

Berwick Advertiser 1863.

January 31, Front Page.

Under the management of the Local General Committee of the Lancastershire Relief Fund, An evening concert of vocal and instrumental music in aid of the above fund, will be given by the Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs of Berwick in the Corn Exchange on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1863. Doors open at half-past seven, concert to commence at eight. Carriages may be ordered at ten o'clock. Tickets may be obtained from Mr Buchanan, Printseller, Hide Hill, or at the door on the night. Reserved seats and Gallery 2s 6d. Body of the hall 1s. Promenade 6d. Small programmes with Entre'Acte, one penny each, can be had in the hall.

Repeated 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1863.

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The Amateur Concert – The concert to be given in the Corn Exchange tonight by lady and gentlemen amateurs, in aid of the Lancashire Relief Fund, commends itself not only to the lovers of music in our community, but to every philanthropic and benevolent person, to aid in the cause so laudably sought to be promoted. The vocalists comprise various sections of religious denominations in the borough, and are under the leadership of Mr T. Rees Evans, organist of the Parish Church. We confidently anticipate a bumper house by way of recompense to the volunteer party.

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Lord Teynham will preach in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Sunday first in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, and in the evening at 6 o'clock

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The amateur concert – seldom have we listened with greater pleasure and gratification to an amateur entertainment in this town than we did on Friday night last to the concert given in the Corn Exchange by ladies and gentlemen, in aid of the Lancashire Relief Fund. The programme was well arranged and comprised sacred and secular music by the most eminent and popular composers. The attendance at the concert, also, was one of the largest and the most fashionable since the Corn Exchange was erected. A great improvement in the transmission of sound was effected by the erection of a neatly draped platform for the performers, surmounted by a graceful canopy, which gave a pleasing effect to the entertainment. The amateurs numbered about thirty, and several of them, in addition to their vocal music, contributed much at different stages of the concert, on the pianoforte, the harp, the violin, and the flute. Of the sacred pieces, perhaps the most inspiring and tastefully sung were 'Hear, holy power,' by Auber; and Mendelsohn's trio 'Lift thine eyes'. These were rich performances, fully deserving the applause accorded. The chorus 'Lead on, lead on,' by Handel, was encoored, as well as Richards' national part song 'God bless the Prince of Wales.' The other part of the programme consisted of many excellent and well chose songs, duets, trios, and choruses, and repeated encores were deservedly awarded and duly honoured. Glover's duet 'Sister elves', by Miss Henderson and Miss M. Lowrey, was generally admitted to be the best of the programme; their spirited singing and accurate time were much admired. They were accompanied on the piano by Miss Lowrey. The trio 'Sea flowers' by misses Henderson, Lowrey, and Mary Pratt, was also admirably and pathetically rendered; Miss Willoby accompanied on the piano. The chorus, 'Gipsy's life is a joyous life' was very pleasantly and accurately given, without pianoforte accompaniment. Miss Wood on the harp, Mr Robert B. Weatherhead, solicitor, and Master Patrick Weatherhead on the violin, Master William Weatherhead on the violoncello, and Mrs and Miss Weatherhead on the pianoforte, in addition to Dr Kirkwood on the flute, were able and lively

contributors to the entertainment, and generally their performances were applauded. There were many others also deserving of special notice, but sufficient, we think, has been said to show the entire success of the entertainment. Mr T. Rees Evans, organist, ably conducted the concert, and he, as well as the other performers, are deserving of much praise for the part they have taken for so laudable an object. Mr Evans, voluntarily, and with good taste, sang 'Prince Charlie' accompanying the song on the pianoforte, and was deservedly encored. Such a display of local talent, combined with the attractive galaxy of youth and beauty that was exhibited on Friday night again inspires many with the hope that similar entertainments may from time to time be given in aid of some of our local charitable institutions. At the close of the concert, the Sheriff, Dr Cahill, in a few remarks, thanked the ladies and gentlemen for the high entertainment the company had enjoyed, and which had exceeded the expectation of all. Refreshments were very liberally supplied by Alderman Allan. We understand that the total receipts from the concert amounted to £ 44 16s 5d; and that after paying all expenses, a balance of about £ 27 will be handed over to the Lancashire Relief Fund. Another concert, by the same party, we believe, is contemplated for Easter week.

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CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY – The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Corn Exchange Company was held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday. Alderman Ramsey presided. The secretary, Mr Wight, read the directors' report. It stated – ' Your directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the Company for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December last. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your directors, and duly attested by Mr Oliver, the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a net profit of £ 62 14s 9½d for the year last past and available as dividends, but which your directors recommend to be carried to a reserve fund, in order to meet any expense which may be incurred upon the roof. They bed to report that Mr John Sessies, a professional architect in Edinburgh has carefully inspected the building and prepared a drawing and report for the strengthening and support of the roof, which he considers is not in a satisfactory condition. In compliance with your request they beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been ten meetings of directors. Mr Ramsey attended 10; Mr Darling, 9; Mr Logan, Berwick, 8; Mr Wilson, 9; Mr P. Clay, 8; Mr Smith, 7; Mr Logan, Fairneycastle, 6; Mr John Clay, 5; and Mr W. Nicholson, 3. The directors who retire are Messrs John Clay, W Nicholson, and D. Logan, Fairneycastle, but are eligible for re-election.' The secretary next read the account current. The total receipts had amounted to £ 247 5s 11½d. Among the items were – by cash from stalls, £59 12s 6d; season tickets, £ 61 10s; penny admissions, £ 48 7s 7d; and rents, £ 58 17s 6d. The balance account also was read. The Chairman remarked that it rested with the meeting to decide whether the balance, available as dividend, should be divided among the shareholders, or be carried to a reserve fund to meet any unforeseen expenses. The balance would yield nearly two per cent to the shareholders; and should it not be required during the ensuing year it would contribute to the dividend of next year. He hoped that the shareholders at large had not been disappointed at the smallness of the profits. When the company was formed it was not contemplated that any great pecuniary advantage would arise from the undertaking, and circumstances had occurred which had absorbed the capital in a manner, which had not been contemplated. They had paid a large sum for the site, and they had been unfortunate in the choice of a plan of the building, one more simple and less costly would have answered the purpose equally as well. All they could do now, however, was to make the best of it. After some discussion, on the motion of Mr A. Smith, the directors' report and accounts were agreed to. The retiring directors were re-appointed. Mr Purves suggested, with a view to the Company's interest, some portable erection for the better transmission of sound in the

Corn Exchange. The question of the roof was deferred for further consideration, after which the meeting separated.

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**BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.** – A special general meeting of the Equitable Benefit Building Society was held in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening, for the purpose of electing a trustee in room of Alex. Christison, Esq., deceased, and a surveyor in room of Mr John Gray, deceased. Mr James Ellison was in the chair. Joseph Wilson, Esq., Tweedmouth was unanimously elected a trustee and Mr Joseph Weatherston, Western lane, Berwick was chosen surveyor. It was also agreed that hereafter the hour for paying the monthly subscription should be from eight to half-past eight o'clock instead of from eight to nine as formerly.

March 7, Local News p. 3.

**THE REJOICINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** – As the public generally may not be aware of all the rejoicings and demonstrations in the town, in celebration of the approaching Royal marriage, we append a programme of the day's proceedings so far as it is at present arranged. At nine o'clock the programme opens with a variety of athletic sports and games in the Pier field, to aid which £ 10 has been contributed out of the general subscriptions; these sports will be continued during the day. The Rifle Volunteers also commence at the same hour with a sweepstakes shooting match. At one o'clock the Mayor will invite the Town Council, the Committee, and other inhabitants of the borough to a glass of wine in the Townhall. At half-past one the Artillery and Rifle Volunteers will assemble at the Barracks, march thence to the High Street and fire a feu de joie; a procession will then be formed, in which the Town Council, the committee and all the school children in the borough, with their teachers, are expected to join. On reaching the battery the Artillery Volunteers will fire a royal salute; after which they will return to the Parade and there be dismissed; the school children will probably adjourn to the Magdalen Fields. After half-past three o'clock a banquet for ladies and gentlemen will be given in the King's Arms Assembly Room, and at the same hour the Artillery Volunteers will be entertained to dinner by their officers in the front room of the Corn Exchange. The Rifle Volunteers also intend further to celebrate the event over a glass of wine at the Barracks, and to spend the remainder of the afternoon in various athletic exercises in the Magdalen Fields. At six o'clock a soiree to the operative classes followed by a ball, will be given in the Corn Exchange; and we observe arrangements have been made by the Committee to admit visitors to the gallery on payment of sixpence, an arrangement which we hope will be largely embraced in order to provide against any risk of loss. An assembly in the Red Lion Assembly room will take place at nine o'clock. In addition to the above the board of Guardians have resolved to entertain the inmates of the Workhouse to an extra dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, &c, and the heads of families of the out-door paupers are to receive sixpence per head additional relief. According to the amount of money at the disposal of the Committee the poor of the borough generally are to receive donations of money and coal, out of the fund subscribed for that purpose. The Town Council have resolved to entertain the children attending the Corporation's Academy, and also to illuminate the Townhall in the evening. The Committee also intend to illuminate the Scotchgate and Corn Exchange. Upwards of £ 60 have been collected, and it is hoped that those who have not already subscribed, but desire to do so, will forward their names and subscriptions without delay. - - At a meeting of the Finance Committee in the Townhall, yesterday, it was arranged that the children of the various schools, numbering about 2780, should assemble on the Parade and march thence by the Walls and Scotchgate, and down High Street. The distribution of oranges and buns to the school children will take place on the ramparts at the Ness Gate.

March 14, Local News, p.3

DR MARK'S CONCERT - From our advertising column it will be seen that Dr. Mark intends to give two concerts in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. The celebrity of Dr Mark and his little men is such that nothing need be said in recommendation of the performances. A mere reference to the entertainment will suffice to ensure the patronage of Dr Mark and his company deserve.

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DR MARK AND HIS LITTLE MEN. – A musical treat of a high order was afforded to the music-loving public of this town by Dr Mark and his company of youthful talent, in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. The best attended entertainment was in the evening when a rather numerous company was present, though it was not so large as might have been expected. The programme was varied as usual, and comprised solos, concerted pieces, and songs, all which the company performed satisfactorily, and none could fail to be gratified with the entertainment. Some of the songs were of a lighter tendency than formerly, being sung by the most juvenile of the company, and generally in burlesque of the songs of the present day. M.J.O. Sturge, solo violinist, is an exceedingly clever performer, and fully deserved the encore for the taste and accuracy he showed in 'The Bird on the Tree.' The cornet, M.E. Sturge, is also an accomplished player; and indeed the whole company displayed such remarkable excellence and mastery over various instruments, brass, stringed, and wooden, as to call forth frequent and hearty applause from the audience. With admirable tact and judgement, Dr Mark presided at the pianoforte. The concert altogether was well worthy of public patronage. We would direct the attention of Dr Mark, however, to the want of order among his little men while before an audience. In some instances the undisciplined conduct attracted particular attention, and had a tendency to mar the general harmony of the entertainment. However much they may be 'well up' in their various parts, and accordingly deserving of public support, they do not gain upon an audience by their general conduct on the platform.

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BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRES TURNPIKES. – The general annual meeting of the trustees of these turnpikes, to examine and audit the treasurer's and surveyor's accounts for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> December last, &c, was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. Alderman Ramsey presided. After the above business had been disposed of, the tolls to be collected at the undermentioned toll-gates were let by auction for one year from the 12<sup>th</sup> May next, by Mr James Purves, jun., auctioneer. There was a large attendance, and the biddings proceeded with spirit, the result being, with only two exceptions in which the rent of last year was not exceeded, a considerable rise in rent from that obtained last year, amounting in the total to £ 309. The following is the letting: -

	Old rent	New rent
Tweedmouth High Gate, with one Sidegate and two check chains, Let to Mr Thomas Bower, Leeds	£ 470	£ 500
Tweedmouth Low Gate, with two Side or check gates or chains, and One check gate, to Mr Thomas Bower	£ 420	£ 515
Longridge and Thornton Gates, With one side gate, to Mr John Richardson, Shorewood Colliery	£ 170	£ 166

Shorewood, Sandybank, and Grin- Don Gates, to Mr John Clark, Toll-collector, Shorewood	£ 385	£ 385
Haggerston Gate, with two side Gates, to Mr James Forsythe, toll- Collector, Haggerston	£ 52	£ 80
Castlegate Gate, with one check Chain, to Mr Alexander Purves, Toll-collector, Union Bridge,	£ 335	£ 355
Duddo Gate, with five check chains Or gates, to Mr Thomas Short, Toll-collector, Duddo,	£ 250	£ 270
Union Bridge Gate, with one check Chain, to Mr William Renwick, West Fishwick,	£ 148	£ 152
Ancroft Gate, with two side gates And one check gate or chain, to Mr John Pringle, toll-collector,	£ 176	£ 202
Twizel Gate, with four side gates And one check chain, to Mr Thos. Bower, Leeds	£ 570	£ 600
East Ord Gate, with one side gate, To Mr Thomas Bower, Leeds,	£ 100	£ 160
	£ 3,076	£ 3,385

May 9, Local News, p. 3

CONCERT – A concert of vocal instrumental music was given in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday night, in aid of the band fund of the Rifle Volunteer Corps. The entertainment was announced to be under the patronage of the Mayor and Sheriff, Captain Ramsay, and members of the Rifle Volunteer Corps. The attendance, we understand, was limited, and the entertainment was creditable for amateurs.

May 30, Front Page.

BERWICK SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY - The annual general meeting of the proprietors will take place in the library room, Exchange Buildings on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June next, at twelve o'clock noon.

By Order W.H. Logan, Hon. Sec.

June 6, Local News, p. 3

SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY – The annual general meeting of the proprietors of the Subscription Library was held in the Library Room on Wednesday. The Mayor occupied the chair, and read a statement of the finances for the past year, from which it appeared that there were thirty-four proprietors, twenty-four annual readers, and ten casual readers, and that the total receipts amounted to £68 13s 6d. After paying all expenses there remained a balance of £ 5 1s 11d. The Committee reported that fifty-six volumes of books had been added to the library during that year, besides periodicals. Since the last annual meeting they deplored the loss of two valuable members of the Committee, Captain Smith and Mr Christison. They had also to report that the Rev. Mr Leach had

retired from the Committee, and that Mr Robertson had been nominated in his place. The retiring members of the Committee, the Mayor and Mr C.L. Gilchrist, were re-appointed. Mr Weddell and Mr Alex. Crossman were appointed in the place of the two members reported deceased. The reports read were adopted; and it was also resolved to take steps for the sale of periodicals received at the library to members.

June 13, Front Page.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - The annual general meeting of the members of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1863, at half-past seven o'clock.

Alex. Robertson, President

John Husband, Secretary

Berwick, June 11, 1863.

