselves of the splendid accommodation afforded in Salt House Bay. The committee's decision to put down two strips of matting from the bathing tents down to the water will give great satisfaction to those who made use of the accommodation last year and intend doing the same this season, for there is undoubtedly some ground for the complaint that is frequently heard of the difficulty of walking up and down the pebbles, unless one has recourse to the assistance of bathing shoes, the use of which most bathers scorn. It was also a happy thought of the committee which prompted them to arrange for two rafts to be moored in the bay this season instead of one as in the case of last year—one to be placed in deep and the other in shallow water. This will act as a great encouragement to those whose swimming powers do not allow of them making for the outside raft. At present there is some discussion as to the issuing of books of tickets, and although the Bathing Committee were entirely in sympathy with the motive which prompted the Water Carnival Committee to suggest their scheme of family season tickets, they seem to hold the opinion that it would not pay to adopt the same. In any case, the matter may safely be left in the hands of the Bathing Committee, whose efforts to encourage bathing is deserving of the utmost praise.

WITH one exception, there was a full attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Clevedon Urban District Council this week, when a well-merited tribute was paid to the signal services which Col. Long and Mr. William Lee have rendered to the town by their being unanimously re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively. An unusual amount of interest was infused into the appointment of committees by the wise decision which was arrived at in practically every instance to reduce their complement. The effect produced by this re-arrangement was more pronounced in the case of the Road Committee, which has now been reduced to nine members, five to form a quorum, whereas hitherto it was composed of all the members of the Board with the exception of the chairman. The Lighting, Finance, Pier, Sanitary, and Fire Brigade Committees were reduced to seven members each, and it was further resolved that the other committees should be composed of not more than five members each. One result of this re-arrangement was that balloting had to be resorted to in the appointment of the Finance, Lighting, and Pier Committees, in connection with which there were ten nominations for the seven seats in each instance, and owing to several members obtaining a similar number of votes no less than three ballots were required before the Finance Committee was finally constituted. The balloting was productive of some pointed changes in connection with the Lighting Committee, from which two members who have played a rather prominent part in the electric lighting movement found themselves removed.

THERE were two motions set down on the agenda for altering the day and hour of the monthly meetings of the Council, but both of them were withdrawn. Against the first motion was set the name of Mr. Brett, whose idea was to change the day of the meeting from the first Wednesday in the month to the Tuesday, and also that the mid-monthly meeting of the Road Committee should also be changed from the Wednesday to the Tuesday. It transpired, however, that owing to Col. Long having already fixed up his engagements for the year, the motion, if passed, might have prevented the chairman from attending the Council meetings, and for this reason Mr. Brett withdrew it. At the same time, he urged that the matter should not be altogether lost sight of, but that it might be brought up for consideration another year. Mr. Brett afterwards gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the hour of assembly should be changed from 3 to 2 o'clock, and that the day of the Road Committee's mid-monthly meeting should be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday. This arrangement, which will not interfere with the chairman's engagements, met with ready acceptance, and will doubtless be adopted next month. The proposal by Mr. Bonham, which was to change the time of the meeting from the afternoon to the evening, met with little favour, and as his application to postpone it until the next meeting—in order to ascertain whether or not this arrangement would inconvenience Mr. Green, who was unavoidably absent—was refused, Mr. Bonham indignantly withdrew his motion.

THE Shops Act, which came into operation on Wednesday, will bring about a great change in the conditions of employment in retail establishments. It guarantees that every shop assistant shall have one half-day holiday a week, beginning not later than 1.30 in the afternoon. At first every shop will be allowed to choose its day for observing this regulation, ad as early closing is already in force in the majority of large shopping centres on one day of the week, this will not provide any difficulty. But there are obvious advantages in having a law which says that every shopman and girl shall have one half-day's recreation per week instead of leaving this to be decided by local agreement. It should not be thought that the law was extracted from reluctant shopkeepers. On the contrary, they alone made it possible for the measure to pass. All the best employers have been willing that their staffs should have this opportunity for recreation, but they have had to meet the opposition of a few who stood out of a general agreement. Now that the law makes the same obligation for everyone the sense of hardship will be removed, and both the shopkeeper and his assistants will find the conditions of life more tolerable. The Act does not affect Clevedon very much, for a voluntary system of early-closing has for some time been in existence in this town, and with very few exceptions Wednesday has been the day selected for observing what is now in some instances a compulsory regulation. The only difference is that the shops will close at one o'clock instead of two o'clock as formerly. A strong appeal should be made to the public to co-operate and shop early, in order that the advantages of the Act may be fully enjoyed.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

