

Berwick Advertiser 1859.

Feb. 5, Front Page.

A GRAND BALL will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on the evening of Thursday, the 10th Feb. next. The Stewards of the ball are Messrs. R. Thompson, W. Landell, J. Clark, and J. Kerr. The ball to be opened at half-past 8 o'clock precisely. Ladies' tickets 2/6. Gentlemen's do. 3/-, which may be obtained at Mr Rennison's, Bridge Street, and Mr Melrose's, High Street. Admission by ticket only. Parties are requested to procure their tickets as early as possible, in order that the stewards may make the necessary arrangements. The orchestra will consist of Mr Steel and an efficient band of musicians. Refreshments will be supplied in the committee rooms by Mr Tetlow. Berwick-upon-Tweed, 27 Jan. 1859.

Feb. 5, p. 3

BURN'S CENTENARY – THE PARTY IN THE CORN EXCHANGE – We understand that the committee of young ladies and gentlemen, under whose management the party in the Corn Exchange passed off so successfully, have handed over the sum of £ 3 to Mr Leitch, missionary in connection with the Rev. Dr. Cairns's congregation for distribution amongst the poor, that sum having been left of the receipts after defraying all expenses.

Fe. 12, p.3.

The ball announced in our last to come off in the Corn Exchange last night did not take place, the sale of tickets not having encouraged the prosecution of the undertaking.

March 12, Front Page.

MASONIC BALL – A GRAND MASONIC BALL will take place in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Wednesday the 23rd March 1859. Particulars in future advertisements. St. David's Lodge Room, 1st March 1859.

March 12, p.2.

GRAND MASONIC BALL. A PUBLIC BALL under the auspices of St. David's Lodge, no 554, and the Free Masons of the district, will take place in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday the 23rd March, 1859. Tickets to admit lady and gentleman, 10s 6d. Ladies' single ticket 3s. Refreshments included. Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock. Early application for tickets is requested, to enable the committee to make suitable arrangements. They may be had from the stewards. Stewards: STEPHEN SANDERSON, W.M., RICHARD ATKINSON, P.M., HENRY PATTERSON, S.W., JOS. HENRY DARLING, WILLIAM BOGUE, GEORGE WILSON, ALEXANDER COOK, ALEXANDER WILSON, B.G. SINCLAIR.

March 19, Front Page.

GRAND MASONIC BALL – A PUBLIC BALL under the auspices of the lodge St. David's, no 554, and the Free Masons of the district, will take place in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Wednesday the 23rd March, 1859.

PATRONS: Richard Metcalf, Esq., D.P.G.M. Northumberland.

John Stapleton, Esq., M.P. for Berwick.

David Robertson, Esq., Ladykirk.

Capt. Charles W. Gordon, Fivy Castle, Aberdeenshire.

Capt. A. Mitchell Innes, Ayton Castle.

Major A. Campbell Renton, Mordington House.

STEWARDS:

Brother S. Sanderson, R.W.M. St. David's
- R. Atkinson, R.W.P.M. -
- Hy. Patterson, W.S.W -
- Alex. Cook W.J.W -
- George Wilson -
- William Bogue -
- B.G. Sinclair Celtic
- A. Wilson R.W.P.M St. Abb's
- J.H. Darling (R.A.) W.J.W -

Tickets to admit lady and gentleman, 10/6, ladies' single ticket 3/-, which may be had of Mr. Buchanan, Hide Hill, and the stewards. Dancing to commence at eight o'clock. NB – it is imperative the brethren of the craft appear in full Masonic costume, white tie etc. Gentlemen entitled to wear Her Majesty's Uniform are invited to appear therein.

April 9, Front Page.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Mr J. Purves, Jun. Will sell by auction in the Corn Exchange on Thursday, 14th April, 1859, at eleven o'clock forenoon, the whole of the excellent household furniture and other effects, lately belonging to Geo. Gilchrist, Esq., deceased, comprising in Public Rooms – mahogany, dining, loo, card, and other tables. Sideboard, cellerett, 2 cheffoniers, sofa, several sets of chairs, couch, easy chairs, chests of drawers and bookcases, chimney glass in gilt frame, telescopes, fenders, fireirons, Brussels, three ply, and other carpets, in good condition, etc.

Bedrooms – mahogany four-poster beds with curtains, a large quantity of superior bedding, dressing tables, washstands, chamber ware, mirrors, chests of drawers, wardrobes, chairs, fenders, carpets etc.

The miscellaneous articles include kitchen furniture and requisites, dinner , dessert and tea services, crystal, stoneware, garden tools, a mangle etc, etc.

Hide Hill, Berwick, 31st March, 1859.

June 11, Front Page.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION - At the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Tuesday the 21st day of June instant, at 3 o'clock afternoon. The following valuable freehold properties in Berwick viz.-

All those large and extensive premises with the erection and buildings thereon situated in the Foul Ford, at present in the occupation of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Gas Company, and now under lease to them which will expire at Whitsunday, 1861.

All those large and conveniently situated granaries in the Eastern Lane, at present in the occupation of Messrs. Clay.

Further particulars may be had on application to William Lowrey, Esq., Barnmoor, Mr E. Willoby, Solicitor, or Mr Purves, auctioneer, Berwick.

Berwick, 8th June 1859.

June 25, Page 2.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY – LIMITED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of the Berwick Corn Exchange Company, Limited, will be held in the Corn Exchange Buildings, on Saturday the 2nd day of July next, at half-past eleven o'clock.

And notice is hereby further given that at such meeting a special resolution will be proposed to alter and make new provisions in lieu of the fourth article of association, in so far as the same, as it as

present stands, authorizes the Directors on behalf of the Company to borrow money, and that it will be proposed to substitute the words 'Two Thousand' for the words ' One Thousand' in the said article.

Notice is also given that the said meeting will be asked to authorize the Directors to dispose of a part of the real estate of the Company, being that portion of vacant ground lying to the north of the Exchange.

By order

Stephen Sanderson, Secretary.

Berwick Corn Exchange Buildings.

June 22nd, 1859.

June 25, Front Page.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE – NOTICE. Saturday the 25th June instant is the last day on which the season tickets issued in 1858 will be available.

Subscribers are therefore requested to make immediate application to the secretary for new tickets.

The stall rents are also payable for the coming year.

Stephen Sanderson, Secretary

22nd June, 1859.

July 9, Front Page.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE. The annual general meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Berwick Corn Exchange took place in the exchange buildings on Saturday last. There were about a dozen members present; Robert Ramsey, Esq., occupied the chair.

The chairman read the report by the directors for the past year as follows:-

'Your directors have to report that the Exchange Buildings are now completed, and that they are now engaged in winding up the capital account. A very large claim was made by Mr Reed, the contractor, for extras; but Mr Johnston, the architect, after a minute investigation of the accounts, advises that a sum of £ 159 15s 2d should be paid to Mr Reed in settlement of his claim.'

The chairman said he might here remark that the contractor's estimate for extras amounted to £ 686, while there was a clause in the specifications to the effect that there should be no extras whatever unless a notice of such was sent in writing to the directors. There was one extra, however, which the directors had agreed to pay. The directors wished the exchange to be opened on a certain date fixed on, and they were informed that the plaster would not be dry enough for that time, and it was recommended that it should be done in gage or plaster of Paris instead of common lime, which entailed an extra expense of £ 15. That was the only occasion applied for extras. There was nothing stated to us about extras except that £ 15. We repudiated the £ 159 and would not allow it. The question now is are we to pay that sum? It is for the general meeting to decide whether they will pay that sum or proceed to a court of law. It is usual in all such matters when they go to law that they are referred to arbitration; and to go to law shows an admission that there is some claim. Besides the question arises whether by going to law we might not be called upon to pay a much larger sum than that recommended by the architect, for there will be the law expenses. However it is for this meeting to say whether they will pay the contractor £ 159 or whether they will resist it. In a large building like this there are always some extras to pay for which the contractors could not foresee at the beginning. The contractor refuses the £ 159, he says he is £ 686 out of pocket; but then if you pay the £ 159 you throw it on the architect, for he has recommended that sum for extras.

The report continued – ' Your directors, however, have been surprised at the allowance by the architect of any such sum, as every care has been taken and vigilance used to prevent extras being incurred. However your directors recommend that they be authorized to offer Mr Reed the sum

advised by the architect in settlement of all claims of extras, but without prejudice in case of it not being accepted. There is still a sum of £ 250 due Mr Reed upon the original contract and it becomes necessary to provide further funds for the payment of these and other claims.

‘The exact amount of share capital subscribed is £ 3455, leaving £ 554 of the original capital still to be raised, and your directors propose to raise this sum by a loan instead for pressing further shares on the public. They possess power to borrow £ 1000, which they have exercised; but they ask your sanction to power being conferred to borrow £ 2000 – although they have no intention of exercising the power beyond what is necessary to complete the amount of capital originally intended to be raised by shares.

‘The annexed statement shows the amount of liabilities outstanding, and from which it will be seen that the completion of the amount of share capital with the price to be received for the vacant site at the north end of the Exchange will suffice to clear off all liabilities. Your directors are under provisional contract to sell the site at the price of £ 200 and ask your sanction to that contract being carried out. The site is to be built upon according to a plan prepared by the architect of the Exchange.

‘Your directors regret to state that a very large extra outlay which could not have been anticipated was rendered necessary by the shrinking or vibration of the roof, and the consequent breaking of the glass. On this item alone a sum of about £ 150 was expended, which of course increased the cost of the building, but still the original estimated cost of £ 5000 has not been exceeded.

‘The gross revenue of the first year amounted to £ 218 10s 3d with some small addition to be yet received. But your directors must call to mind that the last was a very broken year, during which great part of the Exchange buildings were in an unfinished state. During the present year the large front room is being occupied once a week as a Savings Bank at £ 20 per annum, and other public bodies are gradually giving their patronage to the buildings. Your directors therefore confidently anticipate that the present year will see a considerable increase to the revenue, and they trust that the public will recognise the efforts which have been made to provide a very necessary public accommodation.

‘Your directors recommend no dividend this year, but apply the revenue in defraying the expenses connected with fitting up the buildings etc.

‘The meetings of the directors have been 16 in number, and have been attended by your directors as follows:- Mr Ramsey, 14; Mr Logan, Fairney Castle, 12; Mr Logan, Berwick, 12; Mr Clay, 11; Mr Darling 11; Mr Smith, 10; Mr Nicholson, 7; Mr Melrose, 3; and Mr Black, 2.

‘It therefore falls upon Messrs Nicholson, Melrose, and Black to retire, but they are re-eligible.

‘The auditors Messrs. Innes and Paulin also require re-election.’

Mr Philip Wilson complained of no detailed account of the income and expenditure of the company being presented to the meeting. Before Mr Sanderson had left the town he might have prepared such a statement.

The Chairman produced a statement, but they did not give full details. He said that he did not know till that morning that Mr Sanderson had gone to London, otherwise he might have spent some hours with him in getting up the details.

Mr John Wilson of Edington said that as this was a most important meeting and it occurred now according to the time of the opening of the exchange that it fell at this time of the year when they were unable to obtain a full meeting, it would be better to adjourn the annual general meeting for about six months, and then continue their annual meetings from that date. At that period of the year the market was usually full, and it would do away with the inconvenience of attending at this time. He also said that although they did not mean to question the accuracy of the figures laid before them, yet he thought they were not so fully brought out to the shareholders as they might have been.

The Chairman said that the capital account of the expenditure was £ 4661 8s 9d. Of that sum £ 1009 8s 6d was paid for the price of the site; £ 2800 to Mr Reid; £ 340 to Mr Lamb; £ 90 as the architect's commission; 17 to Mr Grey; £ 188 0s 10d for glass for the roof; and £ 216 19s 5d for sundry expenses. He said then with regard to the £ 159 15s 2d, are we to pay it ?

Mr E. Black said that when such a meeting as the present was to be held notice of it should be given so that the shareholders might know what questions to ask. For himself he did not know anything of this meeting until about five minutes ago. He thought the better way would be to adjourn the meeting and at their next meeting they would be better able to see whether the accounts were correct, for he was at a loss to know what to say of it.