July 18. Local News, p.3

SAM COWELL'S CONCERT – Under the arrangements of Mr Morrison Kyle, a concert was given in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday night by Sam Cowell and party. The audience was not numerous. Of the entertainment there was little that was new in Sam's department, but he succeeded, without much exertion, in engaging the attention of his audience who warmly applauded his comical production. Miss Sidney Cowell possesses a rich sweet voice of considerable flexibility and power, and whether in a trio, a duet, a ballad or accompanying on the pianoforte, her performances were very good, and were very heartily applauded. Miss Frost also possesses a good strong voice, but to us she appeared to be labouring under a cold. Mr Gough, the baritone, acquitted himself very well. The party deserved a much larger audience than that which attended the concert.

August 15, Front Page, column 5.

To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon,

The following freehold properties, situated in Berwick –

Lot 1 – All that large and commodious front shop, with dwelling-house above the same, together with another dwelling-house, workshop, backbuildings and yard behind the first named dwelling-house, situated on the south side of High Street, and now occupied by Mr John Fish, boot and shoemaker.

Lot 2 – All that dwelling-house with the backbuildings and yard thereunto belonging, situated on the north side of Church Street, and now occupied by Mr Charles Smurthwaite.

Lot 3 – All that burgage or tenement, consisting of five rooms and coal shed, situated in Chapel Street, behind and adjoining the dwelling-house, &c, comprised in lot 2.

Further particulars may be had on application to Mr Willoby, solicitor; Mr G. Brown, Palace Green, Berwick; or Mr James Purves, the auctioneer.

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August 29, p. 2, column 1.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE – To be sold by auction on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1863, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Corn Exchange in Berwick,

Mr J.D. Purves, auctioneer,

All that shop and dwelling-house at the corner of Woolmarket and Church Street in Berwick, and well situated for carrying on business, as at present in the occupation of Mr Robert Rankin, boot and shoemaker.

For further information apply to Mr Douglas, solicitor, Berwick, Messrs Turnbull & Bell, solicitors, Hartlepool, or the auctioneer.

To be sold by auction on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1863, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Corn Exchange in Berwick,

Mr J.D. Purves, auctioneer,

All that recently erected dwelling-house and premises, with the large yard behind the same, situated in Bridge Street, Berwick, licensed as a public house, and in the occupation of John Johnson, as tenant thereof.

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

September 12, Front Page, column 4.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE – To be sold by auction on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1863, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Corn Exchange in Berwick,

Mr J.D. Purves, auctioneer,

All that shop and dwelling-house at the corner of Woolmarket and Church Street in Berwick, and well situated for carrying on business as at the present in the occupation of Mr Robert Rankin, boot and shoemaker.

For further information apply to Mr Douglas, solicitor, Berwick, Messrs Turnbull & Bell, solicitors, Hartlepool, or the auctioneer.

September 19, Front Page

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK – first visit! Grand musical treat! The celebrated and original Christy's minstrels, consisting of twelve performers and singers, patronised by The Emperor Napoleon III, and Empress Eugenie.

The Prince of Wales, The Duchess of Cambridge, The Princess Mary, The Archduke and Archduchess of Austria, The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, The Duchess of Sutherland, The Duke and Duchess of Athole, The Duke of Leinster, The Duchess of Manchester, The Earl of Sefton (Lord Lieut. Of County Lancaster), Right Hon. Sir Robert Peel, Bert., and other distinguished members of the nobility.

For one evening only. Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Reserved seats, 2s 6d; unreserved seats, 1s; back seats, 6d.

Programmes, tickets and all information may be obtained of Mr A. Henderson, bookseller, Berwick. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at eight o'clock. – Carriages to be ordered at a quarter before ten.

October 31, Front Page, column 6.

VALUABLE AND EXTENSIVE PROPERTIES IN BERWICK-UPON-TWEED, AND LIFE POLICY, FOR SALE.

Mr James D. Purves is instructed to offer for sale by public auction, in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> November next, at two o'clock p.m., precisely,

The following properties, all situated in the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed: -

Lot 1 – All that freehold tenement, consisting of shop and dwelling-rooms, with large yard, nailer's shop, bakehouse and other premises behind, situated in Church Street, as at present in the occupation of Mr Alexander Middlemiss, Mr John Chapman, and others.

Lot 2 – All that freehold dwelling-house, recently restored, situated at the top of Lower Ravensdowne, at present in the occupation of Mary Henderson and others.

Lot 3 – All that freehold dwelling-house and yard, situated in Ravensdowne, as at present in the occupation of Miss Isabella Steel.

Lot 4 - All that newly erected freehold shop and dwelling-house, situated in Bridge Street, with the blacksmith's shop, yard, and tenement, behind the same, as lately occupied by Mr John Blakey and others.

Lot 5 - All that well accustomed corner shop and dwelling-house, situated at the top of Hide Hill, and corner of Church Street, as at present in the occupation of Mr Robert Rankin, boot and shoemaker.

Lot 6 – All those newly erected freehold shops and dwelling-house, situated at the corner of High Street and Church Street, at present in the occupation of Mrs Wight and Mr T.H. Pattison . And also all those leasehold premises, consisting of two shops, back messuages, large yard, and premises adjoining the above, as at present in the occupation of Mrs Bell, Mr Fair, the Mechanics' Institution, and others. The lease of these premises expire in March 1920, the ground rent being £ 10.

Lot 7 – All those newly erected freehold premises, consisting of two front shops and three dwelling-houses, with yard behind, situated at the corner of Sandgate and Bridge Street, as at present in the occupation of Messrs Pentland, Young, and Mills.

Lot 8 – All that commodious freehold dwelling-house, pleasantly situated in Palace Street, and facing the Avenue, as at present in the occupation of Mr James Sanderson, with a yard and garden behind. And also all that freehold messuage and yard adjoining, occupied as dwelling-rooms, by Mrs Allan and others.

Lot 9 – All those copyhold premises, consisting of shop, bakehouse, and tenement with yard behind, situated in the West-end of Tweedmouth, as at present in the occupation of Mr Alexander Grahame and others.

Lot 10 – A leasehold garden, situated on the Pier Walk, held under the Corporation of Berwick for a term of 21 years from the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1857, at the yearly rent of £ 1.

Lot 11 – A policy of life assurance fro £ 400, effected in the North of Scotland Life Assurance Company, in January 1848, and payable on the dropping of the first of two lives, aged respectively 53 and 51 years. Half-yearly premium £ 7 15s 8d.

For particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs Spours and Carr, solicitors, Alnwick; Mr Rowland, Mr Douglass, or Mr Sanderson, solicitors, Berwick; or to the auctioneer.

Berwick-upon-Tweed, Oct. 20, 1863.

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January 9, p. 2, column 1 – repeated Jan. 16.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION at the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> say of January, at two o'clock in the afternoon. All that eligible self-contained dwelling house consisting of five fine rooms, light closet and kitchen, with washhouse, cellar, yard, and premises situated at the east end of Scott's Place, Castlegate, now occupied by the Rev. W.K. Armstrong.

Application for particulars may be made to Mr Weatherhead, solicitor, Castlegate; Mr Rowland, solicitor, Quay Walls, or Mr Purves, auctioneer, Hide Hill, Berwick.

Hide Hill, January 7, 1864.

January 23, Front Page, column 3.

DWELLING HOUSES AND WORKSHOPS IN COLLEGE PLACE AND TENEMENTS IN HATTER'S LANE FOR SALE.

There will be offered for sale by Public auction, in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January next, at two o'clock p.m. precisely, by Mr James Purves, auctioneer.

Lot 1 – All those tenements, with the appurtenances, situated in Hatter's Lane, Berwick, purchased by the late Mr Lough from Mr W.W. Keen, as presently let to the Ragged School and others.

Lot 2 – All that new and substantially built dwelling-house, most agreeably situated, facing the Ramparts, in College Place, Berwick, s at present occupied by Messrs Hume and Maclaren. And all that adjoining corner dwelling-house, with commodious workshop, facing both to College place and Hatter's Lane, as lately occupied by the said Mr Francis Lough, deceased, and the tenements on the ground floor, as now or lately occupied by Mrs Scott, and Mr Francis Lough, senior.

The gross rental of annual value of this lot is £ 28, and it will be sold either subject to or discharged from the payment of the future subscriptions on 24 advanced shares in the Tweedside Benefit Building Society. These subscriptions, amounting to £ 3 a month, have been paid up to December 1863, and may either be at once redeemed on the basis of the Society's terminating in 1869, or may be continued so as to secure participation in the Society's extra profit.

For further particulars application may be made to the auctioneer, or to Mr Rowland, or Mr Sanderson, solicitors, Berwick.

Berwick, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1863.

February 13, Local News p.3.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE - The annual meeting of the Corn Exchange Company was held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday. Alderman Ramsey presided. The secretary Mr Wight, read the Directors' annual report for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> December, as follows: - 'Gentlemen, your Directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the company, for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1863. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your Directors, and duly attested by Mr Oliver the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a profit of £ 104 9s 11d, which with the balance of £ 62 14s 9½d in hand from 1862, makes £ 167 4s 9d available as dividend, and your Directors have much pleasure in recommending the meeting to declare a dividend of 4½ per cent, which will amount to £ 156 16s 6d, thus leaving a balance of £ 10 8s 3d to be carried forward. In compliance with your request, we beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been nine meetings of Directors; of these Mr Ramsey attended 9; Mr A. Darling, 8; Mr Logan, Berwick, 6; Mr P. Clay, 6; Mr G. Smith, 5; Mr John Clay, 5; Mr Logan, Fairneycastle, 4; Mr W. Nicholson, 2; and Mr John Wilson, 1. The three retiring Directors are Mr Logan, Fairneycastle, Mr Nicholson,

and Mr Wilson, but are eligible for re-election.' On the motion of Mr P. Clay, seconded by Mr Glendinning, the report was unanimously adopted; and it was arranged for the dividend of 4½ per cent to be paid on Saturday between twelve and two o'clock. The Secretary also read the account current and the balance account, both which were approved of. There had been received on account of stalls, £ 68 6s 9d; season tickets, £ 61 7s 6d; daily sale tickets, 5s; penny admissions, £ 50 7s 6d; rents, £ 78 14s; glass sold, £ 1 3s 8d; gas at concerts, &c, £ 6 14s 10d; newspapers sold, £ 3 1s 6d; interest on bank account, £ 1; profits ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1862, £ 6 14s 9½d; total income, £ 333 15s 6½d. The three retiring Directors were re-elected, and the Auditor, Mr Thomas Oliver, also was re-elected, after which the meeting separated.

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GRAND CONCERT – Corn Exchange, Berwick on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1864. Mr W.G. Davidson, versatile comic vocalist. Mr J. Brunton, serio and ballad vocalist. Mr George Bruce, Basso. All from Glasgow. Mr Richard Dunbar, favourite tenor of the Dunse Gillee Union, and an efficient orchestra.

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

Tickets fro the reserved and front seats may be had at the office of the Berwick Advertiser, 37 High Street.

For details see programme.

February 27, Front Page.

OPENING OF A NEW SEED ESTABLISHMENT IN BERWICK. The subscribers beg to intimate that they have this day opened their shop in the Corn Exchange Buildings, which they have fitted up for the sale of agricultural and garden seeds &c, and hope by strict attention to business to secure a continuance of that support which they have hither-to so largely enjoyed.

Thomas Carter & Son, Corn Exchange Buildings, Berwick-on Tweed.

February 25, 1864.

February 27, Page 2, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE BERWICK – ONE NIGHT ONLY! Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864.

Mr Kennedy, the eminent Scottish vocalist (who has recently led a highly successful London season of more that one hundred nights at the Hanover Square Rooms, the Egyptian Hall, and the Music Hall, Store Street,) will give one of his popular entertainments on the songs of Scotland.

Front seats, 2s; Back seats and gallery, 1s; promenade, 6d.

Tickets, programmes, and books of opinions of the London press, to be had of Mr A. Henderson, bookseller, Western Lane.

Doors open at half-past 7, to commence at eight o'clock. Carriages may be ordered for ten o'clock.

March 5, Local News, p.3.

BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRE TURNPIKES – We understand that at a meeting of the Trustees of the above turnpikes, in the Corn Exchange on Saturday, it was ascertained that from the funds in hand and the conditions of the trades, it would be necessary to make calls for the repair of said roads upon the several townships comprised within the Berwick and Norham and Islandshire district, during the coming year.

March 5, Local News, p. 3.

MR KENNEDY'S CONCERT - The musical portion of our community, especially that great body who delight to hear Scottish songs well sung, were afforded an opportunity on Tuesday night to

gratify their inclination at a concert given in the Corn Exchange by Mr Kennedy, the eminent Scottish vocalist. Seldom have we listened with greater pleasure to the rendering of Scotland's national airs than on the occasion referred to. Mr Kennedy was in good voice, and he sang with such skill and pathetic feeling as to ensure the appreciation and hearty plaudits of the large assemblage. Without noticing in detail the various songs in the programme, which was judiciously arranged and in all which Mr Kennedy was highly successful, a hearty encore was given to 'Allister M'Allister', and in responding, Mr Kennedy sang the favourite patriotic song 'Scots wha hae wi'Wallace bledd'. In the humorous part of the programme Mr Kennedy was equally successful, and the encore given to 'Get up and bar the door, O,' was responded to by Mr Kennedy singing the Jacobite song 'Hame cam' our guid man at e'en'; and at the request of a gentleman in the company Mr Kennedy also sang with much feeling the Jacobite song 'A wee bird cam to oor ha' door.' The commentaries, dialogues and anecdotes accompanying each song were also well given. The entire entertainment was highly successful; in fact we do not remember ever having heard Mr Kennedy with more gratification. Our notice would be incomplete were we to omit mention of Mr Land the veteran pianist. In accompanying the songs, Mr Land added considerably to the entertainment; and the applause given on his account was well merited.

April 2, p.2, column 1.

DWELLING HOUSES IN THE PALACE GREEN AND IN THE WOOLMARKET, FOR SALE – Mr J.D. Purves will offer for sale by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> April next at 2 o'clock.

1<sup>st</sup> – Those four self-contained dwelling houses most pleasantly situated in the Palace, as now or lately occupied by Miss Morton, Mrs G. Sanderson, Miss Fenton, deceased, and Mr Wight. Immediate entry may be had to the house lately occupied by the late Miss Fenton. These premises will first be offered in one lot, and if not so sold, then in lots to suit purchasers.

2<sup>nd</sup> – All those tenements in the Woolmarket having an extensive street frontage, occupied by Messrs Clarke, Turner, Miller, and others.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to the auctioneer, or Mr Sanderson, solicitor. Quay Walls, Berwick, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1864.

April 16, Front Page, column 1.

FOR SALE - One share in the Berwick Corn Exchange Company (Limited). Apply to Mr Wight, Palace Green, Berwick, April 14, 1864.

April 23, p.2.