CLEVEDON WIND UP FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Clevedon brought their League programme to a close on Saturday last, when they paid a visit to Weymouth in the Western League Competition, and although defeated by a margin of four clear goals they were by no means disgraced, for they were obliged to field a very weak team, whereas the Dorset men had out one of their strongest elevens of the season.

The homesters had the better of the argument throughout the first half, although the Clevedonians frequently put in some good work, and they crossed over with a two-goal lead at the interval. Soon after the resumption Weymouth increased their advantage to the extent of two more goals, and then Webb managed to get through for Clevedon. Weymouth were not long in responding again, but Webb was once more successful in reducing the lead. The homesters subsequently put on another goal. Result:—Weymouth, 6; Clevedon, 2.

Clevedon.—Tilley; Perry and Vernon; Higgins, Moxham, Hole; Crane, Webb, Nash, Tasker, Blackmore.

This victory by Weymouth, coupled with the defeat of Bristol Rovers' Res., results in the Dorset men finishing third in the competition, while it meant for Clevedon the little-coveted honour of "wooden spooners."

CLEVEDON RES. BEAT INSTITUTE.

Clevedon Reserves brought a remarkably successful season to a close on Saturday, when they beat Institute United, on the Old Street ground, by two goals to one.

Arrangements had also been made by the Reserves to play Weston-super-Mare 3rd, in a Weston League fixture, at home, on Monday evening, and also to entertain Fairfield in the final for the Clevedon Charity League on Tuesday evening, but in each case the visiting team failed to keep the appointment, and the matches were consequently abandoned.

IN AID OF THE TITANIC RELIEF FUND.

What should prove an interesting match will be played on the Old Street ground this (Saturday) evening, commencing at 5.30, between Clevedon First and the Reserves. The latter have a splendid record placed to their credit this season, and they will doubtless make the seniors go "all the way," so that it should be a game well worth taking a little trouble to see. Apart from this, the object of the match is a very commendable one, for the proceeds will be devoted to the Titanic Relief Fund.

CLEVEDON & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	GOALS. F.	A.	PTS.
Clevedon Res.	8	7	0	1	21	6	15
Fairfield	8	4	3	1	19	17	9
Congresbury	8	3	5	0	14	20	6
Christ Church Institute	8	1	4	3	11	14	5
Nailsea	8	2	5	1	9	13	5

CHARITY COMPETITION.

Clevedon Res.	6	4	2	0	20	1	8
Fairfield	6	4	2	0	15	8	8
Weston Res.	6	2	3	1	8	17	5
Nailsea	6	1	4	1	8	19	3

THE DARDANELLES.

The Turkish steamer Texas was sunk by a submarine mine in the Gulf of Smyrna on Monday, and it is reported that 140 persons were drowned.

Lloyd's Constantinople agent telegraphs:—It is announced this morning that the Dardanelles will not be opened so long as menaced by the Italian fleet, and so long as the fleet cruises in the Archipelago. About 120 steamers are waiting.

It was stated yesterday that the straits will be cleared of mines and re-opened for traffic on Monday.

THE OLYMPIC'S PASSENGERS.

The American Line: Philadelphia, which left Southampton on Wednesday for New York, took out 200 second and third class passengers of the White Star liner Olympic. The passengers before leaving handed to the local manager of the White Star liner a resolution expressing their gratitude for the generous treatment they had received during their detention in port owing to the desertion of the Olympic's crew.

