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The Late Miss M. BURT. – One of the last remaining links with the CLIFFORD family, of Westfield, Spencer-road, and Victorian days in the Island is severed by the death of Miss Marian BURT, after three months' illness at 12 Wray-street. Miss BURT, who was 86, was maid to the late Dame Minnie COCHRANE (lady-in-waiting to H.R.H. Princess Beatrice) before becoming personal maid to the late Miss Augustus CLIFFORD about 50 years ago. Subsequently she became housekeeper at Westfield, where she remained until Miss CLIFFORD'S death in 1931. During that long time she came into close contact with members of the Royal family and many distinguished political and diplomatic figures. With Miss CLIFFORD she had travelled in practically every country in Europe: she spoke both French and Italian. The deceased lady had remained remarkably well preserved physically and mentally; her travels and reading made her an interesting conversationalist. A native of Swanmore, she had been a devoted worshipper at St. Michael's Church ever since it was built and was a member of the Church Union.

The funeral service was conducted in the church on Friday week by the Rev. A.C. DURHAM. The mourners were Mr. W. BURT (brother), Miss KING, and Mrs. LOCKE, and many friends were present. A requiem Mass was said for her by the Vicar on Monday.

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