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OBITUARY.—We regret to record the death of Mrs. T. Watkins, an old and well known resident, which occurred at the residence of her son on Friday morning. Mrs. Watkins, who was in her 75th year, was the widow of Mr. T. Watkins, a member of an old Ruardean family. They were married in 1888, and they both were actively associated with the Congregational Church, where for many years Mr. Watkins was choir leader. Mr. Watkins died on Christmas Day, 1919. Mrs. Watkins had been in poor health for some time before death. She was much respected in the village and had many friends. The funeral took place on Monday at the parish church, the Rector (the Rev. E. E. de Lacy Mann) officiating. A large number of friends and relatives attended. Before the cortege left the house Mr. E. Watkins led the singing of the hymn "Abide with Me." The chief mourners were Mr. Frank Watkins and Mr. Roy Watkins (sons), Mrs. H. Stephens (daughter), Messrs. Lloyd Watkins, Chester Watkins, Cyril Watkins, Maurice Watkins and Horace Watkins (nephews), Messrs. W. Watkins, H. Watkins and E. Watkins (brothers-in-law), Mrs. T. Brain (sister-in-law), Mrs. H. Stephens (son-in-law), Mrs. F. Watkins and Mrs. R. Watkins (daughters-in-law), Mr. John Parry, Mr. A. A. Miles, and many others. The bearers were Messrs. S. T. Mills, E. James, J. Knight and A. Pritchard. Many beautiful floral tributes were laid on the grave, including those from: Roy, Emily, Ralph and Gerald, Ada, Birt and Francis, Frank, Clara and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duberley and family (Bishopswood), Mr. and Mrs. R. Pownall, Mrs. G. Kear and Vere (Worrall Hill), Mr. and Mrs. Howells and family (Glasp Farm), Congregational Church (Ruardean), Miss B. Jones and Mr. Beach, Ern. and Nell and John (Birmingham), Clara and family (Birmingham), Mrs. Lewis and Ruby, Rhoda and family, Lizzie and family (Cinderhill), Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard and Myrtle, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.