MEMORIAL TABLET AT CREWKERNE.

To the memory of Mr. H. Gould, for 35½ years head master of the Crewkerne Church of England Schools, and many years chairman of the Urban District Council, a brass tablet on an alabaster slab has been erected in Christ Church, where he for many years was choirmaster. The tablet, subscribed for by old boys and friends, sets forth the late Mr. Gould's work as a citizen and schoolmaster. The unveiling ceremony was performed at the Sunday evening service by Mr. W. T. Isaacs (ex-chairman of the U.D. Council) in the presence of a crowded congregation. The Vicar (Rev. H. D. Lewis), in the course of his sermon, spoke of the deceased's work for the Church, the choir, the school, and the town. The late Mr. Gould's favourite hymn, "Lead, kindly light," was sung.

REGISTERED TRADE MARK.
Lennards
FOR GOOD BOOTS AND SHOES.
49, HILL ROAD, CLEVEDON.

THE TITANIC DISASTER.

LOCAL ECHOES.

The official inquiry into the loss of the Titanic was opened on Thursday in London.

Mr. Bruce Ismay and other survivors of the wreck of the Titanic left New York on Thursday for England.

In Clevedon, as elsewhere, much practical sympathy has been displayed on behalf of the survivors of the recent appalling maritime disaster. Possibly the local echoes may to a certain extent be responsible. Be this as it may, much good work has been accomplished in the town, and the effort put forward by Miss L. Gould (head mistress) and the girls of the National School is worthy of high rank. Miss Gould forwarded £8 14s. 3d. to the "Daily Mail" Fund, the amount collected last week by the girls, and in acknowledging the same Wednesday's "Mail" says it "is an interesting testimony to the manner in which the appeal has reached the hearts of those who are growing into womanhood in the girls' schools of England."

On Tuesday the parents of Miss Emily Badman (the Clevedon survivor) received a letter from their daughter, who is at present at a New York hospital. Miss Badman says she lost all her belongings except what she had on, and that the scene was so terrible she will never forget it. They were all in bed when they heard an awful noise about a quarter to 12. She jumped up and went to see what had happened and found men were rushing on deck with their lifebelts on. She dressed but was not frightened and was the last but one to get into the final boat. When they had got some two miles away they saw the Titanic gradually sinking, the lights going out one by one. The ship seemed to part, a portion looking as if it would float for a few hours, but it sank in five minutes. The screams were awful. They drifted about all night until 6.30, although they sighted the Carpathia about 4 a.m. The cold was intense. They passed 15 miles of icebergs all in one piece. She states that a girl with whom she formed an acquaintance on the Titanic was drowned, and that she was the only person saved out of the 30 that dined together, and the only one from her cabin. When they landed there was great excitement, and they were greeted with such questions as "How many on board?" "How many rescued?" "How many drowned?" Miss Badman says she owes her life to a young man on board who would have passed for her brother (in fact many thought they were brother and sister). He got her lifebelt for her and then carried her over and helped her into the boat, but was himself drowned.

CRICKET.

BRISTOL MASTER BAKERS v. CLAVERHAM.
This match was played at Redland, and resulted in a win for the Bakers by 51 runs. Scores:—

BRISTOL MASTER BAKERS.	
J. H. Willis, c Roberts, b Walters	4
H. Coulting, b Walters	1
H. Bryant, b Walters	10
A. M. Mitchell, b E. Young	10
F. Clark, c Harris, b E. Young	1
W. Smith, run out	1
F. Cooke, not out	30
W. Willis, b E. Young	1
S. Parsons, b Walters	3
H. Caish, c and b Walters	1
H. G. Godfrey, b E. Young	2
Extras	10
Total	64
CLAVERHAM.	
H. Chambers, c G. Willis, b H. Bryant	0
H. Crossman, c Godfrey, b J. Willis	2
E. Young, b J. Willis	10
H. Walters, b H. Bryant	12
B. Crossman, jun., run out	2
E. Stuckey, b J. Willis	2
B. Crossman, b H. Bryant	2
S. Burdge, not out	0
E. Roberts, b J. Willis	1
B. Harris, hw., b J. Willis	0
Extras	2
Total	33

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT YATTON.

