

LOCAL SALVATIONIST'S RECORD.---A large number of local Salvationists met at the Citadel, Green-street, on Thursday week, to celebrate the "jubilee" of Corps-Sergt.-Major HAYLES, of the Ryde Corps. Col. COWHAM, from headquarters, London, presided, supported by Brig. and Mrs. EARLY, of Southampton, Ald. E. T. MINTER, J.P., and Mr. A. NICHOL.

It is believed to be a world's record in Salvation Army circles for an officer to hold such a position for 50 years. Sergt.-Major HAYLES was appointed in August, 1885, about 15 months after the Army began its operations in Ryde. In recognition of this remarkable record the comrades and friends of the Ryde Corps subscribed the cost of a large portrait to be hung in the hall, as a mark of their appreciation. An illuminated certificate was presented to Sergt.-Major HAYLES, who was decorated by Col. COWHAM, on behalf of the General, with a 50 years' long service medal.

Striking tributes were paid by representative speakers during the meeting, including Col. COWHAM, Brig. EARLY, Capt. LEIGHT (commanding officer of Ryde), and Ald. MINTER. Sergt.-Major HAYLES suitably replied. He said he was just as eager as ever to carry on the work, not only that of the office he held, but that of doing good unto others as he had endeavoured to do during the 51 years he had been connected with the Army in Ryde.

Appropriate music was rendered by the band and songsters, under the baton of Bandmaster WARNE.

THE WAR CRY CORPS SERGEANT-MAJOR FOR FIFTY YEARS

Colonel COWTRAM, the Field Secretary, and a former Divisional Commander of the Southampton Division, presided over a Meeting at Ryde. (Captain Bertram LAIGHT) when Corp Sergeant-Major HAYLES celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his appointment as the Corps Sergeant-Major. The Colonel presented the Sergeant-Major with a fifty years Long-Service Badge, and many tribute were paid to his sterling Salvationism. Brigadier and Mrs. EARLY and A MERMEN, J. MINTER, J.P., C.C., took part, and a message was read from Sir Hugh DALY, Bt., K.C.I.E., the Sergeant-Major's employer.

NB: We are trying to find the date of the War Cry publication, which will be added, when we do.