Mr Black was informed that the meeting had been advertised.

Mr John Wilson moved that a detailed statement of the affairs of the company be printed and supplied to each of the shareholders. This was seconded by Mr Black and agreed to. On the motion of Mr John Clay of Winnfield, seconded by Dr Kirkwood, Mr B. Black of Grindon, Mr John Wilson of Edington and Mr Philip Wilson of Dunse were appointed directors in the room of those retiring. Mr P. Wilson declined the office, and Mr John Clay was appointed in his stead.

Mr John Wilson moved and was seconded by Mr P. Wilson that the vacant site be disposed of to the Berwick building company for £ 200.

This was agreed to.

The Chairman stated that it was intended to build two shops in the front part of the site, with a room for a library on the second floor; and as it was intended to remove the subscription library from Bridge Street, it would be a very eligible place for it. At the back part it was intended to erect a warehouse for agricultural implements.

On the motion of Dr Kirkwood, seconded by Mr P. Clay, it was agreed to re-elect Messrs Paulin and Innes auditors.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr John Wilson, seconded by Mr John Clay, to borrow the sum of £ 500 to pay the expenses due by the company.

On the motion of Mr Philip Wilson it was agreed to leave the question of extras to the directors to make the best job of it they could.

Mr John Wilson called attention to the very trumpery accommodation afforded by the stalls in the Corn Exchange; he might be using harsh language but that was his opinion of them. He did not approve of the construction of stalls which were totally inadequate for the purpose required of them, and not fit for the shareholders attending them. It might do very well for the holding of balls and concerts and such like, but in building a place like this the primary purpose for which it was intended ought to have been taken into consideration; namely that of a corn exchange. They ought to have better accommodation in the stalls for £ 3 a year; and unless that was done he could not see how it was to go on. To place samples in a stall was utterly useless.

The Chairman said the directors would be exceedingly glad to carry out the wishes of the majority of the shareholders and whatever they might [cannot read the rest of the paragraph].

Mr Philip Wilson said it was well known that the shareholders [cannot read the next sentence] the price they paid for them, although the accommodation they got was perhaps as much as the directors were able to give; but it was much more inadequate than in any market he had seen in Scotland or England. There was no room to deposit a portfolio, for that had to be given to the man at the door. They were all well aware that there was better accommodation to be had at Kelso as well as at Haddington; and a deputation which came from Leith to see the arrangements here were perfectly thunderstruck at the smallness of the accommodation for stalls. They were not able to show a sample without turning their backs upon the person whom they might be addressing.

Mr Black thought that a committee might be appointed to enquire into the circumstances and report thereon.

Mr P. Wilson thought they ought to obtain plans and proceed forthwith.

The Chairman said that after the stalls were all taken up a committee might examine them and report ; but to obtain plans without it having been decided what sort they were to be some persons might not be pleased with them. The committee might get the opinions of the takers of the stalls, and they would no doubt be arranged to their entire satisfaction.

This was agreed to.

Dr. Kirkwood moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was agreed to.

Mr P. Wilson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the directors for the performance of the laborious duties which had fallen to their share.

This was agreed to.

The Chairman said that it was the intention of Mr Sanderson not to ask one farthing from them for his services as secretary, but that he intended to give them gratuitously.

The meeting now broke up.

July 9, p. 2.

TO CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS AND OTHERS. Persons willing to tender for the whole or any other portions of the works of the proposed new building adjoining the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, may see the plans, specifications and conditions at my office here, or at the offices of the architect, 6, Clayton Street, West, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sealed tenders endorsed 'Tender for new buildings' to be sent to me on or before the 22nd instant.

By order

Stephen Sanderson

Berwick-upon-Tweed, 7th July, 1859.

August 13, p. 2.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE. SALE OF NEWSPAPERS. The newspapers taken in at the Corn Exchange news room will be sold by auction for the ensuing year at the Exchange on Saturday the 13th instant at 2 o'clock p.m.

They consist of the following:-

Berwick Warder, Berwick Advertiser, Berwick Journal, Newcastle Journal, Punch, Illustrated London news, Times of Friday, Kelso Mail of Thursday, Daily Scotsman of Saturday.

By order 'Stephen Sanderson, Hon. Sec.

Berwick 6th August 1859.

Aug. 27, Front Page.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE BARGAIN. Two shares of the Berwick Corn Exchange Company. Two shares of the Dunse Corn Exchange Company. Two shares of the Dunse Gas Company. Offers will be received either for the whole or separately up to and including 1st September by Melrose & Porteous, Solicitors, Coldstream.

Coldstream, 10th August, 1859.

August 27, Front Page.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, FOR FIVE NIGHTS ONLY, commencing on Monday, Aug. 29th, 1859.

SINCLAIR'S GRAND HISTORICAL PANORAMA OF RUSSIA; and his new and elaborate VIEWS OF INDIA, embracing representations of the principal cities of that empire, and the chief features of the mutiny (events which have arrested, and still continue to absorb so much of the public attention), will open for five days, commencing on Monday, Aug. 29th.

An afternoon exhibition on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at half-past two; and doors open evening at half-past seven.

Reserved seats, 1s 6d; First Seats, 1s; Second Seats, 6d. Children under twelve years of age and schools half price.

October 15, Front page.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE, IN TWO LOTS, by Mr Donkin within the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Monday the 24th inst., at one o'clock.

November 19, Front Page.

BALL. Mr Bonner has the pleasure to announce that his ball will take place in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening the 28th inst.

Tickets may be had of Mr Johnson at the Assembly Rooms, and at Mr T. Dickinson's, wine and spirit merchant, Tweedmouth.

PS – Mr Bonner will visit Berwick in September next.

Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Berwick, 14th Nov. 1859.

REPEATED NOV. 26TH.

Nov. 26, Local News p. 3.

Mr Cunningham's ball came off in the Corn Exchange last night, when a numerous and respectable party had the pleasure of witnessing the beautiful dancing which characterises Mr Cunningham's pupils. If a thorough knowledge of the scientific principles of his profession, with the greatest facility in imparting these to his pupils entitle a teacher to public favour, then is Mr Cunningham well deserving of that extensive encouragement he has so long enjoyed, and which we are well assured he will continue to experience. Much was done by the young people, and what was done was well done, a feature in Mr Cunningham's system of teaching too rarely adopted. For his continued success our best wishes extend to Mr Cunningham, and on his return amongst us, he may expect from his numerous friends here a cordial welcome.

Nov. 26, Front Page.

FAREWELL VISIT – NEW CORN EXCHANGE BERWICK-ON-TWEED. Positively for one night only. Friday December 2nd 1859. Under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen &c, &c. Mr Washington's friends grand geographical moving panorama, the largest and most beautiful painting in the world, illustrating 5000 miles in Canada and the United States of America, including the Falls of Niagara, the great tubular bridge at Montreal, constructed by the late R. Stephenson, Esq.. Also the magnificent river St. Lawrence faithfully delineating American Indian and Negro life accompanied with the original songs and melodies of the country.

This unrivalled entertainment was visited in Edinburgh and Glasgow by upwards of [cannot read how many thousands] persons, all of whom have but one opinion, that it is the most elegant , instructive and amusing exhibition ever in Scotland.

Doors open at half-past seven; to commence at eight o'clock.

Reserved gallery, 2s; Second seats, 1s; promenade, 6d. Children under twelve, and schools, half price to the reserved gallery and second seats only.

Places may be secured at Mr Plenderleith and of Mr Melrose, Booksellers, and at the doors previous to the exhibition.

New Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Monday and Tuesday November 28 and 29; Alnwick, December 1st.

Dec. 10, p. 2 –repeated Dec. 17.

GRAND CONCERT. Mr R. Young, organist begs most respectfully to inform the public that he has made arrangements with the talented BROUSIL FAMILY to give two grand concerts in the Corn Exchange on the 30th December, 1859. Morning concert to commence at two – Evening at eight o'clock. Vocalist Mrs Alexander Newton. For particulars see handbills.
Ravensdowne, Dec. 9th.

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Jan. 14, Local News, p. 3.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE – The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Berwick Corn Exchange Company was held in the Exchange on Saturday last. Robert Ramsey, Esq., occupied the chair. Mr Wight the secretary read the balance-sheet he had prepared and a report of the liabilities and assets of the company, from which it appeared that the net profit during the past eighteen months up to the 31st December had been £ 248 9s 1½d, on an expenditure of £ 5000. The secretary also read the report of the directors, wherein it was stated that the directors thought it would not be prudent to declare a dividend just now, but they hoped to be able to do so at their next annual meeting. The net profits of the company from the time of the opening of the Exchange up to the 31st December had been as stated, but a good deal of that sum was from season-tickets and holders of stalls payable in advance for one year from June last; besides it had all been capitalised to meet the requirements of the company, and to avoid the necessity of a further mortgage they had resolved to issue fifty loan or preference shares, bearing interest at 5 per cent but redeemable by the company at par. The directors had also erected twenty-five stalls in the Corn Exchange similar to those in use in the Kelso Corn Exchange, and these they hoped would be better adapted to business than the ones formerly used; they therefore recommended parties to intimate their intention of occupying these stalls to the secretary as early as possible. The report further stated that owing to the indisposition and urgent business of Mr Innes, one of their auditors, he had declined the office, and Mr Wight had been instructed to act in his stead, which he had done to the entire satisfaction of the directors. There had been ten meetings of the directors during the last six months, and the three gentlemen lowest in attendance would of course retire, but were eligible for re-election. On the motion of Mr Henderson of Lowick, seconded by Mr Crossman, the report was adopted. The retiring directors were re-elected. We understand that the directors have been fortunate enough to dispose of all the loan or preference shares, and that the occupation of twenty-two out of the twenty-five newly erected stalls have already been contracted for. The next annual meeting of the company was fixed to take place on the first Saturday in February next year instead of January, in order to allow time to the secretary to prepare a balance-sheet of the accounts of the company after the expiry of the year on the 31st December, and a copy of the same to be forwarded to each of the shareholders. On the motion of Mr Clay it was agreed that at their next meeting the shareholders should dine together. It was also agreed that a ticket should be obtained and placed under the clock in the Exchange announcing to the shareholders the date of the day and the month, and another ticket to be placed on the door whenever any meeting in connection with the company was about to be held. The chairman said that Mr Sanderson, their late secretary, had given his services to the company gratuitously, and he had carried them successfully through all their troubles and all their duties, with which the company was at one time [cannot read next word], for all these services Mr Sanderson declined to receive any remuneration. He thought that under the circumstances the company would only be doing their duty if they were to give Mr Sanderson some testimonial of their appreciation of his services. A sub-committee might be appointed to take the matter into their consideration [the rest of the article is impossible to read].

Feb. 11, Front page.

CORN EXCHANGE BERWICK - Mr G. Wilson's grand vocal & instrumental concert on Thursday, February 16. Mr G. Wilson (of Dalkeith) respectfully intimates that he will have the honour of giving a grand concert in the Corn Exchange, when he will be assisted by those renowned American humourists Messrs Palmyre, Williams and Archer, of the Saturday evening concerts, Glasgow, Royal Surrey Gardens, and Crystal Palace, London; by the popular vocalist Miss

Robertson, of the Edinburgh and Glasgow concerts; Miss Gleadhill, pianist, Edinburgh; and by the Tweedmouth grand instrumental band. For programme see handbills. Doors open at seven o'clock – concert to commence at eight. Reserved seats, 2s; Second do, 1s; back do, 6d. Tickets to be had at the Advertiser Office; Mr Rennison, Stationer; Mr Young, Bridge Street; at the various shops; and at the doors on the evening of the concert.

Feb. 11, Local News p. 3.