On Friday evening, at the Assembly Rooms (R. E. Buscombe, manager), an excellent programme was rendered by the Yatton Musical Society. There was a full orchestra of string and wind instruments, under the leadership of Mr. Edward Pavey. The applause following every item showed the appreciation with which their efforts were received. The orchestral selections were executed faultlessly, while the 'cello and harp soli were especially pleasing, both artistes being re-called. Miss Nellie Pavey has gained quite a reputation in the county as an accomplished 'cellist, and Miss Hawkins has just returned from a very successful tour with Madame Pavlova, the Russian danseuse. The songs by Mr. Hoare Byers were a pleasing variation and deservedly encored. Miss Florence Pavey took the leading violin and Miss Gwenllian Lucas the pianoforte. Appended is the programme:—Overture, "Bohemian Girl" (Balfe); song, "Onaway! Awake, Beloved," "Hiawatha" (Coleridge Taylor), Mr. R. Hoare Byers; symphony Italian, "Pilgrims' March" (Mendelssohn); concerto, violoncello and orchestra (Goltermann), Miss Nellie Pavey (encored); recit. and air, "Lend me your aid" Mr. R. Hoare Byers (encored); harp solo, "Autumn" (John Thomas), Miss Lilian Hawkins; suite peer gynt, "Death of Ase" (Grieg), "Anitra's Dance"; moreau, (a) Hungarian Dance (Brahms), (b) Mazurka (Elgar); song, "Nirvana" (Stephen Adams), Mr. R. Hoare Byers; 'cello soli, (a) Rhapsodie Hongroise (Popper), (b) Le Cygne (S. Saens)—accompanied by Miss Lilian Hawkins—Miss Nellie Pavey (encored); moreau, (a) Serenade (Moszkowski), (b) Loin du Bal (Gillot); harp soli, (a) Volkslied (Alfred Kastner), (b) Mazurka (Schnecker), Miss Lilian Hawkins (encored); song, "Come into the Garden, Maud" (Balfe), Mr. R. Hoare Byers; march, "Fest" (Raff).

YATTON EVENING SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

The annual exhibition of work executed by the students of the evening school took place on Thursday, April 25th. The exhibits comprised articles of needlework, lace, and crochet work by the girls' class, and wood carving by the mixed class.

The junior students showed small articles carved with patterns from the Somerset course of design and fitted together in the school, and some of the carving was very cleanly cut indeed. The senior students showed work of larger size, consisting of overmantels, cabinets, picture frames, coal vases, bread trays, &c. One set of five overmantels in oak showed a good range of work, the highest relief standing about an inch and a half from the ground, and each represented the season's work of one student, who had carried through every operation, from the planing of the rough wood to the fixing of the finished article. Forming a complete contrast to these were overmantels of modern design, worked in English oak of a beautiful brown colour, but as they were designed for a dining-room the patterns were of a more restrained type. The work on this set was also very well carved, giving promise of finer work still to come from the students who were responsible for these. Another very fine piece of work was a table top, carved with a Guilloche band near the edge and the Somerset arms for a centre piece. The frames and cabinets were all of good design and well cut. One hanging cabinet was exceptionally good, both in shape, carving, and finish, the dull finish of the panels being very effective in contrast to the fumed oak of the body.

In connection with the exhibition a display of handwork from the day school was on view, and consisted of brushwork and cardboard modelling from the boys; needlework, cooking, and cardboard modelling from the girls; together with kindergarten work from the infants. A notable exhibit here was a doll's house, made by Mr. Mansey, the head teacher, for the use of the infants, which had been supplied by the elder boys and girls with rugs, curtains, and furniture in their spare time.

