

Berwick Advertiser 1871.

February 10, Local News, page 3, column 3.

CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY – The annual meeting of this Company was held on Saturday in the Corn Exchange. The attendance was small, there being present – Mr. D. Logan, Berwick, in the chair; Messrs. J.B. Bird, Fishwick; R.W. Glendinning, Broomdykes; A. R. Lowrey, M.G. Crossman, W. Maule, and G. Brown, Berwick. The Secretary Mr. J. Wight, read a statement of the accounts for the year ended 31st December last. The income comprised – Received from stalls, £100; season tickets, £49 10s; daily sale tickets, 10s; penny admission, £52 0s 11d; rents, £90 18s 6d; profits, ending December 31, 1869, £14 8s 10d; interest on bank account, 3s 2d – total, £307 11s 5d. After making all payments there was a balance of £123 11s 3d. The Secretary next read the report of the directors, 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 December 31, 1870. The various accounts have been examined and approved by the directors, and duly attested by the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current and balance account has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a balance of £123 11s 3d available as dividend, and the directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of three and a half per cent upon the paid up capital of the Company. In compliance with your regulations they beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been three meetings of directors; of these Messrs Crossman, Darling, and Glendinning attended 3; Mr. Logan, 2; and Mr. Black 1; and Messrs. J. Clay, Berwick, J. Clay, Kerchesters, J. Henderson and Nicholson none. The three retiring directors are Messrs. J. Clay, Berwick, Henderson, and Nicholson, and who are eligible for re-election. – David Logan, Chairman.” On the motion of Mr. Crossman, seconded by Mr. Lowrey, the accounts and report were approved of. The three retiring directors were re-elected, on the motion of Mr. Glendinning, seconded by the Chairman. Mr. Oliver was unanimously re-elected auditor. It was agreed to let the stalls in the Exchange for the year from January instead of from July as hitherto. The next letting will be for only half a year from July next, and the new arrangement will begin in January 1872. The Secretary having intimated that he would be prepared to pay the dividend in the Corn Exchange on the following Saturday, the meeting separated.

February 24, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT.

MADAME VANERI has much pleasure in announcing that she will give an EVENING CONCERT on Monday, the 27th February.

Artistes; -

MADAME PAULINE VANERI.

MISS JANE VINCENT.

MR W. H. DARLING

MR JAS. LUMSDEN.

Pianoforte – MDLLE. COLMACHE.

Programme-

Overture-		Pianoforte
	Mdlle. Colmanche.	
Scotch Ballad		O’ a’ the airts
	Mr W.H. Darling.	
New Song		Beautiful Snow

	Miss Jane Vincent.	
French War Hymn		La Marseillaise
	Madame Pauline Vaneri.	
Humorous Song		The Roman Fall
	Mr James Lumsden.	
Duet		The Sailor Sighs
	Madame Vaneri and Mr Darling	
Scotch Song		Gloomy Winter noo awa
	Miss Jane Vincent.	
Ballad		Under the Greenwood Tree
	Mr W.H. Darling.	
Song		The Flowers of the Forest.
	Madame Vaneri.	
Scotch Story		Mistress Betty M'Click
	Mr James Lumsden.	
Fantasia		Pianoforte
	Mdlle. Colmache.	
Ballad		Maid of Athens.
	Mr W.H. Darling.	
Scotch Song		Caller Herrin'
	Miss Jane Vincent.	
Ballad		The Skipper and his Boy
	Madame Vaneri.	
Scotch Dialogue		Maister Peter Paterson
	Mr James Lumsden.	
Duet		I've Wandered in Dreams
	Miss Vincent and Mr Darling.	
Scotch Song		Scots wha hae
	Madame Vaneri.	
Old Scotch Ballad		Aye Waukin' O
	Mr W.H. Darling.	
English Ballad		The Bailiff's Daughter
	Miss Jane Vincent.	
Humorous Song		Sam's Visit to London
	Mr James Lumsden.	
Finale		National Anthem

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Admission – Reserved seats 2s; second seats, 1s; back seats, 6d. Tickets may be had from Mr. Alex. Henderson, bookseller, Western Lane. Doors open at 7.30. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock. Carriages may be ordered at 10.15.

February 24, page 3, Local News, column 3.

Evening concert – We would draw the attention of our readers to Madame Vaneri's evening concert which takes place in the Corn Exchange on Monday the 27th inst. As will be seen from our advertising columns, the artistes are five in number, and while we believe Madame Vaneri to be host in herself, we doubt not that the other members of the company will give much satisfaction.

March 3, Front Page, column 3.

Berwick Christmas Club.

The annual general meeting of this club will be held in the side room of the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday March 11th, 1871, at one o'clock.

Business.

To elect office-bearers for the ensuing year, and to revise the rules and price lists etc.

John D. Ogilvie, Hon. Sec.

Mardon, Coldstream, March 1st, 1871.

March 3, page 3, Local News, column 3.

Madame Vaneri's Concert – On Monday night a concert was given by Madame Vaneri in the Corn Exchange. There was a good attendance, and all present seemed to be highly pleased with the entertainment. Madame Vaneri's execution of the various pieces assigned to her was excellent, and was well received. The singing of the "La Marseillaise" by this lady was greeted with great applause by the audience, the French national hymn being encored. The other members of the company also acquitted themselves very creditably, and kept up the interest of all present throughout the whole programme, which included some of the best songs we possess. The humorous songs given by Mr James Lumsden provoked much laughter, and this gentleman well sustained his part as comic. The concert as a whole was greatly enjoyed.

March 24, Front Page, column 1.

Grand Evening Concert. Corn Exchange, Berwick.

Under the patronage of the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Berwick (A. Thompson, Esq.) and the Sheriff (John Henderson, Esq.).

The committee of the Berwick Tonic-Sol-Fa Association have pleasure in announcing a grand concert of classical and national music by a chorus of about 80 certificated voices, on Tuesday, March 21st, 1871.

Conductor Mr Thos. Smith.

Harmonicanist Mr E. Cauldfield.

The programme comprises some of Handel's best choruses "The Heavens are Telling" by Hayden etc. etc. It also includes the celebrated "Watch on the Rhine" (the new and patriotic song of Germany) and the "Marseillaise Hymn" (the great French chant of liberty).

Admission: reserved seats and front gallery 2s.

Areas and back part of gallery 1s.

Promenade 6d.

Doors open at 7.30. Concert at 8. Carriages at 10.

March 24, page 2, column 1.

To be sold by public auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday the 12th day of April at two o'clock afternoon. That excellent front messuage of tenant, situated in Woolmarket, Berwick, now in the occupation of Mr. Taggard, Mr. Scott and others, and also, all those six back messuages or tenants, immediately behind the above-mentioned premises, occupied by Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Nesbitt, and others, and also, those two messuages or tenants at the top of the yard, belonging to the said premises with the small garden in front, now or late in the occupation of Mr. Stafford and Mr. Richardson, belonging to the late Alexander Christison.

For further particulars apply to Mr. Weatherhead, solicitor, or to Mr. Rowland, solicitor.

Thos. Strother, auctioneer.

Berwick, March 23rd, 1871.

March 31, page 2, column 1.

Choral Union Concert in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Thursday, 20th April, 1871.

Part 1 – Selections from Handel's Oratorio "Judas Maccabeus".

Part 2 – Miscellaneous.

April 7, page 2, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, 15th April at half past 12 o'clock, a quantity of excellent agricultural implements and a large boiler, suitable for a cistern, all belonging to Messrs. Brigham & Co.

April 14, Front Page, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday the 22nd of April at 1 o'clock precisely, an excellent 4-wheel light basket phaeton, the property of a gentleman. Also a quantity of reaping machines and other implements, all in good order, belonging to Messrs. Lillie and Elder.

April 14, Page 3, Local News, column 5.

Sale of property – On Wednesday afternoon at the Corn Exchange, Mr. Thos. Strother sold by auction the front messuage or tenant in Woolmarket in the occupation of Mr. Taggard, Mr. Scott etc., the six tenants immediately behind these premises, and the two tenants at the top of the yard, belonging to the property. There was a small attendance, and the property was sold to Mr. James D. Purves, who acted for another party for £905, the reserve price being £900.

April 21, Front Page, column 6.

The splendid original painting of "The Noble Army of Martyrs", and great champions of the Protestant Reformation by T. Jones Barker, Esq., from all the most authentic and reliable sources existing in England, Scotland, Germany, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Bohemia. This grand work has occupied the artist six years in painting, and is valued with copyright at 6,000 guineas.

Mr. T. Buchanan begs to announce that he has made arrangements for the exhibition of this magnificent picture for a short period in Berwick, in the Long Room, Corn Exchange on Friday 29th April, and the following days. Hours 10 – 4. Admission six pence or by card.

April 21, page 3, column 4, Local News.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to an exhibition, an advertisement in regard to which will be found in other columns, to be made in the Corn Exchange next Friday, of Mr. T. Jones Barker's picture of "The Noble Army of Martyrs", The artist has shown in this work an extent of resource, of refinement, of taste, and a degree of judgement in the use of his materials, which will stand as a lasting record of his artistic skill. No expense has been spared to make the picture as complete as possible, and to render it accurate, even in the minute details.

April 28, Front Page, column 2.

CORN EXCHANGE BERWICK. For six nights only, commencing Friday, 28th April.

Professor Pepper's Proteus and M. Gompertz's newly-invented wondrous spectroscope.

This marvellous and beautiful entertainment is now universally acknowledged by the press and the public to have become the acme of perfection. No expense has been spared, and every exertion used to render it faultless in every department. The Manager, therefore, has the honour to announce that he has, at great outlay, secured the services of thirteen good artistes, splendid scenery, new and original music (vocal and instrumental), gorgeous and appropriate costumes, newly-invented and

patented mechanical appliances, and many new, dazzling, startling, and bewildering scientific effects.

Doors open at half-past seven; commence at eight o'clock. Carriages may be ordered for 9.50. Reserved first-class seats, 2s; second class, 1s; third class, 6d. Juveniles under twelve half price to first and second seats.

April 28, Page 3, column 3, Local News.

MR BARKER'S PICTURE IN THE CORN EXCHANGE – The exhibition of Mr Barker's great picture of the "Noble Army of Martyrs," will take place today (Friday), in the Savings' Bank Room at the Corn Exchange, and all our readers who wish to have a sight of this wonderful work, should make a point of paying it a visit. Mr Barker has devoted a term extending over six years to the verification of the portraiture of his subject, and his materials have been collected from the most reliable sources, not only in our own country, but in France, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Bohemia. The figures are grouped in a landscape composition, having on the right the portico of the Temple of Fame and Immortality, and conspicuous amid a screen of other [tress?] Trees?, is the Reformation Cedar, planted by Queen Elizabeth. The nearest figure is that of Wycliffe, "the morning star of the Reformation;" he is seated, holding the Bible before him, and wearing the gown he wore at Lutterworth, and which is still preserved there. Near him stands John Hooper, Bishop of Gloucester; Latimer, Bishop of Worcester; Farrar, Bishop of St. David's; Cranmer and Ridley, all of whom were burnt at the stake by order of Queen Mary. There are also Tyndall, "the St. John of England," Miss Coverdale, Buchanan, John Knox, Bunyan, Richard Baxter, Patrick Hamilton, Geo. Wishart, John Jewel, &c; and of foreign reformers, Luther, Erasmus, Melancthon, John Huss, Jerome of Prague, Calvin, Savanorola, and many others. The picture may be at once pronounced the best and most interesting Mr. Barker has ever painted, and for the manner in which the painter has overcome the difficulties in the way of the successful accomplishment of his laborious enterprise, he cannot be too highly complimented.

May 5, Front Page, column 6.
Corn Exchange, Berwick.

Professor Pepper and Mr Gompertz's entertainment will remain open until Tuesday next, when it must positively close, the hall being engaged for other purposes.

The entertainment will continue with Faust with new scenery and effects. To be followed by La Boite enchantee, concluding with Muddlehead in a Fix.

May 5, page 3, column 4, Local News.

GOMPERTZ'S SPECTROSCOPE – During the week M. Gompertz's newly-invented and wondrous spectroscope has been exhibited in the Corn Exchange, but has not succeeded in drawing very large audiences. The entertainment commenced with an entirely new and original spectral drama, entitled "The Lamp of Truth," and in which the characters were well impersonated, although the agility of the "old philosopher" was hardly consistent with his apparent gravity. The singing of Mr. Swales was very good, and the manner in which Mr. Burles extricated himself from, and imprisoned himself in "La Boite Enchantee," was something wonderful. The performances concluded with the new and original spectral farce entitled "Muddlehead in a fix, or the Official Phantom," the performance of which produced much mirth amongst the audience. The manner in which the different spectres appeared and disappeared was certainly very amazing and seemed to afford much delight to those present. Sine Wednesday night the programme has been changed.

