

ST. MATTHEW'S.

FORMER MEMBER ON LUSITANIA.

At St. Matthew's Church on Sunday the Rev. H. Coate briefly spoke of the sadness which filled the hearts of all, and referred to the news that the son of Mr. T. Bodell, a member of the church, was on the ill-fated liner. Mr. Bodell's son, he said, was a member of the church before he went to Canada. They all hoped that good news would be received by the relatives. There were special prayers and hymns.

OTHER REFERENCES.

The Rev. Thomas May at Chapel-street Wesleyan Church on Sunday offered prayer in relation to the Lusitania disaster, and the soldiers joined in the singing of the hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save." At Union Chapel Baptist Chapel the Rev. W. H. Hadon also offered special prayer, and the hymn, "Eternal Father, strong to save," was sung.—At St. Paul's Church the Rev. Harry Birch, the special preacher at the anniversary services, spoke in strong terms of the horrible outrage, and a special hymn was sung, and prayers offered for those travelling on land and sea.—Preaching at Bury Park Congregational Church on Sunday evening Mr. John Tomlin, in passing, referred to the disaster, and also prayed specially in relation to it.

The large congregation at Park-street Baptist Church on Sunday evening broke into applause at the references of the Rev. Frank Thompson, of Bradford, a former minister, to the torpedoing of the Lusitania.

He said he did not know what the Church felt about the catastrophe, but his own personal feeling was that never again should an Ambassador from Germany be received at St. Stephen's. The Germans had put themselves out of civilisation, and—let them keep themselves out!

When Nineveh was sentenced to destruction, added the preacher, God spared it chiefly on account of the vast number of children in it, but the fact of little ones being on the Lusitania did not deter the Germans from their massacre.

NO TRACE OF MR. ROBERT DEARBERGH.

There is only too great reason to fear that Mr. Robert E. Dearbergh went down with the Lusitania, on which he was a saloon passenger.

Mr. Dearbergh, who came of an old Dutch family which has been established in this country for generations, was at one time well known in Luton, where his brothers carried on one of the leading plate businesses. He had, however, resided in New York for many years past. He was a man of considerable ability and experience, and these he had placed at the disposal of his country in her time of need. It was in this connection that he was on his way home to serve.

On learning of the fate of the Lusitania, Mr. Fred Dearbergh, of St. Albans, started for Queenstown, but, as no trace of his brother could be found, it must be concluded he has gone down with the liner.

He will be greatly missed by many friends both here and in America. He had travelled extensively, and was a linguist. A Londoner and a bachelor, he was 52 years of age, and it is a quarter of a century ago since he lived in Luton.