CONCERT – It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that Mr George Wilson of Dalkeith purposes giving a concert in the Corn Exchange of this town on Thursday evening. He presents a very formidable bill of fare which should certainly draw an immense audience. Besides his own vocal talent which on former occasions has been held in high repute here, he is to be accompanied by two ladies who have gained considerable celebrity at the musical meetings in the west of Scotland; he is also to be accompanied by a party of Ethiopians who have lately appeared at several very fashionable entertainments, where they have been received with great applause. They lately appeared at the Queen's Theatre in Edinburgh on the occasion of the visit to that house of his royal highness the Prince of Wales. Their performances then attracted much attention. We extract from the Evening Courant of Edinburgh the notice which there appeared respecting them: - 'While all the amusements were of an excellent character, we may take this opportunity of especially noticing the American entertainment. Mr Palmyre is a very pathetic singer, and concertina player of great ability; while Mr Williams is one of the cleverest of banjo players. The colloquies that take place between the songs are full of wit and fun; and in their conjoined musical efforts they produce some striking and beautiful effects. Altogether this trio of able gentlemen give a unique, and for their number, a very effective concert.

May 12, Front Page.

CORN EXCHANGE BUILDING – TO BE LET. That new and most desirable corner shop situated at the north end of the Corn Exchange Buildings. It will (unless the tenant shall otherwise wish) be divided into a front and back shop, or it may be readily adapted either for a bank, counting house or professional offices.

A detached warehouse behind may also be had with the front premises. The adjoining shop is let. ALSO TO BE LET – either alone or along with the shops above advertised, the Great Front Room above, extending the whole length of the buildings and measuring 30 feet by 29 feet and 17 feet in height. This room is admirably adapted for a show room or a library, reading room or public assembly room. It possesses a separate and independent entrance from the street while, if let with the shop, provision has been made for internal communication. The above premises are approaching completion and may be entered upon at an early period. The walls are all stoothed. For further particulars application may be made to Mr Sanderson, solicitor, with whom offers may be lodged. Quay Walls, Berwick, 7th May, 1860.

July 21, Front Page

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION – At the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Saturday the 28th, 1860, at two o'clock afternoon precisely, Lot 1. One undivided third part of the lease of a half of the tithe rent charge of £ 114 per annum on the township of Tweedmouth, and of one-third part of a half of the tithe rent charge of £ 36 4s 5d per annum on the township of Spittal, both in the county of the borough and town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, amounting together to £ 150 4s 5d per annum. This lease is held under the Dean and Chapter of Durham for 21 years from the 20th November, 1853. Lot 2. One fourth part of a mortgage for £ 100 upon the tolls &c, of the Berwick and North Durham turnpike roads and the Union Bridge.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr Lowrey, Barmoor; Mr Weddell, Solicitor, Berwick; of Mr Purves, Auctioneer.

August 4, Local News p. 4.

SALE OF PROPERTY – The estate of Seaview, situated on the outskirts of the village of Spittal, and consisting of sixty-four acres, which are let at a rental of £ 135, was exposed for sale by public auction on Saturday afternoon in the Corn Exchange – Mr Embleton, auctioneer. There appeared two candidates for the purchase, and the first offer made was £ 3000 by Mr Robertson of Glantlees. Mr Mather of Longridge followed that gentleman, and after a variety of biddings made by the parties named, it was ultimately knocked down to Mr Mather for £ 3540. There was also exposed for sale the remainder of a lease, amounting to fourteen years, of tithes over the parish of Tweedmouth, amounting to about £ 40 a year, as the same were specified in an advertisement inserted for several weeks in the Advertiser. A sale of these was effected at £ 230, being purchase by Mr S Sanderson. One fourth part of a mortgage for £ 100, held over the revenue of the Berwick and North Durham turnpikes, and yielding 25s per annum, was bought in for the vendors by Mr Sanderson at £ 5. The Directors of the Corn Exchange also exposed for sale on the same day, the various newspapers to be received by them in the course of the ensuing year. The prices obtained were as follows: - Friday's Times, at 1d each; Illustrated London News, 4d each; Newcastle Journal, 1d; Kelso Mail, ½d – the foregoing are all stamped. Berwick Advertiser, 2½ d; Warder, 2½d; Journal, 1d; Punch, 2½d; and Saturday's Scotsman, 1s 6d yearly, unstamped. Mr James Purves was the auctioneer in these latter cases.

August 11, Local News p. 4.

THE REV. HUGH STOWELL BROWN – This gentleman made his appearance in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening before a very numerous and respectable audience and was very favourably received. His lecture, which was on the People's Proverbs proved highly entertaining and was delivered with considerable effect, occupied from half-past seven o'clock till shortly after nine. The Rev. Dr. Cairns occupied the chair. The reverend lecturer gave an explanation of the cause of the disappointment experienced here last week on his account. It appeared that he had mistaken the week as we supposed he had done. He acknowledged that the fault had been his in having carelessly read the letter he had received from his correspondent. The disappointment which was again experienced on Monday was occupied by the train running from Liverpool to York not reaching the latter place in time to enable its passengers to secure the express train coming north. On Wednesday evening he again appeared in the same place and gave a lecture on 'Manliness', the Mayor was in the chair; there was a very numerous audience present who were highly delighted with the lecture.

August 18, Front page – REPEATED 25 AUGUST.

SHOP IN THE CORN EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, BERWICK, TO BE LET. To be let, with entry now or at Martinmas next. That large front shop at the north corner of the Corn Exchange Buildings, with or without an excellent detached warehouse behind.

The premises have just been erected, and the shop (which contains two apartments) is well adapted for a bank of professional or commercial offices. It is lofty and well lighted, being fitted up with large plate glass windows, and is in one of the most prominent and attractive situations in the town. From its contiguity to the Corn Exchange, it is peculiarly suited for a business connected with agriculture. The walls are stoothed so as to ensure their perfect dryness – The remainder of the premises adjoining the Corn Exchange are already let.

For further particulars, apply to Mr Sanderson, solicitor.

Quay Walls, Berwick, 16th August 1860.

Sept. 1st, Front Page.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION. Within the large front room of the Corn Exchange, at Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Monday the 3rd September, 1860, at two o'clock pm precisely, by Mr James Purves, junior, auctioneer. Lot 1. All those large & commodious premises, situated in Bridge Street, Berwick, consisting of an excellent front shop, with dwelling house, yard, and cellarage attached, as presently occupied by Mr Rennison, bookseller, and a large library behind, with a separate entrance, now occupied by the Berwick Subscription Library.

The premises are most eligibly situated, and possess a large extent of accommodation, which may be readily adapted to the requirements of any description of business.

Lot 2. All those premises, with entrance from Ness Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, consisting of two small self-contained dwelling houses, at present in the occupation of Mr Ralph Brown, and Mr J.B. Young, and one of them commanding a very pleasant view to the south and south-west.

For particulars and conditions of sale, application may be made to Mr Sanderson, solicitor, Berwick.

Quay Walls, 15th August, 1860.

October 27, Front Page.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION. Within the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Thursday the 1st day of November next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr James Purves, jr, auctioneer. All that freehold messuage and premises, situated near to the market place in the village of Holy Island, adjoining the Britannia Inn, containing 4 rooms, kitchen and stable, and backyard, as the same is as present. Let to Mr David Gibson at a rent of £ 10 per annum.

For further particulars apply to the auctioneer, or Mr Douglas, solicitor, Berwick

November 3, Front Page, second column.

Under the immediate and most distinguished patronage of HER MOST GRACIOUS AND EXCELLENT MAJESTY THE QUEEN, H.R.H. THE PRINCE CONSORT, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Their Royal Highnesses the princesses and princes of the Royal family, and many of the Nobility, clergy and distinguished families of the Empire. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK Tuesday, 6th November, 1860. Dr. Mark and his unrivalled orchestra from the Royal College of Music, Manchester, will have the honour of giving two grand vocal and instrumental concerts in the above hall, in the following order: - A grand morning concert at 3 o'clock, a grand evening concert at 8 o'clock. The programme will comprise selections from 'Martha', 'Lurline', 'Dinorah', 'Zampa', 'Il Trovatore', 'Semiramide', and the best popular dance music, and some new selections of Scotch melodies. Vocalist – Miss Clara Wight. Among the performers are three Scotch boys – Master Skinner, from Aberdeen; Master Mackay, from Aberdeen; Master Anderson, from Dundee; who will perform solos during the concert. Admission – Reserved seats, 2s; Second seats, 1s; back and Promenade, 6d. Children and private schools half price to reserved and second seats. Tickets to be had at Mr Rennison, bookseller, Bridge Street.

November 17, Front Page.

CONCERT. MR JULIAN ADAMS begs to announce that he will give a grand vocal and instrumental concert in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Thursday evening, November 29th, with his celebrated concert band assisted by Miss Fanny Edwards, the distinguished contralto and Mr Robert Fraser, the celebrated buffo singer. (Conductor – Mr Julian Adams.). Programmes and tickets to be

had of Mr John Rennison; Mr Henderson; or Mrs Weir, booksellers. Admission tickets – Reserved seats in the gallery, and front seats in the body of the hall £ 2 6d; back seats 1s; area, 6d. Family tickets, to admit six to the reserved seats, 12 s. Schools and children under ten years of age to all seats, except the area – half price. Doors to be opened at half-past seven, and the concert to commence at eight o'clock.

December 1, Front Page.

BALL – MR BONNER'S BALL will be held in the Corn Exchange Assembly Rooms on Tuesday, December 4th, 1860.

December 8, Front Page , column 3.

Under the patronage of the Mayor and Sheriff of the borough, and the officers of the Volunteers. GRAND EVENING CONCERT. The members of the Scremerston Colliery Band beg to announce that their first concert of vocal and instrumental music will take place in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 11th December, inst. When they will be assisted by the following popular artistes – Miss Redpath; Mr Mew, Organist of South Shields; Mr Edwards Corvam, the celebrated Tyneside poet, jester, and violinist; and by the Morpeth Ordeus Club – Messrs J. Watson, alto; [cannot read the next word], tenor; W. Watson, Baritone; and Omakk, basso, conductor, Mr J. Miller, band master.

[programme in newspaper, very difficult to read]

December 22, p.2.

VOLUNTEER BALL IN THE CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK on the evening of Tuesday 1st January 1861. The members of the Berwick-upon-Tweed artillery and the rifle volunteer corps intend having a volunteer ball in above, and invite the attention of the members of the several volunteer corps in the adjoining district.

Tickets may be obtained at the drill-room from any of the committee, but will be issued to volunteers only (either honorary or effective members) each volunteer will be entitled to take two ladies, and will have the privilege of taking a second ticket to admit a non-volunteer.

Effective members must appear in uniform. Tickets 3s each. The ball will commence at eight o'clock.

Berwick Advertiser 1861.

January 26, p.2..

HEATH'S AFRICAN MINSTRELS From the St. James's Hall, London will appear in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on one night only, Wednesday, January 30th. Programme. Part I – As darkies in city life. When they will sing a variety of ballads. Part II – Ethiopian varieties. To conclude with Heath's burlesque operatic sketch from Lucia de Lammermoore. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at eight o'clock. Admission – Reserved seats 2s; second seats 1s; back seats 6d.

February 2, p.2.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT- A farewell night with the versatile artist Mr Maclagan in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday, 6th Feb. 1861, previous to his leaving for an engagement in London, in Drury Lane Theatre.

Front seats in body of hall and gallery 2s, second ditto 1s, promenade 6d.

For full particulars see programmes. Doors open at half-past seven o'clock, and concert to commence at eight.

Tickets to be had at Mr Rennison's and at Mrs Weir's, booksellers.

February 2, Local News p. 3.

THE BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY – A statement of the accounts of the company, for the year ending 31st December, 1860, has been issued to the shareholders, preparatory to the approaching annual meeting. It shows a gross income of £ 272 18s 6d; expenses, £ 237 3s 3d; net profit £ 35 15s 3d.

February 2, Local News p.3.

ETHIOPIAN CONCERT – Mr Heath's party of the Ethiopians gave a concert in the Corn Exchange in this town on Wednesday evening, and were favoured with a very numerous auditory, who repeatedly testified their gratification by rounds of applause. The entertainment was well diversified with singing, dancing and conundrums, the music, however, appeared to us to be scarcely up to the mark. The voices were not good, and the choruses were poor. The dancing was good and some of the conundrums told well with the audience. We select the following as constituting the best of the performances. The concert opened with an overture and chorus from the 'Bohemian Girl,' which was exceedingly well sung. 'The Mocking Bird', followed and was tastefully given by H. Winniemoore. The quartette in the 2nd part, 'Come where my love lies dreaming', was well rendered, and to this succeeded a ballad 'Cottage by the sea', which was sung with great spirit and effect by G. Laws. Solo 'Blue bells of Scotland', with variations on the double bass, by H. Winniemoore. The sweetness of that noble instrument was developed with skill, which indicated the hand of a master. The applause of the hearers during these performances showed that they thoroughly appreciated them.