June 16, Front Page, column 2.

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, 19th June, 1871 at half-past seven o'clock.

Alex. Robertson, President.

John Husband, Secretary.

June 16, page 3, column 5, Local News.

Sale of property – Mr Purves, auctioneer, sold by public auction in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday afternoon, the following properties viz.: the house in Ravensdowne, occupied by Miss Meikle, which was put up at £450, and after some spirited competition, was sold to Miss Meikle for £490. The house, yard, garden etc in Main Street, Tweedmouth, occupied by Dr. Wilson, was next put up for sale. The first bid was £250, and ultimately £380 was offered for the property, but it was bought in at the reserve price of £550.

June 23, page 3, column 4, Local News.

SALE OF AN ESTATE – The freehold estate of Baits Cross and Strand, situated in the borough of Berwick, was exposed for sale by public auction in the Corn Exchange on Monday. Mr. S. Donkin officiated as auctioneer, and there was a numerous attendance. The estate extends to 187.184 acres, and yields a yearly rent of £480. Before submitting the property for sale, Mr Donkin remarked that it was unnecessary for him to occupy the time of the company with any observations in regard to the situation, the soil, and all the other advantages of the estate. They all knew as well as he did that there was a gradual progression going on in agriculture – there was in fact no limit to its productions – and land consequently had much increased in value. What was a garden, he asked, but an improved system of husbandry. Land would increase in value so long as the general population was employed. During the thirty years he had now officiated in the land market he had never been entrusted with the sale of a property that possessed greater advantages than Baits Cross and Strand. Mr Donkin then offered the estate for sale, Mr Rowland, solicitor, taking the initiative by bidding £15,000 for it. One of the conditions of sale was that the offers should increase £100 at a time. G. Chirnside, Esq., of Edrington, Mr. Rowland, Mr. Dunlop, solicitor, kept up a brisk bidding until £17,500 was offered. This sum was not exceeded, and it was then stated that the reserve price was £18,000. After the sale the estate was sold by private bargain for £17,600 to Ralph Forster, Esq., of Springhill.

June 23, Local News, column 4.

BERWICK EQUITABLE BUILDING SOCIETY – The annual general meeting of the members of this flourishing society was held on Tuesday night in the committee room of the Corn Exchange. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. A. Robertson, Mr. J. Wilson, Tweedmouth, occupied the chair. Mr. J. Husband, the secretary submitted to the meeting a summary of the cash transactions for the half-year ending May last, which was held as read. The total receipts up to the beginning of the quarter, the report stated, amounted to £10,901 17s 9d; subscriptions during the last six months to £416 5s 9d; redemption of eight advanced shares, to £146 9s 4d, making the total receipts, inclusive of other items, £11,469 8s 11d. In contra payments there had been £62 11s paid in the withdrawal of 15 ordinary shares, £200 advanced on eight shares, and £207 5s 7d lodged in bank. The liabilities showed that the present worth of 227 ordinary shares was £2624 6s 1d, and that there was an additional sum of £77 17s 4d on 10 deposit shares. Prepayments amounted to £40 0s 9d; expenses incurred to £5 18s; while the nett profit at May last stood at £506 5s 4d. From the assets it appeared that £4925 had been advanced on 197 shares; but after deducting £1904 0s 5d, as less present value of subscriptions of the advances on these shares, and compound interest thereon at £5

per cent per annum, the assets under this head were £3020 19s 7d. Arrears amounted to £16 2s 6d; balance in bank and interest thereon £209 7s 7d, and the deed chests and rules in stock were valued at £7 18s, making up the gross assets to £3264 7s 6d. The above vidimus of liabilities and assets indicates the nett extra profit actually made at May last, after crediting all the shares of the society with the subscriptions and accumulated compound interest thereon, at the rate of £5 per sent per annum – The interest is converted into principal monthly – The nett extra profit now yields a Bonus of £1 10s 2d per share of 9 years' standing.

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-	-	1	6	2	-	-	-	6	-	-
-	-	1	3	10	-	-	-	5	-	-
-	-	0	16	4	-	-	-	4	-	-
-	-	0	4	8	-	-	-	3	-	-

Reserve fund £100. The society consists of 70 members holding 424 shares, 197 of which are advanced. The number of deposit shares is 10. – The report was unanimously approved of, and several of the members expressed themselves highly satisfied with the excellent way in which the affairs of the society were conducted by the board of directors. Messrs S. Edington, T. Weatherly, R. Thompson, and R. Mossman, the retiring directors were re-elected, as also were the stewards, Messrs. T. Weatherly, and W. Tennant, Tweedmouth, and the auditors, Messrs. J. Wright and James Oliver. On the motion of Mr. J.D. Purves, a vote of thanks was passed to the president for his valuable services, and a similar compliment having been paid to Mr. Wilson for presiding, the meeting separated.

June 30, page 2, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday 8th July, at 1 o'clock precisely the following first class reaping machines, being a portion of the stock of the late firm of Brigham & Bickerton, and belonging to Mr. Bickerton.

June 30, page 3, column 3, Local News.

Good Templarism – “Spare the pooh-pooing of the radical anti-teetotallers and conservative tippie”, Good Templarism is gradually making way in this county, and in our own town the movement betokens flourishing aspects, as to the stability of this newfangled temperance institution, however, time alone will prove. The local lodge of Good Templars, desirous of making a public display, have resolved to hold a soiree, which is announced to take place in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening. A host of speaking talents is expected to take part in the proceedings, and the brethren, it is anticipated, will appear clad in their regalia. We wish the Good Templars' soiree all success.

July 7, page 3, column 2, Local News.

Sale of Corn Exchange newspapers. The newspapers provided for the benefit of farmers and others frequenting the Corn Exchange were sold by public auction in the Corn Exchange Reading Room on Saturday. Mr. Purves officiated as auctioneer, and the attendance was good. The following were the prices realised: - Times (of Friday only), 3s 6d per year. Illustrated News, 4d each issue. Scotsman (of Saturday only) 2s per year. Berwick Advertiser, 4s 6d per year. Berwick Warder (twice a week), 2s 9d per year. Berwick Journal and Berwickshire News, 2s 9d per year. Newcastle Journal (of Saturday only), 1s per year, and Punch 2.5 d each issue.

August 11, Front Page, column 5.

Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Dancing and Callisthenics. Mr. Grahamsley Atkinson and daughter have the honour to announce the opening of their classes for the above accomplishments in Berwick, Ayton and Dunse on Monday the 14th inst. The usual course of lessons will be given.

London August 7th, 1871.

September 15, Front Page, column 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick.

Sylvester Bleeker, manager. Positively one day only, Monday Oct 9. Two performances – Afternoon at 3 o'clock, evening at 8 o'clock. Doors open at 2 and 7. Tickets may be had at the door.

To the Public.

To afford all an opportunity of seeing the performances of these celebrities on their farewell appearance prior to their return to America, the following will be the popular prices. Admission only 6d, front seats 1s, children (under 10) to all parts 6d.

The original and only Gen. Tom Thumb and his wife (Mr. And Mrs. Chas. S. Stratton) Com. Nutt & Miss Minnie Warren. Having just returned from Japan, China, the Straits, Siam, Ceylon, Australia, India, Egypt and the Continent, will complete their final tour of the world visiting almost every city and town in Great Britain.

On this their positively farewell visit, they will have the honour of appearing in their interesting and elegant Lilliputian performances, as given by special command before her most gracious Majesty, and the Royal families, nobility and gentry of Europe, and also at St. James's Hall during their late memorial eight months' engagement there in 1865 consisting of songs, duets, comic acts, burlesques, and laughable eccentricities.

Ladies and children are particularly recommended to attend the afternoon performances, which are specially given that they may avoid the crowd at night.

Ned Dans, Agent.

October 20, Front Page, column 2.

Dancing Academy, Corn Exchange, Berwick- on Tweed. Mr. & Miss Grahamsley Atkinson respectfully intimate that they will return to Berwick on the 24th inst. To complete the course of lessons for this season, the course termination on the 27th by an evening dress lesson. Evening lessons to former students.

October 27, Front Page, column 1.

Extensive sale of household furniture. To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Wednesday the 1st November 1871. A large assortment of household furniture and other effects.

For particulars see bills. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock forenoon. On view from 3 to 5 the day before the sale.

Mr. Thos. Strother, auctioneer.

Hide Hill, Berwick.

November 3, Front Page, column 3.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Saturday, 11th November at 1 o'clock precisely, several excellent sowing, reaping and other machines, belonging to Messrs. Lillie & Elders, Tweedside implement works.

November 10, page 2, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED, TUESDAY, NOV. 14TH.

The great and original Christy Minstrels! (Sole proprietor Charles Christy,) Have made arrangements to give their entertainments as above.

C. Christy begs respectfully to state that the company who are now travelling with him consists of the following favourite and well-known artistes, viz.: -

Mr C. Wells	Mr J. H. Willis
Mr M. Sayles	Mr Peter Whiie
Mr G.W. Foster	Mr F. Bright
Mr F. Buckley	Mr J.W. Wilson
Mr D.W. Diamond	

And

Mr Charles Christy.

The entertainment of the Christy Minstrels is the most pleasing and versatile entertainment now before the public. Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen has been pleased to command it at her own private palace. New York supports continually Three Minstrel Bands, and the success of this company in the United Kingdom is unprecedented in the annals of entertainments.

Commence at eight. Admission – 1st class, 2s; 2nd class, 1s; 3rd class, 6d. Tickets may be had at Mr Henderson's bookseller, and at the doors.

November 17, Front Page, column 3.

To be sold by auction in front of the Corn Exchange on Saturday 25th November. An Excellent farm cart made by A. Blackhall, Starch House.

Sale at 1.15 p.m. prompt.

November 24, Front Page, column 4.

Berwick Christmas Club – A general meeting of the members of the club will be held on Saturday November 25 in the Side Room of the Corn Exchange, Berwick, at half past one o'clock, on special business.

John D. Ogilvie, Hon. Sec.

Mardon, Cornhill, November 18, 1871.

December 1, Front Page, column 3.

BALL.

The annual subscription ball, in connection with the Berwick Christmas club, will be held in the Corn Exchange the 15th of December, 1871, at 9 o'clock.

STEWARDS: -

The Worshipful the MAYOR of Berwick.

The SHERIFF of Berwick.

The EAEL OF HADDINGTON.

Earl PERCY, M.P.

M.W. RIDLEY, Esq., M.P.

JAMES ALLAN, Esq.

JOHN ALLAN, Esq.

THOMAS ALLAN, Esq.

WATSON ASKEW, Esq.

GEORGE CHIRNSIDE, Esq.

JOHN CLAY, Esq.

ROBERT CROSSMAN, Esq.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD, Esq.
RALPH FORSTER, Esq.
ROBERT W. GLENDINNING, Esq.
JOHN HENDERSON, Esq.
GEORGE HOGG, Jun., Esq.
THOMAS HOGG, Esq.
DAVID MILNE HOME, Esq.
A. MITCHELL INNES, Esq.
GEORGE LAING, Esq.
JAMES LAING, Esq.
DAVID LOGAN, Esq.
ALEX. R. LOWREY, Esq.
JOHN D. OGILVIE, Esq.
H. RICHARDSON, Esq., M.D. , R.N.
GEORGE RUTHERFORD, Esq.
STEPHEN SANDERSON, Esq.
WILLIAM SMITH, Esq.
JAMES W. SMITH, Esq.
ALEXANDER THOMPSON, Esq.
ANDREW THOMPSON, Esq.
ROBERT THOMPSON, Esq.
JOHN WILKIE, Esq.
JAMES WEDDELL, Esq.

Tickets for ladies 7/6; for gentlemen £ 1 1s each, may be had from Mr. Buchanan, Hide Hill.

ROBERT WEDDELL, Hon. Sec.

Berwick, 14th November, 1871.

December 1, page 2, column 1.

Volunteer Ball – Under the patronage of the officers the annual volunteer ball will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 12th December.

Doors open at half past seven o'clock, dancing to commence at eight o'clock.

Tickets 2 shillings and sixpence each, admitting a lady and gentleman, or two ladies.

Tickets to be had of Mr. Paton, High Street; Mr. Lawson, High Street; and Mr. Wight, Church Street.

Volunteers are requested to appear in uniform.