PONY PHAETON FOR SALE - Mr Purves will sell by auction, at the Corn Exchange on Saturday first, the 23 current, at one o'clock. A very good pony phaeton, with lamps and harness, the property of a gentleman leaving the neighbourhood.

Hide Hill, Berwick 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1864.

April 23, p.2.

BEAUTIES OF ART – WONDERS OF SCIENCE. Grand intellectual treat for the people at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, now open each evening at half past seven, commencing at 8 o'clock. A day performance on Saturday at 4 o'clock. Doors open at half past 3.

Professor Groove's splendid, mechanical and picturesque diorama of the Holy Land and theatre of arts, animated with wonderful moving figures! The only exhibition of this kind in Great Britain.

The whole accompanied with appropriate music.

Admission – First class seats, 2s; Second class, 1s; Third class, 6d. Children under 12 years, half price.

The entertainment concludes shortly before ten. For particulars see large bills.

April 23, p. 3, Local News.

DIORAMA - There is being exhibited in the Corn Exchange – as will also be seen from our advertising columns – the splendid diorama of Professor Groves. The manner in which the beautiful mechanical figures are made to perform the various parts in the entertainment is admirable, and cannot fail to be attractive. The scenes are taken from the best authorities and are well executed. Professor Groves' last visit to our town will not be remembered by many of our readers, as it is thirty years ago, and we believe, it affords the professor much pleasure on the present occasion, after so long a period, to renew his acquaintances, and to take up his quarters with his former landlady Mrs Bolam.

April 30, p. 2, column 3.

DELIGHTED AUDIENCES – CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, open every evening. Professor Groves' splendid exhibition of wonders continues its attraction nightly to large and delighted audiences, who testify their approbation by every expression of delight and admiration.

Grand changes of performances each evening. The awfully grand and sublime spectacle 'The Deluge' or Noah's Flood with other new and elegant entertainment on Monday next and during the week.

Open each evening at 7:30. begin at 8 o'clock. Day performance on Wednesday and Saturday at 4 o'clock.

For further particulars see bills.

April 30, Local News p. 3.

EXHIBITION OF ARTS - The splendid diorama of Professor Groves, now exhibiting in the Corn Exchange here, as noticed in or last, has nightly attracted respectable companies by varied and first-class performances. The performances of the French mechanical figures was the subject of general admiration, and is one of the best of the kind ever exhibited in Berwick. It is almost impossible to watch the wonderful elasticity of action of these figures in dancing, leaping, running, &c. The scenes have been obtained from the best authorities, and are well executed. Representations of Captain Ross's voyage to the North Pole in search of Sir John Franklin, the Palace of Winter from emerging from the deep, Zurich, &c, were also given, the whole concluding with an allegorical representation of the four seasons, and the descent of Charity spreading abroad the Divine mandate, 'Peace on earth and good will towards men'. Grand changes of performance next week. The leading piece, we understand, is to be the Sublime Spectacle of the Deluge, or Noah's Flood, which no doubt will attract large audiences.

May 14, p.2.

LAST FIVE NIGHTS AT THE CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Professor Groves' splendid exhibition of mechanical wonders! The admiration of all who witness it!

Grand treat. Admission reduced to half price, first class, 1s; second class, 6d; third class, 3d.

REMEMBER WEDNESDAY NEXT IS THE LAST NIGHT.

May 21, p. 2, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.

THREE NIGHTS ONLY. MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and a grand mid-day performance on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3 o'clock, doors open at half-past two.

M. Hartz, the celebrated illusionist and wizard, will appear in his marvellous entertainment, as given three times (by special command) before Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and July 16<sup>th</sup> 1861.

The first performance (Monday) will be under the distinguished patronage of Lieut.-Col. Clementson and officers of the Northumberland Artillery Militia, who will honour it with their presence; and by kind permission the splendid band will attend and perform selections from the most admired operas of the day.

Doors open at eight. Curtain ascends at half-past eight. Carriages at a quarter past ten o'clock. Reserved seats 2s; Second do. 1s, Back do. 6d. Children and schools half price to first and second seats.

Tickets may be had from Mr Plenderleith, bookseller, High Street.

May 28, p. 2, column 1.

BERWICK SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY. The annual general meeting of proprietors will be held in the library room., Exchange Buildings on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12 o'clock noon.

By order, W.H. Logan, Hon. Sec.

May 28, Local News, p.3.

M. HARTZ'S ENTERTAINMENT – On the first three evenings of the week M Hartz, the celebrated illusionist, gave entertainments in the Corn Exchange. We regret the limited audiences with which M Hartz was favoured. His feats of skill are very astonishing, and rank among the best ever seen in this town. His unassuming manners, his divesting himself of everything which apparently might aid in the performances, and the extraordinary dexterity and peculiar success which at once is revealed to the astonished audience, cannot fail to be appreciated wherever witnessed, and to secure hearty plaudits. We regret that owing to the limited audiences at the Corn Exchange, M Hartz has resolved to make this his last visit to this town.

August 13, Front Page, column 5.

DESIRABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE – Mr Purves is instructed to sell by auction, in the Corn Exchange, on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1864, at three o'clock afternoon precisely, All those desirable freehold premises, situated in Bridge Street, lately occupied by Mr Joseph Milburn, grocer and fish dealer, deceased, and now by Mrs Milburn, consisting of front shop, with dwelling house, granary, stable, and other buildings, with yard attached, all conveniently situated and admirably adapted for carrying on any business requiring extensive accommodation.

For further particulars apply to J. Rowland, Esq., solicitor, or the auctioneer.

Hide Hill, Berwick, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1864.

September 3, Local News p.3.

NEW BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - On Friday night a meeting was held in the Corn Exchange, with the view to the formation of a new building society. Mr George Young, Bridge Street, was called to the chair. He stated that he had been long connected with the old societies and he was convinced that there was plenty of room for another. Mr Douglass, solicitor, said that the first business was to enrol members, after which they would have to appoint such office-bearers as were necessary in the meantime to carry on the business of the society, to fix the first subscription night when the remainder of the office-bearers would be elected. The names of thirty-three persons

present were then entered as members of the new society. On the motion of the Chairman, Mr Douglass was unanimously appointed the society's solicitor. Mr Douglas had much pleasure in accepting the office and would do his utmost to further the interests of the society. Mr M. Young moves, and was seconded by Mr C. Smith, that Mr George Turner be appointed Secretary. Mr C. Pattison moved, and was seconded by Mr Lister, that Mr George Davison be the secretary, Mr J. Purves suggested that the votes of the members should be taken by ballot, and that during the voting the parties interested should retire from the room. This was adopted. After the voting papers had been returned and examined, Messrs Turner and Davison were re-called into the room, and were informed by the Chairman that Mr Davison had been elected by a majority of three votes, the numbers being – for Mr Turner 14 votes, and for Mr Davison 17 votes. Considerable discussion followed respecting the day to be fixed for receiving the monthly subscriptions. Ultimately it was resolved, on the motion of Mr A. Darling, that the first Tuesday in each month should be so fixed, the first payment to be made in September. On the motion of Mr Geo. Turner, thanks were voted to the Chairman after which the meeting separated.

September 10, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. The celebrated and original Christy's Minstrels from St James's Hall, Liverpool. For one evening only! On Thursday, September 15, 1864.

Great attraction! Added to this already powerful company will be the infant tenor, master Raphael de Solla, only 8 years of age. The smallest vocalist in the world.

Reserved seats, 2s 6d. Unreserved seats, 1s. Back seats, 6d.

Programmes, tickets, and all information may be obtained at Mr A. Henderson, bookseller, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Doors open at half-past seven, commence at eight. Carriages to be ordered at a quarter before ten.

H. Montague, Secretary.

September 17, Front Page.

FOR SALE – Seven shares in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Company and three shares in the Berwick Corn Exchange Company.

Apply to Mr Sanderson, solicitor.

Quay Walls, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1864.

October 8, p.2.

SALE OF EXCELLENT PHAETON, DOG-CARTS ETC.

Mr Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, tomorrow (Saturday) 8<sup>th</sup> October at one o'clock, a phaeton for one horse, or a pair, and a dog-cart, with harness etc. all in excellent condition, the property of a gentleman deceased.

Hide Hill, Berwick, 21 September, 1864.

October 22, Front Page.

CORN EXCHANGE – FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY - The celebrated and original New Orleans colored opera troupe consisting of ten star performers, will give their celebrated entertainments on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

Reserved seats 2s; Second seats 1s; Back seats 6d.

Tickets to be had of the principle booksellers. For particulars and programme see small bills.

Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at 8.

October 22, p.2. – Repeated Nov. 12 & 18

**SALE OF EXCELLENT DWELLING HOUSES, SHOP, BAKEHOUSE ETC.**

Mr Purves is instructed to sell by auction in the Corn Exchange, early next month, on a day and hour to be afterwards fixed, that house, with garden attached, pleasantly situated in Tweed Street, at present occupied by Miss Atkinson.

Also those premises situated in Castlegate, two doors above the Angler's Cottage, consisting of houses, shop, bakehouse &c, at present in the occupancy of Mrs Ann Hall and others.

For further information apply to Messrs Fenwick and Falconar, solicitors, 75 Clayton Street, Newcastle, or to the auctioneer.

Hide Hill, Berwick, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1864.

October 22, Local News, p. 3.

**ENTERTAINMENTS** - We would direct the attention of our readers to two entertainments to be given in the corn Exchange next week. The performers are designated 'the celebrated and original New Orleans colored opera troupe' and are stated to approach nearer in their performances to the original Christy's Minstrels, than any similar company now extant. They twice have had the honour to appear in front of the late Prince Consort. As advertised in our first page the days on which they are to appear in this town are Tuesday and Wednesday, but owing to other engagements the days of entertainment here have been altered to Wednesday and Thursday.

October 29, Local News, p.3.

**ENTERTAINMENTS**- On Wednesday & Thursday evenings a party styled the New Orleans colored opera troupe, under the direction of Mr Lawrie, gave two entertainments in the Corn Exchange. The party consisting of nine performers, appeared after the fashion of the Christy's Minstrels and their efforts to entertain their somewhat numerous audiences, in both the vocal and instrumental parts, as well as in the dramatic portion, illustrative of the Negro character, were highly successful, and several encores were awarded. The singing of the choruses, and the solo parts in some of the songs, were very impressive, and the performances of Mr Skinner on the violin, and Mr Lawrie on the harmonium were well received. A great drawback to the entertainment, however, was felt in Mr Thompson, basso, who was labouring under a severe cold, and part of his duty was assigned to another member of the party. On Wednesday evening the latter part of the entertainment was somewhat marred by the unrestrained mirth of a woman who appeared to be exhilarated from other than natural causes.

November 5, Front Page.

**DESIRABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE** – Mr Purves is instructed to sell by auction in the Corn Exchange on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1864, at two o'clock afternoon.

All that desirable freehold dwelling house with yard, offices, and other buildings behind, situated in Church Street, as lately occupied by Mr White, solicitor.

The entire premises have lately undergone a thorough repair. The house contains six excellent rooms and there is a detached building in the yard behind containing two rooms, bathroom, and stable, which might be let separately if required.

For further particulars apply to Mr Sanderson, solicitor, or to the auctioneer.

Hide Hill, Berwick, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 1864.

November 25, Front Page.

**NOTICE** – The annual general meeting of the Berwick Shipping Company, Limited will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> inst, at twelve o'clock noon, to receive the

director's annual report and for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

Berwick, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1864.

December 2, p.2.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION – (by Mr John Beveridge) in front of the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1864 at one o'clock.

An excellent black mare about 16 heads high, 5 years old, and in good condition.

December 2, p. 2.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - The usual monthly meeting of this society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening first, 6<sup>th</sup> December, at eight o'clock

December 2, p.2. – Repeated Dec. 16

DWELLING HOUSES AND BUILDING SITES AT SPITTAL, NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE TWEED, FOR SALE.

There will be offered for sale by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1864, at two o'clock afternoon prompt.

Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer,

All that terraces of six dwelling houses, known as Spa-well Terrace, most agreeably situated at the upper or south end of Spittal, facing the sea, and the spa-well green, as at present in the occupation of Mr John Bryson, Miss Moor, and others.

Together with three acres or thereabouts, of excellent land, now laid down in pasture, surrounding and adjoining the said dwelling houses, and possessing extensive frontage to the Main Street, the Spa-well Green, and the Cow-road.

The dwelling houses are all commodious and substantial, and in excellent repair – having (with one exception) been very recently built. The situation is the best in Spittal, the premises surrounding the Spa-well Green, and being therefore especially attractive to visitors to this favourite bathing place.

The land is of excellent quality, and, if desired, can be subdivided into numerous building sites, either for terraces or detached villas, for which there is a growing demand.

The whole will be exposed, first in one lot, and if not so sold, then in lots to suit purchasers.

Particulars and a plan may be seen, on application to Mr Bryson, Spittal; the auctioneer; or at the office of

Steph. Sanderson, solicitor.

Quay Walls, Berwick

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1864

December 2, Local News, p.3.

BERWICK SHIPPING COMPANY - The annual general meeting of this company was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. Mr George Henderson presiding. The directors' report recommending a dividend of 12 per cent was adopted. The members did not dine together on this occasion, it having been resolved to discontinue the Shipping Company's annual dinner.

December 16, Front Page.

E.B. BUILDING SOCIETY - The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this society will be held in the Committee room of the Corn Exchange, on the evening of Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, at half-past seven o'clock.

John Husband, Secretary

Berwick 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1864.

December 30, p. 2.

CORN EXCHANGE - The ghost – the wonder of the age. The marvellous ghost. Great success of the ghost. Go and see the ghost. Go and hear Miss Annie Manners. Go and hear Miss Pauline Cross. Go and hear Mr G. Forrest. Go and hear Mr J. Moore. Go and hear Mr. R. Macgregor. Go and hear Master Walter More. Tonight and Saturday the last nights. See programme.

December 30, p. 2. Repeated Jan. 6, 1865

HOUSES FOR SALE – To be sold by auction, on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> January next, within the Corn Exchange, Berwick, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer.

All those pleasantly situated dwelling houses, together with the yard and premises behind the same, in Palace Street, Berwick, in the occupation of Mr George Young, Mr Jeans, and others. If not disposed of in one lot they will be offered for sale in three lots.

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

December 30, Local News, p.3, column 3.

