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ALDERMAN AND MRS. E. HAYDEN

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Many congratulations from their friends in Ryde and all over the Island have been received by Alderman and Mrs. E. HAYDEN, of Landholme, Park Road, Ryde, who on Thursday celebrated their golden wedding. They were married on December 19, 1885, at Newchurch, of which village they are both natives. Mr. HAYDEN was the son of the late Mr. W. H. HAYDEN, and his wife was a daughter of the late Mr. H. J. JOLLIFFE. At the time of their marriage Mr. HAYDEN was a carpenter in the employ of the late Mr. J. RYLANDS, of Havenstreet, and they came to live at Haylands. He afterwards entered the employment of the late Alderman Isaac BARTON, and in 1894 began in business on his own account, achieving considerable success.

Alderman HAYDEN has been associated with the public life of the Borough for over forty years, as it was in 1894 that he was first elected to the Board of Guardians. His wife too, until illness compelled her retirement, was actively associated with local affairs, and in 1895 she was elected to the Ladies' Committee of the Board of Guardians, and in the following October was elected a Guardian for the West Ward, while her husband was again simultaneously successful in the East Ward. In those days she cycled to most of the meetings at Parkhurst. Mr. HAYDEN in 1896 was elected to the Ryde School Board, and served on that body until its dissolution. He first joined the Ryde Town Council in 1898, and with short breaks has served continuously since. He was also a member of the old St. Helen's Council for 25 years, several times filling the office of Chairman, and has also been a member of the County Council for some years.

On the dissolution of the old Council consequent upon the enlargement of the Borough, Mr. HAYDEN was returned with a record number of votes in the West Ward, and at the first meeting of the new Council was elected Alderman. The following November he became Mayor of the Borough. It was a disappointment to Mr. and Mrs. HAYDEN and to their friends that the health of the Mayoress was such as not to allow her actively to carry out the public duties of the office, but her influence in the home was always a comfort to the Mayor, and at social functions her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. G. HAYDEN, was a very capable deputy.

Our readers will join us in wishing Mrs. HAYDEN improved health and to both many more years of happily married life. They have three sons, three daughters-in-law, five grandsons, three grand-daughters, and one grand-daughter-in-law.

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