Berwick, November 30, 1871.

December 1, page 2, column 7.

BERWICK CHRISTMAS CLUB.

On Saturday last, a special meeting of the members of this club was held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, in reference to the alteration of the third rule which runs thus: - "No stock will be admitted on the ground from any place where infectious disease of any kind has occurred within one month of the date of the show." There was a moderately large attendance of farmers, and Mr W. Smith, Melkington, was unanimously called upon to preside.

Mr OGILVIE (the Secretary) read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said he considered it was his duty to make a few remarks. Upon the result of their deliberations the success of the show very much depended. To be successful they ought to be unanimous as much as possible; and he was sorry that the little feeling shown at the meeting of the

previous week had not grown less. He hoped, however, that they might be able to adopt some measure which would meet the views of both parties, and that in the discussion now to take place they would meet the subject in a temperate manner. It was not to be expected that each individual should have his own way, but that both sides would give way a little, and arrive at a conclusion suited to both parties. He believed that they had all the interest of the show at heart, and he could assure them that it was his earnest wish that it would prove successful.

The MAYOR moved the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting.

Mr GLENDINNING Broomdykes said that it appeared from what the Chairman said that he wanted a compromise.

Mr WRIGHT, Beal, seconded the Mayor's proposition.

Mr RUTHERFORD, Printonan, moved as an amendment that the minutes be not ratified, and that rule three of the club be not altered. He would like to have the requisition, signed by three members, calling the last meeting, produced.

The SECRETARY (Mr Ogilvie) said there was no requisition calling the meeting. He was asked by several members of Committee to call the meeting.

Mr RUTHERFORD said that according to the eleventh rule a special meeting, called for the purpose of altering the rules, could only be convened by a requisition, signed by three members, sent to the secretary.

Mr WRIGHT said that the fifth rule gave the secretary power to call a meeting.

Mr LAING, Wark – Yes, for ordinary business, but not for altering the rules.

The MAYOR – Is it your opinion that the meeting last week was properly called?

The CHAIRMAN said it was, as far as he was able to judge.

Mr RUTHERFORD – There was not ten days' notice given.

The CHAIRMAN said the rules were liable to be construed to read various ways; but he hoped they would not differ upon technicalities, and go on to the business for which the meeting was called. (Hear, hear.)

Mr LAING said he had been talking to several persons about the matter, and their opinion seemed to be that both parties should give way a little. If they carried on the discussion it would only lead to ill-feelings, and do harm to the club, which he was none of them wished to do. He hoped that both Mr Thompson and Mr Rutherford would withdraw their motions, and then he would move that no stock be exhibited unless they could show a clean bill of health a fortnight previous to the show.

Mr GLENDINNING seconded the motion.

The MAYOR believed they were all agreed as members of the club to promote the success of the show, but it appeared to him there was considerable difference of opinion as to the best measure to adopt. They all knew that the Privy Council has issued regulations regarding the transit of stock, which were not considered by owners, for whose benefit they had been made, too lax, and he believed that in several instances meetings of farmers and large owners of stock had been held to make those regulations less stringent. Whatever rules they might think the most equitable, in framing those rules they must come up to the requirements of the Privy Council regulations. If they made the rules more strict than the regulations of the Privy Council they defeated the object of the show.

Mr GLENDINNING – What are the Privy Council regulations?

The MAYOR – You can remove your cattle unless they have actually been in contact with diseased animals, under these regulations.

Mr S. DONKIN – The Privy Council do not know their own regulations themselves.

The MAYOR – We may take the local authorities' interpretation of the regulations, and act upon them. The Mayor subsequently moved that the regulations to be enforced at the ensuing show be the same as those issued by the Privy Council and local authority.

Mr WRIGHT seconded the motion.

An amendment was proposed and seconded, and considerable discussion followed. Mr Thompson and Mr Rutherford both agreed to withdraw the propositions they made at last meeting, when Alderman THOMPSON called the attention of the chairman to the fact that the meeting could not transact any other business than that for which it had been called, viz., the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting. All the propositions made then fell to the ground, and the meeting was asked to reject or confirm the minutes of the previous meeting. For the motion that rule three of the club be rescinded, and that the Privy Council regulations for the counties of Berwick, Northumberland, and Roxburgh, be adopted instead, 19 voted; against the motion, 10 voted. Mr RUTHERFORD said he would lodge a protest with the secretary that the rules of the club had been violated by rescinding rule three, the requirements of rule eleven not having been complied with.

The CHAIRMAN said that now after the exhaustive discussion and the division which had taken place, he hoped all those little ill feelings which had been engendered would close with the proceedings of that day, and that every member would do his utmost to render the show a success. (Hear, hear.)

On the motion of Mr WRIGHT, seconded by Mr ALLAN a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

December 1, page 3, column 3, Local News.

The public in general and ornithologists in particular, may expect to witness a very fine exhibition of birds in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday and Thursday ensuing.

December 1, Local News, p. 3, col 3.

Berwick Shipping Company (limited). The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held on Tuesday in the Corn Exchange buildings. C.L. Gilchrist, Esq., in the chair, Mr G. L. Paulin, secretary, read the report of the directors, which recommended a dividend of 7.5 per cent for the year. The report was unanimously adopted. Messrs Crossman, Henderson, and Gilchrist were re-elected directors, and Mr J. Wight, auditor, on the motion of Mr John Henderson, seconded by Mr Crossman, thanks were voted to the directors for their management of the affairs of the company during the past year, which having been acknowledged by the chairman, the meeting separated.

December 8, Front Page.

Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Mr William Howard, Mrs William Howard, Mr Norman Kirby, and Mrs Hudson Lee at the Corn Exchange, Monday 18th December.

December 8, Local News, p. 3, col. 2.

Christmas Club Show Ball – The managing committee for this ball are busy making all necessary arrangements, and it is confidently anticipated that this year's ball will eclipse that of last year. The company is expected to be large and brilliant, and the scene one of the gayest ever witnessed within the walls of the Exchange.

December 8, p. 3, col. 4.

BERWICK BIRD SHOW.

The Berwick and Border Ornithological Association held their second annual exhibition of British and foreign cage and song birds in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday and yesterday. The show was much superior to last year's, and we were informed by an experienced bird-fancier that the

exhibition was one of the finest he had ever witnessed. As regard to number of entries there were upwards of forty more this year than there were last, and several of the more celebrated breeders in the kingdom entered some of their best birds, tangible encouragement being offered in the shape of prizes. In a number of classes the judges experienced considerable difficulty in awarding the premiums to the more meritorious birds, while in other classes again the well-known prize-takers were conspicuously superior to their competitors. We do not feel inclined to particularise the various classes, as there were very few inferior birds exhibited. Our townsmen, Mr R.L. Wallace, postmaster, and Mr W.L. Beloe, game dealer (in partnership in matters ornithological), two noted bird-fanciers and breeders, were amongst the principal exhibitors, and, as will be seen from the subjoined prize list, they succeeded in obtaining a number of prizes. Two golden pheasants, natives of India and China – birds of unusually brilliant plumage – were shown by Mr W.L. Beloe, and were much admired by the visitors, and African love birds, bishop birds, lizard canaries, and other rare and fancy birds, attracted much attention. The exhibition on both days was well patronised by the public, and in addition to the chirruping of the “songsters of the grove”, an instrumental band discoursed at intervals some appropriate music. The judges were Mr Thos. Clark, Sunderland, and Mr Henry M’Dougall, Edinburgh, and their awards, which have given general satisfaction, were as follows; -

CLASS I – Clear or ticked yellow Belgian – 1st prize, 12s, John Rutter, Burn Terrace, Sunderland; 2d, 6s, Wm. Bulmer, Yarm Lane, Stockton; 3d, 3s, John Rutter, Burn Terrace, Sunderland; very highly commended, William Bulmer; Wallace & Beloe, Hide Hill; George Norris, Castlegate.

CLASS II – Clear or ticked buff Belgian – 1st and 2nd prizes, 12s, and 6s, John Rutter; 3d, 3s, William Bulmer; very highly commended, William Bulmer; commended, George Norris.

CLASS III – Variegated or unevenly marked Belgian – 1st and 2nd prizes, 12s and 6s, John Rutter; 3d, 3s, Wm. Bulmer; commended, J.B. Gilchrist, Church Street.

CLASS IV – Clear yellow Glasgow don – 1st prize, 12s, R. Forsythe, Bristo Street, Edinburgh; 2d, 6s, Wallace & Beloe; 3d, 3s, R. Forsythe; very highly commended, Charles Lugton, Hillburn, Ayton; commended, James Eagle, Golden Square.

CLASS V – Clear buff Glasgow don – 1st prize, 12s, R. Forsythe; 2d, 6s, Wallace & Beloe; 3d, 3s, R. Aird, Edinburgh; very highly commended, Charles Lugton; commended James Eagle.

CLASS VI – Flecked Glasgow don – 1st prize, 12s, R. Forsythe; 2d, 6s, R. Forsythe; 3d, 3s, George Lobban; very highly commended, James Eagle; highly commended, Wallace & Belcoe; commended, Wallace & Belcoe.

CLASS VII – Clear or ticked Jonque Norwich – 1st prize, 12s, Adams and Athersuch, Broomfield Place, Spoon Ends, Coventry; 2d, 6s, G. Gayton, Northampton; 3d, 3s, Adams and Athersuch; very highly commended, Barwell & Golby, and Moore & Wynn, Northampton; and G. & J. Mackley, St. Mary’s Norwich; highly commended, Adams and Athersuch.

CLASS VIII – Clear or ticked buff Norwich – 1st prize, 12s, and 2d, 6s, G. & J. Mackley; 3d, 3s, Wallace & Beloe; very highly commended, Adams & Athersuch; Moore & Wynn; G. J. Barnesby, Derby; highly commended, John Spence, Sunderland; and J. Cleminson, Darlington.

CLASS IX – Evenly marked yellow Norwich – 1st prize, 12s, and 2d, 6s, Adams & Athersuch; 3d, 3s, Wallace & Beloe; very highly commended, Barwell & Golby; Moore & Wynn; highly commended, R. Hawman, Middlesborough.

CLASS X – Evenly marked buff Norwich – 1st prize, 12s, Adams & Athersuch; 2d, 6s, Wallace & Beloe; 3d, 3s, Moore & Wynn; very commended, Swann & Medd, Scarborough; and W. & C. Burniston, Middlesborough; highly commended, Adams & Athersuch.

CLASS XI – Jonque or buff Norwich, unevenly marked – 1st prize, 12s, William Young, Belford; 2d, 6s, and 3d, 3s, Adams & Athersuch; highly commended, Barwell & Golby; Moore & Wynn; and G.J. Barnesby; commended, J. Cleminson.

CLASS XII – Evenly marked jonque of buff Norwich, with crest – 1st prize, 12s, S. Tomes, Northampton; 2d, 6s, Wallace & Beloe; 3d, 3s, Adams & Athersuch; very highly commended, John Hurrell, Sunderland; John Spence, Sunderland; and G. & J. Mackley.

CLASS XIII – Clear jonque or buff Norwich, with dark, grey, or clear crest – 1st prize, 12s, G. & J. Mackley; 2d, 6s, William Bulmer; 3d, 3s, Wallace & Beloe; very highly commended, Moore & Wynn; and S. Tomes; highly commended, Wallace & Beloe.

CLASS XIV – Any other variety of crested Norwich – (the chief feature being the crest.) – 1st prize, 12s, John Hurrell; 2d, 6s, W. Watson, jun., Darlington; 3d, 3s, John Rutter; very highly commended, M. King, Scarborough; and G. & J. Mackley.

CLASS XV – Jonque Cinnamon – 1st prize, 12s, Wallace & Beloe; 2d, 6s, Fairlough & Howe, Middlesborough; 3d, Barwell & Golby; very highly commended Moore and Wynn; S. Tomes; and Wallace & Beloe.

CLASS – Buff cinnamon – 1st prize, 12s, S. Tomes; 2d, Barwell & Golby; 3d, Edmund Mills, Sunderland; very highly commended, Moore & Wynn; commended, Wallace & Beloe.

CLASS XVII – Evenly marked cinnamon, any variety – (size and shape to count against colour.) – 1st prize, 12s, John Spence; 2d, Luke Belk, Dewsbury; 3d, 3s, Wallace & Beloe; highly commended, Luke Belk; highly commended G. Cox, Northampton.

CLASS XVIII – Any other variety of canary. – 1st prize, 12s, James Taylor, Middlesborough; 2d, 6s, J. B. Gilchrist; 3d, 3s, Stephens and Leek, Middlesborough; very highly commended, Stephens & Leek; T. Tenniswood, Middlesborough; and R. Hawman.