ENTERTAINMENT – For three consecutive nights, commencing on Monday, and entertainment of no mean order was given in the Corn Exchange in this town. The party consisted of Miss Annie Manners and Mr George Forrest, after a successful tour through Ireland; Miss Pauline Cross, from the London concerts; Mr J. Moore, solo harpist and tenor vocalist; Mr R. Macgregor, solo-primo violinist, from the Metropolitan theatres; and Master Walter Moore, violin seconda. Miss Cross possesses a good strong voice, and sings with much taste and precision. Miss Manners sang in good style several humorous pieces, which she accompanied with a fair mingling of dramatic feeling. Mr Moore on the harp and in his singing, and Mr Macgregor on the violin, were equally successful in eliciting the plaudits of the audience. ‘When ye gang awa Jamie,’ was sung by Miss Manners and Mr Forrest with good effect. The company in their several pieces were repeatedly encored. The after part of the entertainment was agreeably varied by the introduction of a romantic piece, entitled the midnight hour, or the Spectral Bride. This was very cleverly performed; the ghostly representation being well brought out, and the public will be glad to learn from an advertisement elsewhere, that the ghost is to make its appearance for two nights longer.

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January 6, p. 2.

PONY FOR SALE. To be sold by auction on Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. In front of the Corn Exchange at one o'clock. A handsome brown pony, 14 hands high, nearly five years old, accustomed to carry a lady, and quiet in harness. John Embleton, auctioneer.

Jan. 6, p. 2.

Corn exchange, Berwick. For one night only. Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. The public's old favorites. The celebrated and only original Christy's Minstrels, from the St. James's and Polygraphic Halls, London, and the St. James's Hall, Liverpool, comprising the talented performers, now under the management of – Messrs Moore, Messrs Ritter, Messrs Crocker, Messrs Hamilton. The only Ethiopian Company now in existence that has enjoyed the distinguished honor of appearing before Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. New songs, new dances, and new burlesques. Front seats, 2s; Seconds, 1s; Back seats and Promenade, sixpence. Doors open at half-past seven, commence at eight. Tickets, programmes, and any information may be obtained of Mr -----, Bookseller. Special notice and caution to the public. The immense success which has attended this troupe (since its arrival in England in 1857) having induced various unprincipled persons to assume the title, and (in many instances) even taking the name of the company. The public are respectfully cautioned against these imposters, and also to note that Messrs Wilson & Montagne are no longer connected with the company. Frederick Burgess, Acting manager. 42, New Bond Street, London, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Jan. 6, Local News, p. 3.

BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRE TURNPIKES. At a meeting of the trustees of these roads, held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday, the available balance in their hands was applied towards the discharge of money owing on the security of the tolls on the said roads, and to such creditors as had, by proposals in writing, offered to accept composition in respect of their claims. About a dozen such compositions offered were received at the rate of from 50 to 80 per cent, and by this arrangement £ 1900 of the debt was paid off.

Jan. 13, Local News, p. 3.

SALE OF PROPERTY. Yesterday afternoon the properties in Palace Street, lately advertised for sale were put up by auction by Mr Purves in the Corn Exchange. They were first offered in one lot but were not sold, and the house occupied by Mr Jeans was put up, and was knocked down to Mr John Russell for £ 172. The remainder of the property was sold to Mr William Maule for £ 335. There were only three bidders.

Jan. 20, p. 2.

VOLUNTEERS' SOIREE AND BALL. Volunteers' soiree and ball will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening, the 31<sup>st</sup> inst. Doors open at 7.30, to commence at 8 o'clock. Double tickets 2s, single ditto 1s 6d may be had at Mr Swinney', Church Street. Admission by ticket only. Volunteers in uniform.

Jan. 20, p. 2.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Return visit of the old favourites for six nights. Grand prize concerts, commencing Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Miss Annie Manners & G. Forrest with large increase of talent and attraction.

Jan. 27, p. 2. – repeated Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION. In front of the Corn Exchange on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. at one o'clock. 2 Excellent carts one nearly new. 2 sets of cart harness &c belonging to Mrs Hume, East Ord.

Feb. 3, Local News p. 3.

VOLUNTEERS' CONCERT AND BALL. – On Tuesday evening a concert and ball in connection with the Artillery and Rifle Volunteers came off in the Corn Exchange. Notwithstanding the wet and very unfavourable weather, about 300 persons, in nearly equal proportion of both sexes, were present. The room was gaily decorated for the occasion. Against the wall of the room, opposite to the principal entrance, was placed a large representation of the Royal arms, and on either side were the mottos 'Defence, not Defiance,' and 'Ready, ay Ready,' while numerous flags and banners were hung from other parts of the room. On the right and left, proceeding by the front entrance, were piles of carbines and rifles. Volunteers were in uniform. The entertainment commenced by the instrumental band playing a variety of airs, which were followed by the opening chorus 'God save the Queen'. The following songs were then sung – 'Some love to roam,' by Mr C. Bruce; 'Scotland yet,' Mr Whitelaw; 'A' the airts the wind can blow,' Mr Sanderson; 'Ellen Leere,' Mr Gorringe; 'Kathleen Aroon,' Mr Douglas; 'Bitter Beer,' Mr Gorringe; and 'The flag that's braved a thousandyears,' Mr Whitelaw. For amateurs who had not undergone any special training, the singing was highly creditable, and was well appreciated by the audience, who frequently applauded the vocalists, and sometimes awarded an encore. A party with blackened faces, entitles 'The Berwick Amateur Minstrels' after the fashion of the Christy's, added much to the amusement of the company. The vocalists were very efficiently accompanied on the piano by Messrs Barker and Bruce. The concert finished about ten o'clock, when the room was cleared for the ball which commenced shortly afterwards. The instrumental band having ascended the platform, dancing commenced with the ? led by Captain Allan. [the rest of the article can not be read].

Feb. 10, Local News, p. 3, column 3.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE – The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Corn Exchange Company was held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday. On the motion of Mr A. Darling, seconded by Mr M G Crossman, Mr John Wilson, Edington Mains, was called to the chair. The Chairman submitted the account current for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December last. There had been received from the stalls, £ 67; season tickets, £ 69; daily sale tickets, 9s; penny admissions, £ 51 7s 3d; rents, £ 75 13s 6d; glass sold 12s. After meting all expenses there was a net profit of £ 92 10s 6d. Mr Wight, secretary, read the balance account, after which he read the following report by the Directors: - 'Gentlemen, your Directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the company, for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1864. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your Directors and duly attested by Mr Oliver, the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a profit of £ 92 10s 6d, which, with a balance on handoff £ 14 6ss 2d, makes £ 106 16s 8d available as dividend; and your Directors consider it advisable to recommend the meeting not to divide the above sum, but retain it on hand to meet any emergencies which may occur. In compliance with your regulations they beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been five meetings of Directors, of which Mr Ramsay attended 4; Mr Logan, Berwick, 4; Mr John Clay, 4; Mr Wilson, 3; Mr Smith, 2; Mr Logan, Fairneycastle, 2; and Mr Nicholson, 2. The three retiring Directors are Messrs D. Logan, (Fairneycastle), Smith, and Nicholson, but are eligible for re-election.' On the motion of Mr

Crossman, seconded by Mr Brown, the report was adopted. On the motion of Mr Darling, seconded by the Chairman, Messrs Smith and Logan were reappointed Directors, and Mr Crossman was appointed a Director in room of Mr Nicholson who is leaving the district. Mr Oliver was re-elected auditor. The Chairman said that for the information of some of the members present he might state the reasons why the Directors has recommended on this occasion not to divide among the shareholders the profit which the could see by the current account had been realised. They were all aware that the roof of the building was not in a satisfactory state. Some time ago the Directors in their report brought the matter before the shareholders and also obtained the opinion of an eminent architect as to the best mode of remedying the defect. The Directors had not hitherto seen their way to act upon that report, but they were perfectly aware that at some time or other, and probably at no distant date, they would have to face the necessity which would arise of repairing the roof. The Directors, therefore, thought it would be a much more reasonable method to retain the profit in hand to meet any emergencies rather than divide them and probably afterwards have to go to the shareholders for funds to cover the expenses of the repair. [ the rest of the article can not be read].

Feb. 17, Front page.

OLD ESTABLISHED HOTEL FOR SALE. There will be offered for sale by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> February instant, at two o'clock afternoon prompt, that old established hotel, known by the name of 'The Hen and Chickens,' situated in Sandgate, Berwick-upon Tweed, within few doors from the Corn Exchange, and in close proximity to the Quay. The premises have been within the last two thoroughly painted and papered, and are to be sold in consequence of the death of the late proprietor. A large proportion of the purchase money may, if sold, remain on mortgage of the premises, thus giving an unusual opportunity for a person with some capital to acquire a free house of very old standing and established custom. For particulars and conditions of sale, application to be made to Mr Sanderson, solicitor. Quay Walls, Berwick. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1865. [The left margin of the article very difficult to read, so a little bit of guesswork is involved in this].

Feb. 24, Front Page.

Agricultural seeds – garden seeds. Thomas Carter & Son, seedsmen. Corn Exchange Buildings, Berwick-upon-Tweed and Allanton by Chirnside. Clover seeds, perennial rye grass, Italian rye grass, Scotch tares &c. Garden seeds, flower seeds.

Feb. 24, Local News, p. 3.

PROPERTY FOR SALE – On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Purves offered for sale in the Corn Exchange, the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Sandgate, recently belonging to the late Mr Edwin Walker. There was a large attendance at the auction. The property was first offered subject to a mortgage of £ 200 held by the Equitable Benefit Building Society. The bidding commenced at £ 300, and after repeated offers it had advanced to £ 430, the reserved bidding was announced to be £ 500. Notwithstanding the inducement offered that £ 300 of the purchase price might remain on mortgage, the reserved bidding was not exceeded. The property was then offered free of all encumbrances , the vendor undertaking to pay off the mortgage. £ 605 was offered and the property was bought in at the reserved bidding of £ 700.

March 3, Front Page.

TO BE SOLD OR LET, with immediate entrance. The Hen and Chickens Hotel (as lately advertised), situated in Sandgate in Berwick-upon-Tweed, close to the Corn Exchange and also to

the Quay. Offers in writing will be received up to Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> March next, and particulars furnished by Mr Sanderson, solicitor.

Quay Walls, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1865.

March 3, Front Page.

**BERWICK-ON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.** The usual monthly meeting of this society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening inst, 7<sup>th</sup> inst., at 8 o'clock, to receive subscriptions and enrol new members.

March 3, Local News p. 3.

**ENTERTAINMENT** – On Wednesday night the ‘New Orleans Colored Opera Troupe’ gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange. This company, which is after the fashion of the ‘Christy’s’, is highly deserving of public patronage, the entire performance was most creditable, and was well received by the audience. The small attendance on Wednesday might probably arise from the brief interval between the announcement of the entertainment and the performance.

March 10, p. 2., column 1. Repeated March 17, and 24.

**TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.** In one lot, At the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April next, at 12 o'clock noon, That excellent front messuage to tenement, situated in Woolmarket, Berwick, now in the occupation of Mr Matthew Cockburn, Mr Purves, and others. And also. All those six back messuages or tenements, immediately behind the above mentioned premises, occupied by Mr Laishman, Mr Nesbit, and others. And also, these two messuages or tenements at the top of the Yard, belonging to the said premises, with the small gardens in front, now in the occupation of Mr Evans and Mr Wilson, belonging to the late Mr Alexander Christison. The above premises let at an annual rent of £ 89 or thereabouts. For further particulars apply to Mr Weatherhead, solicitor, Mr Rowland, solicitor, or Mr Purves, the auctioneer. Berwick, March 7, 1865.

March 24, Local News, p. 3.

**BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRES TURNPIKES.** – The general annual 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’s and Surveyor’s accounts of the said trust for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December last, and transacting any further business relating to the trust.’ After disposing of the above business the trustees adjourned to the hall of the Exchange to let by auction, either in one lot, for the term of three years from the 12<sup>th</sup> May next, or as heretofore, for the term of one year, in eleven lots, the toll to be collected at the several toll-gates, side-gates, and check-gates or chains, within the said trust. There was a fair attendance. After the conditions of letting had been read by Mr Willoby, clerk, Mr Strother proceeded with the auction. The gates were put up in one lot, at £ 3,633, to which Mr Thomas Bower, Hunslet, Leeds, added a bid of £ 5. No further offers being made, the reserved price was announced to be £ 3,700, at which they were again offered. Mr Bower again bid £ 5 more, and there being no competition the tolls were let to him for three years at £ 3,705 per year. The tolls were let last year at a total of £ 3,651, the new letting therefore shows an increase of £ 54 a year during the next three years.

March 31, Front Page.

**BERWICK-ON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.** The usual monthly meeting of the society will be held at the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening first 4<sup>th</sup> of April at 7 o'clock, to receive subscriptions and enrol members.

May 26, Front Page.

**BRIGHTON HOUSE, SPITTAL.** To be sold by auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> instant, at 2 o'clock afternoon prompt by Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer. All that large and commodious dwelling house situated in the upper end of Spittal, with the stables, coach house and large garden attached, as at present in the occupation of George Black, Esq., and well known by the name of 'Brighton House'. The house stands detached in its own grounds, and is fitted up with bathroom and other conveniences. The premises have an extensive frontage both to the sea and the Main Street, and the garden offers ample scope for two independent building sites. For further particulars, and conditions of sale, apply to the auctioneer or Mr Sanderson, solicitor. Quay Walls, Berwick 18<sup>th</sup> May 1865.

June 2, Front Page.

**BERWICK-ON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.** The usual monthly meeting of the society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening first, 6<sup>th</sup> inst, at 8 o'clock, to receive subscriptions and enrol new members. June 1, 1865.

June 2, Local News, p. 3, Miscellaneous topics.

'Brighton House' Spittal, advertised to be sold by auction in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, was, owing to the total absence of offers, not put up by the auctioneer.

June 9, Front Page.

**GIG FOR SALE.** To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, at half past one o'clock. A capital gig in first-class order, newly done up. For particulars apply to Allan Purves, auctioneer. Hide Hill 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1865.

June 23, Front Page.

**CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.** Mr F. Montague intends giving a phreno and biological experimental entertainment at the above hall, on the evenings of Saturday and Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. During the evening Mr F. M. will introduce a number of very pleasing and instructive experiments. Doors open at half-past seven, to commence at 8 o'clock. Front seats, 1s; Second do., 6d; Gallery, 3d. Mr Montague will attend at the hall on the above days from 12 to 2, to take delineations, at a very moderate charge.

June 23, p. 2.

**TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION.** (unless previously disposed of by private contracts), At the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Thursday, the third day of August next, subject to such conditions as shall be then and there produced.

