

BEYOND THE GRAVES

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HEALTH MATTERS

RYDE DISTRICT NURSES

RYDE DISTRICT NURSING FOR
THE SICK POOR IN THEIR OWN
HOMES

IN AFFILIATION WITH

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for
Nurses

60, MONKTON STREET, RYDE,

President—H.R.H. Princess Henry of Batten-
berg (Governor of the Isle of Wight)

The Queen's Nursing Institute began in 1887 with the grant of £70,000 by Queen Victoria from the Women's Jubilee Fund. A Royal Charter in 1889 named it 'Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses', and gave it the objectives of providing training, support, maintenance and supply of nurses for the sick poor, as well as establishing training homes, supervising centres, co-operating with other bodies and establishing branches as necessary. Ryde formed their branch almost immediately and 12 years later their annual meeting is recorded:

25 March 1899: The annual meeting of the Friends and subscribers of the above charity was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday afternoon...Mrs Davey (the hon. secretary) read the annual report as follows:

"For the twelfth year we bring before your notice the work and the needs of the Ryde District Nursing Institute. The year 1898 was opened most auspiciously for us by a visit from HRH Princess Henry of Battenberg, who, as our President, honoured us with a visit in January, and expressed herself much pleased, writing a notice in the visitors' book to that effect... After her visit, Her Royal Highness was good enough to send us a subscription of £5. Since then we have received, per Miss Minnie Cochrane, Her Royal Highness's gift of 100 articles from the Isle of Wight Needlework Guild - warm clothes, blankets, etc., which are invaluable for lending to invalids, and for which we beg to be allowed to express our best thanks. In these days, medical charities grow and increase rapidly, so it may be as well to define what is meant by district nursing. Miss Florence Nightingale defines it as 'a means of getting poor people going again with a clean house and a sound body and mind; a benefit worth acres of gifts and relief.' But what do we mean by district nursing? We mean nursing the sick poor in their own homes, free of charge..." (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

4 June 1910: The District Nurses attend all patients free of charge, except Maternity Cases, for which a charge of 7s.6d. has to be paid to the Charity on entering the name on the list. The poor can apply direct for the services of a nurse. The Charity is entirely undenominational. Visits paid by Ryde District Nurses for 1909 = 9166. Subscriptions or Donations will be gratefully received by Miss Corrie, Hon. Sec, Vale Lodge. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

27 November 1915: It is really to be hoped that increased public support will be accorded the Ryde District Nursing Association. Otherwise the work of this very excellent Institution will have to be curtailed. The Ryde District Nursing for the Sick Poor is not so much before the public as the hospital, but the work it performs is scarcely less valuable and necessary than that carried on by the larger institution. There are hundreds of cases of sickness in poor cottages in the course of a year which could not be admitted to the hospital, but which no charitable person would like to see ignored. How much the District Nurses do quietly and unostentatiously for poor sufferers and to keep homes together, only they and the poor know. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

Sources: Image Florence Nightingale bbc.co.uk



Advert Isle of Wight Observer 8 April 1911

SPARKLING TEETH, TWINKLING EYES (and corns!)

CORNS and TOOTHACHE.—Genuine prescriptions for destroying Corns and banishing the Toothache in less than FIVE minutes, sent post free (both included) on receipt of seven penny postage stamps. Over 1,000 testimonials received. We insert the following: "A sure and perfect cure, and without pain or burning the flesh.—W. Grisbrook, Albany-road, Camberwell, S."—Address, "Corns," 181. Fleet-street. London, E.C.



Isle of Wight Observer 23 May 1868

12 March 1881: J Ellidge, Dentist, 27 Union Street, Ryde, supplies Artificial Teeth of the best description, unsurpassed for durability and natural appearance, at 5s, 7s.6, and 10s per tooth. Adjusted on the most approved methods without pain. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

WANTED.—False Teeth, disused jewelery, officers' uniforms. Will call to any address, or send to J. Marks, 160a, High Street, Ryde. d 5

Adverts Isle of Wight Observer 10 June 1911

OLD FALSE TEETH BOUGHT.