CLASS XIX – Goldfinch mule, marked or variegated – 1st prize, 12s, Luke Belk; 2d, 6s, Stephens & Leek; 3d, 3s, Robert Paxton, Belford; very highly commended, Wallace & Beloe; commended Thomas Allenby, Durham; and W. & C. Burniston.

CLASS XX – Dark goldfinch mule (Jonque) – 1st prize, 8s, Moore & Wynn; 2d, 4s, James Taylor; 3d, 2s, Stephens & Leek; commended T. Tenniswood and Wallace & Beloe.

CLASS XXI – Dark goldfinch mule (mealy) – 1st prize, 8s, G. Fox; 2d, 4s, Wallace & Beloe; 3d, 2s, S. Tomes; very highly commended, Fairlough & Howe; highly commended, Wallace & Beloe.

CLASS XXII – Selling class, any variety of canary (price with cage nor to exceed 12s 6d) – 1st prize, 10s, G. Gayton; 2d, 5s, James Eagle; 3d, 2s 6d, J. Cleminson; highly commended, G. Gayton; R. Forsythe; Wallace & Beloe.

CLASS XXIII – Goldfinch – 1st prize, 8s, James Taylor; 2d, 4s, Stephens & Leek; 3d, 2s, T. Tenniswood, Middlesborough.

CLASS XXIV – Any other variety of British bird – 1st prize, 8s, W. & C. Burniston; 2d, 4s, John Roper, Wallace Green; 3d, 2s, G. Cox; very highly commended, W. & C. Burniston; commended, R. Steven, Western lane.

CLASS XXV – Any variety of foreign bird, (including parrots, parakeets, golden pheasants. Love birds &c, single or in pairs) – 1st prize, 8s, W. L. Beloe (pair golden pheasants); 2d, 4s, Wallace & Beloe (golden pheasant); 3d, 2s, Wallace & Beloe (African love birds); commended, Wallace & Beloe (bishop birds).

DISTRICT PRIZES.

CLASS XXVI – Clear or ticked bird, any breed, to be shown solely for shape – 1st prize, 4s, P. Farrel, Wallace Green; 2d, 2s, William Grieve, Greenses; 3d, 1s, John Teague, Woolmarket; very highly commended, W. Headsmith, Golden Square; highly commended, P. Farrel, Wallace Green; John Teague, Woolmarket.

CLASS XXVII – Evenly marked bird, any breed except Norwich, to be shown solely for evenness of markings – 1st prize, 4s, James R. Nisbet, Messrs Clay & Son's Manure Works, Spittal; 2d, 2s, Thos. Robertson, Rampart House, Berwick; 3d, 1s, P. Farrel.

December 15, Front Page, col. 2.

The Berwick E. B. Building Society – The half-yearly general meeting of the members of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday 18th Dec. 1871 at half-past seven o'clock.

Alex. Robertson, President

John Husband, Secretary

December 15, Front page, col. 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18TH, 1871.

Mr William Howard has the honour to announce his concert for the above date, when he will be assisted by the following artistes: -

Mrs. HUDSON LEE,

Mr NORMAN KIRBY,

And

Monsieur EMILE BERGER.

PROGRAMME.

Mrs HUDSON LEE will sing

“The Fountain of Pearls” – Auber:

“Tell me, my heart,” Bishop:

“Afton Water,” Hume:

and with

Mr NORMAN KIRBY will sing

The Duetts, “I would fain a Day Discourse,”

(Buffo), Rossini:

“The Singing Lesson,” Fiocanti.

Mr NORMAN KIRBY will sing

“The Village Blacksmith,” Weiss.

“My Heart is ever Gay,” Offenbach.

“The Village Fiddler’s Song,”

“The Merry Little Fat Grey Man,” Blewitt.

Mrs HUDSON LEE, Mr NORMAN KIRBY, and

Mr WILLIAM HOWARD will sing

“The Gypsy’s Laughing Trio,” Glover.

Mr WILLIAM HOWARD will play

“Fantasia on Tweedside Airs;”

“Solo on South American Airs;” (First time).

And

“La Carnaval de Venise.”

The celebrated M. EMILE BERGER will preside at the piano, and will play

Solos – “Annie Laurie,” and “Punchinello.”

Doors open at 7.30, commence at 8 o'clock.

Admission2s, 1s, 6d.

Tickets to be had at LISTER’S Bookseller.

December 15, Local News, p. 3, col. 3.

Good Templar's Soiree – This new order of social reformers are waxing strong in number in this quarter and with the view of still increasing their ranks, a public soiree is announced to be held in the Corn Exchange on the evening of Thursday first, under the auspices of the Border Union Lodge. Judging from the rapid sale of tickets the soiree promises to be a great success. Two of the more prominent leaders of the Good Templar movement Mr. Jabez Walker, Glasgow, and Baillie Lewis, Edinburgh, are to address the meeting.

December 22, Local News, p. 3, col. 4.

Equitable Benefit Building Society – On Monday evening the half-yearly meeting of the members of this society was held in one of the ante-rooms of the Corn Exchange. In the unavoidable absence of Alexander Robertson, Esq., Mr. Hope was called to the chair. The statement of accounts, which had been supplied to each member, was submitted and approved of. From the summary it appears that the total amount of subscriptions paid during the half-year amounted to £535 3s 6d, and there had been deposited in the National Bank of Scotland at the credit of the society the sum of £600. The society which is in a prosperous condition, consists of 74 members holding 439 shares, 198 of which are advanced. The number of deposit shares is 10.

1872.

January 19, Local News, p. 3, col. 2.

CHRISTMAS CLUB BALL - We have to [?] our readers of the forthcoming ball [?] announced to take place in the Corn Exchange on Friday. Arrangements have been made as [?] re-flooring of the ball room and its decorations, which, we are informed, will if anything [?] those of last ball. The splendid band of the Edinburgh Assemblies, under the leadership of Mr Wallace, has been engaged, and we confidently predict a great treat to the lovers of the [?] art. The supper, which will be of a most [?] description, is being supplied by Mr Carr of the King's Arms Hotel.

January 26, Front Page, col. 3.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Mr William Howard will give a concert on the 15th of Feb.
The celebrated "comique"

Mr Robert Fraser.

Mr Norman Kirby.

Mr Banks, pianist.

Mrs Lee, soprano.

Mr Howard is induced to give the concert in consequence of the general satisfaction his late concert gave.

Tickets 2s, 1s, 6d. To be had from Messrs Paton, Lister, and Plenderleith, or Miss Simpson, 7, Woolmarket.

Coldstream 14 February, 1872.

February 16, Local News, p. 3, col. 5.

GRAND CONCERT – An unusually good concert was held in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday evening. The attendance was very discouraging. The vocalists were Mrs Hudson Lee, Mr Norman Kirby (both well-known, and highly appreciated in Berwick), and Mr Robert Fraser, comique. Mrs Hudson Lee sang with that beauty and purity which invariably distinguishes her vocal efforts. The song, "Hid me Discourse," was faultlessly rendered, and "Annie Lawrie," was given with grace and perfection, and in response to a hearty call she sang the ever sweet song "Afton Water," Mr Norman Kirby was in capital voice, and did not fail to entertain the audience, particularly with the fine stirring martial song "Sound the Pibroch." The impression which Mr Fraser made by his comic impersonations was one of marked approbation. His happiest effort was "The bahful gentleman," for which he was rewarded with loud plaudits. Mr James Blankie proved himself to be an accomplished accompanist.

March 1, p. 2, col. 1.

Berwick Christmas Club. – The third annual general meeting of the club will be held in the Side Room of the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday March 3rd at one o'clock p.m.

A large attendance of members is required, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

John D. Ogilvie, Hon. Sec.

Mandon, Cornhill, Northumberland.

March 1, p. 2, col.3.

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Tuesday will be a memorable red-letter day in the history of Britain. The nation gave thanks to the Almighty God, in whose hands are the [?] of life and death, for the restoration to health of the Heir Apparent to the throne, and the Queen and the subjects [?].

Berwick was not behind other towns in joining in this great national thanksgiving. Tuesday, in compliance with a resolution of the Town Council, was observed as a holiday, and all business was entirely suspended. The weather was [?] and cold, but notwithstanding was propitious.

Thanksgiving services were held in the Parish Church, and St. Mary's, Berwick, Tweedmouth Parish Church, and in the Corn Exchange, and all were well attended.

March 22, p. 3, col3, Local News.

MR VANCE'S CONCERT. – The bumper "house" which patronised this concert in the Corn Exchange on Friday evening last was unequivocal evidence of the popularity of Mr Vance as the prince of comiques. He has perhaps established too well his reputation a bright particular star of the first magnitude to require any additional lustre to his name at our hands; but our opinion of his performances, notwithstanding, is in substance, that he is an exceedingly clever personator of almost any human oddity – "sex immaterial," as our left handed friend sitting on our right with a wink remarks – and looks as really in legal black-cloth and horsehair the barrister, as he does in corduroy the country clod, or in gaudy out-fittings the modern belle, "Dolly Varden." His comic repertoire is something like the Wizard of the North's magic bottle, inexhaustible in supply, and he is ever and anon turning up with another of his "originalities." His very latest, "Dolly Varden," is not his best; far from it; and while it is a good take-off on the soi-disant aristocrat it borders somewhat on vulgarity, and this Vance should guard against. His company of artistes acted their several parts admirably. Miss Julia Lindley was pleasing if not laughter provocative; Miss Charlotte Hubert sang Levny's sweet ballad "Esmeralda," very well. Mr Vivian Wells is a tolerably good tenor, although "The Anchor's Weighed," which was undoubtedly his best effort, was not rendered in that beautiful mellow style in which we have heard Locke of Dumfermline give it. Mr B. de Solla sang "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," in a very creditable manner, but it was a little flat. Miss Miriam presided at the piano with perfect finish. The solo "Jenny Jones," won deserved universal approbation of the large audience. The concert was satisfactorily conducted by Mr Henderson, bookseller.

March 29, Front Page, col. 4.

Choral Union concert in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 11th April.

March 29, p. 2, col. 2.

Berwick Tonic Sol-Fa Association. Grand Evening Concert, Tuesday first, 2nd April, in the Corn Exchange. Doors open at 7, concert at 8.

April 5, Front Page, col. 4.

Choral Union Concert in the Corn Exchange on Thursday 11th April.

April 12, p. 3, col. 5, Local News.

THE CHORAL UNION CONCERT – last night the Corn Exchange was filled, to use a common phrase, from floor to ceiling, to hear the annual concert of the Choral Union, and according to common anticipation the concert was a decided success. The committee of the Union had apparently left no stone unturned to render the entertainment as delightful as possible. At the north end of the Exchange the members of the Union, numbering upwards of eighty voices, were accommodated under a spacious canopy, and the appearance of the young ladies in their elegant

dresses – and by the bye light and shade was markedly shown by the artistic arrangement of the ladies in the various seats, the scarlet opera cloaks being finely sprinkled among the host of white muslin – was certainly charming. The concert opened with a selection of classical pieces. We have neither time nor space to detail the several pieces. There were indeed very few blemishes, and the most hypercritical could hardly have pronounced otherwise than that the singing throughout was praiseworthy. Miss A. Miller was prima donna in this part. Her singing of the air from Elijah, “O rest in the Lord,” won unanimous approbation of the audience, and she kindly responded to the enthusiastic feeling of the house by repeating the air. During the interval the conductor (Mr Anderson) sang “Tom Bowling,” in capital voice. The second or secular part was led off by the Union singing the popular song of the day “God Bless the Prince of Wales.” This song was exceedingly well given. The other pieces of special note in this part were Sir H.R. Bishop’s glee, “Where art thou beam of light,” sung by eight voices, very sweetly; Brahms’s duet, “All’s well,” by Messrs. P. Richardson and J. Gray, which was well taken up and showed that both gentlemen are possessed of uncommonly good voices; the fine old Jacobite song “The Standard on the Braes o’ Mar,” sung by Miss M. Paton in a fine melodious tone of voice – clear and true as silver bells – and in such a manner that drew down the heartiest applause, and redemanded an encore, which was cordially given, and Loder’s fine sea song “The Driver,” by Mr Geo. Rae, who prominently sustained his well earned reputation as a basso. Several glees were given by the whole class, the finest rendered being “Up quit the bower.” The concert was brought to a close about a quarter to eleven o’clock, by the class singing the National Anthem in a polished way. Mr Anderson, the conductor of the association, to whose exertions the Union has mainly been brought up to the present high state of perfection, swayed his baton with unswerving accuracy. Mr B. Barker was accompanist, and was very highly pleased with the way in which he performed his part. The Union by the appearance last night added another sprig to their merited laurel.