That small desirable freehold estate at Lowick in the county of Northumberland, with the dwelling house called 'Priory House,' and a small garden in front, occupied by the Rev. John Fraser, and four cottage tenements ((formerly three) with a small plot of ground behind, occupied by Mrs Murray, James Somers, John Foreman, and David Scott, - hay lofts, and other

conveniences. The estate consists of five acres of land, and is now let with the said dwelling house cottages, &c, to Mr James Taylor, under an agreement for a lease for 5 years from the 12<sup>th</sup> May last, and is near the estate of Sir John Haggerston, Bart., John Jackson, Esquire, Mr Sanderson, and others. There are sites for houses on the Chillingham Road facing Black Heddon Hills, and a small brook or burn runs through the pasture field opposite Lowick House. Mr Taylor will point out the land, boundaries, &c. Also. That piece or parcel of land, partly freehold and partly copyhold, together with three cottages and a stable, situated in the township of Tweedmouth, and within a short distance of the Tweedmouth Railway station, containing together about two acres and three roods (or thereabouts), now occupied by Mr Robert Robertson, Mr Ralph Holmes, and Mr Robert Armstrong. The land, stable, and one of the cottages are let to Mr Robertson under an agreement for a lease for ten years from Martinmas 1861. Mr Robertson will point out the land and boundaries. Also. Two small pieces of copyhold land situated in the township and close to the village of Spittal, on the road from Spittal to the Border Inn, now occupied by Mr John Purves, containing together about one acre and a quarter. Sales to commence at two o'clock afternoon. Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer. For further particulars apply to Mr Gibson, solicitor, 41, John Dalton Street, Manchester, or to Mr Bowland, solicitor, Berwick.

June 23, Local News p. 3.

**PHRENOLOGY AND MESMERISM.** – It will be observed from our advertising columns, that Mr F. Montague will on Saturday and Monday evenings give two entertainments illustrative of the above sciences in the Corn Exchange. From public notices of his entertainments in other towns we observe that Mr Montague has very successfully delineated the science which he practises, and has invariably been rewarded with the encomiums of numerous audiences. It is hoped that his visit to this town will be equally successful.

June 23, Local News p.3.

**EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY** - The annual general meeting of this society was held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on Monday evening. Alderman Thompson presided. A statement of the accounts, an abstract of which appeared in the Advertiser a fortnight ago, was submitted. It was stated that in addition to the 5 per cent compound interest which had been made upon all shares, an additional bonus of 6d per share, arising out of the society's profits, had been given to shares of three years' standing. The report was adopted. It was resolved to continue Alexander Robertson, Esq., president. Messrs L.T. Fleming, C. Tennant, and J. Ellison were re-elected, and Messrs S. Edington and T. Crow were elected directors. Messrs D. Allan and J. Ellison were appointed stewards. Messrs J. Wight and T. Oliver were re-appointed auditors. Thanks were voted to the chairman, who, in acknowledging the vote, congratulated the members on the favourable state of the society.

June 30, Front Page.

The monthly subscription meeting of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Benefit Building Society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> July, at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Sec.

June 30, Local News p. 3.

**MESMERISM** - On Saturday and Monday evenings Mr F. Montague gave what he calls 'Phreno and Biological Experimental Entertainments' in the Corn Exchange. The audiences were not very numerous. Mr Montague gave a lecture on the sciences which he advocates, and

afterwards invited individuals from the audiences, upon whom he illustrated his remarks. On Saturday evening, two only of those who volunteered to go on the platform were found susceptible of mesmeric influences, and with them Mr Montague amused the company for a considerable time, and apparently to the satisfaction of all.

July 7, Front Page. Repeated 14 July.

PHAEON FOR SALE. To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> inst, at half past one o'clock. An excellent family phaeon in first class order with folding seat cover &c. For further particulars apply to Allan Purves, auctioneer. Hide Hill, Berwick, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1865.

July 7, Front Page.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY (LIMITED). A special meeting of the shareholders in the above company will be held in the Exchange Buildings on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> instant at half past one o'clock, to consider the propriety of effecting certain alterations on the roof of said building. J. Wight, Sec. Berwick Corn Exchange Co, Sandgate, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1865 (Not to be repeated).

July 14, Front Page, 3 column. Repeated July 28<sup>th</sup>.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION. At the Corn Exchange Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Thursday, the third day of August next, subject to such conditions as shall be then and there produced.

That small but desirable freehold estate situated at Lowick in the county of Northumberland, with the dwelling house called 'Priory House', and a small garden in front, occupied by the Rev. John Fraser, and four cottage tenements (formerly three) with a small plot of ground behind, occupied by Mrs Murray, James Somers, John Foreman, and David Scott – Stable, hay lofts, and other conveniences. The estate consists of twenty-five acres of land, and is now let, with the said dwelling house, cottages &c, to Mr James Taylor, under an agreement for a lease for 5 years from the 12<sup>th</sup> May last, and is near the estate of Sir John Haggerston, Bart., John Jackson, Esquire, Mr Sanderson, and others. There are sites for houses on the Chillingham Road facing Black Heddon Hills, and a small brook or burn runs through the pasture field opposite Lowick House. Mr Taylor will point out the land, boundaries &c. Also. That piece or parcel of land, partly freehold and partly copyhold, together with three cottages and a stable situated in the township of Tweedmouth, and within a short distance of the Tweedmouth railway station, containing together about two acres and three roods (or thereabouts) , now occupied by Mr Robert Robertson, Mr Ralph Holmes, and Mr Robert Armstrong. The land stables, and one of the cottages, are let to Mr Robertson under an agreement for a lease for 10 years from Martinmas 1861. Mr Robertson will point out the land and boundaries. Also. Two small pieces of copyhold land, situated in the township and close to the village of Spittal, on the road from Spittal to the Border Inn, now occupied by Mr John Purves, containing together about one acre and a quarter. Sale to commence at two o'clock afternoon. Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer. For further particulars apply to Mr Gibson, solicitor, 41 John Dalton Street, Manchester, or to Mr Rowland, solicitor, Berwick.

July 21, Local News p.3.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE - On Saturday a special general meeting of the shareholders of the above company was held in the corn Exchange, to consider the propriety of effecting certain alterations in the roof of the building. It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting of the company in February, the balance of profits from the building, divisible as

dividend, was ordered to be retained in hand to meet contemplated repairs of the roof of the building. Since then, Mr Gray, architect, has examined the Exchange, and found the roof to be in a very bad state. He drew up specifications of proposed alterations and improvements, which with tenders for executing the work were submitted to the meeting on Saturday. Mr Clay presided. It was resolved to undertake the work immediately; to secure the roof with iron ties, to re-slate it, and to reduce the size of the plate glass one half. The following tenders being the lowest, were accepted, viz. Mr A. Thompson, Berwick, £ 1 7s 9d per cut for iron; Mr George Weddell, Kelso, plumber work £ 122 10s, and Mr William Rale, Norham, slate and plasterwork £ 45. It was stated that the entire cost of the work would be less than £ 300, and that there was £ 170 in hand.

July 28, Front Page.

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.** The monthly subscription meeting of the above society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening, 1<sup>st</sup> August, at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Sec.

September 1, Front page.

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.** The monthly subscription meeting of the above society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Sec.

15 September, Front Page, column 4. Repeated Sept. 22.

There will be offered for sale by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Tuesday the third day of October next, at two o'clock p.m., prompt, by Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer, All that large and commodious mansion, standing in its own grounds, with the park, vinery, coach-house, stables, and other appurtenances, situated in Palace Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, formerly the property of William Riddell, Esq., deceased, and as at present occupied by Captain Jackson, R.N.

The house contains three public rooms, nine bed and dressing rooms besides kitchens, cellars, and servants' apartments, the whole being in excellent repair.

All those three undivided sixth parts of the salmon fishery of Wilford, in the river Tweed, in the parish of Norham and county of Northumberland with the appurtenances.

The fishery is situated about one mile from Velvet Hall Station, and is well known as a valuable and productive middle district net fishery, as well as for some excellent rod casts.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the auctioneer, or to Stephen Sanderson, solicitor. Quay Walls, Berwick, 31 August, 1865.

September 22, Local News p.3.

**SALE OF ESTATE** - Yesterday afternoon Mr Purves submitted for sale by auction in the Corn Exchange the freehold estate of Bankhead near Horncliff, containing about 62 cres of arable land and 9 acres of plantation and river bank, with the farm houses and buildings therein, and the right of fishing in the river Tweed, belonging thereto, as the same is in the possession of Mrs Ann Noble. Biding commenced at £ 4,000, and after several offers by two gentlemen, the property was bought in at £ 5,500. Subsequently a sale was arranged privately, the purchaser being Charles N. Mather, Esq., of Longridge, at £ 5,400.

September 29, Front Page, columns 3 & 4 .

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BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The monthly subscription meeting of the above society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening next, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Sec.

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October 6, Local News p.3.

SALE OF PROPERTY - On Tuesday, Mr Purves submitted to public auction in the Corn Exchange, the mansion park, vinery, coach-house, stables, and other appurtenances, in Palace Street, at present occupied by Charles Jackson, R.N. The property was up at £ 1,000, and after several biddings, which reached £ 1,200, it was bought in at £ 1,600. – Three undivided sixth parts of the salmon fishery of Wilford in the River Tweed, in the parish of Norham, were next offered. After a keen competition the property was sold to Mr George Smith, Ancroft, for £ 1,410. – The premises in Bridge Street, consisting of shop and dwelling-house, at present occupied by Mrs. Donaldson, stationer and bookseller, were next submitted. Biddings commenced at £ 150, and the property was ultimately bought in a £ 550.

October 13, Front Page ?

GRAND EVENING CONCERT IN THE CORN EXCHANGE. Mr Tennent, of Edinburgh, begs to announce to the gentry and inhabitants of Berwick that he will give a grand evening concert on the Corn Exchange on the evening of Saturday (tomorrow), 14<sup>th</sup> instant. Artistes:- Miss Seager, from the Edinburgh Glee Union, Mr J.C. Hutton, the distinguished tenor, Mr M'Ner, the most original and versatile comique of the day, Mr Manor will preside at the pianoforte and harmonium. Doors open at quarter past seven, to commence at eight precisely. Prices of admission:- Front stall 2s, Centre 1s, Back 6d.

October 20, Front Page.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Dr. Mark begs most respectfully to announce that he will give four grand concerts entirely sustained by his celebrated little men, numbering twenty performers, including ten solo instrumentalists and vocal, at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday and Monday, October 21 and 23. The performances will be given in the following order:- A grand morning concert at three, an especial performance for public schools of all denominations, admission 1d each. A grand evening concert at eight, admission – Reserved seats, 2s; Second seats, 1s; Children and schools half price, Back seats and promenade, 6d. For particulars see hand bills.

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October 20, Local News, p.3.

CONCERT - On Saturday evening, a party from Edinburgh engaged by Mr D.W. Tennant, and consisting of Miss Seager, contralto, Mr J. C. Hutton, tenor, Mr R McNee, comic singer, and Mr Mahors, pianist, gave a concert in Berwick Corn Exchange. The attendance was not large. The singing generally did not realise the expectations of the audience, while the ill-adaptation of the room for conveying sound assisted in rendering the entertainment not very attractive, and for the audience in the back seats, who were by far the most numerous, the evening's pleasure sought for could not be obtained. In a small room, the musicians might probably have appeared to better advantage.

October 27, Front Page, column 6.

There will be offered for sale by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November next, at two o'clock p.m. prompt, by Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer. All that large and substantially built messuage with the yard behind the same, situated on the west side of Wallace's Green, between the property of Mr George Fraser and the north, and that of Mr Totherick and the south, and as at present in the occupation of Mr Brotherson and others. For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the auctioneer, or Mr Sanderson, solicitor, Berwick. Berwick, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1865.

November 3, Front Page, column 2.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - The monthly subscription meeting of the above society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Secy.

December 1, Front Page, column 3.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. FOR SIX DAYS ONLY HOWEVER GREAT THE SUCCESS. Commencing Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Drake's great original, pictorial, and mechanical exhibition of the overland route to India and wanderings in the east, illustrating the manners and customs of the Hindoos, accompanied with songs and music, and historical descriptive lecture. The traveller starts from Southampton, and is conveyed direct into the interior of India, calling at every place of interest on the route. Doors open every evening at half-past seven to commence at eight o'clock. Grand illuminated day exhibition on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at three. Doors open at half-past two. Reserved seats, 2s; second do., 1s; back do., 6d. For further particulars see programme.

December 1, Front Page, last column.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The monthly subscription meeting of the above society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening next, 5<sup>th</sup> inst., at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Secy.

December 22, Front Page, column 6.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. TWO NIGHTS ONLY! Saturday and Tuesday, Dec. 23 and 26. The public's old favourites, the world renowned and celebrated Christy's Minstrels of New York, and from St. James' Hall, London, and from Liverpool. New organisation. Sole proprietor, Mr George Forrest. Ten talented performers. New and original sensation acts. Grand conversazione of music, mirth, and mimicry. Extraordinary and astounding galaxy of talent. Songs, scenes, sketches & burlesques. Prices - Front seats, 2s; second seats, 1s; third do. 6d. Tickets to be had of the

booksellers. Doors open at half-past seven o'clock, to commence at eight. Carriages to be ordered at 10 o'clock. See programme.

December 22, Local News p. 3.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - On Monday evening, the half-yearly general meeting of this society was held at the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, Alexander Robertson, Esq., president, occupied the chair. The accounts fro the past half-year were submitted, and explained by the secretary, Mr Husband; and on the motion of Mr Ellison, seconded by Mr Whinna, it was resolved to print and circulate among the shareholders a rule passed at the general meeting in June 1864. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

December 29, Front Page, column 5.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The monthly subscription meeting of the above society will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Allan Purves, Secy.

December 29, Local News p. 3.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS - A party of twelve Negro performers, under Mr George Forrest, who a year ago successfully exhibited the ghost illusion in this town, gave two entertainment in the Corn Exchange on Saturday and Tuesday evenings. The attendances were fair, and the entertainments which were of the usual kind of that kind of minstrels, with various other songs and dances and comical representations, were ably sustained and frequently encored. The entertainment will be repeated till the end of the week.

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January 12, p. 2, column 1. Repeated 19 Jan

GRAND EVENING CONCERT IN THE CORN EXCHANGE, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>. Mr T. Rees Evans has great pleasure in announcing that he has secured the following distinguished artistes for the benefit concert on the above day. Madame Grisi, Madame Demerie-Lablanche, Signor Foli, Signor Mario. Solo violonist Mademoiselle Ardite, conductor Signor Ardite.

January 19, Local News p. 3, column 3.

GRAND CONCERT IN THE CORN EXCHANGE. We beg to direct the attention of our readers to an advertisement in our columns announcing that Mr T Rees Evans has engaged Madame Grisi, Signor Mario and other celebrated performers to give a concert in the Corn Exchange on Saturday evening. Such a treat to lovers of music has not been offered to the inhabitants of Berwick for many a day, and we that all who appreciate musical talent will make a point of attending.

January 19, Local News p. 3 , column 4.

