

# LUTON AND LUSITANIA

## Sunday's Church References.

The cruel piracy of the Germans, in sinking the Lusitania, was referred to in several local Churches on Sunday.

### PARISH CHURCH.

At St. Mary's Church the Dead March in Saul was played both morning and evening. In announcing it the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Chapman) said: "Instead of a hymn the Dead March will be played in memory of the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war, and as an expression of sympathy with all who have suffered at the hands of our cruel and relentless foe." The Vicar, of course, referred to the Lusitania outrage. The playing of the Dead March was most impressive, and the singing of the hymns, "Nearer, my God, to Thee" (associated with the Titanic), and "O God our Help," was full of intense feeling.

The Vicar in the morning, and the Rev. G. F. Sloan in the evening referred to the outrage in general terms, but the Vicar felt that the occurrence was altogether too horrible to warrant any expression.

### CHRIST CHURCH.

The Rev. Canon Morgan-Smith, preaching at Christ Church on Sunday on the subject of prayer, indirectly referred to the disaster, and spoke of the suffering and anxiety of the present time. He said it was a time for increased prayer, and a shock such as the nation had received was one to bring the nation to God in prayer.

Special prayers were offered, and at the close a vesper hymn was sung having references to sailors and soldiers.

### HIGH TOWN PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

#### "A COLOSSAL CRIME."

References to the sinking of the Lusitania were made at the above church on Sunday, and in the evening the Rev. W. Curry said they deplored the terrible catastrophe in the sinking of what was admitted to be the finest passenger vessel in the world. They sympathised deeply with the bereaved, and could scarcely find words to express their horror at what was perhaps the most colossal crime in the history of the world. It was a terrible wrong, even in war time, because Germany had deliberately broken every decent convention signed at the Hague. They had slaughtered innocent women and children, and poisoned soldiers, and now had sent to the bottom without warning this great vessel. To the Kaiser and his people there would come a day of reckoning. The hymn, "For all the saints," was sung.

### CARDIGAN STREET P.M. CHURCH.

At Cardigan-street Primitive Methodist Church in the morning the Rev. W. Curry referred to the tragedy, and the hymn, "Eternal Father," was sung.