Many ladies and gentlemen have by them old or disused false teeth, which might as well be turned into money. Messrs. R. D. & J. B. Fraser, of Princess Street, Ipswich, (established since 1833), buy old false teeth. If you send your teeth to them they will remit you by return of post the utmost value; or, if preferred, they will make you the best offer, and hold the teeth over for your reply. If reference necessary, apply to Messrs. Bacon & Co., Bankers, Ipswich

WORTHY OF NOTICE

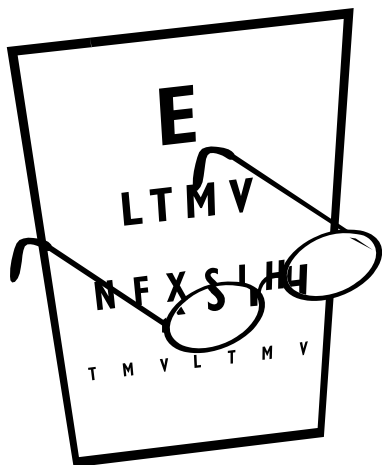
E PERFECT, WORKING OPTICIAN & MANUFACTURER OF IMPROVED SPECTACLES.-

Saxon and Crystal Lenses, concave to the eye and convex to the object. Approved by all the medical gentlemen that have seen them, being more beneficial to the sight than any lens that has been invented, and conveys a sense of coolness and comfort unattainable by any other kind of Spectacles. The improved lenses are so transparent that they throw a more brilliant light upon the object than ever before experienced, and no person can imagine the difference unless they see the article. Persons can wear these lenses the whole day, at the most minute employment, and not know they have them on. As soon as Mr Perfect examines the eye he suits them with the first pair of Spectacles, which shows that he is competent. Beware of pretending opticians, as they do not understand the anatomy of the eye...

Orders sent to St John's Road, Ryde (two minutes walk from the Railway Station), will receive prompt attention.

Mr Perfect begs to caution the public against people calling and using his name, as he does not employ any Hawkers to sell his goods. To avoid imposition, all articles are marked "E Perfect."

Isle of Wight Observer 3 June 1874



NOTICE!!!

2 MARINE TERRACE, CASTLE STREET, RYDE. MR A MENIST, PRACTICAL OPTICIAN, (from Amsterdam, Holland), respectfully informs the Nobility, Clergy and Gentry of Ryde and vicinity that he intends to stay here for only a short period to give an opportunity to those persons, who have impaired sight, who have not yet used his lenses, as, through the great increase of business, he will not be able to visit the Island before two years. Mr M. received numerous applications from persons, after he left the Island in 1880, through the recommendations from parties who found great benefit from using his spectacles...Mr M's lenses afford great relief to persons suffering from weak sight, and will enable them to read, write and work by gas, candle or any other artificial light, with the greatest ease. His glasses are also well known throughout England and the Continent. His lenses are also patronised by the majority of the Nobility, including Viscount Palmerston. N.B. Mr M. can be consulted from 10-11am, and from 3-4pm, on any disease of the eye, if spectacles are required, or if required will wait on any lady or gentleman at their residence.

Isle of Wight Times 1 January 1918

WOMAN'S PROBLEMS

5 August 1882: A lady practitioner - As will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, Mrs Furley Brent, member of the London Obstetric College, has commenced practice in Ryde. There are so many ladies who would prefer the services of one of their own sex in sickness, and with the ailments to which the fair sex is liable Mrs Furley Brent seems well qualified to deal, if we may judge from her testimonials, which speak of her in very high terms. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

THE WOMEN'S SEASIDE HOME IN GARFIELD ROAD



The annual bazaar in aid of above institution, will take place next week. The Home seems to be doing a good work, for during the summer 340 young women have visited it for short periods, and have greatly appreciated the rest and quietude which the Home has been the means of affording. There are, of course, hundreds of young women engaged in business avocations in our larger cities, whose health would permanently suffer did not such a Home as this enable them to find needed change of air and scene. Of course their payments go a long way towards paying the expenses of maintenance, but the building was started upon borrowing money, and £360 still remains on mortgage. The object of the bazaar is to meet the deficit and reduce the debt; and we trust the Dr and Mrs J T O Johnston, (to whose efforts the starting and continued existence of the institution are

due) will be encouraged by a large attendance at the bazaar, which will be opened on Wednesday and Thursday next at the Home. (*Isle of Wight Observer* 19 October 1889, Garfield House postcard 1946)