RIFLE VOLUNTEERS. – On Wednesday night, in the Corn Exchange, the Rifle Volunteers underwent their usual inspection by adjutant Northcote, in manual, platoon, and position drills. At the close he said he was extremely glad of the opportunity of being present, and of making the acquaintance of Captain Douglas, who had lately been gazetted in command of the corps. He was quite sure that Captain Douglas would fill Captain Ramsey's shoes, although he, with the corps, was extremely sorry to lose Captain Ramsey; but circumstances over which they had no control had obliged him to resign. If Captain Douglas attended three drills a week it would be the best method of showing his zeal in the cause, and would also prove a good example to the whole corps. In looking over the returns for the past year, he was glad to find that for the whole battalion there were only 60 non-efficient. He trusted, however, that during the ensuing year they would prove themselves a model battalion, and that all would become efficient. He was much obliged to them for their attendance and the manner in which they had gone through their drills. Next month they would commence with setting-up drill. – Captain Douglas afterwards thanked the corps for the honour they had done him in electing him their captain. He could assure them he was very sensible of that honour, and that to the best of his ability he would endeavour to perform the duties of the office to the satisfaction and approval of both the corps and their superiors. (Applause).

January 26, Front Page, column 2.

NOTICE – The adjourned ordinary annual meeting of the Berwick Shipping Company (Limited) will be held in the Corn Exchange Buildings, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January inst., at 12 o'clock noon. Berwick Shipping Company (limited) , Berwick 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1866.

February 9, Front Page, column 1.

Mr T. Rees Evans has the honour to announce that he has arranged with mademoiselle Titiens, to give a grand evening concert, in the Corn Exchange, on Monday evening next, at eight o'clock. Principal artiste: - Mademoiselle Titiens. Mademoiselle Zandrina, her first appearance. Mademoiselle Sinico. Signor Bossi. Signor Stagno (the admired new tenor). Signor Piatti. Conductor – Signor Bevignani. In order to bring this grand concert within the reach of all, the prices on this occasion will be reduced to, reserved seats, 5s; gallery, 3s; and back seats 1s. Upon the success of this concert will depend Mr Evans' scale of charges for the future. He trusts, therefore, to receive the liberal support of all classes. Tickets may be had from Mr Evans, Castlegate, and Mr Henderson, Western Lane.

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February 9, Front Page, last column.

To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at two o'clock in the afternoon, Mr John Beveridge, auctioneer, all that desirable building site, pleasantly situated in Upper Ravensdowne, Berwick. And also the dwelling house, large yard, and other premises behind the same, at present in the occupation of Mr Joseph Brown. If not sold in one lot, then the building site will be offered separately. For further particulars, application may be made to the auctioneer; or Mr Douglas, solicitor, Berwick.

February 9, Local News p. 3, column 2.

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February 9, Local News p. 3, column 3.

GRAND CONCERT – We would direct the attention of all lovers of music to a grand concert, arranged by our enterprising townsman Mr T Rees Evans, to be given in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening. Of distinguished artistes who are to appear on that occasion, we give the following from a Newcastle contemporary; - No reminder of an event so absorbing in interest to the musical public is at all necessary. The announcement of a visit by Maddle. Titiens at once created a furore of excitement, to hear again, a lady who without disparagement to her contemporaries may be said to be at the head of her profession.. From her first appearance before the public in 1848, when she was only fifteen years of age, and made her debut at Hamburg, her native place, in the difficult part of the heroine, in 'Lucretia Borgia,' Maddle. Titiens has gone on increasing in public favour until she is now the most popular cantatrice in the world. And we have no doubt she has fairly won her high position. Her first performance, indeed, to which we have alluded, established her right to a distinguished place as a lyric artist. After making her debut in Hamburg, Mademoiselle Titiens proceeded to Frankfort, and thence to Vienna, winning in each city increased reputation. Her advent to this country, in the first instance, was through Mr Lumley, the lessee of her Majesty's Theatre, where she appeared in 1858, as Valentine in the 'Huguenots'; and continued, during her stay of three months, to merit the warm eulogiums which this first impression called forth. On the occasion of her appearance in London in the Part of Lucretia it was observed by an able critic that ' a voice so rich in quality, so extensive, and so flexible, combined with a temperament so passionate, and a dramatic perception so exact, carries us back to the highest standards of lyrical excellence. The great line which commenced with Pasta, and was sustained in all its honours by Schroeder, Malibran, and Grisi, finds no feeble vindication in the genius of Mademoiselle Titiena.' Since then, she has been deemed to have attained yet higher excellence; and it is this talented lady whom we shall have the great privilege of hearing in this town on Monday evening. Maddle. Titiens will, of course, be the star of the occasion; but the interest will not be confined to 'Titiens'. There will be other great artistes; such as Maddle. Zandrina, Madle. Sinico, Signor Bossi (an old favourite in Newcastle), Signor Stagno, the new tenor, Signor Piatti (another old favourite, whose marvellous manipulation of the violoncello has of the entranced audiences), and lastly Signor Bevignani (pianist). The novelty on the occasion is Signor Stagno; and he kindly considers the majority of his audience by undertaking to sing an English ballad 'When other lips.'. The programme is exceedingly popular and attractive; and especially calculated to display the great talents of Maddle. Titiens and her fellow-artistes in the lyrical art.

February 23, Front Page, column 2.

HARRY CLIFTON. The famed comique will appear in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Friday March 2, 1866. Mr Clifton will be assisted by a powerful and talented company. See small bills.

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February 23, Local News, column 4.

HARRY CLIFTON'S CONCERT – Attention is directed to a concert to be given in the Corn Exchange on Friday next, as announced in our advertising columns. The principal vocalist on the occasion is Harry Clifton, who has gained considerable celebrity as a comic singer, and has had the honour of appearing before H.R. H. the Prince of Wales. There are other vocalists, and a concert a very pleasing and entertaining character may be expected from their united efforts.

February 23, Local News p. 3, column 4.

SALE OF PROPERTY - Yesterday afternoon, Mr Beveridge offered for sale by auction in the Corn Exchange, the premises in Ravensdowne at present in the occupation of Mr Joseph Brown. The property was first offered in one lot, but there being no offers, it was submitted in two lots. The building site was put up at £ 45, and by two subsequent biddings £ 55 was offered, but that not being exceeded, the property was bought in at £ 80. For the dwelling house, yard, and other premises there were no offers.

March 2, Front Page, column 2.

TONIGHT Corn Exchange, Berwick. Mr Harry Clifton's concert will take place tonight, where he will be assisted by a talented company. See programme.

March 9, Front Page, column 5.

NOTICE. An extraordinary general meeting of the Berwick Shipping Company (Limited), will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> instant at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of declaring a dividend. By order of the directors. Berwick, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 1866.

March 9, Front Page, last column.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTY IN SPITAL FOR SALE. To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr Allan Purves, auctioneer, All those very desirable and centrally situated houses and premises, and large piece of vacant ground, belonging to the late Mr George Carr, deceased, on the east side of the Main Street of Spittal, which will be offered for sale in the following lots: - Lot 1. All that shop, dwelling house, and garden, occupied by Mrs Davidson, and long used as the letter receiving house. Lots 2, 3, and 4, All those newly erected shops and dwelling houses, with the gardens behind the same, in the several occupations of Messrs Gladstone, Jackson and Symington as tenants. Lot 5, All those two newly built messuages and premises, adjoining the above, let out in tenements at a yearly rent of £ 21. Lot 6, All that vacant piece of ground, containing in extent 1430 square yards, and extending from the Front Street backwards to the Gas Works behind, and well adapted for building sites. For further particulars apply to the auctioneer, or to Mr Douglas, solicitor, Berwick.

March 16, Front Page, column 4.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Arthur Lloyd will give his Grand Comic Concert, on which occasion the following artistes will appear, for one night only, Mr W.B. Alexander, the great ventriloquist, and mimic, from the Oxford, Canterbury, and Polytechnic, London. Mr Frank Raynor, the popular tenor, from Her Majesty's Concerts, London. Mr W. T. Rushbury, pianist. Mr Arthur Lloyd, who ha appeared at every concert hall of note in London, and has met – in conjunction with his company – the greatest success in Shields, Sunderland, York, Birmingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Manchester Free Trade Hall (where he performed to an audience of over four thousand persons), and other large towns. Admission – 2s, 1s, and 6d. Doors open at

half-past 7; concert at 8. Tickets to be had of Mr Henry Plenderleith, bookseller, and at the hall on the evening of concert.

March 16, Local News p. 3, column 4.

BERWICK SHIPPING COMPANY - At an extraordinary general meeting of this company held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, Alderman Gilchrist presiding, a dividend of 15 per cent – equal to 30 s per share – was declared out of the reserve fund of the company. This division has arisen in consequence of the shareholders having declared against introduction of steam communication with London.

March 30, Page 2, column 1. Repeated April 6.

FOR SALE. To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. Useful old mare, for harness and saddle, a strong build dog cart, patent axle, a good cart, harness, two excellent gig lamps &c. John Beveridge, auctioneer.

March 30, Page 2, column 1.

GRAND CONCERT. Miss Kirk intends giving a grand concert in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1866. Miss Helen Kirk will be assisted by Miss E. Percival, distinguished soprano and pianist, and Mr T Maclagan, the eminent versatile artiste. Prices of admission – 2s, 1s, 6d. Tickets to be had at the usual shops, and at the door on the night of concert. Doors open at half-past seven, concert to commence at eight.

April 6, Front Page, column 2.

GRAND CONCERT. Miss Kirk intends giving a grand concert in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 1866.

April 13, Local News p. 3, column 5.

CONCERT – Miss Helen Kirk, assisted by Miss E. Percival, soprano and pianist, and Mr T. Maclagan, the eminent versatile artiste, gave a concert in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday evening. A more enjoyable concert we have seldom attended. Each of the ladies possesses a rich, musical, and powerful voice, over which she exercised perfect command, and the taste and humour which characterised the various pieces in the programme, whether songs, duets, or trios evinced careful training, with its successful results. The audience readily responded with acclamation, and frequently awarded an encore, which was readily accepted. Miss Kirk sung 'My boy Tammie,' in capital style. Miss Percival accompanied all the pieces on the piano with good effect. Of Mr Maclagan much might be said in his praise. Accustomed as Berwick audiences have been to witness the versatile abilities of this eminent artiste, he has seldom appeared here to greater advantage than he did on Wednesday evening. In the comic or humorous parts of the entertainment he was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Performing on a silver flute, on the violin, or in singing humorous or other pieces, he was equally well received, and was frequently encored. Owing to the extended programme the entertainment lasted till half-past ten. The attendance was fair, but we think the artistes were deserving of a greater amount of patronage. This, we think, may confidently be expected should the party favour us with another visit.

April 22. Page 2, column 3. Repeated May 4<sup>th</sup>, Front Page.

DANCING ACADEMY, CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. James Grahamsley Atkinson, certified teacher of dancing and deportment begs respectfully to intimate that his second season in Berwick will commence on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. He feels it his duty to acknowledge the continuance of

his former most distinguished patronage, which it will ever be his study to merit. Limited and select class to commence at 3 o'clock p.m. General class to commence at 5 o'clock p.m. Evening class for young gentlemen commencing at 8 o'clock. For further particulars see circulars. Berwick, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

June 8, Front Page, column 2.

EQUITABLE BUILDING SOCIETY. The annual general meeting of the members of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1866, at half-past seven o'clock. John Husband, Sec.

June 8, Front Page, column 4.

A meeting of subscribers to the portrait of the Earl of Wemyss will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11:45 a.m.. By order of the committee. Coldstream, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

June 22, Local News p. 3, column 4.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - The annual general meeting of this society was held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on Monday night; the President, Alex. Robertson, Esq., in the chair. On the motion of Mr Whinns, seconded by Mr Ellison, the statement of accounts, which had been circulated among the members, and which was held as read, was unanimously approved of. The Secretary, Mr Husband, explained that after assigning compound interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum to all the shares of the society, there remained a balance of extra profit, from which the directors recommended the allotment of a bonus of 2s per share of four years' standing, and 1s 6d per share of three years' standing, leaving for the reserve fund the sum of £ 10 14s. Mr Robertson was unanimously re-elected President. Messrs M. Young and W. Whinns were re-elected, and Messrs W. Tennant, T. Weatherly, and J. Robson were elected directors. James Ellison and D.H. Allan were re-elected stewards; the auditors also were re-appointed. On the motion of Mr Ellison thanks were voted to the President for his services. The vote having been acknowledged, the meeting separated.

June 29, Front Page, column 4.

ELIGIBLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES AT SPITTAL & TWEEDMOUTH FOR SALE. To be sold by auction, at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1866, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, The following desirable properties: - Lot 1. That marine residence known by the name of 'Tweed Cottage', beautifully situated on the east side at the south end of the Main Street in Spittal, comprising four rooms, offices, and garden, having an entrance to the beach, and a beautiful view of the bay, Holy Island, Farn Islands, &c, and being at present occupied by Mr Thomas Dixon. Lot 2. The house and garden adjoining the above, having the same advantages as the foregoing, known by the name of 'Tyneside Cottage' in the occupation of Miss Flinthoffe. Lot 3. All those messuages or tenements, together with yard and offices attached, situated in Mill Strand Lane, Tweedmouth, in the occupation of Mr George Lee, and Mr Darling. Further particulars may be obtained on application to Messrs. T.M. & J. Whitehouse, solicitors, Wolverhampton; or to Mr A. Purves, auctioneer, Berwick.

July 6, Front Page, column 3. Repeated July 27

BERWICK GRAMMAR SCHOOL BAZAAR, CORN EXCHANGE. Tuesday, July 31, 1866. Lady Patronesses – The Marchioness of Waterford. The Countess Percy. The Countess of Tankerville. The Countess Grey. Lady Louisa Percy. Lady Stirling. Lady Marjoribanks. Mrs

Robertson, of Ladykirk. Committee – Mrs G.H. Hamilton. Mrs Irwin. Mrs Lowrey. Mrs Maclagan. Mrs Mirrielees. Mrs Robertson. Mrs Rowe. Mrs Sanderson. Mrs Thompson. Mrs Weddell. Miss Archbold. Miss Cairns. Miss Dickson. Miss Gilchrist. Miss Willoby.

About £ 1,500 have been already raised for the extension and improvement of the Berwick Grammar School; but a very considerable sum being still required, the ladies of the town and neighbourhood propose to hold a bazaar in aid of the fund. They earnestly solicit the assistance of all who are kindly disposed to help in advancing a work of so great and general utility.

Contributions, either in work or otherwise, may be forwarded to Mrs Mirrielees, at the Grammar School, or to any of the ladies of the committee.

The bazaar will be open on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at 12 o'clock, and the following day if necessary. Admission one shilling.

July 20, local news p. 3, column 5.

