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Golden Wedding Celebrated

A part of approximately 30 of the relatives and friends of Mr and Mrs Ernest James Newman assembled on Wednesday at 24, St James's Square, Bath, to congratulate both host and hostess on the celebration of their golden wedding. Some of the guests came from as far afield as Weymouth.

Mr and Mrs Newman were married on April 28th 1887 at Kilmersdon Parish Church. The officiating clergyman was the Rev Walter E Whitaker, Rector of Holcombe.

Mr Newman is a native of Seend Cleeve, near Devizes. He was the only child of Mr Richard Newman by his first wife. Mr Newman's mother predeceased him, and his father married again. Three of his half-brothers by this second marriage were expected at the golden wedding celebrations.

Mrs Newman was the fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs William Cox of Charlton, not far from Radstock. She is one of a family of ten. Before her marriage she was Miss Arthurina Cox.

At the time of his marriage, Mr Newman was engaged as a butler with the Misses Hussey. Only a few days after the ceremony he settled at 24 St James's Square where Mrs Newman and himself have lived ever since.

For many years Mr Newman was a familiar figure at banquets, balls and dances in Bath and the surrounding neighbourhood, for his services as a supplementary waiter were in frequent request. Among the functions in Bath of which he retains a vivid recollection is the Bath and County Club Ball at the Assembly Rooms – now an abandoned fixture. He is pleased to recall that he has assisted at functions organised by Messrs Fortt, of Milsom Street, during three generations of that family's control, serving under the regime of the late Mr James Fortt, the late Mr F W Fortt and Mr Harold Fortt.

Mr and Mrs Newman have one son, Mr Stanley William Ernest Newman, who is a dentist in practice at Oxford. There are two grandsons.

Both Mr and Mrs Newman enjoy excellent health and are remarkably active for their years. On a frosty day last February Mr Newman slipped on the area steps of his house; but he happily escaped serious injury, and has made a complete recovery.

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