February 16, Front Page.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, MONDAY, February 18th. Mr Morrison Kyle, music publisher, Glasgow, begs to announce the last grand Scottish tour of the celebrated and only African Opera Troupe, including Mr Harry Templeton and the great Joe Brown of the Christy's Minstrels, in their entertainments of Ethiopian novelties, burlesque operas, humorous, musical & terpsichorean selections.

Admission – 2s, 1s, & 6d. Tickets and programmes to be had of Mr Henry Plenderleith, bookseller. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at eight.

Carriages to be ordered at ten o'clock.

February 23, Local News p.3.

MR M. KYLE'S CONCERT- The party of Ethiopian singers at present under contract with Mr Kyle of Glasgow, made their appearance in the Corn Exchange here on Monday, and attracted to their entertainment a pretty numerous auditory; though there were few persons in the gallery the ground floor was very well occupied, and great gratification was expressed with the various performances; in all of which the present party were decidedly superior to those who had only a few weeks ago gone before them. Both as instrumentalists and as singers they were vastly superior, while their selection of airs showed greater taste. The performances of Harry Templeton and Joe Brown were very wonderful if at times they were not a little too grotesque; with the singing we have no fault to find, but some of the acting and dancing was overdone. The solos by Mr Church were very pretty, the performances on the harp, particularly the solo of 'Scots wha hae', were remarkably good and were greatly applauded. The prize jig of the world was both a clever and graceful performance, and the burlesque on Lucy di Lammermoor was very well performed. In returning thanks for the amount the public patronage bestowed on them on the present occasion Mr Church promised to return on an early occasion and produce greater novelties that was received with great applause.

March 2, p. 2.

TONIGHT (FRIDAY) CONCERT in the Corn Exchange, Berwick by the band of the Northumberland Artillery Militia and South Carolina Ethiopians under the patronage of the Vicar, the Mayor, and lieutenant-colonel Clementson, and officers of the military artillery. The proceeds to be appropriated to the relief of the relatives of the sufferers by the late accident on Spittal Point.

March 9, p..

MILITARY CONCERT – On Friday evening the band and other members of the regiment gave an entertainment of vocal and instrumental music in the Corn Exchange under the patronage of the officers, and the Mayor, Sheriff, and Vicar of the borough. Several of the respectable inhabitants occupied the gallery of the building, while nearly all the officers were present in full dress, which gave a very gay appearance to the assembly; the floor of the hall was well occupied with other persons. The receipts of the entertainment were appropriated to the relief of the relatives of the sufferers on Spittal Point on Christmas night. The concert consisted of the performance of several popular overtures and concerted pieces by the band under the leadership of Mr Collins, the band master, which proved himself very competent for each piece being followed by the rapturous applause of the audience. A party of the soldiers formed a group of Ethiopian performers, and accompanied by various instruments used by these performers, executed a variety of their pieces very efficiently and with good taste. Mr Collins performed on the clarionet in a manner which was sufficient in itself to guarantee for him a hearty reception; he brought out melodious sounds with great power, brilliancy and taste. The precision in which the band gave several pieces, left no doubt on the minds of the audience as to their abilities as musicians. One member of the band especially handled the cornopean in a masterly style, power being combined with sweetness and admirable taste. In the instrumental concert, the following occurred to us as most effectively given: - "Sonnambula," "Il Puritani," and "Vi vavviso," – compositions of an eminent master. *Bellini*, - there being something so very attractive in his selections, which makes his pieces generally well received, and we fear not in saying much was the case on this occasion. The men who appeared as Ethiopians were very good in their singing, considering the short time they had for preparation, the

first intimation being on the previous day. The comic song by John Holden, "Adventures of an Innocent Young Man" was rapturously received. The able manner in which everything was conducted fully deserved a more numerous auditory. The receipts on the occasion amounted to £14 9s.

March 16, p. 2.

SHOP TO LET IN THE CORN EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, BERWICK. One of the new front shops adjoining the Corn Exchange, Berwick, is still to let. It is well adapted either for a counting house office or shop, having front and back compartments, with large plate glass windows in front, and second entrance behind. The premises are lofty and well-built, and the situation is peculiarly advantageous for any business connected with agriculture. Rent £ 25. Entry immediately.

Also to let, a detached warehouse behind the above, rent £ 7 10s.

Apply to Mr Sanderson, solicitor, Berwick.

Berwick, 14 March, 1861.

March 30, Front Page.

NEW CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Mr T. R. Evans, organist of the parish church, Berwick, begs respectfully to announce that his first grand vocal & instrumental concert of classical chamber music will take place in the New Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Thursday evening, April the 4th.

Mr Evans has been successful in engaging the following accomplished instrumentalists: pianoforte; Miss Diana Ashton. Violin: Herr Naret Koning. Violincello: Herr Brinkman, and the following vocalists from the cathedral choir of Durham: Messrs Walker, Ashton & Hemingway, who will introduce some of the most popular and admired classical, vocal and instrumental compositions of the great masters. Programme [detailed programme in advertisement in newspaper]. Programmes and tickets to be had of Mr Evans, organist; and of Messrs Henderson, Melrose, and Mrs Weir, booksellers.

Admission tickets – reserved seats in the gallery, and front seats in the body of the hall, 2s 6d; back seats 1s; area 6d.

Doors to be opened at a quarter past seven, and the concert to commence at eight o'clock precisely.

March 30, Front Page. Repeated April 13.

BALL – A subscription ball in aid of the funds of the Berwick-upon-Tweed volunteers will be held in the Corn Exchange on the evening of Friday the 19th April next, at 9 o'clock.

STEWARDS: W.H. Logan, Esq., Mayor of Berwick. John M. Meggison, Esq., Sheriff of Berwick. D.C. Marjoribanks, Esq., M.P.. Captain Gordon, M.P. Robert Ingham, Esq., M.P. David Robertson, Esq., M.P. Major L' Amy of Netherbyres. Richd. Hodgson, Esq., of Carham Hall. Doctor Cahill, Berwick. Captain Dixon Clark, Belford Hall. George Culley, Esq., Fowberry Tower. Captain Mather, Longridge House. The officers of the Berwick-upon-Tweed artillery and rifle volunteers. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Captain Allan. Captain Sanderson. Captain Ramsey. Doctor Kirkwood, J.P. A.R. Lowrey, Esq., J.P. Alex. Robertson, Esq.

Naval and military officers and members of yeomanry and volunteer corps are expected to appear in uniform.

Tickets (for gentlemen 12/6, and ladies 5/-) may be obtained at Mr T. Buchanan's, Hide Hill, Berwick; and it is requested that they be applied for as early as possible to enable the committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Lieut. Jas. Allan, Hon. Secy.

Berwick, March 19, 1861.

April 13, Front page.

OIL PAINTS FOR SALE. To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday April 13th at half-past one p.m. A quantity off oil paints in casks from 15 lbs. To 30 lbs. Weight, of various colours.

John Beveridge, Auctioneer

April 13, p.2

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. POSITIVELY FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY!. On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16th and 17th Colonel Stodare will give his celebrated and original entertainment of Indian magic entitled TWO HOURS IN WONDERLAND. Admission – Reserved seats, 2s; Second seats, 1s; Area 6d. Schools and children half price to the 1st and 2nd seats. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at eight o'clock – Carriages at ten. Tickets to the reserved seats to be had, and places secured of Mr Rennison, bookseller, Bridge Street.

F. Snowden, Manager.

April 20, Local News, p.3

COLONEL STODARE'S ENTERTAINMENT – This gentleman gave two entertainments of Indian magic, entitled 'Two hours in wonderland', in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday. The audiences were not very numerous, which may probably be accounted for from the fact that similar entertainments took place at the same time in the King's Arms Assembly room, and the theatre continues nightly to attract goodly numbers to its performances. Colonel Stodare certainly performed some very clever conjuring tricks with cards, money and otherwise, some of which had been given by Dr Shaw the previous evening, yet the performances of the former were not so varied nor so numerous as those of the latter gentleman. He, however, succeeded, and we think deservedly so, in drawing from the audience several outbursts of applause. His ventriloquism was remarkably well sustained in conversation with imaginary persons close at hand and in the street. The Tweedmouth instrumental band were in attendance, and at intervals during the evening performed several pieces of popular music, which tended to enhance the performances.

June 15, Front Page.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION (Under a power of sale in a mortgage deed), At the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday the 22nd of June next, at two o'clock, all that freehold dwelling house and indoor offices, with the plot of ground adjoining, situated at the west end of the village of Holy Island, County of Northumberland, as the same are now in the occupation of Messrs Gardiner. Also all that piece of freehold land containing 14 A or 26 P or thereabouts, called or known by the name of 'Mill's Allotment,' situated in Holy Island aforesaid and adjoining the Quarry Road, in the occupation of Messrs Gardner. Also all those pieces or parcels of freehold land containing 21 A 3 R 25 P or thereabouts, called or known by the respective names of 'Lewin's Allotment,' 'Watson's Allotment,' and 'Heron's Close', situated in Holy Island aforesaid, near the Ooze Bay, and adjoining and bounding the Thistley Hill Road on the north – all in the occupation of Messrs Gardiner and Rankin.

Further particulars may be had on application to Messrs Dickson, Solicitors, Alnwick, Mr Willoby, Solicitor, Berwick or Mr Lowrey, Barmoor.

Berwick, May 14th, 1861

June 22, Front Page. Repeated June 29.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. The Brousil Family (We have had the honour of appearing three times before Her Majesty), have pleasure in announcing that they have arranged to give A GRAND EVENING CONCERT, on Saturday, June 29, 1861.

ARTISTES: Madlle. Bertha Brousil, solo violin. The violin in her hands, and at the prompting of her genius, yields more exquisite expressive music, throughout the wide range of which that instrument is susceptible, than it does in the hands of any living performer whom it has been our privilege to hear. *Glasgow Daily Bulletin*.

Mons. Aloys Brousil, first violin, Madlle. Cecilla Brousil, second violin, Mons. Adolphe Brousil, viola di gamba, Mons. Albin Brousil, violincello, Madlle. Antonia Brousil, pianoforte. Vocalists: Madlle. Cecilia, Mons. Aloys, Adolphe and Albin Brousil. Concertina solo: Mons. Adolphe Brousil.

Front Seats 2s; Second Seats, 1s; Promenade 6d. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at eight o'clock. Children half price to front seats only. Tickets may be had of Mr Rennsion, bookseller, Bridge Street.

July 6, Local News, p. 3.

THE BROUSIL FAMILY – This talented family of musicians visited this town on Saturday, and gave a concert in the Corn Exchange the same evening. The performances were highly successful and were such as to produce the most thrilling effects on the admiring audience. The attendance, we are sorry to say, was not at all commensurate with such a treat. It might have been thought that the fame of the distinguished musicians would have attracted a much more numerous company than attended the Corn Exchange on Saturday evening. We doubt whether the proceeds defrayed expenses. The first part of the programme commenced with a symphony (Scotch) by the Brousil family, and was given in a manner which elicited the most hearty applause of the company. Next followed a sonata (violin solo on the fourth string) by Maddlle Bertha Brousil. This was rendered in such a masterly manner that the performance excited the utmost admiration, and was rapturously applauded. The four-part song – ‘The Last Rose of Summer’ followed, which was sung with much effect. This was succeeded by a concertina solo by Mons. Adolphe Brousil, and was greeted with hearty applause, ‘The Bird on the Tree’ followed, by the whole family. This piece was given with the most exquisite taste and accuracy, and proved beyond a doubt their perfect mastery over the instruments. Maddlle. Bertha’s representation of the sweet noted of the bird as it appeared in imagination perched on a tree, left nothing to be desired, and the audience gave vent to their feelings by a unanimous encore, which was very cheerfully responded to. The second part of the programme was not so strictly adhered to, but the pieces performed were admirable. The only regret which attended this concert was the small attendance, which, we fear will go far to prevent the Brousil family repeating their visit.

