

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER 30th Dec 1922

DIAMOND WEDDING

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Philip TOPP, of Haylands, who on Christmas Day celebrated their Diamond Wedding. Their marriage was solemnised in the Old Wesleyan Chapel, Nelson Street, the officiating minister being the Rev. John SHIPTON. Mr. TOPP who hails from Sturminster in Dorset, has been a lifelong member of the Primitive Methodist Church. He was for a considerable period the Society Steward of the old Chapel in Star Street and later on he efficiently carried out the duties of the same office at the Oakfield Chapel. He is a trustee of the present Church at the top of the High Street and also at the Manse. Both Mr. and Mrs. TOPP have been splendid workers and loyal members of the Church. For some time Mr. TOPP has been suffering from optical weakness which has made it difficult for him to get about. On Christmas morning our friends were the happy recipients of a wedding cake from members of the Ryde Church which they attended in honour of the great event. The following wishes were written on the cake: "With best wishes from the Ryde P.M. Church to Mr. and Mrs. Philip TOPP on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding, December 25th, 1922."

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