

**MR. COUNCILLOR BARTON  
OF RYDE  
OBTAINS A DIVORCE.**

On Tuesday afternoon in the London Divorce Court before Mr. Justice Bargrave DEANE, the case of BARTON v BARTON and ADAMSON was heard.

This is a suit of Mr. **John Isaac BARTON**, a surveyor and a civil engineer, and a member of the Town Council of Ryde, for divorce from **Julie Elizabeth BARTON** on the ground of her adultery with Mr. Montagu NEWTON. The suit was undefended

Mr. GRAZEBROOK, who appeared for the petitioner, said the marriage took place on June 4<sup>th</sup> 1902, at St. Georges, Hanover-square. The lady at the time of the marriage was a widow, a Mrs. SIMPSON, and she had previously been married to a doctor, who had died. At the time she met the petitioner, her husband, Mr. SIMPSON was alive. She told Mr. BARTON at that time that Mr. SIMPSON could not possibly live long. She had told Mr. BARTON that she had conceived an affection for him, and would like to have him if her husband died. Mr. BARTON did not take it seriously, and thought no more of the matter at all. In February or January, 1902, Mr. SIMPSON died, and the respondent renewed her overtures to Mr. BARTON, and asked him to renew the acquaintance. The result was that they got married, and lived happily about two years, at the end of that time respondent came into an income of £300 a year from some Argentine property left under the will of her former husband. From then she treated the petitioner unkindly. Soon afterwards he had an illness and she was constantly telling him that a palmist had told her she would have a fourth husband. In 1905, she went to Harrogate. Then she met Montagu NEWTON, and made his acquaintance. On one occasion they were in a sitting room alone, and Mrs. BARTON was in her dressing-gown. She had also been seen coming out of Mr. NEWTON'S bedroom.

Petitioner gave evidence in support of counsel's statement. He said that when he was ill the respondent constantly told him that a palmist had said that she would have a fourth husband.

Other evidence was given in support of the allegation of adultery. One witness said that after the visit to Harrogate Mrs. BARTON told her she had met a very nice man, and was in love with him, and witness said she told her that she had stayed at a hotel in London with him.

His Lordship granted the petitioner a decree nisi with costs.