September 21, Front Page

NOTICE TO CREDITORS – The creditors of the late Mr John Biss Ogden of Berryhill Farm, deceased, are requested to meet in the committee room of the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday the 21st September instant at two o'clock pm.

Steph. Sanderson, Solicitor for the administration.

Quay Walls, Berwick 11 Sept. 1861.

Oct. 19, Front Page. Repeated Oct 26 & Nov. 2.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED VOLUNTEERS’ AMATEUR CONCERT of Vocal and instrumental music, in the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday, 5th November, 1861, under the distinguished patronage of the right worshipful the Mayor, the Sheriff and Magistrates and Officers of the Northumberland

Artillery Militia and Berwick Volunteer Artillery and Rifle Corps. Conductor – Mr Collins;
Accompanist – Mr T. Rees Evans.

Admission: Gallery, 2s; Front Seats, 1s; Back Seats 6d. Doors open at a quarter past seven o'clock, to commence at eight precisely. Tickets to be had at Mr Buchanan, Hide Hill; and Mr Melrose, High Street.

Proceeds of concert for a gymnasium for the use of the volunteers during the winter months. For further particulars see programme.

Nov. 9, Front Page. Repeated 16 & 23 Nov.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY – Mr Charles Dickens will read at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Monday evening, November 25th at eight o'clock his Christmas Carol and the Trial from Pickwick. The time occupied by this reading will be two hours and twenty minutes.

Reserved seats, four shillings; Area, two shillings; Back Seats, one shilling.

Tickets to be had of Mr Henderson, bookseller, High Street and Western Lane, Berwick, where a plan of the stalls may be seen.

Nov. 30, Local News p. 3.

READINGS BY MR CHARLES DICKENS - Seldom have the people of this town had such an opportunity of passing a couple of pleasant hours regaled with genial humour as was afforded them on Monday night by the reading of Mr Charles Dickens from portions of his popular writings. The readings took place in the King's Arms Assembly room and not in the Corn Exchange as had been advertised, the reason for this change being the inconvenient echo for which the Corn Exchange is so noted, and which would have made the evening's entertainment, if given in the latter place, a comparative blank to many of the audience. As it was, the assembly room was completely filled by a select company. The readings were from 'Christmas Carol', and 'The Trial from Pickwick'. It would be superfluous for us to attempt a criticism or description of the readings. The numerous readers of Mr Dickens's works need not be reminded how faithful to nature the many scenes, grave and humorous, with which these works abound are; and we need only add that to hear some of the most popular scenes represented by the living voice of the author himself is no ordinary treat, while we believe it will be universally allowed that no one could be better qualified to do justice to the subject. The representation of the city merchant, in the character of old Scruge, the nephew's appeals in the matter of the dinner on Christmas Day, and the deep thought it cost to grant the clerk a holiday on that occasion, were rendered in a manner which elicited universal applause. The hauntings of the apparitions, and the varied scenes introduced, with the subsequent happy results, were very effective. The personification of Bob Cratchet's family in particular, was a great favourite with the audience. The afterpiece of the 'Trial from Pickwick' in the breach of promise case, *Bardell v. Pickwick*, the remarks of the counsel, the examination of the witnesses, and all the incidents of the trial were given in excellent style; and the whole was received by the audience with repeated shouts of applause. Mr Dickens afterwards expressed himself in complimentary terms on the manner of his reception, and the marked appreciation, which he had met with in this town. The company appeared much gratified with the night's entertainment.

December 7, Front Page.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK- For one night only, on Monday December 9th 1861, Harry Templeton's African Minstrels and Ethiopian Burlesque Opera Troupe. Entirely new entertainment. Admission – First seats 2s; Second seats 1s. Doors open at half past seven, to commence at eight o'clock.

December 14, Local News p.3

BERWICK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - A meeting of this body was held in the Corn Exchange last night, Mr W.H. Logan in the chair. Mr George Young addressed the meeting on the propriety of having a clause inserted in the new Harbour Act regarding the anchorage of fishing boats. He stated that he had been informed by the Harbour Master that he possessed no power to interfere with these boats, which Mr Young asserted were productive of much injury at many salmon fishings. At Hallowstell as many as thirty fishing boats were nightly and systematically anchored, while the owners were so stubborn that they would not move them about fifty yards further to equally good anchorage, and as not to interfere with the salmon fishings. It was believed by the meeting that sufficient power was contained in the bill for the purpose spoken of, and it was proposed to delay discussion until the bill was before the Chamber. The Secretary laid before the meeting manuscript copies of the schedules of the new Harbour Act. After some discussion, it was resolved to defer further consideration of the subject until the printed copies were in the hands of members, and that a special meeting be called for the purpose. Mr Robertson stated that the Harbour Commissioners' finding that the Act regulating turnpike tolls would act very injuriously upon the trade of the port, had, with the consent of the Turnpike Trustees, resolved to apply to Parliament to introduce a clause into the bill whereby only one toll should be charged upon a horse and cart passing through the toll-gate, at each new hiring in the course of a day. The Secretary, Mr Sanderson, gave an outline of the clauses in the new Bankruptcy Act, in the course of which he stated that in cases of bankruptcy the registrar of the county court fixed a day on which the creditors met in private to consider the estate and were allowed absolute power to deal with the bankruptcy as they pleased, and that if three-fourth of the creditors agreed upon a certain proceedings that was equally binding upon all the creditors. Any person could proceed in bankruptcy against a debtor where the debt amounted to £ 50; two creditors, £ 70; and three creditors; £ 100, and the same proceedings taken as if the bankrupt had petitioned himself. A man could also be summoned for acting dishonestly by destroying his books or his goods, and be imprisoned for one year, which power was not given in the other act. Executions by creditors upon debtors did not in the least give a preference to the person distraining, for any creditor could petition against the debtor and make him bankrupt, and thus not one creditor would be in a better position than another. Where persons went to jail in preference to paying the debt, the registrar of the court had the power, after fourteen days, of discharging the debtor from prison and compelling him to become a bankrupt whether he wished or not. A commitment to prison by order of the county court judge did not clear the debtor. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting separated.

December 21, Front page.

GRAND VOLUNTEER BALL - The Berwick-on-Tweed Volunteers' annual ball will be held in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday, 1st January 1862, in the aid of the funds of the above corps. Admission by ticket only, 3s each. Tickets may be had at Mrs Wear, bookseller, Hide Hill, and from the committees. Ball to commence at 8 o'clock.

December 21, Local News p.3.

THE VOLUNTEERS - The monthly meeting of the artillery and rifle volunteers was held in the drill room at the Barracks on Monday night. It was announced by Captain Thomas Allan that the ladies of the borough had very handsomely subscribed sufficient funds with which the intended to purchase colours for the corps, and that their presentation would take place on the evening of Monday the 30th instant, in the Corn Exchange. The rifle volunteers would be presented with regimental colours, and the artillery with a Union Jack to be used by them when engaged in great gun exercise at the Battery. In addition the ladies had also kindly undertaken to present the artillery

volunteers with a challenge silver cup to be shot for by them at the great guns. Lieut. Wilson appeared dressed in a large blue flannel shirt, with red piping at the collar and wrists, and a coolly cap of the same material with a red button on the top, proposed to be worn by the artillery volunteers when working the guns, in place of the tunic which has been found ill adapted for such labour. The dress was unanimously approved of by the corps and it was resolved to apply to the Lord Lieutenant of the county for his sanction to the proposed change. It was also resolved that the volunteers should attend the parish church on the first Sunday in the New Year, when their chaplain is to preach the annual sermon on behalf of the life-boat institution. Captain Allan briefly referred to the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and in order to show their sympathy and attachment to the Sovereign under her present bereavement, he suggested that each member of the corps should wear some token of mourning on the left arm. This was unanimously approved of. No drill took place in consequence of the melancholy event.

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January 4, p.2 Repeated 11 & 18 Jan.

NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL – A public entertainment for all classes will be given in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Thursday evening the 23rd instant. The amusement will comprise Christmas trees, on a splendid and gigantic scale, music stalls of brilliant fancy work, first-class magic lantern etc.etc. The proceeds of the evening will be given in aid of the parsonage fund for St. Mary's parish. Doors open at 5 o'clock. Tickets 1s each, children 6d.

January 4, Local News, p.3

VOLUNTEERS' BALL – This event, which had been advertised for some weeks, came off in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday night, but the numbers who attended were not so numerous as on a similar occasion the previous year. The large hall was very tastefully decorated. At the further end of the room were suspended the royal arms, underneath which were appropriate inscriptions, surmounted with evergreens, while all round the hall were a great number of banners with a variety of mottoes and a large display of evergreens. At various points were piles of arms with fixed and unfixed bayonets, and against the wall were displayed groups of bayonets representing stars. The decoration altogether were highly successful and reflected much credit upon the committee of management, being in every respect tasteful and appropriate. The music was provided by Mr John Steel and party, and gave much satisfaction. The company began to arrive at eight o'clock, and when all were assembled, the room presented a most exhilarating and pleasing scene. Several of the officers of the volunteers were present, and the members of the corps appeared in uniform. At nine o'clock the ball commenced by a general march round the room, followed by the dances as set down in the programme, which were continued with much animation till about midnight when there was a cessation, to allow the company to repair to the refreshment room, where a plain and neat 'set-out' of tea and coffee, and sandwiches was provided by Mr William Bell of the Freemasons' Tavern. Dancing was resumed in about an hour and was continued with much spirit till half-past five o'clock, when all separated highly pleased with the proceedings. The dresses of the female portion were elegant and tasteful. The whole proceedings passed off with the utmost propriety. The number who took part in the ball were about thirty couples; probably the wet and disagreeable weather deterred many from venturing out of doors. The object of the ball was to aid the funds of the volunteer corps, but we fear no surplus will remain for that purpose.

January 11, Front Page.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Monday 13th January 1862, popular concert. Mr Sam Cowell's first appearance in Berwick-upon-Tweed since his return from America, assisted by a talented party. For particulars see bills. Doors open at half-past seven. Concert at eight. Admission 6d, 1s, and 2s. Tickets to be had of Mr Plenderleith, bookseller, and at the hall on the evening of the concert.

January 18, Local News p.3.

SAM COWELL'S CONCERT- Mr Cowell and party gave a concert of vocal and instrumental music in the Corn Exchange on Monday night. The attendance was pretty numerous and respectable. The entertainment, save only the part performed by Mr Cowell, was not altogether what might have been expected to come from such a quarter. With Mr Cowell's performances the audience were very well pleased, and marked their approval of the same by continued rounds of applause, and sometimes by an encore. He maintained his former reputation and appeared to advantage. He was ever versatile, humorous, and comical. His pleasantry found favour with the

audience, and it acted as a relief from dull monotony of the remainder of the concert. Mr Cowell's party was not up to the mark. Miss Sutherland was deserving of more particular notice: although possessed of a strong, comprehensive voice, yet with her also there appeared that want of flexibility – in a less degree – which characterized the other females. The duets were sung well in time, but the second voice was void of genial sweetness and at times was so strong as to overpower the leading singer. Mr Sturrock's singing did not meet with general approval, and probably he was labouring under a cold. Mr Hicks accompanied the vocalists on the pianoforte with precision, but his concertina performances could not be understood. The entertainment lasted two hours and twenty minutes.

January 25, Local News p.3

BERWICK BUILDING COMPANY - The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday. A report on the condition of the company was, we understand, submitted to the meeting, which was considered satisfactory, the buildings adjoining the Corn Exchange having been erected within the estimated outlay. No dividend was declared to the shareholders. It was regretted that the buildings had not been fully occupied, but it was hoped that, occupying so favourable a situation as these buildings do, they would not long remain unattended. It was expected the return to the shareholders would be fully equal to what was anticipated on the formation of the company.

January 25, Local News p.3.

NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL – An entertainment was given in the Corn Exchange yesterday, in behalf of the parsonage fund for St Mary's parish, which was numerously attended. The entertainment comprised three large Christmas trees in the centre of the hall, tastefully adorned with a great variety of useful and fancy articles suitable both for adults and children, and were much admired. In the evening the trees were illuminated with gas jets encircling them, and the many sparkling and attractive objects presented a very gay aspect. At the further end of the room were erected bazaar stalls exhibiting many things both useful and ornamental, composed principally of articles of wearing apparel. The whole, we believe, were mainly the production of the ladies of the town of Berwick, and gratuitously offered by them for sale at the bazaar. The tasteful and substantial manner in which these articles were exhibited reflected much credit upon the skilful workmanship and admirable discrimination of the fair donors. A refreshment stall was also erected adjoining the bazaar stalls and was well patronised. The hall was opened at two o'clock in the afternoon, shortly after which hour a very large and select company assembled and many purchases were made. The total amount received from the sale of the articles in the afternoon, including £ 11 taken for admissions was £ 60. In the evening in addition to those mentioned there were other amusements, including music, magic lanterns, &c. The following ladies performed good service in assisting in the disposal of the articles throughout the day: - Mrs Irwin, Miss Dickson, Mrs Lowrey, Miss Lowrey, Miss Smith, Miss C. Conran, Miss C. Robertson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Willoby, Miss Brittain, Mrs Wm. Robertson, Mrs S. Sanderson, Miss Clay, Miss Gilchrist, Miss J. Clay, Miss M. Pratt, Miss E. Henderson, Miss Wood, Miss G. Gilchrist, Miss Henderson, Mrs Weatherhead, Miss J. Henderson, and Miss J. Willoby. The Rev. John Irwin, the Rev. Thos. Proctor and the Rev. Gildart Jackson, also took an active part in the proceedings. The hall was decorated with numerous banners exhibited round the room. We are happy to announce that the total amount collected during the day amounted to £ 110 13s 11d.

Feb. 1, Local News, p. 3

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – A special meeting of the Council of Berwick Chamber of Commerce was held in the Corn Exchange last night, - Mr Alexander Robertson presiding. It had been intended to discuss the provisions of the Harbour Bill, but owing to the absence of the president and other members interested in the measure, the discussion was adjourned till Monday night at half-past seven o'clock. Mr M Young brought under notice the law of hypothec in Scotland, and undertook to be prepared with some remarks on the subject for next meeting. A long discussion followed respecting the assimilation of the laws between England and Scotland, and the difficulties of process between the two countries. The meeting were of opinion that the laws of probate and bankruptcy displayed a tendency to general assimilation. The meeting then adjourned.

Feb. 8, Front Page

NEW BUILDING SOCIETY. A meeting of intending members of the new building society will be held in the front room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Thursday the 20th inst. At half-past seven o'clock, for the purpose of considering the proposed rules, previous to their being submitted to the Registrar of Friendly Societies for his approval, and also nominating trustees and directors. In the meantime a detailed prospectus giving examples of the practical working of the proposed rules, may be obtained either from Mr Husband, Parade, the interim secretary; or Mr Sanderson, solicitor,

Quay Walls, 5th Feb. 1862

Feb. 8. Front Page Repeated Feb. 15.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. Mr Maclagan, the Scottish star from St. Martin's and Philharmonic Hall, London. This celebrated versatile artiste will give his grand original and fashionable entertainment entitled 'The Artist at Home, or this Musical Age', on Tuesday, February 18, 1862.

For one night only owing to his engagements in London, introducing the following great and original characters, as given by him in London for upward of 200 nights, with immense success: - 'James, the Footman;', 'Doing the Grand;', 'Happy Quako;', 'Sam's Gal from Pelsalvani;', 'Hoop a Doodle Dum;', and the world renowned 'Uncle Sam'.

Admission – Front seats, 2s; Second seats, 1s; Back seats, 6d.

Tickets, programmes and all particulars to be had on application to Mr Alex. Henderson, bookseller, High Street and Western Lane, Berwick.

N.B. – The above songs are copyrights.

Feb. 8, p.2

Robert Kennedy, Bell-hanger, gasfitter, whitesmith and plumber, begs leave to state that he will exhibit in the Corn Exchange on Saturday (tomorrow) some specimens of Smith and Wellstood's American stoves and famous boilers.

Feb. 8, Local News p. 3

THE VOLUNTEERS – We understand that in consequence of the refusal of the general meeting of the Corn Exchange company to grant the application for the use of the Corn Exchange for the purpose of drill on one night of the week, and of the inability of the corps to pay the hire demanded, it is proposed to resume manual and platoon drill in the drill-room at the barracks during February and March, and to engage the Corn Exchange for company drill for one month previous to commencing out-door exercise in May. We are also requested to state that a squad is now being formed to prepare new members for joining the ranks as effectives at the commencement of the season.

Feb. 22, Front Page.

BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRE TURNPIKES. Notice is hereby given that the general annual meeting of the trustees of the Berwick and Norham and Islandshire Turnpike will be held at the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday the 18th day of March next at twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of examining and auditing the treasurer's and surveyor's accounts of the said trust for the year ended 31st day of December last, and transacting any further business relating to the trust that may then and there appear necessary.

That at the said meeting, at the hour of one o'clock, the tolls to arise and be collected at the under-mentioned tollgates will be let by auction to the best bidders, for the term of one year, from the 12th day of May next, in the manner directed by the acts passed in the 3rd and 4th years of King George the Fourth for regulating turnpike roads, viz. :

	Per annum
Tweedmouth High Gate, with one side Gate and two check chains, at present Let for	£ 485
Tweedmouth Low Gate, with two side Or check Gates or chains, and one Check Gate	£ 455
Longridge and Thornton Gates, with one Side Gate	£ 154
Shorewood, Sandybank, and Grindon Gates	£ 385
Haggerston Gate, with two side gates	£ 78
Castlegate Gate, with one check chain	£ 335
Duddo Gate, with five check chains or gates	£ 242
Union Bridge Gate, with one check chain	£ 150
Ancroft gate, with two side gates and One check gate or chain	£ 175
Twizel Gate, with four side gates and one check chain	£ 645
East Ord Gate, with one side gate	£ 150

The takers will be authorised to take tolls for stage coaches and other carriages for conveying passengers or goods for hire, every time passing or re-passing.

No person will be allowed to bid unless he produce a consent, signed by his intended sureties, to enter into the required note, and the takers with their sureties must, immediately after each gate is let, enter into promissory notes for one-sixth of the rent agreed on for the payment of the said rent at such times as the trustees shall direct.

Berwick, 20th Feb. 1862.

Feb. 22, Local News p.3.

NEW BUILDING SOCIETY – A meeting was held in the Corn Exchange last night for the purpose of forming a new building society, Mr Alex. Robertson presiding. The chairman explained the benefits arising from such societies, and moved 'that it is desirable that a new building society be established for the town and neighbourhood of Berwick-on-Tweed, and that it is the opinion of this meeting that a society based on the permanent principle is best calculated to promote the fair and equitable interests of all classes of the members, and to encourage steadiness and uniformity in the society's operations.' This being seconded by Alderman Christison was unanimously adopted. Mr

Sanderson explained the principles of the society, and read the rules, which, after some discussion were agreed to. Alderman Fleming moved 'that this meeting approve of the rules now read, and of the adoption of the name of the Equitable Investment and Building Society, and that the rules be forthwith submitted for the approval of the registrar of friendly societies.' This was seconded by Mr Allan, and adopted. Mr Alexander Robertson was appointed president. Joseph Fleming, Esq., Alexander Christison, and Andrew Thompson, Esq., were appointed trustees. The following were appointed directors: - Messrs Adam Darling, James Purves, jun., L.T. Fleming, H.L. Christison, William Bogue, Charles Tenant, Wm. Wilson, jun., Joseph Wilson, Peter Riddell, George Turner, James Ellison, and William Whinna. Mr John Husband was appointed secretary; Mr John Gray, mason, surveyor; and Mr S Sanderson, solicitor. The Scottish Border was appointed the society's bank. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting separated.

March 1, p.2.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Positively for two days only. Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March, under the distinguished patronage of Her Majesty The Queen, His Excellency The Lord Lieut. Of Ireland, the Right Hon. Earl Dalhousie, &c, &c.

Sinclair's new magnificent panorama of India, Italy and Sicily; which has been so extensively patronized in London and Edinburgh, and is pronounced by the Metropolitan and Provincial press to be the largest and most beautifully painted panorama ever witnessed.

Afternoon exhibition on Thursday at half-past two o'clock, and each evening at eight o'clock.

Reserved seats, 1s 6d; Second, 1s; Back 6d. Children under 12, and schools half price.

Tickets may be had from Mr Plenderleith, bookseller, High Street, and at the door. Carriages may be ordered at a quarter to ten o'clock.

March 1, Local News, p.3.

THE FEMALE SWISS SINGERS - On Saturday evening last these justly celebrated artistes gave their grand entertainment in the Corn Exchange here, under the conductor and accompanist, Herr Decker-Schenk. On the occasion the background of the stage was filled up with a very fine Swiss view, embracing the Lake of Geneva and the adjacent mountains, which at once caught the eye on entering the hall. All the ladies appeared in the picturesque costumes of their country, and on taking their places made their curt and simple congee to the audience. The concert opened with a forest song, by the whole party, which was spiritedly and effectively sung. The primadonna, Maddle. Friedericke Keller sang her songs in excellent style, and displayed great compass of voice, but she falls far short as yet in her high notes of the warbling of the Swedish Nightingale. She bids fair, however, to reach high eminence in her profession. In her encore songs, 'Within a Mile o' Edinburgh Toun,' and 'Willie have missed you,' she displayed great feeling. The comic song, 'Grandmother's Dance,' sung by Maddle. Johanna Claussen, was given with great spirit and humour, indeed in the whole of her performances she displayed great powers and a right good will. The coquettish style in which she gave 'Wanted a Sweetheart,' and her encores of 'Oh, I would like to marry,' and 'Coming through the rye,' were highly appreciated by the audience. Madame Decker-Schenk, in 'The Modern School of Vocalization,' a duet in which M. Claussen took part gave evidence of great ability as a singer, showing depth of tone in her various pieces. Her acting, too, as well as singing, in the Cantiniere of the Zouaves, was very effective, in which she introduced the Marsellaise Hymn. The concluding piece, 'The Schoolmaster's Wedding Day,' was, besides being a picturesque spectacle, very amusing, in which Madame Decker-Schenk personified the schoolmaster, and also sung by her and Maddle. J. Claussen, in which the whole company joined. The Scottish airs which were sung were highly appreciated by the audience, in which they seemed to agree with Burns in saying, 'Compared with these Italian trills are tame.' Herr Decker-Schenk's

performance on the guitar was also well received by the audience. Indeed, we think we will be borne out in saying that in our Exchange there was never before a finer musical treat. The large hall, though not quite full, was very respectfully attended, and comprised a goodly sprinkling of the elite of the town and neighbourhood; and had the concert been held on any other than Saturday night, which is a very inconvenient one for the merchants and others of this place, we have no doubt these attractive ladies would have had a bumper house.

March 22, Local News, p.3.

BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRES TURNPIKES - The general meeting of the trustees of the above turnpikes was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, for the purpose of examining and auditing the treasurer and surveyor's accounts of the said trust, for the year ended the 31st December last, and for other business. After the preliminary business of the meeting had been disposed of, the tolls to arise and be collected at the under-mentioned toll-gates were let by auction. The attendance was pretty numerous, but the competition generally was languid, with a disposition not to exceed the sums previously paid upon the tolls. The result was a diminution on the total amount realized on the tolls from that of last year by £ 173. Mr James Purves, jun., was the auctioneer. The following is the letting;-

	Old rent	New rent
Tweedmouth high gate, with one Side gate and two check Chains, let to Mr Thos, Bower.	£ 485	£ 475
Tweedmouth low gate, with two Side or check gates or chains, And one check gate, Mr Thomas Bower	£ 455	£ 420
Longridge and Thornton gates, With one side gate, Mr John Richardson	£ 154	£ 170
Shoreswood, Sandybank, and Grindon gates, Mr John Clark	£ 385	£ 385
Haggerston gate, with two side Gates, Mr James Forsyth	£ 78	£ 52
Castlegate gate, with one check Chain, Mr John Pringle	£ 335	£ 335
Duddo gate, with five check Chains or gates, Mr Thomas Short	£ 242	£ 250
Union Bridge gate, with one Check chain, Mr Alexander Purves	£ 150	£ 148
Ancroft gate, with two side Gates and one check gate or Chain, Mr Thos. Davidson	£ 175	£ 176
Twizel gate, with four side gates And one check chain, Mr Thomas Bower	£ 645	£ 570
East Ord gate, with one side		

Gate, Mr Thomas Bower

£ 150

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April 5, Front page

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. One performance only. Monday, April 7, 1862.

