

ADELPHI HOTEL, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.



Monday, May 14. '34

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Mrs. H. takes them, too, twice a week.
I do love some but they don't advise
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MB Williams to her niece Ruth ("Rufus"), May 1934

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