The number of parents who attended showed that the interest taken in the work of the children is increasing, and the eagerness of the children to show their parents what they had done was most noticeable.

The friends of Mrs. Laura Leeds, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in order to hide the fact that she was under arrest and on her way to prison, showered rice and confetti on her and the detectives accompanying her, so that passers-by believed it was a wedding.

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NAILSEA AND DISTRICT NEWS.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—Lieut.-Col. G. A. Gibbs, M.P., has again been nominated for a seat on the Grand Council of the Primrose League by the Backwell and District, Knowle, and other Habitations, and all Habitations in the district will doubtless make a special effort to secure his election this year. Mr. G. A. Gibbs has always shown the greatest possible interest in the Primrose League, and has given much support to it. He has once again invited Primrose Leaguers to hold a demonstration at his place at Tyntesfield, and the Backwell and District, Knowle, Bedminster, and Clifton-Colston Habitations have a big fête there on Saturday, July 27th. Mr. Gibbs will preside at the meeting which will then be held.—Dr. Corfield presided at a well-attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Backwell and District Habitation of the Primrose League on Tuesday evening. The hon. secretary (Mr. Albert Winfield) stated what steps he had taken to secure support for the candidature of Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Gibbs, M.P., for the Grand Council of the Primrose League. These steps were cordially approved. With respect to the fête and demonstration to take place at Tyntesfield on Saturday, July 27th, it was stated that Mr. R. A. Sanders, M.P. for the Bridgwater Division, would be the chief speaker, and the other speakers will include Lieut.-Colonel George A. Gibbs, M.P., and Mr. J. Windsor Lewis. It was decided to invite Colonel E. H. Llewellyn.

At a meeting of lay members of the Church at Backwell, Messrs. T. A. Smith, F. S. Hawkes, and H. Hayward were re-elected members of the Rural-Decanal Conference.

NAILSEA FREE CHURCH GUILD.—The summer session of the above was opened on Tuesday last by a successful social evening. The president (Mr. W. Stransom), pastor of the Congregational Church, was in the chair, and mentioned in the course of his remarks that the guild was representative in its membership and officers of all the Free Churches of Nailsea and Tickenham. The secretary (Mr. A. E. Lee) gave a forecast of the summer programme, which included rambles and picnics to Brockley, Cadbury, West Hill, &c.; also indoor meetings, embracing such topics as "An evening with Shakespere," "Why am I a Nonconformist," "Are we as a nation given too much to sport," &c., The programme of the evening included readings by Mrs. Hall and Miss Bryant, a dialogue by the Misses Baker, Elverd, and Witchell, and songs by Mrs. Bass, Miss Lloyd, Miss Baker, and Miss Lee. Refreshments were provided during the evening. The arrangements were made by the Social and Musical Committees, to whom the thanks of the members and friends were given for the very enjoyable evening, which augurs well for the future of the guild.

THE WELSH CHURCH.—A well-attended and enthusiastic public meeting was held in the Church House, to protest against the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales. The Rev. Prebendary H. Vaughan (rural dean) presided, supported by Canon Barff, the Rev. E. W. Smith, and Captain H. Neville Rolfe, R.N. Mr. H. J. Thatcher, of Cardiff, member of the Central Church Committee, gave an address. The following resolution was carried:—"That this meeting protests against the proposals of the Government for the dismemberment of the National Church, the disendowment of the four Welsh dioceses, and the secularisation of property originally given, and for centuries devoted to religious purposes."

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Saturday, May 4th.—Musketry, instructional practices. The range, 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7th.—Parade for trained men and recruits, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8th.—Parade for recruits, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, May 10th.—Second shoot in 2nd Monthly Miniature Competition, commencing at 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, May 11th.—Musketry, instructional practices, the range, 2.30 p.m.
Riding Parade, 2.30 p.m. Names to be given in by Thursday evening.
Young men of good character wishing to join the company may do so at the Drill Hall on the evenings for which drills are called. Height: Sappers,