1909 ADVICE

Health Chats from *Woman's Life*

An ointment for freckles and sunburn can be got from the chemist, from the following prescription: Lanoline, one ounce; precipitated sulphur, one ounce; almond oil, one ounce; oxide of zinc, four drachms; violet extract, one drachm. This can be used for the hands and neck also.

As a rule it is the woman with the thin face who wrinkles early in life, and for her a diet of chocolate, milk, cream, bananas and farinaceous foods is strongly recommended.

Recipe for pimples on the skin: mix some milk of sulphur or flowers of sulphur with a little fresh lard or burned butter into a paste. Press into small pots and rub the ointment into the skin three times a day. The pimples will soon disappear.

Health Hints from *Our Home*

Sea bathing - It is better not to remain in the water too long. Should you feel a chill, take ten drops of camphor on a lump of sugar. Therefore, always be prepared with a small phial of camphor, and two or three lumps of sugar.

Daily Mirror

To cure a stiff joint beat up the yolk of an egg in three ounces of turpentine and two ounces of camphor, and rub the result well into the stiff parts with the hand several times a day.

A remedy that will cure a nervous headache in many cases is to soak half a mustard leaf in tepid water for a minute and apply it to the nape of the neck. Do not leave it there long enough to cause any injury to the skin.

RYDE WOMAN

Backache Dizziness; Urinary Troubles.

"Every Picture Tells a Story."



One long struggle against that worn-out, dizzy feeling—those dragging backaches and neuralgic headaches—the bearing-down pains that make housework so hard!

(You need 'Doan's Backache Kidney Pills')
Advert: *Isle of Wight Observer* 20 November 1909

CHILDCARE

Hostel for Ailing Children of the Isle of Wight and Maternity Home, SOUTHLANDS, RYDE, I.W.

PARTON · H.R.H. THE PRINCESS BEATRICE

MATERNITY
SOUTHLANDS, PARK RD., RYDE.
COMFORTABLE HOME,
EVERY CARE.
TERMS MODERATE.
QUALIFIED SISTER Q.C.H. : C.M.B.

Adverts: Isle of Wight Times 21 May 1925

5 May 1921: The parents and friends of ailing children in the Island will no doubt regard with feelings of gratitude the Hostel which has been founded at "Southlands," Ryde, for their well-being. This Hostel which has the approval of the Ministry of Health has been established expressly for the care and healing of ailing children of the Island and is specially intended for babies and young children who need skilled professional care, diet and supervision. Hospital and infectious cases are not admitted. Miss Friend whose experience and ability is so well-known, is the Superintendent, and Dr Sampson, Hon. Medical Attendant and the professional staff is exceptionally highly qualified for this particular work. The fees of the Hostel have been provisionally fixed at 10s. per week per child which is 2s. per week less than is now paid for boarded-out children by the War Pensions Committee. Though the Hostel has been open less than two months, the good result of the methods adopted is already apparent. The war dealt such a blow at the youth of the nation, that the children more than ever before must be the first consideration. It is through such Hostels as that now opened in Ryde that weak spots in the rising generation will be reminded. (*Isle of Wight Times*)

5 September 1925: Hostel Penny Trail - As a result of a penny trail in Union Street on Saturday the £81 previously raised for the Hostel for Ailing Children of the Isle of Wight at Southlands was augmented by £37.17s.9d. The arrangements for the trail, which had been made by Mr H Cayme (hon. treasurer), was started by Miss Friend (hon. superintendent). Sisters Gribble and Ferguson, Mrs Holmes and Scout Vines also assisted. (*Isle of Wight County Press*)

"SOUTHLANDS COURT" Boarding House RYDE, Isle of Wight.