May 10, p. 3, col. 5, Local News.

In the Corn Exchange on Tuesday forenoon Mr Strother let by auction, for a term of five years, the enclosed piece of ground on the Ballast Quay, presently occupied by Mr John Russel, builder, as a flag yard. The property was re-let to Mr Russel at the rent of £1 a year.

May 17, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

WOO’D AND WON – The entertainment given in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening by Mr George Cecil Murray, and Miss Louisa Gordon Goorlay, was very well patronised, taking into account the unpleasant character of the weather that evening; but we failed to see or hear anything in it bearing out its advertised character – “romantic, original, and realistic.” – Miss Gordon Goorlay is undeniable a very good actress and a fair singer, and her partner Mr Cecil Murray is a second-rate comedian; but the entertainment in which they appeared entitled “Woo’d and Won” is a very wishy washy affair, and is suited chiefly for the amusement of family parties and school children.

June 7, Front Page, col. 3.

The Berwick 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, 17th June, 1872, at half past seven o’clock.

Alex Robertson, President.
John Husband, Secretary.

July 26, Front Page, col. 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick – Return visit – The Grand English Opera Company, under the direction of Messrs. Cooke and F. Addison, have the honour to announce three performances, commencing on Monday 29th July, 1872, comprising the following eminent artistes from Her Majesty's and Covent Garden Theatres, London, which may be considered a guarantee for the excellence of the performances.

Middle. Eleanor Telma, Middle. Duprez, Miss Clara Lester, Miss E. Payne, Miss E. Miller, Miss E. Lester, Miss M. Payne, Mr Vivian Wells, the new English tenor, Mr F. Addison, Mr J.R. Turner, Mr C.M. Blythe, Mr H. Musgrave.

Conductors (piano & harmonica) Mr G.R. Cooks.

On Monday, *Le Somnabula* and the field of the cloth of gold.

On Tuesday, *Bohemian Girl* and *Ballad Concert*.

On Wednesday, *Maritana*.

Prices of admission. Front seats, 2s; second seats, 1s; back seats, 6d.

Doors open at 7.30, to commence exactly at 8 o'clock.

Children in arms not admitted. Tickets may be obtained of Mr Alex. Henderson, bookseller, Western Lane, Berwick.

August 2, p. 2, col 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick, last two nights of the Opera Company. Tonight Friday. *The Bohemian Girl* – Saturday, last night. *The Rose of Castille* and the *Field of the Cloth of Gold*.

Commence at 8. Admission 2s, 1s, 6d.

August 2, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

ENGLISH OPERA COMPANY – This company paid their return visit on Monday as promised, but as stated in a circular which the managers issued that evening, the opera announced to be played, "*La Somnambula*," would "in consequence of a delay on the railways," require to be performed without the usual scenic accompaniment. Notwithstanding this drawback, the opera was performed in a most creditable manner. The audience was encouraging for a first night, and was of a fashionable character. Mr Vivian Wells a rising tenor, and Middle. Telma, who is rapidly earning a reputation on the stage, were the principal artistes, and they sustained their respective parts admirably. Mr Wells lacks fullness of expression and naturalness, but a little more experience will doubtless enable him to appear "more like the thing" on the boards. On Tuesday the opera of "*The Bohemian Girl*" was played to a fair house, and on Wednesday Wallace's fine play "*Maritana*," merited large approbation from the auditory assembled. Encouraged by the patronage they have received the company have prolonged their stay for three nights longer, and last night again performed "*La Somnambula*." Tonight they play "*The Bohemian Girl*," and tomorrow night, when a benefit will be taken for Mr Vivian Wells, *The Rose of Castille*."

August 16, front Page, col. 3.

Grand horticultural exhibition and promenade. The annual grand competitive exhibition of the Eastern Border Horticultural Society will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Thursday 29th August instant, when prizes will be given for the best flowers, fruit and vegetables. A band will be in attendance.

Admission from 2 till 5 o'clock 1s each, members having tickets free. Evening admission from 6 till 8 o'clock 6d each, members having tickets free

August 30, Front Page, col. 1.

Mr Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday first, 31st Aug. 1872 at one o'clock precisely.

3 Buckeye senior reaping and mowing machines.

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All in thoroughly good repair and working condition.

September 6, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

On Sunday evening religious services are announced to be conducted in the Corn Exchange by the Cockenzie fishermen engaged in the herring fishing from this port.

GAP BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 6 AND OCTOBER 11.

November 15, Front Page, col. 3.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED, WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 27TH, 1872.
PROVINCIAL TOUR of MADAME BODDA PYNE, late Miss LOUISA PYNE /the celebrated English soprano, and late manageress of the Royal English Opera, Covent Garden.)

BALLAD CONCERT.

ARTISTES.

Madame BODDA PYNE, late Miss LOUISA PYNE.

Miss EMMELINE MARTIN, of the Sacred Harmonic Society, Albert Hall Concerts, and Crystal Palace Concerts, and

Miss EMILY DONES,

(The eminent contralto of Barnby's Oratoria Concerts, St. James's and St. George's Concerts.)

Mr HENRY GORDON,

(The new tenor of the principal theatres of Paris, Milan, Turin, and Naples), and

SIGNOR MONTELLI,

(The celebrated basso of the Royal Italian Opera) Crystal Palace Concerts, Her Majesty's Theatre, &c,

Mr FRANK BODDA.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

Miss Emily Dones – This young lady possesses a magnificent contralto voice, and sings moreover with great refinement and feeling, while her intonation is perfect. – Telegraph.

Miss Emmiline Martin – Miss Martin has a charming voice, and also sings with taste and expression. – Standard.

Mr Henry Gordon – Mr Gordon's fine voice was heard with much effect. He is a most excellent, and highly finished singer. Morning Post.

Signor Montelli – This gentleman possesses a fine bass voice, and sings moreover, with great care and intelligence. – Era.

Doors open at 7.30. To commence at 8 o'clock.

Reserved seats (numbered), 3s; family tickets (to admit four), 10s 6d; second seats 2s; back, 1s.

Tickets to be had of Mr Alexander Henderson, bookseller, where a plan of the room may be seen.

Books of Words, 6d each. Carriages may be ordered at 10 o'clock.

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Berwick Corn Exchange Company. Stalls and season tickets will be issued on Saturday first, the 4th inst., from 12 to 2 o'clock.

January 2nd, 1873. By Order.

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Grand Evening Concert. Mr T. Rees Evans has the honour to announce that he will give his first concert of the season on Tuesday February 4th, 1873 in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Artistes:

Soprano - Miss Lottie Ancell.

Contralto - Miss Helen Standish.

Both [from?] Crystal Palaces and St. James's Hall Concerts, London.

Basso - Mr T. Reeves Evans.

Solo pianist - Miss A. Becket Evans, pupil of Madame Anabelle Goddard.

A new grand piano will be used on the occasion.

Reserved seats and gallery 2s; body of hall, 1s; promenade 6d.

Doors open at 7.30. Concert to commence at 8 prompt. Carriages may be ordered for 10.

The room will be heated and every attention paid to the comfort and accommodation of the audiences. Tickets may be had from Mr Rees Evans only, at his residence, Woolmarket, Berwick.

February 7, Front Page, col. 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 13TH.

UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.

Tickets to be had of Misses Lister's Hide Hill; at the Warder Office; and at the doors. A few numbered chairs, 3s. Reserved seats and gallery, 2s; second seats, 1s; promenade, 6d. Schools and children half price to first and second seats only. Doors open at half past seven, performance to commence at eight p.m. prompt. Carriages at ten.

MISS EMMA STANLBY has the honour to announce her MUSICAL, DRAMATIC, AND VENTRILOQUIAL ENTERTAINMENT, written expressly for her by E.L. Blanchard, Esq., in which she will personate thirty-six entirely original and distinct characters, with performances on the pianoforte, harp, guitar, and German zither.

NOTICE - Though the entertainment still goes by the name "Seven Ages of Woman," yet by constant addition of new characters, new songs, and new music, it might be called a NEW ENTERTAINMENT.

Pianist and musical director, Mr JAMES BOOTH. Books of the words and songs may be had in the room, price sixpence.

February 7, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE - The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Berwick Corn Exchange Company was held in the Committee Room of the Exchange on Saturday. Present: Mr D. Logan, Berwick (Chairman), and Messrs R.W. Glendinning, Broomdykes; J.B. Bird, Fishwick; M.G. Crossman, W. Maule, G. Brown, Berwick, &c. Mr Wight, the Secretary, read the following report of 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 31st December, 1872. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your directors, and duly attested by the auditor; and a printed copy of the account current and balance account have been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a balance of £204 10s 1d available as dividend; and your directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of four per cent upon the paid up capital of the company. In compliance with your regulations they beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been three meetings of directors. Of these Mr Crossman attended three, Mr Glendinning three, Mr Logan two, Mr Hogg two, Mr Darling one, Mr J. Clay, Berwick one, and Messrs J. Clay, Kerchesters, Black and Nicholson none. The three retiring directors are Messrs. Black, J. Clay, Kerchesters, and Nicholson, and who are eligible for re-election.

DAVID LOGAN, Chairman.

The Secretary next read the annual financial statement, which showed that there had been received during the year from stalls, £185; season tickets, £45; daily sale tickets, 5s; penny admissions, £50 2s 4d; rents, £134; interest on bank account, £2 13s 4d; total, £417 0s 8d. The net profit amounted to £204 10s 1d. Mr Wight also read the balance account. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Bird, the report and accounts were unanimously approved of. The three retiring directors, viz., Mr J. Black, Ford West Field; Mr J. Clay, Kerchesters; and Mr J.R. Nicholson, Thornton, were, on the motion of Mr Crossman, seconded by the Chairman, unanimously re-elected. Mr J. Oliver was re-elected auditor. There was no other business and the meeting separated. The dividend, it was understood, is payable on Saturday (tomorrow).

February 7, p. 3, col. 6, Local News.

THE S.S. GALA – We feel sorry to state that at a numerously attended meeting of the shareholders of the Berwick and London Steamship Company, held in the Corn Exchange yesterday at noon – Mr M.G. Crossman, Chairman of the company, presiding – it was unanimously agreed, after a statement had been made by the Chairman, to wind up the company in terms of articles of association. We understand that deep regret was expressed by the Chairman, and endorsed by the members of Committee, that they were obliged – owing principally to the fact that a large portion of the capital of the company had not been taken up by persons interested in the trade, and also to the unfortunate circumstances that the iron trade, upon which the steamer greatly depended for upward freight, was at present in a depressed state, and coals had increased largely in price of late – to adopt such an extreme measure. The Chairman also stated that the company intended to run the vessel in the trade up to the end of March, and that they purposed taking the necessary steps in the meantime to dispose of her by public sale. On the motion of Mr S. Sanderson the directors were appointed liquidators for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the company and distributing the property. It is very unfortunate that the Directors have been compelled, on account of this discouraging state of matters, to wind up the affairs of the company. The loss to the port of a vessel of the class as the Gala is greatly to be regretted, and we sincerely trust, for the sake of liquidation that the high character which the Gala has undoubtedly established for herself on the coast will enable the Directors to realise a large sum at the sale for the benefit of the shareholders. Few of her class has done better in the trade; she is one of the finest screw steamers ever launched, and we reiterate our expression of regret that it has been deemed necessary on the part of the company to part with her.

February 14, p. 2, col. 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Mr Steven begs to announce his arrangements with the directors of Her Majesty's Opera, London, to give a grand evening concert on Friday, Feb. 28th, 1873.

Artistes: - Madame Sinico and Maddie. Justine Macvitz, (her first appearance), Signor Tombesi, Signor Borella (the eminent buffo), signor Dampobello and Signor Agnesi (the admired baritone-basso of Her Majesty's Opera), Solo violoncello – Mons. B. Albert. Solo pianoforte & conductor - Mr F.H. Cowen.

Doors open at 7.30; to commence at 8 o'clock. Prices of admission – reserved and numbered seats 6s; gallery 2s 6d; back seats 1s. Tickets, programmes and plan of room at Mr Steven's Journal Office, Berwick.

February 21, p. 2, col. 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Tuesday 11th March 1873, Grand Amateur Concert in aid of the funds of the new infirmary. 150 voices. Conductor – Professor Evans. Particulars in future advertisements.

February 28, Front Page.

Choral Union Concert, Corn Exchange, Tuesday 8th April, 1873.

