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APPOINTMENT AND TESTIMONIAL. – Benjamin Barrow, esq., Surgeon to the Isle of Wight Royal Infirmary, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for improving the town of Ryde, etc. A considerable sum has been raised by private subscription to present this gentleman with a Testimonial for his unwearied exertions in the cause of Sanitary Reform; this sum he has appropriated to the erection of a Public Museum of Natural History, which will, it is expected, be opened in a few months. The inhabitants and visitors are mainly indebted to Mr. Barrow for a constant supply at high pressure of pure water procured from springs at the foot of Ashey Down, four miles from the town; and also for great improvements in the drainage, which is now carried, by means of two main trunks, to low water mark. The effect upon the public health, since the introduction of the water and clearing away of cesspits and privies, has been most striking in the dwellings of the poor.

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