Mr George Dolby begs to announce that he has engaged to appear as above those distinguished artistes and popular favourites, Mr and Mrs Howard Paul, who will present their celebrated entertainment consisting of sixteen songs and impersonations, Scotch, English, Irish, French, and Italian, including the wonderful living photograph of Mr Sims Reeves in 'Come into the garden, Maud' 'Goodbye, Sweetheart, goodbye,' and a new ballad 'The Light of Yon Bright Star.'

Mr Howard Paul will sing an original medley written by H.J. Byron, Esq., the distinguished burlesque writer of the Strand Theatre, London, on that popular animal The Gorilla! (for an idea of the 'make-up,' see the pictures all over town.)

The entertainment will conclude with an original 'Drawing-room burlesque,' founded on the adventures of that veteran old polygamist, of nursery celebrity, entitled Blue Beard. Blue Beard, a Jew money lender, Mr H. Paul. Fatima, his twentieth wife, Mrs H.Paul. During this little fable, which is provided with exquisite costumes, Mr and Mrs Howard Paul will execute a number of novel songs and dances, of a more or less oriental character, including a new, quaint, and very curious song called 'Turkish Land', which is nightly received with shouts of the most uproarious laughter. Miss Lydia White will preside at the pianoforte.

Stalls (numbered and reserved), 3s, First seats (unsecured), 2s. Second seats, 1s. Third seats 6d. Children half price to stalls and first seats only. Tickets may be obtained of Mr Melrose, High Street, where the plan of the hall may be seen and places secured. Children in arms not admitted. Doors open at seven. Commence at eight. Carriages at ten.

April 19, p.2.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT. Mr T. Rees Evans begs to announce that his annual concert will be given in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed on Thursday evening, the 24th instant, on which occasion he will have the pleasure of introducing the celebrated Drechsler-Hamilton Family comprising Miss Bertha, Miss Emmy & Master Carl, (the eldest not being fourteen years of age), and their father Mr A. Hamilton, whose artistic performances in Germany and in this country, have elicited the highest encomiums from the musical press of both countries.

Mr Evans has also secured the valuable services of the popular vocalist Miss Matilda Dunsmore from the London and provincial concerts. Conductor Mr A. Hamilton.

Doors open at half-past seven o'clock. Concert to commence at eight o'clock.

Tickets of admission – To the gallery and front seats of the hall, 2s; Centre of the hall, 1s; and area 6d. To be had of Mr Henderson, bookseller; and of Mr T Rees Evans, Castlegate. Children under twelve half price.

April 19, p.2.

NEW CORN EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, BERWICK. To be let with immediate entry. 1. That large and commodious front shop next the Corn Exchange, Berwick – rent £ 25. 2. That commodious corner shop adjoining the above, divided into front and back compartments – rent £ 25. 3. A large and well lighted warehouse, which may be taken either separately or along with either of the above shops – rent £ 10.

The shops have been recently built, are lofty, and furnished with plate glass windows, and from their immediate contiguity to the Corn Exchange, afford special advantages to any business connected with agriculture.

An excellent opening exists for a florist and seedsman's establishment. Premises No. 2 may be readily converted into counting-houses or professional offices.

Apply to Mr Sanderson, solicitor, Berwick.

May 3, Front Page

For sale one share in the Berwick Corn Exchange Company (Limited).

Apply to Mr Wight

Palace Green, April 28th, 1862.

May 24, Front Page

BERWICK SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY. The annual general meeting of the proprietors will be held in the library room, Exchange Buildings on Wednesday the 4th June proximo, at twelve o'clock noon.

W. H. Logan, Hon. Sec.

May 24, p. 2

TO BE SOLD. Pursuant to a decree of the High Court of Chancery made in a cause, Henderson against Dodds, with the approbation of the Vice-Chancellor Sir Richard Town Kindersley, the judge to whose court the said cause is attaché, by Mr James Purves, Jun., auctioneer, (the person appointed by the said judge,) at the Corn Exchange in Berwick-on-Tweed, on Saturday the 14th day of June, 1862, at one o'clock in the afternoon, in lots.

The several freehold and copyhold estates following, that is to say-

A freehold dwelling house in High Street, Berwick, with a small yard attached, now in the occupation of Mrs Smart.

Several freehold shops and dwelling houses in Walkergate Lane, Berwick with large yard known as 'Dodd's Court,' now in the occupation of Messrs Matthew Dawson, John Gibson, and others, as tenants.

Several freehold dwelling houses, workshops, yards, and large garden, in Castlegate, Berwick, in the occupation of Capt. James Dodds Hume, Messrs Waite, Mossman, and others.

A freehold shop and dwelling house, with yard and outbuildings, situate in Tweedmouth, in the occupation of Mr Tennant.

And three shops, partly freehold and partly copyhold, situate in the Main Street of Tweedmouth, occupied by Messrs Hume, Black, Davidson, Thompson, and others

Printed particulars and conditions of sale may be had (gratis) in London, of Messrs Field & Roscoe, No. 36, Lincoln's Inn Fields; and in the country, of Mr M.L. Jobling, and of Messrs Fleming & Main, solicitors, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Messrs Leitch & Kewney, solicitors, North Shields; of Mr J.C. Weddell, solicitor, Berwick-upon-Tweed; at the office of the auctioneer, Berwick-upon-Tweed; and at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, at the time of sale.

Dated the 15th day off May, 1862.

Fredk. Ers. Edwards, Chief Clerk.

May 24, Local News, p.3.

EQUITABLE BUILDING SOCIETY. The first subscription meeting of this society for enrolling members and receiving subscriptions was held in the Corn Exchange on Monday night. Twenty-eight members joined the society, holding 200 ordinary shares. The calculations connected with this

society have been carefully and extensively prosecuted by Mr Husband, who has been most assiduous in furthering the objects and it is confidently expected that parties joining will find its terms advantageous to the borrower, as well as a profitable investment. Every information connected with the society may be obtained from the secretary. Pass-books will be issued at next monthly meeting.

June 7, Front page

BERWICK SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY. An adjourned general meeting of the proprietors will be held in the library room, Exchange Buildings, on Tuesday the 10th June instant, at twelve o'clock noon.

W. H. Logan, Hon. Sec.

June 7, Front Page.

NEW PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The first general meeting of the members of the Equitable Benefit Building Society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening the 9th inst., at eight o'clock, for election of stewards and auditors, and for transaction of other business.

Members can be enrolled on the same evening, and take part in the business to be considered.

The second subscription meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening the 16th inst., at eight o'clock.

Members joining the society at this meeting will participate in the full profits of next half year.

An ordinary share of 2s 6d per month realizes £ 25 in 12 years, with participation in surplus profits.

A deposit share of £ 5 realizes £ 9 in 12 years.

Shares may be withdrawn at any time, with interest at the rate of £ 5 per cent per annum.

Subscriptions may be suspended (without fine) to suit the convenience of members.

On ordinary shares an advance of £ 25 each may be obtained at any time, on the security of real property on fixed and moderate terms.

Copies of the rules may be obtained from Mr John Husband, Secretary.

Parade, 3rd June, 1862.

June 14, FrontPage.

NEW PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The second subscription meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening the 16th inst, at eight o'clock.

The society is now prepared to make advances on real property.

Copies of the rules may be obtained from Mr John Husband, secretary..

Parade, 11th June, 1862.

June 14, Local News p.3.

NEW BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. – The first general meeting of this society was held in the Corn Exchange on Monday night, Mr Joseph Wilson presiding. The president, directors, secretary, surveyor, and solicitor were unanimously reappointed for the ensuing year. Messrs David Allan, and David Mills were appointed stewards; and Messrs Thomas Oliver, and John Wight were elected auditors. The following were chosen arbitrators to decide in cases of dispute – Messrs Joseph Weatherston, --- Fraser, Edward Paxton, John Young and George Paulin. It was stated that 214 ordinary shares, and 10 deposit shares had been subscribed for. Several new members were enrolled, and intimation was given that the society was prepared to advance money on the security of real property.

June 14, Local News, p.3

BERWICK SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY - An adjourned general meeting of the properties of this institution was held in the Library Room, Exchange Buildings on Tuesday, Captain Smith, R.N., presiding. In the absence of Mr W.H. Logan, secretary, Mr J.C. Weddell read the committee's report, including a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year, from which it appeared that on the 5th June, 1861, there was a balance in the treasurer's hands of £ 2 0s 2d; received from books sold, £ 13 11s 9d; amount of subscriptions received, £ 64 6s 9d – total, £ 79 18s 8d. After paying all expenses there remained a balance in the treasurer's hands of £ 16 5s 5d; and in the librarian's hands, £ 4 4s. The report also stated that the members of committee who retired, but were eligible for re-election, were Captain Smith, Mr A.R. Lowrey, and Rev. John Leach. The two former were recommended to be re-elected, and that Mr Alexander Robertson be appointed in the room of the Rev. J. Leach. On the motion of Alderman Clay, seconded by Mr J.C. Weddell, the report was adopted. A sum of about 30s, left with Alderman Clay by Mr Alder, late librarian, and belonging to the institute, was ordered to be handed over to the library's account. A discussion took place respecting the propriety of disposing of a large portion of the old books, other than those of reference, and obtain a collection of the newest works with the proceeds. The subject will be further discussed at a future meeting.

June 21, Local News, p.3

SALE OF PROPERTIES - The several properties advertised to be sold, pursuant to a decree of the Court of Chancery, were exposed to public competition in the Corn Exchange, on Saturday, by Mr James Purves, auctioneer. The attendance was large, but the competition was languid, and several properties were not sold. The first property put up was a freehold dwelling-house in High Street, with a small yard attached, in the occupation of Mrs Smart, let for £ 13 a year. It was sold to Mr James Purves, sen. For £ 210. For the several freehold shops and dwelling-houses in Walkergate Lane, with a large yard known as Dodd's Court, realizing a rental of £ 52 annually, no bidders appeared. The several freehold dwelling-houses, workshops, yards, and large garden, in Castlegate, producing £ 57 18s a year, was next put up. Biddings commenced at £ 550, and reached £ 670, but the reserved bidding not having been reached, the property was not sold. A freehold shop and dwelling-house, with yard and outbuildings, in Tweedmouth, at a rent of £ 15 10s a year, was sold to Mr Tennant for £ 190. For three shops, partly freehold and partly copyhold, in the Main Street, Tweedmouth, there were no bidders. The property in Castlegate was again put in lots, that occupied by Mr Mossman, bringing £ 110, but it was not sold. For the portion occupied by Mr Waite, no bidders appeared. The portion occupied by Captain Hume reached £ 150, but it was not sold. The large garden, let at £ 3 10s a year, was put up at £ 20, and after several biddings it was knocked down to Mr Short at £ 130. The shops in Tweedmouth were again put up in two lots, but no offers were made for them, and they were not sold.

July 5, p. 2. Repeated July 12.

BAZAAR. In aid of the fund for enlarging and repairing the United Presbyterian Church, Church Street, Berwick.

The above Bazaar will (D.V.), be held in the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday, 15th July, when a large variety of useful and ornamental articles will be exposed for sale, among the former will be found and extensive assortment of children's dresses, under-clothing, &c.

The ornamental articles include a very tasteful four-leaved screen, a particularly handsome ottoman seat, and a fancy chair of needlework, made up in walnut, all of which may now be seen at Mr Purves' warehouse, Hide Hill.

In addition to the above, the stalls will contain a collection of carte de visite portraits, pictures, books, and fancy articles of needlework in endless variety.

In the evening, various games and music by the Berwick Amateur Band, will vary the entertainment, and add to the attractiveness of the exhibition.