BERWICK GAS COMPANY. – The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Gas Company was held on Wednesday in the Corn Exchange; Alderman Bogue presided. Among those present were – Alderman Ramsay, Messrs G. Weatherhead, T Buchanan, J Davidson, C Smith, J Duncan, P Riddle, R Rutherford, G Young, T Douglas, J Purves, B G Sinclair, A Paxton, R Kay, G McGregor, T H Mitchell, G Brown, J Gladstone, &c. The secretary Mr Wight, read the balance sheet. There had been realised from the sale of gas, £ 3291, 4s, 8d; from use of meters, £ 154, 13s, 6d; coke, tar, lime, &c sold, £ 172, 0s, 7d; interest on bank accounts, £ 29, 18s, 11d; total £ 3,677, 17s, 8d; balance, net profits, £ 104, 16s, 4½d. The secretary also read the balance account. Mr Weatherburn, Castlegate, asked how it happened that so much had been paid for coals, above £ 200 more than last year. The Chairman replied that it was owing to the advance in the price of coal. Tenders were received from various parties and the best coal at the lowest price was accepted. Mr Davidson said it was very likely that £ 200 more would have to be paid for coal next year. Mr Weatherburn thought that there must certainly be great waste. The secretary then read the directors' report, as follows: - 'Gentlemen, it affords your directors great pleasure to meet you again on this occasion, and report that the affairs of the company are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The balance sheet and balance account have been examined and approved by your directors and duly attested by the auditor, and a copy of the balance sheet sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a net profit of £ 1,104, 16s, 4½d for the year ending the 25<sup>th</sup> May last, and available as dividend, and your directors have great pleasure in recommending the meeting to declare a dividend of ten per cent upon the capital of the company, and which the secretary is prepared to pay immediately after the business of the meeting is transacted. Your directors beg to state that they have erected a large and commodious shed for the storage of coal and lime, and are about to increase the purifying surface by an additional purifier, which they trust will be in working order in a few weeks. They, however, regret that in consequence of the great advance in the price of coal they are unable at the present time to make a further reduction in the price of gas to their consumers. During the past year there have been fourteen meetings of directors; the three retiring directors are Messrs. Davidson, Riddle, and Smith, but who are eligible for re-election.' The Chairman moved the adoption of the report. He need scarcely say, after the explanation which had been given to the shareholders who asked for it, that the high price of coal has prevented the realisation of that amount of profit which might have been reasonably expected had coals continued at their previous rate. During the past year the price of coals had advanced about fifteen per cent and from the time of their lowest rate up to the present time they had advanced from forty to fifty per cent. That was the principal item in their expenditure, and had a most important effect upon the profits of the company. At the same time he thought they ought to be thankful that their affairs had turned out so well. The greatest care and attention had been devoted to it, and they had every reason to be satisfied with the

manager and secretary. In addition to the advance in the price of coals, they had also had to advance the wages of the workmen – a movement which had been general throughout the country. One unfortunate circumstance had occurred which they could not have foreseen; they had lost a cargo of coals, and this also fell to be deducted from the profits. Previously they had been their own insurers, but at a recent meeting of the directors it was resolved to insure all cargoes of coal coming by sea in future. They were extending their buildings, and this was expected to prove a great convenience at the works, and the purifier would be a great advantage. At last annual meeting he believed it was almost unanimously agreed that the annual dinner of the company should be given up. It was generally admitted among all limited liability companies that money spent in feasting was not properly spent, and he hoped the resolution of the directors to dispense with the annual dinner would be sustained by the shareholders. He concluded by moving the adoption of the report. Mr Purves seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. The secretary reported the attendance of the directors at the fourteen meetings which had been held. Mr Riddle had attended 13, Mr Rutherford 13, Mr Duncan 11, Mr Bogue 10, Mr Buchanan 10, Mr Davidson 7, Mr Smith 7, Mr Weatherhead 7, and Mr Paxton 4. The votes of the shareholders were taken by ballot when the three retiring directors, Messrs Davidson, Riddle and Smith were declared to be re-elected unanimously. On the motion of the Chairman Mr Oliver was re-elected auditor. Alderman Ramsay moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and directors for the judicious and economical way in which they had managed the business of the company, and the exertion and time also devoted thereto, he thought they were entitled to the thanks of the shareholders. Mr G Young seconded the motion; the only thing in which he differed with other speakers was that he thought there should have been a dinner. He did not care for one for himself, but it was the only way in which they could recompense the directors for their trouble. He thought it was a great pity that it had been arranged not to have a dinner. The Chairman returned thanks for the vote. He could bear the most willing testimony to the excellent way in which the directors had performed their duty. [ the last few line are impossible to read].

July 27, Front Page, column 5.

**BERWICK GRAMMAR SCHOOL BAZAAR.** – As most of our readers are aware, the trustees of the Berwick Grammar School have for some time contemplated the removal of the school from its present site in High Street to a more commodious and extensive premises which have been purchased by them in Palace Street, at a cost of £ 1,550. A further sum of £ 250 is proposed to be expended upon the new premises to provide all necessary fittings required for a school, making the total amount £ 1,800. Towards realising this sum, the trustees, by the sale of the present Grammar School buildings, obtain £ 1,000, and recently a subscription was set on foot to raise one half of the balance, the remaining half of it being proposed to be raised by a mortgage of £ 400 upon the school property, to be paid off in thirty years. With the view to facilitate this arrangement, the Rev. W Mirrielees, Head Master of the school, proposed to sacrifice part of his income towards paying off the mortgage within the prescribed time. Subsequently it was resolved to make a further effort to raise by subscription or otherwise, the total amount required, so that the new premises might be free from debt. The sum of £ 1,500 has been thus raised for the extension and improvement scheme. A few weeks ago, the ladies of the town kindly consented to open a bazaar in aid of the scheme, and a committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements. Accordingly the bazaar was opened in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. The stalls, which were ranged round the room, contained a large and varied assortment of useful and ornamental articles, principally the work of ladies, and their gratuitous gifts. Over each stall was a tastefully erected arch of wreathed evergreens, and in the centre was the name of the lady who presided. The following are the ladies who were in attendance at the stalls: Mrs Mirrielees, High Street; Mrs Lowrey, Castle Hill; Mrs Paterson,

Woolmarket; Mrs Robertson, Wellington Terrace; Mrs Thompson, Ravensdowne; Mrs Weddell, Palace; Miss Dickson, Ravensdowne; Miss Willoby, Ravensdowne; Miss A Henderson, Wellington Terrace; Miss Paterson, Woolmarket. These were ably assisted by numerous other assistants. The bazaar opened at twelve, after which visitors began to arrive slowly. The attendance of people from the country was not so large as had been anticipated; probably owing to the very wet weather of the previous day and night, and its unpromising appearance on the morning of the bazaar. Among those present from a distance, were Colonel Begbie, Lady Stirling and family from Renton House, Mrs Macbraire of Broadmeadows, Mrs Friar of Grindon Ridge, the Misses Crossman, Cheswick House, Archdeacon Hamilton, Mrs Hamilton and family from Eglingham, &c. Mrs Robertson of Ladykirk, sent a very choice selection of flowers in handsome bouquets, and a donation of £ 5 5s to the general fund. The Marchioness of Waterford also sent a lot of beautiful hot-house and other flowers. Lady Louisa Percy forwarded box of articles, and Lady Stirling also sent a number of articles, and a donation of £ 3 to the bazaar fund. In the course of the afternoon there was a very fair attendance of some of the principal families in the town, the receipts at the door up to six o'clock being above £ 10. A good many sales were effected; the flower stall was soon cleared, and a post office, neatly and attractively fitted up, received a large amount of patronage. In an upper room of the Corn Exchange, Messrs W and P Weatherhead exhibited a number of dissolving views every half-hour. Up to six o'clock the greatest amount taken at one stall was a little over £ 20. Numerous lotteries were drawn for the more expensive articles. In the evening the charge for admission was reduced to half-price when the largest company of the day assembled. The total amount received for admission during the day was over £ 15, and the receipts from sales and other sources were upwards of £ 140. The whole of the articles not being sold on Tuesday, the ladies resolved in deferring the continuance of the sale till probably the day of the Horticultural Show.

August 24, Front Page, column 1.

**EASTERN BORDER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.** The annual show of this society will be held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> September next, in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Admission – 2 till 3 o'clock 1s each, 3 till 5 o'clock 6d each. 6 till 9 o'clock 3d each. Members having tickets free. A band of music will be in attendance. James Carter & Wm. Willoby, joint Hon. Secs. Berwick-upon-Tweed, Aug. 22, 1866.

September 7, Page 2, column 7.

**EASTERN BORDER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.** The second annual competitive exhibition of this society was held in Berwick Corn Exchange on Wednesday. The Eastern Border Horticultural Society, of which J W Ruddock, Esq., Mayor is president, was re-established last year, the objects of which, as set forth in the Committee's circular, are – 'while affording all classes opportunities of acquiring or gratifying a love of flowers, to promote the successful cultivation of the best kinds of fruit, flowers, and vegetables, and disseminate a knowledge of the improvements successively being made in the practice of horticulture.' To the Committee of Management, composed of thirteen members, of which the Mayor and the Sheriff are ex-officio members, to the secretaries Messrs James Carter and W Willoby, and to the treasurer, Mr Robert Kay, much credit is due for the great success which has attended this society since it was re-established; and the public have also, by their liberal contributions, greatly aided in this success. There can be little doubt that, with continual liberality extended to them, the office-bearers will carry on the work energetically, nor will the public fail to appreciate the efforts put forth for the promotion of a taste for horticulture, and the results as these have been amply exemplified at the two exhibitions, which the society has held.

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Notwithstanding the very unfavourable weather which has prevailed for some time past it will, we have no doubt, be generally admitted that the exhibition of Wednesday showed a vast improvement, both in number and quality of all the specimens exhibited, compared with those of last year; indeed, a much finer show could hardly have been expected for this district. The plants and flowers were very neatly arranged on three tables running parallel across the Exchange, while the fruits and large display of vegetables, together with the numerous plants sent for exhibition but not for competition were conspicuously and conveniently placed around the room, which is admirably adapted for such an exhibition. Everything appeared to much advantage. Where the specimens for competition were all of a high class we will refrain from special reference, but we may mention that there were sent for exhibition but not for competition, a lot of beautiful ferns, by Mr Davidson, gardener, Haggerston Castle; S Sanderson, Esq., supplied a collection of plants; E Willoby, Esq., a large collection of plants; Mr James Sutherland, Wallace Green, a large stand of pelargoniums and fuchsias; Messrs Waite, Hope Nurseries, a good lot of greenhouse plants; and Messrs Stuart and Mein, Kelso, a fine collection of hollyhocks, feathered asters, French marigolds, gladioli, and a new vegetable called *Raphanus caudatus*. We may be permitted to mention that Mr R Moffat, Berwick Cemetery, took the first of the Sheriff's prizes for the best device in flowers, with a beautiful very tastefully arranged design off a flower garden, which attracted large numbers to witness it and was generally admired. The second prize was awarded to Mr John Straughan, Moles Mains House, for three beautiful baskets of flowers for dinner table decorations. The third prize was gained by the Under Sheriff, W Willoby, Esq. A lot of seedling pansies raised by Messrs Waite Brothers of the Hope Nurseries, and grown by Mr Robert Moffat, Berwick Cemetery, were awarded a prize of 5s; and a dozen of these pansies were shown in a stand and gained the silver medal given by the Sheriff. This latter decision of the judges, we understand, was protested against by Mr George Wilson, Dunse. The dispute will probably be decided at the first meeting of the Committee. Considering the backwardness of the season the show of asters and gladioli was remarkably good, more especially the asters, a better show of which the judges had not witnessed. French marigolds also were a beautiful lot; and the baskets of fruit and vegetables were very fine. The judges remarked that in the second class, which was confined to amateurs and cottagers, they had never seen a better exhibition in that class; and on the whole it was an admirable show. Mr James Wilson, Pier House, exhibited a fine live turtle from the West Indies. The show was opened at two o'clock, when notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, the room was soon thronged by a gay assemblage of ladies and gentlemen belonging to the town and district, and as the afternoon wore on and the prices for admission were reduced, still larger numbers visited the Exchange, while in the evening the pace was filled. Among those present we observed – Mrs and Misses Crossman, Cheswick; Misses Flude, Broomhouse; Mrs and Misses Swanton, Marshall Meadows; Miss Mackie and Miss Smith, Ancroft; Mr and Miss Hogg, Kyoel; Misses carter, Ayton; Misses and Master Lundie, Spital House; and a large number of the elite of the borough. A band of musicians, under the leadership of Mr M'Leod, bandmaster of the Northumberland Artillery Militia, occupied the orchestra, and during the afternoon played a variety of popular music. The Committee and other members dined together at the Salmon Inn at five o'clock. The judges were Messrs Scott, Ladykirk; Clowe, Pinnaclehill; Cockburn, Lees; Thoin, Newton Don; and Renwick, Milne Graden. Their awards were as follows and gave general satisfaction. [ here follows a five-page list of prizes].

September 14, Front page, column 6.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. First appearance for 2 years of the celebrated and original Christy's Minstrels. One night only. Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1866. Commencing at eight o'clock. First appearance in Berwick of Unsworth, the great stump orator. First appearance in

Berwick of Eugene, the marvellous prima donna and dancer. First appearance in Berwick of Mr Richard Parker, tambourinist and comedian. Wilsom, the beautiful ballad singer, and a host of talent. New songs, dances, and burlesques. Reserved seats, 2s 6d; unreserved seats, 1s; promenade, 6d. Tickets and places may be secured at Mr Henderson's, bookseller, Berwick-on-Tweed. Secretary – H. Montague.

September 14, local News p. 3, column 5.

THE CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS - As will be seen from our advertising columns these old favourites are to give a concert in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday next. From the amount of talent and versatility of the new performers introduced into the company, a good evening's entertainment may be expected.

September 21, Local News, column 3.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS - The 'celebrated and original Christy's Minstrels' gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange, on Tuesday night. Notwithstanding the very wet night, the attendance was large, as is usually the case at entertainments of this class, and the company generally seemed gratified. The instrumental part of the entertainment, comprising first and second violoncello, harp, and lute, was very well maintained and blended together very sweetly. The vocal pieces also in the first part of the programme were sung with much taste, the best, we think, being 'Thinking of Home', by Mr G J Wilsom, the chorus being well sustained by the company. Negro 'tall-talk' was introduced between each piece, 'bones' and 'tamborine' figuring prominently. The solos on the flute, violincello, and harp by Messrs Berry, Hartley, and Pollock, respectively, were cleverly and creditably performed. The part of the programme, however, which seemed to find most favour with the audience, and in which only they awarded encores, was the burlesque and extravaganza performances of members of the company. The entertainment as a whole, was of the usual class of 'Minstrel' performers, and as such the majority of the audience enjoyed it.

October 26, Front Page, column 1.

EVENING CONCERT. Miss Aimers begs to announce that she will give a grand concert in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on the evening of Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, under distinguished patronage. Artistes. Miss Susan Galton, prima donna, from Her Majesty's Theatre London (Niece of Miss Louise Pyne), her first appearance in Berwick. Miss Aimers, contralto, from the Royal English Opera, London, her first appearance in Berwick. Mr Keller, tenor, from the Italian Opera Houses, London, his first appearance in Berwick. Conductor – Mr F W Bridgman, accompanist and concertinist, from the Edinburgh Concerts. Tickets to be had of the booksellers. 1<sup>st</sup> class, 2s; 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 1s; 3<sup>rd</sup> class, 6d.