"SOUTHLANDS COURT" originally a large mansion has been adapted and furnished to cater for Clubs, etc., either sex. Terms from 1½ Guineas inclusive according to size of party. Accommodation up to 100. Large field adjoining with hundreds of trees, shrubs, etc. Near Esplanade. Bathing from House. :: Perfect Sanitation.



View of Drive to Front Entrance.

Illustrated Brochure on Application.

Telephone—Ryde 180

Boarding House advert: 1935 Ryde & Seaview, Isle of Wight Official Guide

ST FAITH'S PREVENTATIVE HOME



The report of this excellent charity (which originated in the kindly heart of Mrs Worsley) has just been issued, together with the balance sheet. The report acknowledges, with great thankfulness, the kind help given at the sale of work, in Easter last. With hands thus strengthened the managers have been enabled to rescue and provide for several more children. Two homeless little ones have been saved from the itinerant life of destitute tramps. During the year eleven children have been sheltered and sent to other homes, and twelve remain in at present. The Home cost £215 to support, and £296 were collected for it, so that there is a balance in hand of £81. The report is signed Mrs A W Sprigg and Mrs M R Tomlin, as visitors; and Mrs Worsley as secretary. (*Isle of Wight Observer 1890*)

Picture source: www.woodlands/junior-kent.sch.uk

FOR MEN ONLY

DO YOU WANT LUXURIANT HAIR, WHISKERS, MOUSTACHIOS AND EYEBROWS?—Of the numerous preparations introduced for the Hair, none have maintained such celebrity as **EMILIE DEAN'S CRINOLINE**, which is guaranteed to produce Whiskers, Moustachios, and Eyebrows in a few weeks; and will be found eminently successful in nourishing, curling, and beautifying the Hair, checking greyiness in all its stages, strengthening weak Hair, and preventing its falling off. In the reproduction of Hair in baldness, from whatever cause and at whatever age, **OUR TRIAL** will prove its astonishing power. In the nursery it is indispensable, forming the basis of a beautiful head of Hair. Price 2s. per bottle. Large bottles, containing more than four times the small ones, 5s. each. Sold by all chemists in the world, or sent post free, on receipt of 24 penny stamps, by Misses DEAN and COUPELLE, Hair Restorers, &c, Bedford House, Russell Square, London. W.C.



Adverts: Isle of Wight Observer 13 June 1863 & Isle of Wight Times 25 May 1922

SAMBOY
King of Hair Tonics.
 Registered, 22, Strand, Ryde, I.W.
THE NEW HAIR GROWER.
 To meet the demands of the present day.
 Safe and Sure for All Ages.
 Prevents Greyiness.
 Let 'Samboy' Put Fresh Life
 into your scalp and
 Start a New Growth!
 Prices—1/1, 2/-, 4/-, 6/- (postage extra).
 Local Agents: George Nicholson, 13, Pier Street,
 Ryde; Tenison Smith, Top of Union St., Ryde.

1 June 1867: **The Medical Guide to Marriage**, by the author of "The Mysteries of Man." A distinguished nobleman, who, after years of suffering, cured himself, has gratefully ordered £2,000 worth of the valuable book to be gratuitously circulated. It treats on the physical and mental causes which rob youth of its vigour, manhood of its prime, and destroy the felicity of Married Life. It shows the advantage of Self Control in prolonging the duration of human existence; the cause and cure of that scourge of the rising generation - Nervous Debility; how invalids may be restored to Health, Long Life, peace of Body and Mind, and the full attributes of manly power. These dreadful affections have hitherto been left to a swarm of mercenary quacks and sham benefactors of the suffering. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

23 May 1868: **Baldness Prevented** - The hot water from a spring rising from the mountain near the Timavus River in Italy, with the juice of the pomegranate, will prevent the Hair from ever leaving the scalp, and will force the Hair to grow in one week on the head of the oldest man or woman in England -- Prepared for the discoverer by Mr R Cooper, 181 Cleet Street, London. Sent (with instructions how to use it) in bottles 2s.6d., 5s., and 12s. each. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

29 July 1882: **Remedy Free** - A victim of youthful imprudence causing Premature Decay, Nervous Debility, Lost Manhood, &c., having tried in vain every known remedy, has discovered a simple self cure, which he will send Free to his fellow sufferers. Address J H Reeves, Esq., 43 Chatham Street, New York City, USA. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