February 28, Front Page.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Easter Tuesday, April 15. Berwick Tonic Sol-Fa Concert.

February 28, p. 3, col. 4. Local News.

GRAND EVENING CONCERT – Yesterday evening a grand concert was given in the Corn Exchange, at which several of the artistes of Her Majesty's Opera assisted. The following was the programme:

PART I.

TUZETTO, "Vieni al Mar" (Gordiziani) – madame Sinico, Signor Tombesi, and Signor Campobello.

ARIA, "Quando Ermina" (Rossini) – Signor Sorella.

RECIT. AND ARIA, "Che faro" (Gluck) – Maddie. Justine Macvitz,

ARIA DES BIJOUX, "E Strano poter" (Gounod) – Maddie. Sinico.

ARIA, "Sorgete" (Rossini) – Signor Agnesi.

SARENTE, "Quando le Sere" (Verdi) – Signor Tombesi.

FANTASIA, (Grand Pianoforte) "Le reveil du Lion" – (Keutski.).

SONG, "Honour and Arms" (Handel) – Signor Campobello.

DUETTO, "La dove prende" (Mozart) – Madame Sinico and Signor Agnesi.

PART II.

DUETTO, "Le in fiato corpo asite" (Cimarosa) – Signor Agnesi and Signor Borella.

CAVATINA, "Nobil Signora" (Meyerbeer) Maddie. Justine Macvitz.

BALLATA, "Quest' e quella" (Verdi) – Signor Tombesi.

SONG, "My mother bids me bind my hair" (Haydn).

SONG, "O ruddier than the cherry" (Handel) Signor Agnesi.

FANTASIA, (Pianoforte) "Grande Valse" (Cowen), Mr F.H. Cowen.

SONG, "Robin Adair" (Crouch) – Madame Sinico.

ARIA BUFFO, "Che freddo" (De Grosa) – Signor Borella.

SONG, "The Bellringers" (Wallace) – Signor Campobello.

QUINTELLO, "E scherzo" (Verdi) – Madame Sinico, Maddie. Justine Macvitz, Signor Tombesi, Signor Campobello, Signor Borella.

The artistes bore out the high character that had been given of them, and we regret to state that the audience was so meagre. What happened to be the greatest favourite song of the evening was "Robin Adair," by Madame Sinico, which was song with exquisite sweetness and pathos, and

received with reiterated applause, the audience insisting upon and encore, which she at last yielded to and sang "Home sweet home." The other artistes acquitted themselves in a most satisfactory manner, but we have no space to devote to any lengthened critique.

March 21, Front Page, col. 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick – Immense success of the Opera Company – Tonight (Friday) "The Grand Duchess" – Saturday (last night) "Fra Diavolo" to commence at 7.30 each evening, prices 2s, 1s, 6d.

March 21, p. 2, col.1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.
THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD.

MR HARRY LISTON, who has lately achieved such great success in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow, Bristol, Dublin, and principal towns and cities in Great Britain, will have the honour of appearing as above.

MR HARRY LISTON

In his unrivalled and sparkling Entertainment,

MERRY MOMNETS!

MR HARRY LISTON,

The eminent mimic and ventriloquist.

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The author, composer, and vocalist.

MR HARRY LISTON,

The comical, protean, and monologue artiste.

MR HARRY LISTON'S

Impersonations are his original conceptions, embracing various classes of society, with appropriate costumes, music, original songs, witticisms, instrumental solos, and marvellous metamorphosis of costume, voice, and figure.

First seats, 2s; second seats, 1s; third do., 6d.

Doors open at 7.30; Overture at eight o'clock. Tickets from Mr. A. Paton, bookseller, High Street.

March 21, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY. – This company paid a return visit to Berwick on Monday evening, and have every night during the week been performing in the Corn Exchange. The patronage bestowed is nor commensurate with the performances; but the fact that local entertainments have of late been pretty thick, and that others are announced to come off shortly, may account in some measure for the somewhat small audiences. The company has greatly improved in every respect since its last visit – the whole get-up, scenery, dresses, and stage trappings being greatly superior to the former display, and the singing and acting of a decidedly better stamp. Middle. Eleanor Telma is the central star of the company, and shone brilliantly in the several operas which have been put on the stage. Mr Henry Walsham, Mr J. Neville, and Mr C.M. Blythe are all good singers: Mr Walsham is a very fine tenor; Mr Neville possesses a deep rich voice, and has the rare gift of suiting the action to the sound; and Mr Blythe is an excellent basso, strong, steady, and melodious. The other members of the company are an average "stock", and Mr Stubbs proves himself a capital conductor. The opera on Monday evening was Balfe's "Rose of Castille," Tuesday evening Bellini's "La Sonnambula," Wednesday evening "The Bohemian Girl," and last evening "Il Trovatore." Offenbach's comic opera, "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein," is

announced for tonight, which is set apart for Mdlle. Telma's benefit. Tomorrow evening (the last night) "Fra Diavolo" is to be given.

March 28, p. 2, col. 1.

JAPANESE! CORN EXCHANGE BERWICK. FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND MONDAY,
MARCH 28, 29 AND 31.

TANNAKER'S TROUPE OF REAL JAPANESE. FIRST VISIT TO THIS TOWN.

TOMMY THE WOLF.

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And 101 other new feasts.

Day performance on Saturday at 4 and Monday at 3. Evening, commencing at 8 p.m. 3s, 2s, 1s, and 6d. See bills and circulars. The troupe will appear at KELSO April 1 and 2.

April 11, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

CHORAL UNION CONCERT – The Choral Union was en fete on Tuesday evening, and the Corn Exchange was crowded from floor to ceiling on the occasion to hear this excellent musical association, in a programme of music of the richest and most elevating nature – compositions designed to "touch the finest strings that rend the heart," and to "exalt and humanise the mind."

Congreve's oft-quoted couplet

"Music has charms to soothe a savage breast,
To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak,"

Find amplification in meaning when applied to the sublime productions of Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, and Mendelsohn; and one seems to feel inspired with purer and loftier feelings after listening to the works of these great masters. Who that attended the concert on Tuesday evening did not find himself drawn as it were by the grand persuasive sound "to the edge of the infinite" and in Carlyle like language allowed for a moment to look into that! – impressed, improved, imbued with solemn contemplation? This is not meant as hyperbole; it is meant a staid sentiment, and the reflex meaning of it is a deservedly high compliment to the Union for the splendid execution of the classical part of the evening's entertainment. We were greatly delighted with the proficiency displayed by the class, and the simple fact speaks volumes of praise for Mr Anderson, the respected conductor. We make it a maxim in cases of amateur concerts never to apply the ordinary rules of criticism, and will therefore abide by this regulation in the present instance. But before passing to a review of the concert, it is necessary to advert to the appearance of the platform. The canopy or covering erected at the top of the hall for the accommodation of the vocalists was very simple in design and plain in the extreme. This was per se; but when the assembly of gaily attired ladies blooming in youthful beauty made their appearance on it – presto! Change – a lively sparkle was then given to the scene, and all was lovely and captivation. The first part of the concert was classical, consisting chiefly of pieces from Handel's works. Handel's fine swelling "Coronation Anthem," which opened with the Processional Symphony, and was followed by the three choruses "Zadock the Priest," "And all the people rejoiced," and "God Save the King," went off exceedingly well, and made a capital impression. A hearty round of applause was accorded at the close. The sweetly plaintive anthem, "Hear my Prayer," followed and entrusted to Miss Moffat and Miss Johnston. The singing of both ladies was very effective. Miss Moffat has a well-trained soprano voice, and sang with grace and finish; Miss Johnston is a rich contralto singer, and the purity and beauty of her voice was strikingly shown in this anthem. "And the Glory of the Lord," from

Handel's famous Messiah – a chorus which is a great favourite with mostly all musical classes – was the succeeding piece. The several parts were well sustained, the tenors being specially prominent in the singing. Mr George Rea came next with the bold but beautiful air "Honour and Arms," from Handel's Samson. We have had frequently occasion to speak in laudatory terms of Mr Rea's singing, and we simply reiterate our formerly expressed opinion that he is a basso of high class. He sung this charming air with fine effect, but – and it would be well for Mr Rea to attend to this advice – he ignores the words set to the music. In this air hardly a word was distinctly uttered. He received a warm encore, and responding sang the air "Too Late" – a beautiful composition – with true artistic feeling, and it is only fair to add that in the enunciation of the words there was a decided improvement. The solo and chorus "Charity" by Rossini, was given by the treble voices with marked success. Miss M. Johnston took the solo, and sang it very sweetly. She was awarded enthusiastic applause. Another chorus from Handel's Messiah, "Worthy is the Lamb", followed, and it is only sufficient to say that the Union sang it in good taste and to the entire appreciation of the audience. The recitative and air from Handel's Theodora, "Oh! Worse than death indeed," "Angels ever bright and fair," was one of the gems of the evening. Miss Bryson who made so favourable a debut at the Infirmary concert sang the air in a charming manner; the passage "Angels ever bright and fair," having been rendered in the truest and purest way. An encore was demanded, and she sang the very difficult air "He shall feed his flock," which was well received. Mozart's chorus "Gloria" from the 12th Mass, which was sung most exquisitely, brought the first part of the programme to an end. The second part opened with Locke's celebrated Macbeth music. This was a successful feature of the evening's entertainment. Misses M. Paton and Moffat and Messrs Thos. And Henry Richardson, were the vocalists. Miss Paton sang with remarkable proficiency, and naivete, and Miss Moffat acquitted herself admirably, while Messrs Richardson, who were in capital voice, sang their parts with wonderful effect. Bishop's stirring glee "Blow gentle gales," was taken part in by Misses M. Paton, Bryson, and Carr, and Messrs T. and H. Richardson and Crow, and was rendered in a spiritual way. Mr Peter Richardson sang the fine old Scotch song, "Mary of Argyle," in a manner which brought down the house, with its time pathos and genuine effect. He, in compliance with an encore, sang "The Anchor's Weighed," and although he did not sing in that most charming style in which we have heard Mr Locke of Dunfermline give it – full of feeling and softness of voice, as if an echo was playing on the waters while the vessel left her moorings – still it was sung with fervour and a finish highly creditable. The chorus of Handel, "The Many Rend the Skies," was capitally given, the several parts being well balanced. Miss M. Paton and Mr P. Richardson sang the pretty duet, "I've Wandered in Dreams." Miss Paton after singing her part, which was given most admirably, received a ringing outburst of applause, at once proving that she had earned the reputation of being a public favourite. Mr Richardson sang perfectly and in a polished manner, and was also heartily applauded. Complying with an encore, the vocalists repeated the duet. The popular Scotch song, "Auld Robin Gray," was next given by Miss A Grahame. Few artistes can infuse into this song the fine feeling which the song contains; but Miss Grahame succeeded in giving it with wonderful efficiency; she now and again threw a spark of feeling into it, and was markedly successful in the rendering of the stanza which describes the return of Jamie wi' his crown and his pound. An encore was demanded, and Miss Grahame sang a couple of verses of the cheerful Scotch song "There grows a bonnie brier bush," in a tasteful manner. The glee, "The Village Chorister," was sung by the following: - Sopranos – Misses M. Johnston, Agnes Grahame, and Isabella Paxton. Altos – Misses Carr, Sidey, Pearson. Tenors – Messrs F. and T. Richardson, and George Strothers. Bass – Messrs George Rea, H. Richardson and Lawson. The glee was well sung, and well received. Another glee "Merry Boys Away" followed, and included a solo very nicely sung by Miss M. Johnston, a bass solo by Mr Rea, which was given in splendid style, a trio by Miss M. Johnston, Miss Carr, and Mr F. Richardson, excellently rendered, and a quartette by

Misses M. Johnston and Carr, and Messrs. T. Richardson and Rea sung in a most satisfactory way. The National Anthem brought the concert to a close which lasted till nearly eleven o'clock, having been prolonged to this hour on account of the frequent encores. Mr Anderson conducted most ably, and Mr Barker officiated as accompanist in his usually masterly way.

April 18, p. 2, col. 5.

TONIC SOL-FA ASSOCIATION CONCERT.