It will be the aim of the committee to conduct the entire proceedings so as to afford gratification to all who honour the bazaar with a visit.

Open from eleven to four.

Admission, 1s; in the evening, at six o'clock, 6d; children half price.

It is intended to dispose of the screen by a subscription sale, and tickets, price 2s 6d each, may be obtained from Mr Purves, Hide Hill; Messrs G & J Young, Western Lane; Mr Lauder, Woolmarket; or any of the committee.

July 19, Local News p.3

CHURCH STREET U.P. CHURCH BAZAAR – In aid of the fund for enlarging and repairing the United Presbyterian Church, Church Street, a bazaar was held in the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday. There was a numerous attendance of ladies and gentlemen during the day, and a good many sales were made. The room was very tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens and banners were displayed at various parts, while in rear of the cloth screen, which encircled the room, pleasing music was emitted from a pianoforte, played by an unseen lady. Extending round three parts of the room were placed eight stalls, containing a very large variety of useful and ornamental articles, principally wearing apparel, and including an extensive assortment of children's dresses, underclothing; also carte de visite portraits, pictures, books and an extensive collection of fancy needlework. We believe these articles were mainly the production of members of Church Street congregation, and the tasteful and substantial manner in which they were exhibited was deserving of much credit. In the centre of the hall was a beautiful four-leaved screen, the production of the young men of the congregation and originally designed and arranged by Mr Robert Ord. There was also a handsome ottoman seat, the gift of a lady belonging to Kelso; and a fancy chair of needlework, mad up in walnut, presented by Miss Wood, Castlegate. In addition, there was a stall, presided over by Mr Paterson, Spittal, deserving a special notice. The stall comprised a very large collection of fossils collected by Mr Paterson on both sides of the Tweed, forming a rich and rare memorandum of the earth's earliest inhabitants. Some of these fossils were of very large size, and others were correspondingly diminutive, the whole making an excellent collection of the relics of ages long past. A refreshment stall also was provided. The entire bazaar was well patronised; and the extensive assortment was sufficient to satisfy all demands. On the Misses Young's stall was a very neat writing desk, made and presented by Mr G.C. Hume, cabinet-maker; the top part of the desk alone contained no less than 1591 pieces of wood, - it was sold for £ 3. The following ladies and gentlemen were very zealous in attending the stalls and assisting in disposing of the articles: - At the sewing society's stall, Mrs Hubback, Miss Sidey, Miss Bowmaker, and Miss Rutherford. At other stalls – Mrs G. Young and Miss Young, Castle Terrace; Mrs Thomas Purves, Hide Hill; and Miss Purves, High Street; Mrs Scott; Mrs Paterson, Spittal; Misses Young, High Street; and Mrs George Young, Palace; Miss Manners and Mrs Lamb. At the refreshment stall – Mrs W Young and Mrs Cargill. Mr John Young, jun., Western Lane, occupied a stall of ornamental articles, and Mr Paterson, Spittal, the fossil stall. In the evening a variety of games were introduced, and among those particularly patronised was 'Aunt Sally'. Height and weight could be accurately ascertained for a penny. The room was crowded, and the utmost gratification was experienced by all. The four-leaved screen was disposed of by subscription sale at 2s 6d a ticket. 226 tickets were sold; and at the drawing Mr Jonathan Rowland was declared to be the successful subscriber. The rifle volunteers' band, under Mr Collius, attended in the orchestra in the evening, and enlivened the proceedings by

playing a variety of popular music at intervals. The bazaar was continued open on Wednesday afternoon, and in the evening the remaining articles were sold by auction by Mr James Purves, jun.,. The committee deserve credit for the manner in which they have conducted the bazaar, and which has proved so successful. The amount realised from admissions and the sale of articles, on both days, is about £ 290.

August 23, Front Page. Repeated 30 Aug.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, (under a power of sale in a mortgage deed), at the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Saturday, the 30th day of August instant, at 2 o'clock afternoon.

All that freehold dwelling house and indoor offices, with the plot of ground adjoining, situated at the West end of the village of Holy Island, County of Northumberland. Also

All the pieces of parcel of freehold land, containing 14 acres, 0 roods, 26 poles, or thereabouts, called or known by the name of 'Mills' Allotment', situated in Holy Island aforesaid, and adjoining the Quarry Road. Also

All those pieces or parcels of freehold land, containing 21 acres, 3 roods, 25 poles, or thereabouts, called or known by the respective names of 'Lewin's Allotment,' 'Watson's Allotment,' and 'Heron's Close,' situate in Holy Island, aforesaid, near the Ooze Bay, and adjoining, and bounding the Thiskey Hill Road on the north.

The above are in the occupation of Mr Thomas Fender, on a letting from year to year, at a rent of \$£ 85 per annum.

There will also be sold, at the above time and place a mortgage or security on the tolls of the Ladykirk and Norham Bridge for £ 500, and a sixth share of an undivided mortgage or security, on the same tolls, for a like amount. Also

Two mortgages or securities on the tolls of the Berwick and Norham and Islandshires turnpikes, for £ 139, and £ 100 respectively.

Further particulars may be had on application to Messrs Dickson, solicitors, Alnwick, Mr Willoby, solicitor, Berwick, or Mr Lowrey, Barmoor.

Berwick, Aug. 7th, 1862.

November 1, Local News p.3.

NEW WEEKLY CORN MARKET. – As will be seen from our advertising column, it has been determined by a few farmers in our neighbourhood to hold a meeting of those favourable to a weekly corn market in this town on Mondays. To this arrangement (if it can be legally accomplished) we anticipate little opposition, for while it will accommodate those who are apposed to the present market day, no objection need be raised by the patty favourable to the present arrangement. This contemplated institution, we fear, will operate injuriously upon the dividends of the Corn Exchange Company, who may safely calculate upon a large proportion of Monday's business being transacted at the fortnightly cattle market, which, it was argued in support of a Monday's market, would be greatly benefited by a change of market day. The first meeting is fixed for Monday the 10th November, we presume, in the Corn Exchange.

November 8, Front Page. Repeated Nov. 15.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY, (LIMITED) - A special meeting of the shareholders in this company will be held in the Corn Exchange, on Saturday the 15th inst., at twelve o'clock noon, to take into consideration an application for the use of the exchange for the sale of corn on Mondays, during the usual market hours.

By order of the directors

J. Wight, secy.

Palace Green, Berwick, November 3, 1862.

November 15, Local News p. 3.

NEW WEEKLY CORN EXCHANGE – The first meeting of those favourable to the holding of the weekly corn market in this town on Mondays took place on Monday last. The company which comprised fully fifty gentlemen assembled in the street outside the Corn Exchange, that building being closed to all parties except such as are willing to pay for its use, which was not done in this instance. We are not aware whether any transactions took place at the market, but as will be seen from our advertising columns, it has been resolved to repeat the experiment on Monday next.

November 22, Front Page.

BERWICK CORN MARKET. We the undersigned, beg to intimate that we will continue to attend at the Corn Exchange, for the transaction of business, on Saturdays, at twelve noon, as hitherto:-

John Clay & Son, Corn Merchants, Berwick.

G. Henderson & Son, Corn Merchants, Berwick.

David Logan, Corn Merchant, Berwick.

Crossman & Paulin, Corn Merchants, Berwick.

Walter Anderson, Corn Merchant, Edinburgh.

William M'Laren, Tweed Mills, Coldstream.

Mark Turnbull, Melrose Mill.

James Haldane, Corn Merchant, Hawick.

Robert Tait, Lees Mill, Coldstream.

Johnson & Co., Merchants, Berwick.

Thomas Crosbie & Co., Kelso Mills.

Thomas Dunn, Corn Merchant, Kelso.

George Thompson, Corn Merchant, 7 Pitt Street, Bonnington, Edinburgh.

T.H. Thompson, Corn Merchant, Highridgehall, Kelso.

James Lindsay, Banff Mills.

John Bell, Corn Merchant, Tweedmouth.

James Hay, Edington Mills.

James Hogg, Hazelridge Mills.

John Ford, Nisbit Mill.

John Winter, Old Heaton Mills and Berwick.

H.O. Short & Co, Warren Mills.

John Forster, Grange Mill.

Border Brewery Co., Berwick.

John Crosby, Hutton Hall Mills.

Wm. Young, Maltster, Berwick.

Joseph Bartley, East Reston Mills.

James Hogg, Hutton Mills.

James Douglas, Corn Merchant, Tweedmouth.

Thomas Hall, Lanton Mill, Wooler.

Robert Burrell, Doddington Mill.

William Gillies, Ninewells Mill.

Turnbull Gillies, Swinewood Mill.

J. & D. Porter, Clarabad Mills.

James Nesbit, Ayton Mills.

Wm. Patterson, Eyemouth Mills.

J. Richardson, Coupland Mill, Wooler.
James J. Oswald, Edrington Mills.
T. Black & Sons, Ford Mills.
James Hand, Coveyheugh Mills, Reston.
J. & J. Lawson, East Linton Mills.
Peter Lawson, Flemington Mills.
Robert Bell, Netherbyres Mills.

November 22, Front Page.

BERWICK MARKET. The committee and those desirous of holding a weekly corn market at Berwick on Mondays will hold their third meeting on Monday the 24th instant, and request the attendance of those favourable to the change.

Wm. Smith, East Learmouth.

John Wilson, Edington Mains.

George Hogg, Kyloe.

David Wright, Beal.

John Clay, Winnfield.

Berwick, November 17, 1862.

November 29, Front Page.

BERWICK CORN MARKET. MONDAY MARKET. A trial having been made for three successive weeks of the proposal to hold a corn market at Berwick on Mondays, and only a very small number of those farmers (amounting to nearly 200) who has signed the requisition for the change having attended on those days, the committee who have hitherto acted for the requisitionists, do not feel warranted to persist in the experiment, and hereby give notice that so far as they are concerned, the holding of a corn market on Mondays will cease.

(Signed)

William Smith

John Wilson

George Hogg

David Wright

John Clay

November 29, Local News, p.3.

BERWICK CORN MARKET – As will be seen from our advertising columns, the gentlemen who were desirous of changing the day of holding the Berwick market from Saturday to Monday, after a trial of the experiment for three weeks, have with a promptitude and gentlemanliness which does them credit, at once abandoned the project. We refrained during the experiment from giving any opinion; but it seemed manifest to us that during the three weeks' trial, from the great numbers that attended on Saturdays, and the few on Mondays that no such change was desired, except by a small number; and now that it has been fairly tested to the satisfaction of those wishing it, and found to be inexpedient, it is hoped that the usual harmony will prevail in regard to the Saturday markets, and that both buyers and sellers may largely profit by a united adherence to the good old way.

November 29, Local News p. 3.

MECHANICS' BALL – On Monday evening the Independent United Order of Mechanics gave a ball in the Corn Exchange in aid of the fund for the distressed operatives of Lancashire. The ball was preceded by a rather unusual and ludicrous display, in the shape of a torch-light procession,

which, if it did not evince good taste, at least afforded considerable merriment to the great number of the inhabitants assembled to witness it. The muster of the lodge took place in their usual place of meeting, the tavern of Mr Lamb, whence they marched, preceded by their torch-bearers, a number of boys, to whom it seemed to afford great pleasure to play fantastic tricks with their puny lights, which were occasionally extinguished by their pranks. The procession proceeded with becoming gravity and pomp to the top of Castlegate, when the party retraced their steps, to the enlivening strains of the Volunteer band, to the Corn Exchange, the scene of the evening's enjoyment.

Although eight o'clock was the hour announced for the opening of the ball, and a goodly number of visitors had taken their places in the gallery to witness that interesting ceremony, it was nearly ten o'clock before the event took place. The I.G., Mr Lawrie and partner led off in the Grand Entrée and March, in which twenty-one couple joined, which was gone through in a neat and creditable manner. Dancing was kept up with great spirit till far on in the morning, and the best of feeling prevailed. The hall was nicely festooned with evergreens, and hung with appropriate devices, as well as the insignia of the lodge. The proceeds, amounting to £ 5, will be handed over to the relief committee. The musical services of Mr G. Hume was given gratuitously.