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DEATH OF MR. THOS. HELLYER

We have to record the death of Mr. **Thos. HELLYER**, the well known architect, which occurred at his residence in the Queen's-Road, on Sunday last. The deceased gentleman, having attained the great age of 83, had not been seen out for some years, and had outlived most of his contemporaries. He was, however, very much respected and possessed of very considerable influence when in his prime.

He was professionally engaged in several important public works, and was the architect of the Infirmary and other public buildings of importance, and there is no doubt that could his ideas for laying out the town have been realised, Ryde would have been in a very different position. In his office he used to show a plan exhibiting Ryde with as extensive Esplanade, the pier in its centre, and the houses rising up above the other in terraces, the principal streets running from east and west. On a hill such as Ryde, an arrangement like that would have given unlimited sea views. But Ryde had too far advanced; and it went on increasing in its own haphazard way, and the result is that we still have our sea front spoiled, and our principal street approached by such narrow thoroughfare as Pier-Street.

Mr. HELLYER took great interest in town affairs, although he did not mix himself very much in public matters. He was more than suspected of being the author of various witty pictorial skits on town affairs, which appeared in a mysterious manner, and created no little amusement. It was noted as being somewhat peculiar that Mr. HELLYER always seemed to have these skits before anyone else. He would never actually "own up" however, but we have pretty good warrant for identifying our departed townsman as their author. He had a mischievous twinkle in his eye which showed he was fond of a joke. Perhaps the best of these skits was a series of suggested arms for the Aldermen and Councillors at the time the town became a borough. The profession or avocation of each member of the Council was then pictorially hit off, while Latin mottoes, of more or less pungency, were added. In private life

Mr. HELLYER was an estimable and kindly man of the good old school, and there are many still with us who will very much regret that he has passed away.