November 2, Local News p. 3, column 3.

CONCERT – A concert of vocal and instrumental music was given in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday night by Miss Aimers (known to London and Edinburgh audiences as Miss Armstrong), who was assisted by a talented party, consisting of Miss Susan Galton, Mr Keller, and Mr Bridgman. The attendance, we are sorry to say, was limited. The programme comprised a number of high-class solos and concerted piece, which were all rendered, especially the latter, in a style that gave great satisfaction. Miss Aimers sang several songs with much taste and precision. Miss Galton, who is a niece of Miss Pyne, and bears a strong resemblance to that celebrated prima donna, made her first appearance before a Berwick audience on this occasion, and earned for herself a very warm reception by her fine, expressive singing and fascinating manner. She possesses a voice of rich quality and great compass, not yet, of course, quite matured, but exceedingly well-trained and

flexible. She made an equally gratifying impression in the concerted pieces. Of Mr Keller, we are also glad to be able to speak in terms of high commendation. He, too, is a tasteful and accomplished vocalist, with a powerful but pleasing and excellently disciplined tenor voice. Mr Bridgman, who acted as accompanist, performed on the concertina and on the piano, with his wonted ability and effect. The audience seemed highly gratified with the entire entertainment.

November 16, Front Page, column 6.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Tuesday November 29, 1866. Mr Harry Clifton respectfully intimates that he will have the honour of giving one of his popular concerts on the above date. Mr Harry Clifton, comic, who will sing eight of his popular songs, introducing new and original characters and impersonations. Admission – Reserved seats, 2s; second seats 1s; back and promenade (limited), 6d. Carriages ordered at ten.

November 23, Front Page, column 2. Repeated Nov. 30.

GRAND CONCERT. Friday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> December, in Corn Exchange, Berwick. Artistes: - Miss Louisa Pyne, prima donna, English Opera Company. Miss Susan Pyne, contralto, English Opera Company. Signor Ambonetti, distinguished tenor from Venice. Mr Henri Clarke, popular comedian & comic vocalist. Mr Emile Berger, eminent composer and pianist, Saturday evening City Hall Concerts, Glasgow. Prices of admission: - Reserved seats 3s; second seats 2s; back seats 1s. Tickets to be had from Mr Thos. Melrose, bookseller, and at the door on night of concert. Doors open at 7 – concert commence at 8.

November 23, Front Page, column 2. Repeated Nov. 30.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, in the Corn Exchange, on Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, at 3 o'clock p.m. All that freehold property, situated in Tweed Street, belonging to Mr James Bell, consisting of two cottages with a frontage of about sixty feet, a large barn and stable behind the same. For further particulars apply to Mr James Bell, or to the auctioneer. Sandgate, November 22, 1866.

November 23, Local News p. 3.

HARRY CLIFTON'S CONCERT. – On Tuesday night, Mr Harry Clifton, the versatile comic vocalist, with Miss Fanny Edwards, Miss Annie Kinnaird, and Mr J Holbrook, gave a concert in the Corn Exchange. The attendance was large, the floor of the hall being well filled. Miss Edwards, who possesses a very powerful voice, sang one or two Scotch songs with much expression and taste, and in these, as well as in another song, she was warmly applauded. She also appeared with Miss Kinnaird in the humorous duet 'The idea', in which both acquitted themselves with much credit, a fair amount of dramatic accompaniment being added. A hearty encore was awarded. Miss Kinnaird sang several songs mostly on love themes, in all of which, from her pleasing expression and the ardent feeling which she imparted to her sweet musical voice, she invariably commanded hearty applause, and frequent encores. Mr Clifton appeared in his usual versatile comic style, and on this occasion to great advantage, he being invariably encored. Mr Holbrook presided at the harmonium. The entertainment altogether was most pleasing and enjoyable.

November 30, Local News p. 3, column 3.

BERWICK SHIPPING COMPANY - The annual general meeting of the Berwick Shipping Company was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. Alderman Gilchrist, in the absence of Mr Geo. Henderson, presided. The secretary, Mr G L Paulin, read the directors' annual report, which recommended the payment of a dividend of 15 per cent. The report was unanimously adopted. A

vote of thanks was passed to the directors, the retiring directors were re-elected and after a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting separated.

December 7, Front Page, column 3.

“THE EVENT OF THE SEASON - The annual amateur concert and volunteers’ ball will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1866. Doors open at half past seven, concert to commence at eight o’clock. Tickets 2s each (admitting a lady and gentleman or two ladies) to be had at Mr Swinney’s Church Soiree. Volunteers are requested to appear in uniform.

December 7, Local News p. 3.

CONCERT - In aid of the funds of the Catholic School, and of the Young Men’s Society in connection with the Catholic Church in this town, a concert was given in the Corn Exchange, on Monday night. The attendance, though fair, was scarcely so large as at previous similar annual entertainments, the number present, we understand, being between 600 and 700. The programme comprised a number of songs and duets, some of the songs being comic, which were given with much humour by Barney O’Neil, and which caused much amusement to the company, who frequently awarded encores. The other pieces in the concert were given with fair ability, but the parties who were from Newcastle, were unable to produce much effect in the large hall. The performances of a Negro melodist and a party of two violinists, would, we think, have been better left out of the programme. Miss Carpenter, Newcastle, very ably presided at the pianoforte. The proceedings closed with God Save the Queen played on the piano.

December 14, Front Page, column 2.

Equitable Building Society. The half-yearly meeting of the members of this society will be held in the committee room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> December at half past seven o’clock. John Husband, Sec. Berwick, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1866.

December 14, Front Page, column 3.

CORN EXCHANGE BERWICK. Five nights only, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December. First appearance in Scotland after a tour in the United States and Canada, and second visit to Berwick, after an absence of nearly four years. Professor Millar, the world renowned prestidigitateur, pythonist, and traveller, begs to announce his new and original American entertainment entitled ‘Song, Mirth and Magic’, in conjunction with Madame Millar, the eminent vocalist, who has had the honour of appearing before the most selected audiences and pronounced by the public and press of England and America one of the first of ballad singers, and Dan Cooke, the prince of comic vocalists and queen’s jester. Another great feature in the entertainment is the astonishing and extraordinary exhibition of Professor Millar’s educated birds. Admission – reserved seats 2s; second seats 1s; back seats 6d. Doors open at half past seven, commence at a quarter past eight. Carriages at ten. Tickets may be had of Mr Alex. Henderson, bookseller.

December 14, Local News p. 3.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. The ninth half-yearly summary of accounts of this society has been published. The total receipts forward from May amount to £ 3358 2s 4d, six months’ subscription of ordinary shares, £ 400 9s 4d; do advanced premium £ 155 9s, deposit shares £ 700. These with other income and a balance due the bank of £ 136 1s 9d make the total receipts £ 4776 4s 1d. There is a balance in favour of the society of £ 360 3s 2d. The society

consists of 69 members holding 429 shares, 185 of which are advanced. The number of deposit shares is 277.

December 14, Local News p. 3, column 4.

SONG, MIRTH, AND MAGIC - Our readers will observe from our advertising columns, that Professor Millar is to give a series of entertainments in the Corn Exchange next week. Professor Millar is not unknown in this town, having on a former visit, about four years ago, given similar entertainments, which were highly successful; since then he has made a tour in America. He is accompanied by Madam Millar, who is a fine singer and possesses a full sweet, and flexible voice, and by Dan Cooke, a famous comic vocalist. The Professor has also a rather unique novelty, in a collection of trained birds, to bring before his audience. It is hoped that the public will bestow upon Professor Millar on this occasion that amount of patronage which he justly merits.

December 14, Local News p. 3, column 4.

CONCERT - On Friday evening Miss Louisa Pyne and a party gave a concert in the Corn Exchange. Notwithstanding the somewhat unfavourable weather, and the lowest charge for admission being a shilling, the fame of the vocalists drew together a large party of the elite of the town and a few from the neighbourhood. The reserved seats were all occupied, and the gallery and the back seats were also well filled. The programme comprised principally songs, ballads, duets, and trios. The great attraction was Miss Louisa Pyne who appeared with Miss Susan Pyne and Signor Ambonetti in the trio 'Mezza Notte', which they rendered in a superior manner, and created a very favourable impression. Miss Louisa Pyne also sang the Guards' Waltz 'Perche non Vieni', in which her rich, powerful voice was well brought out, and responding to an encore sang with inimitable sweetness and pathos, 'Home, sweet home,' which was rapturously applauded. She was also encored in 'The last rose of summer,' and in responding sang with great effect 'A piper cam' to our town', in which she accompanied herself on the piano. An encore was also awarded for 'Here's a health, bonnie Scotland,' for which she bowed her acknowledgements. The duet 'Ye banks and braes' by Miss Louisa and Miss Susan Pyne, was very fairly sung and well received. Of Miss Susan Pyne, although several times encored in her songs, the general opinion was that she did not come up to our expectations. We must say that we liked her singing of 'The land of the lcal,' but on being encored she certainly failed to do justice to 'Annie Laurie.' Signor Ambonetti, an expressive and powerful tenor singer, made a very favourable impression upon the company. He was deservedly encored in 'Tu m' Ami,' and 'La donna e mobile', but his singing of 'Afton water' was not so successful. Generally, however, the party was warmly received, and on each appearance on the platform were loudly applauded. A somewhat novel introduction in such an entertainment was the comic singing of Mr Henri Clarke, which although it might have been very successful under other circumstances, grated harshly in such company. Mr E Berger was announced to preside at the pianoforte, but we understand that eminent composer and pianist was represented by another gentleman from Glasgow, who although he accompanied the several pieces with great precision and accuracy, did not attempt the solo performances that had been assigned to Mr Berger. We can scarcely conclude this notice without directing the attention of the directors of the Corn Exchange, as we have often done before, to the absolute necessity of taking immediate steps to contribute something to the comfort of those who attend entertainments given in that building. There is no means of heating the room, which on a winter's evening is miserably cold and draughty; and the damp mottled appearance of the wall has a most comfortless appearance. The acoustic properties of the hall also continue to be a general subject of complaint.

December 21, p.2, column 1.

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Attraction extraordinary! Corn Exchange , Berwick. Most positively the last two nights. This (Friday) evening and tomorrow (Saturday) December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. £ 75 in money and value will be given away! The presents to be distributed free by Professor Millar will far exceed and cast completely into the shade anything ever attempted, and will include purses of money, gold and silver watches, rich silk dress patterns &c &c. Professor and Madam Millar beg to announce their farewell entertainments. Last two nights of the great Dan Cooke, the prince of comic singers. Last two nights of Mr W Warren, the distinguished pianist and composer. Admission, first seats 1s; second seats 6d; a few reserved chairs 2s. Doors open at half past seven, commence half past eight o'clock. Bear in mind, tomorrow (Saturday) is under all circumstances the very last night.

December 21, Local News, column 3.

VOLUNTEERS' CONCERT AND BALL - On Tuesday evening the annual concert and ball, given by Volunteers in the Corn Exchange, and was very successful. On this occasion the room was more than usual profusely decorated with large assortment of flags, banners, mottos, and evergreens, &c, forming a very gay and attractive scene. The platform erected for the vocalists was enclosed with drapery on all sides except in front, and over the top was suspended a large representation of the Royal Arms, bordered with evergreens, and supported on each side by bayonets. Beneath the platform were the mottos 'Welcome,' 'God save the Queen,' and 'Let Berwick flourish.' To the right of the platform was a large star, most carefully and tastefully formed of a very large number of swords, bayonets, and ramrods, with a crown in the centre, brilliantly illuminated with gas and producing a fine effect. Raised high in the room were the sponge, ramrod, &c, of the great guns of the Artillery, and the motto 'Defence not defiance,' and on the top of the board on which the star was formed was a representation of a mounted cannon, and other weapons of war, with numerous evergreens. On the left side of the platform was a similar beautiful star, with the motto at the top 'Ready, aye ready,' and in place of a cannon was a crown. These stars, which were very much admired, were, we understand, the work of Sergeant Ward, drill instructor to the Artillery Volunteers. At the orchestra were placed the Berwick Arms, over which was 'God save the Queen,' 'Our Queen and country,' and 'Our altars and our homes.' All round the room and suspended from the roof, was a very large display of flags and banners, with a profusion of evergreens. The concert, which commenced at eight o'clock, comprised songs, glees, choruses, and recitations, given by amateurs in a very creditable manner, all which seemed to please the large audience, who sometimes awarded encores. Mr Barker presided at the harmonium. After the concert, the room was cleared, and dancing commenced with much spirit, and was continued with unflagging interest and animation till half-past five o'clock the following morning. The music was supplied by a very efficient band under Mr Campbell, Berwick. Refreshments were served by Mrs Bell, High Street, in the rooms adjoining the Exchange. The entertainment afforded great satisfaction to all who attended it.

December 21, Local News p. 3, column 4.

'SONG, MIRTH, AND MAGIC' - The entertainment of Professor Millar, which he characterises as 'song, mirth, and magic,' has been going on in the Corn Exchange during this week, and although the attendance has not been hitherto so large as might have been anticipated from the well known abilities of the Professor, those who were present seemed to appreciate highly his skill and dexterity in legerdemain, and to relish the oddities and funny sayings of the celebrated comedian and comic singer, Dan Cooke. Mrs Millar, who bears a high character as a vocalist, has, from indisposition, not yet been able to take part in the performances, but we are glad to hear that she is to appear this evening. To add variety to the performance a number of well-trained birds go through, with wonderful precision, certain manoeuvres that would lead on to believe that they

actually know what is said to them; and at the conclusion of the entertainment there is a number of prizes given away, some obtaining articles of the value of £ 3 10s downwards. On Wednesday night Mr James [cannot read surname] obtained the chief prize – a coloured silk dress, valued at £ 3, and last night Miss Marshall, Castlegate, was the lucky winner of a black silk dress valued at £ 10s. We hope that for the following nights, to which his stay in Berwick is limited, the Professor will have a full attendance, as at this festive season of the year such an entertainment ought to be very popular, particularly amongst the juveniles, and the admirers of dexterous illusions and good singing. Mr W Warren, who presided at the piano, is a performer of high order, and an excellent accompanist.

December 28, Front Page, column 1. Repeated 4 Jan. 1867.

A grand amateur concert in aid of the funds for the relief of the sufferers by the late colliery accident will be given in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Friday evening the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1867 by the members of Mr T Rees Evans vocal and instrumental union. Assisted by lady and gentlemen amateurs conductor Mr T Rees Evans. Reserved seats 3 s, second seats 2 s, back seats 1 s. Tickets to be had at the booksellers. Doors open at 8 o'clock, concert to commence at 8:30. Carriages to face Hide Hill and to be ordered for 10:30.

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