The season for indoor amusements has now almost come to an end, and certainly the public of Berwick have good reason to be proud of the ability which our amateur artists and vocalists have displayed on the various occasions when they appeared to delight and instruct their fellow townsmen. Singing seems to be appreciated and cultivated more than ever by the younger portion of our community, and the musical societies in the town have made wonderful progress within the last few years. For this they are indebted no less to their esteemed conductors for the unwearied attention they have bestowed on their onerous duties, than to the zeal which has been shown in their efforts to master the difficulties and bring out the beauties of the compositions which have been placed in their hands. The Tonic Sol-fa Association held their seventh annual concert in the Corn Exchange, on the evening of Easter Tuesday, and we were glad to observe that the programme was more varied than usual. The first part comprised two quartets, a trio, two airs, a solo, three choruses, and two anthems; the second included four songs, a glee, a choral march, a part song, and two choruses. Most of the pieces, we believe, could not compare with those sung by this society at their last three annual concerts, either for difficulty or magnificence, but the choruses contained some beautiful and varied passages. The choristers were arranged under a canopy on a sloping platform, and when all were assembled, the sight was very pleasing, but a glance at the various singers was sufficient to impress us with the belief that the choruses would scarcely be as powerful as on former occasions, on account of the presence of so many young people, and the absence, through various causes, of several old members. Before proceeding to comment upon the singing, we may mention that owing to the peculiar constitution of Mr Smith's class its membership is constantly fluctuating, and this has been more so the case during the last session than for some time past. Although the number of choristers who occupied the platform was nearly the same as at previous concerts, yet many of them were new members, and the fact that they were able to appear on the platform on Tuesday night and take part in the singing says much for the conductor, and the system of which he is so excellent an exponent. The hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience, amongst whom we noticed the Mayor and several of the principal inhabitants of the town.

The concert commenced with "God save the Queen," sung as a quartet and chorus. The names of those who sang in the quartet, are Miss M. Spaven, soprano; W. Purves, alto; Mr R. Hay, tenor; and Mr P. Trotter, bass. The quartet was not a very satisfactory performance, the soprano possessing too weak a voice to be heard to advantage in the Corn Exchange, but she will improve with time. The first and third verses sung by the choristers went fairly. The next piece, "Stand up and bles the Lord," by Sir J. Goss, was rather disappointing. The quartet was sung by Miss H. Thompson, soprano; W. Purves, alto; Mr G. Gray, tenor; and Mr A. Gray, bass. The opening passage sung in union by the tenors and basses had a fine effect, but the rest of the anthem, so full of fine harmonies was spoiled in some places by the flatness of the tenors, especially those measures before the commencement of the quartet, and, notwithstanding the endeavours of the accompanist to set the singers right, the confusion and discord of the parts was very perceptible. This unfortunate occurrence seemed to have had a depressing effect upon those who were entrusted with the quartet, and their voices did not blend well, the soprano's voice being very tremulous, and the tenor very flat. As the piece proceeded, however, the singing became more accurate, and the anthem ended well. Gluck's trio, "From thy heavenly kingdom bending," was sung by Misses H. Wilson, A.

Leckie, and M. Spaven., first sopranos; Misses M. Whitehead, I. Johnston and E. Cockburn, second sopranos; and Misses M. Purves, A. Hills, and E. Tully, altos. The piece was given with great precision, and a considerable amount of light and shade was thrown into the rendering of the different parts. It met with a warm reception, and narrowly escaped an encore. Handel's chorus, "But as for his people" from Israel in Egypt, came next, and although not extremely difficult, yet in some places it is by no means easy of execution. The several parts taken up alternately to the words "He led them forth like sheep" were extremely well performed, and the closing passages were sung with great vigour, their effect being enhanced by the accelerated movement. It met with great applause. The air "I know that my redeemer liveth," from Handel's Messiah, was sung by Miss H. Thompson, and certainly this lady would have sung this difficult piece much better had she not been so nervous. The words, so full of devotional sentiment, are set to music which only a composer endowed with such aesthetical perception as Handel could produce, and the strains when sung properly inspire one with reverence for the genius of the man who could express lofty faith and resignation in such a manner. Miss Thompson sang with expression and pathos, but her voice quivered very much. The performance was most praiseworthy, and the audience evinced their appreciation of her efforts by according her enthusiastic applause. The piece was not repeated although it received an encore. The solo and chorus "Hark! The Vesper Hymn is stealing," arranged by Sir John Stevenson was remarkably well sung. The soloist was Miss P. Rutherford, and she fully sustained the reputation which she has gained as a singer of ability and excellence. The subdued chorus was very pretty, and in the last line where the music gradually became fainter to the words "Now it dies upon the ear," the impression which it made upon the minds of the audience showed itself in the loud and prolonged outburst of applause which followed, and in response to the encore the last verse was repeated. Miss Cuthbertson also showed great taste in playing the accompaniment of the piece. "Ye men of Gaza," from Handel's Samson, was sung by Miss Eleanor Purves, and this young lady in going through the air, showed that she possesses a powerful voice, which she can use with good effect. The music is difficult, but she seemed to have thoroughly studied the requirements, and her performance although perhaps not so finished and smooth as it might have been, more particularly the runs, was very good. She also sang rather hurriedly. The piece was heartily applauded, but though re-demanded, it was not repeated. The first part closed with Handel's chorus "Them round about the starry throne," from Samson, which was sung at the concert of this association last year, when it made a favourable impression. On this occasion, the manner in which it was rendered was almost perfect, the runs being sung smoothly and the various parts taken up correctly. Its triumphant strains were well brought out, and at the conclusion the singers were greeted with much applause. After the interval the second part opened with T. Cooke's fine glee "Strike the lyre." The singers seemed to be better prepared for their work when they returned to the platform, and consequently the joyous music of the glee was sung with great spirit. The basses were very prominent in the passages beginning "I love the proud and solemn sweep." The piece met with a hearty round of applause. Mr Jas. Purves' song, "Once again," was not a meritorious performance in our opinion, but the audience thought otherwise, and in response to an encore he gave "The anchors weighed." The choral march, "Come merry comrades all," was sung without the instrument, and consequently all the parts flattened. This was particularly observable on the return to the beginning of the piece. On being encored, part of it was repeated, and the fact that this is the first chorus which has been re-demanded at any of the concerts this year is at any rate a sufficient proof of the excellence of this chorus singing of this association. "The last rose of summer," by Miss Phillis Rutherford was superbly sung, especially the second verse. The pathos with which it was given and the light and shade made use of by the vocalist in rendering it, as well as the distinctness of her enunciation made a great impression upon the audience, who awarded her a rapturous encore, and she repeated the first and last verse. The "Rataplan" chorus from Donizetti's

La Figlia del Regimento," was given with great energy, and though unaccompanied, the singers sustained the pitch throughout. The "Flying Dutchman" (J. Parry) was sung by Mr Paton, who only gave two verses of it, and as he was not in very good voice, the piece was not received with much favour. Smart's pert-song "Good night, thou glorious sun," was sung with much taste by the class, but this kind of music does not seem to be very popular here. "When the swallows homeward fly" (Franz Abs) was sung by Miss H. Wilson, who on this occasion showed great improvement upon her previous performance at the concert of this association two years ago. The song is very pretty and capable of much expression. It received ample justice from Miss Wilson, and the beauties of the song were well brought out, though she seemed to suffer a little from nervousness in consequence of which her sympathetic voice was not heard so well as it might have been, but as she proceeded she sang with greater ease, and her singing had more effect. She was loudly applauded, and in response to an encore gave "The swallow's return" which she sang with a great deal more confidence. This song was thought by some to be better than her first one. The concert was brought to a close with the chorus "Homeward bound" from *The Picnic* by J.R. Thomas, and this piece was splendidly rendered. The opening measures sung in unison opened simultaneously with a glorious burst, and this "ringing chorus" was carried on to the end with great success. Mr Smith discharged the duties of conductor most ably, and the success of the concert must be highly gratifying to him, after the many discouragements and difficulties he has had to contend against this season, and when it is remembered that about one third of his class is composed of new members, the public will be better able to judge of the singing on Tuesday evening. He would do well, however, to endeavour to counteract that timidity and diffidence which was so manifest amongst his pupils at the concert, detracting somewhat from the success of their performances. Miss Cuthbertson accompanied with great judgement and skill. We understand that it is the intention of the committee of this association to purchase an instrument this year if possible, and we have no doubt that with its aid, the Tonic Sol-fa Association will be able to give many more concerts to the public of Berwick. We hope also to hear more duets, trios, and quartets, from the members of this association, as we believe it contains several other singers who would perform with satisfaction to the public and credit to themselves.

A gentleman well qualified to judge of musical performances, kindly furnishes us with the following mild critique on the concert: - On Tuesday evening last the Tonic Sol-fa Association gave a concert similar to that given the previous week by the Choral Union. As on the previous occasion the Corn Exchange was well filled by an audience decidedly enthusiastic, and who attended the concert evidently determined to be pleased; the applause was hearty, if not always judicious. The programme was gone through with great care and attention. The members of the Society evidently tried their best; if they did not always succeed in this, it must be attributed to the nervousness which usually amateurs suffer from in public. Berwick is fortunate in having so many good voices, the sopranos and basses being particularly good in both societies. At the concert on Tuesday evening many of the choruses were sung greatly out of tune, the altos having a tendency to sing flat, the other voices were dragged down with them, so that at times there was a decided difference between the voices and pianoforte. The best rendered in the first part was "Then round about the starry throne," Handel. In the second part the voices were better in tune, and as a result throughout the concert the tempos, as given by the conductor Mr Smith, was kept very steadily. The choral march, "Come merry comrades all," was warmly re-demanded, in spite of Mr Smith, who evidently is opposed to the encore system, and very properly too. The "Rataplan," part song "Good night, thou glorious sun," by Henry Smart, one of England's best musicians, and the "Homeward bound," concluding the concert, were all warmly received. The lady solo singers gave "I know that my redeemer liveth," a most trying air for any soprano, "The last rose of summer," and the ancient and hackneyed "When the swallows homeward fly," all meeting with great approbation from the

audience, the two latter being encored. The young lady who sang last in the programme is of considerable promise. The gentlemen soloists sang "Once again," and Parry's "Flying Dutchman," the former encored. The "Flying Dutchman," with a good voice, was really very nervous, and previous to the second verse both music and words seemed to be off with the phantom on the flying cruise, but small slips did not stand in the way of the audience showing their good feeling. The programme was judicious in length. Miss Cuthbertson accompanied very modestly and well, and Mr Smith was very diligent and painstaking as conductor. One word for the Corn Exchange. A very offensive effluvium from bone dust or some other chemical preparation was strongly felt during the whole night, and when the hall was heated there was what the Yankees term a "loud smell," such as all Rimmel's perfumery could hardly have quenched. Inspector of Nuisances take note.

May 2, p. 3, col. 5, Local News.

Choral Union Soiree – The close of the season of the Choral Union was celebrated by a meeting of the members in the Corn Exchange on the evening of Tuesday last. There was a large attendance of members, who after partaking of the very abundant supply of tea, cake and other good things temptingly displayed on tables tastefully decorated and arranged in the Long Room, presided over by some of the ladies of the Union, adjourned to the large hall, where a very happy evening sped away too swiftly in the enjoyment of the fascinations of dance, game and song. The company separated at "the wee short hour ayont the twal," highly gratified with the evening's entertainment, and more thoroughly animated with the esprit d'corps so essential to the success of amateur societies.

May 16, Front page, col. 3.

THE WARDROPER'S IN BERWICK.

CORN EXCHANGE. FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY.

Monday and Tuesday next, May 19 & 20.

Henry and Walter Wardroper, the twin-like mimics, will give their brilliant entertainment of refined and realistic mimicry, in which they will display the most astounding metamorphoses of character, costume, and facial expressions ever witnessed.

The Messrs W. have just concluded the most successful consecutive engagement ever given in Edinburgh, performing to nearly 40,000 persons in eight weeks, and are now giving their marvellous entertainment in the large Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the most enthusiastic of audiences. The Scotsman, Courant, Review, and Newcastle Chronicle are unanimous in pronouncing it to be the best entertainment that has ever visited the north.

Plan of reserved seats now open at Mr Paton's, bookseller, High Street, where places can be secured.

Admission, 2s, 1s, and 6d. Doors open at 7.30, Carriages at 10.

Acting Manager, John H. Stringer.

May 23, p. 3, col. 2, Local News.

Maeesr. Wardropes' entertainments. – The twin-like mimics, Messrs Henry and Walter Wardroper, who have earned considerable renown as comiques, paid a two-day visit to Berwick on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The entertainments took place in the Corn Exchange, and were tolerably well patronised. The stage trappings were unusually attractive, the "mimicry" of the two brothers was very enjoyable and the audience appeared to be intensely delighted. Dresses were changed with wonderful rapidity, and the audience were kept in a perpetual roar of laughter with the defined drolleries of male and female characters.