HELP IN OLD AGE

24 April 1873: **HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS** - Diseases of Advance Years - When man has passed to his borders of old age, the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical power shows increasing weakness. Hence arises congestion of the liver, lungs or head, followed by dropsy, asthma or apoplexy, which too frequently afflict the aged. The liver usually first becomes torpid, but its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach, and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also cures all other congested organs, by varying the parts rubbed according to the situation of the congestion. (*Isle of Wight Times*)

RYDE SURGICAL SUPPLIES
 133 High Street
 Ryde (Tel. 3727)
 Orthopaedic and
 Surgical Appliances,
 Walking Aids and
 Aids for the
 Disabled, etc.
 Commodes
 Chiropody—Mrs. Pudan

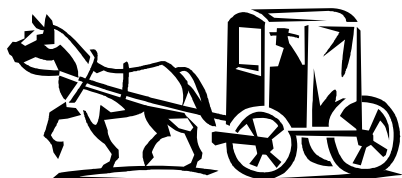
Advert: Islander Magazine October 1973

THE SICK POOR IN VICTORIAN TIMES

16 January 1875: Ryde Dispensary - During the last year 323 of the sick and suffering poor of Ryde and its neighbourhood have been relieved, and attended at their own homes when required. Subscriptions and donations to aid of this most excellent Charity will be thankfully received by Mr John Wavell, Pharmaceutical Chemist, top of Union Street, Ryde. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

14 May 1885: We are pleased to state that arrangements have been made to continue the supply of beef tea only for the sick poor at 44 Arthur Street, during the summer. Tickets to be sent in the previous day, price 9d. each in books of six. To be obtained at the kitchen or of Mr Watts, stationer, Union Street. (*Isle of Wight Times*)

HOSPITAL TRANSPORT



24 July 1909: Hospital Ambulance Van - The County Hospital ambulance van is available for the use of the general public when it is not wanted for Hospital patients. The person requiring it must pay for the horses and driver and in addition a sum of half-a-guinea towards the funds of the Hospital. (*Isle of Wight Observer*)

Aug 1949: The Hospital Car Service - is doing extremely good work and has grown rapidly. This service exists for the benefit of people, often in isolated parts of the Island, requiring to enter hospital or attend for out-patient treatment who are otherwise unable to obtain transport. But we must emphasise that this service, generously provided by voluntary owner-drivers, is only available through a hospital after application by a doctor. (*This Island Magazine*)



1940s CHILDREN'S HOME



I was privileged to be at the opening of "Amberley," Pellhurst Road, Ryde, Children's Home last month. How good it was to see these thirteen cheerful looking youngsters (there are really 14 but one was in hospital at the time) in the bright, home-like surroundings of this pleasant house. It has eleven rooms and a medium-sized garden with fruit trees (just right for climbing!) and, while being large enough to accommodate the "family" and staff of three comfortably, is not too large to be a real home. There are three girls and 11 boys, the girls having their own room and the boys three. The walls are decorated warm cream or peach, with single beds covered with gaily striped folk-weave bedspreads. There are chests for the children's personal belongings, books and things. And, of course, a playroom where they can more or less do as they like and make plenty of noise - and I guess they do!

By the way, voluntary help is always welcomed at "Amberley". "Sitters-in" or "godmothers" will be greeted with open arms, I'm sure - and now that Christmas is near again, any gesture will be doubly welcome. (*Dorothy Stevens, 'Feminine Viewpoint': This Island Magazine November 1949*)

Picture source: 1940s children- www.freewebs.com

THE WVS

August 1949: Meals on Wheels - distributed by WVS members during the winter months, re-commence in September, it is hoped on a larger scale and over a larger area than previously. Any Old Age Pensioner or invalid who would like one of these meals a week should give in name and address to their nearest WVS office. This scheme has become deservedly popular in the Island.

Photograph of Mrs Mollie Christy, long serving WVS member in the 1940s, Ryde Centre Organiser and County Organiser. (*This Island Magazine*)