June 6, Front Page, col. 2.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society – A special meeting of the members of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday, 16th June, 1873, at a quarter past 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a trustee in room of Joseph Wilson, deceased. At half past seven o'clock, at the same place and date, the annual general meeting will be held.

Alex. Robertson, President
John Husband, Secretary.

June 20, p. 3, col. 4, Local News.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. – On Monday evening a special meeting of this society was held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, to elect a trustee in room of the late Mr Joseph Wilson. In the unavoidable absence of Alex. Robertson, Esq., President, the chair was taken by Mr J.D. Purves. On the motion of Mr C. Tennant, seconded by Mr Hope, Mr A. Darling was unanimously elected trustee. The annual general meeting of members was afterwards held. The half-yearly statement of accounts, an abstract of which had already appeared in our columns, was submitted. The Chairman remarked that it was a singularly satisfactory balance sheet, and one which must be exceedingly gratifying to all connected with the society. There was at present the prospect of closing the society, so far as concerned those who had been members from the beginning, in October next. That was a result much better than had been anticipated, and it was far more satisfactory than the tables upon which the society's operations were based, had led them to expect. On the motion of Mr Tennant, seconded by Mr Whinna, the accounts were approved of. Mr A. Robertson was unanimously re-elected President; Messrs. W. Hope, C. Tennant, T. Gibson, and J. Gibson were re-elected Directors, and Mr James Pringle was elected a Director in room of Mr W. Tennant. Mr Thos. Weatherly was re-elected, and Mr James Craig was elected stewards. The auditors, Messrs. J. Wight and J. Oliver were re-elected. On the motion of Mr Whinna, thanks were voted to Mr Purves for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

June 27, Front Page, col. 2.

Mr Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday 1st, 28th June 1873, at one o'clock precisely 4 good reaping and mowing machines in good working order. Also 1 hay rake, large size, nearly new plus a new light Southampton basket carriage on Collinge's patent axels, with drag, shaft, driving seat, and seats behind for 2, almost new, the property of a gentleman.

July 4, p. 2, col. 1.

Bazaar in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed in aid of the Scotch Church, Hide Hill – Under the patronage of Mrs Milne Home of Paxton.

His Worship the Mayor of Berwick has kindly consented to open the bazaar on Tuesday the 15th inst. At 12 o'clock noon.

The bazaar will be open on Tuesday the 15th and Wednesday the 16th inst, from 12 o'clock noon to 5 p.m. and in the evening from 6 to 9.

Admission during the day 1s, in the evening 6d. There will be a refreshment stall.

July 4, p. 2, col. 3.

THE GOOD TEMPLAR MOVEMENT IN BERWICK.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW HALL.

Tuesday was a red-letter day in the calendar of the local lodges of Good Templars. The occasion was the laying of the foundation stone of a new hall of their own, and everything connected with the

event passed off most satisfactorily. A public demonstration in the form of a procession through the principal streets of the town took place in the afternoon, and in the evening a soiree was held in the Corn Exchange. The demonstration was a decided success. The weather was very fine, and large numbers turned out to witness the display. The members of the eight Good Templars' lodges in the borough, which consist of four adult and four juvenile lodges, assembled on the Parade shortly after three o'clock, and were marshalled into walking order by Brother Quarter-Master Hunter. About half-past three o'clock the processionists left the Parade, and marched by way of Ravensdowne, Silver Street, Hide Hill, High Street, and Walkergate Lane, to the site of the new hall in Coxon's Lane. The appearance which the procession presented was highly creditable. The juvenile lodges came first, and were followed by the adults in the following order: - Pilot Lodge (Spittal); Tweedside Lodge (Tweedmouth); the Border Union (Berwick); and St. Mary's (Berwick); the officebearers of the different lodges bringing up the rear. Several of the banners were exceedingly pretty, and the numerous flags carried by the juveniles has inscribed upon them temperance mottoes. The band of the Northumberland Artillery Militia, under the leadership of bandmaster J. M'Leod, accompanied the procession. Arrived at the site of the hall the processionists were ranged round the place where the foundation stone was to be placed. In addition to the Good Templars, who numbered between 300 and 400 persons, there were present a large number of ladies and gentlemen, the majority of whom were accommodated with seats. On an extemporised platform near to the foundation stone were seated the Mayor; David Milne Home, Esq. Of Paxton, Mrs Milne Home, and Miss Milne Home; Dr Maclagan; the Rev. Dr. Kirke, Hutton; Mr Kirke, M.A.; and the Rev. R. Scott; and amongst the others present were – Rev. J.B. Saul, Rev. W.S. Chedburn, Rev. D. Barclay, Rev. J.K. M'Lean, Ancroft Moor, Mr T. Purves, Edinburgh, &c. The Hundredth Psalm having been sung by the assemblage, led by Brother Spaven, the Rev. R. Scott offered up prayer.

Brother Patrick, W.C.T. of the Border Union Lodge, then stepped forward and presented Mr Milne Home with a handsome silver trowel and mahogany mallet, wherewith to perform the ceremony of laying and adjusting the stone. IN doing so he said – I have the honour, on behalf of the Good Templars of this borough, to ask your acceptance of this trowel and mallet as a small token of our gratitude for your kindness in consenting to lay the foundation stone of our new hall. From the interest you have always taken in institutions of this nature, which have for their object the raising of the masses to a higher moral and intellectual standard, we were led to hope that the request we made to you to lay the stone would not be denied. And I am happy to say publicly that our anticipations have been more than realised. It is not my intention to make a speech at present; my duty is now performed, and I have simply to ask in the name of the Good Templars of Berwick, Tweedmouth, and Spittal, to do us the favour of accepting this memorial trowel and mallet as an emblem of our gratitude for the kindness you have shown to us. (Cheers).

Mr Milne Home, in accepting the trowel and mallet, said – I am exceedingly obliged to the Good Templars of the borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed for their very handsome present. I was not in the least prepared for this honour – to be presented with these beautiful memorials of your estimations in so public a manner as you have done. I feel exceedingly well rewarded, in fact more than rewarded by this gift for the little assistance I may have given to your Order, and I feel flattered by the way in which you, Mr Patrick, have spoken of my services in other respects in times past. My feelings will nor permit me at present sufficiently to express my thanks. I can only say that in future, if my services are likely to be of any use to help on the good cause of the temperance either by assisting the Good Templars in their work or aiding the other numerous societies and agencies devoted to that righteous cause, I can assure you they are at your disposal. (Cheers). I shall treasure this memorial of your kindness, and hand it down a an heirloom to my family, not only as a memento of my feelings and wishes but likewise a symbol of my own good feeling towards

temperance, so that in my family the cause of temperance and your interest shall be the first object of regard. (Cheers). There are two members of my family with me here today and they entertain along with me good wishes towards the great and good cause you have at heart, and which you are forwarding in so conspicuous manner. (Cheers).

Mr Milne Home then proceeded to perform the ceremony of laying the stone. In the cavity in the stone was placed a tin case containing the following written on parchment:- Deo [?] – The foundation stone of this Good Templar Hall was laid by David Milne Home, Esq., of Paxton House, on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy three; Mark Graham, mason; George Richardson, joiner; James Turner, plasterer, &c; James Archbold, plumber; Building committee. – Thomas Patrick, W.C. Templar; James Frainer, Town Hall; Peter Gardner, Ravensdowne; Robert Wood, Temperance Hotel; John Mitchell, Western lane; Thomas Cooper, High Street; Thomas Spaven, Bridge Street; George Fraser, Parade; George Gilchrist, Hide Hill; John Hunter, Barracks; Robert Fair, ironmonger, Hide Hill; John Beveridge, Sandgate; William Hogg, Wallace Green. In addition to the parchment are enclosed three local papers, four coins of the present year, and the Good Templar's records. James Purves, Esquire, Mayor. God save the Queen. July 1st 1873,

Mr Milne Home having performed his task then addressed the assemblage. He said – Ladies and gentlemen, the ceremony on account of which we are assembled today is now completed. The corner stone of this building has been set in its proper place. There is a cavity in the stone in which has been placed certain coins of the realm, along with copies of the local newspapers, and I have applied such a test with the mallet you have been so kind as to present to me to see if the stone is firmly and correctly placed. I have no doubt that if the other stones in the foundation are as firmly and securely laid as this corner stone you will have a very secure basis for any superstructure there may be raised upon it. (Cheers). I think it is proper that I should say something with regard to the building which has been commenced in your presence today and likewise to refer to the uses that the building is to be put to. Yesterday I visited Berwick, and had the pleasure of inspecting the plans of the building, and I take the opportunity of saying that they are a great credit to the architect, Mr Stevenson. These plans show that there will be a very capacious hall for the use of the Good Templars, which will probably hold between 400 and 500 persons. I am very glad to learn from my friend the Mayor of Berwick that Good Templarism has done and is still doing immense good in this place. There are now, I am informed, no fewer than eight lodges in the borough, four for adults, and four for juveniles, and I learn that numbers have [affiliated?] with lodges in the country districts. This hall, therefore, may be filled with members from the town and country lodges in due time. I am glad to tell you, judging from the appearance of the plans that you will have a building of good architectural design; in short, it will be an ornament to the town. I therefore take the opportunity of congratulating my fellow burgesses – for I have the honour of being one of the burgesses of Berwick – that they are about to have another handsome building erected in their midst; and I congratulate the community of this town and neighbourhood that another institution has been established for the benefit of the working classes of the town and immediate district. I am very much pleased to learn that Berwick is not behind other towns in the erection of such useful institutions. It has often been remarked by persons who have travelled through other countries in the world that there is a great contrast between the institutions of this country and those in other nations. In this country almost all the institutions have been erected by the free will offerings of the people – altogether independent of pecuniary help from the state, while in other countries these institutions are erected by the government, their cost being disbursed out of the public funds. In our country it is a proud thing to say that many of our greatest and noblest institutions have been erected by contributions from the general public. Our colleges, churches, schools, and asylums have been erected by landed proprietors and merchants, and we are proud of this, not only for the good that

these institutions do, but because they prove the disinterested benevolence and patriotism of the British people. (Loud cheers). And these virtues are manifested not only by the higher classes but by those who occupy a lower scale in society – by those who own neither territorial wealth nor mercantile affluence. The people of Berwick by their free will offerings have proved this. I see from this very place the spire of that beautiful ecclesiastical edifice Wallace Green Church, a structure I am informed cost £7,000 and which was defrayed by the inhabitants of this town. There stands before us the newly erected mission premises of Wallace Green Church, a building intended for the religious instruction of the neglected and the young; and yesterday I had the pleasure of seeing another building which we cannot observe from this point, but which is in the immediate neighbourhood – the Freemasons Hall, erected for the avowed purpose of promoting good fellowship and brotherly love among the brethren of that honourable and venerable craft. And now you, the Good Templars of Berwick-upon-Tweed, have today commenced the erection of a building of your own in their midst. It is one of a family group of institutions; you are related to each other, you all breathe the same air of benevolence, and aim at accomplishing good in this good old town. (Cheers.) I fervently pray that the blessing of heaven may descend on this building, and also that a rich blessing may be vouchsafed in the work wrought in the inside of the superstructure when it is erected, so that Good Templarism may have the good effect of reclaiming those who unfortunately go astray and encourage those who remain in the paths of virtue, I say God speed to this most useful undertaking, and adopting the good old English plan join me in giving three hearty cheers – the ladies waving their handkerchiefs and the gentlemen their hats – to the good Templars of Berwick-upon-Tweed. (The company complied with Mr Milne Home's request and gave three ringing cheers.)

Three cheers, on the motion of Brother Patrick, were given to Mrs Milne Home, and having struck up "God save the Queen," the assemblage dispersed.

The procession was reformed, and marched by way of Walkergate Lane and High Street to the Red Lion Hotel, where Mr Milne Home, and the Mayor took leave of the Templars. The processionists afterwards proceeded to the Parade where they broke up.

The silver trowel, which was a chaste piece of silversmith work, presented to Mr Milne Home, bore the following inscription: - "Presented to D. Milne Home, Esq. By the Good Templars of Berwick, in commemoration of his laying the foundation stone of their hall, July 1st 1873." Brother Spaven supplied it.

PUBLIC SOIREE.

A most successful soiree took place in the Corn Exchange in the evening. The lower part of the hall was filled with adults, and the gallery was crowded with juveniles who conducted themselves with propriety. On a platform erected at the top of the Exchange, we observed the following gentlemen: - His Worship the Mayor (in the chair), D. Milne Home, Esq., the Rev. Professor Cairns D.D., Rev. D. Kirke, Huton; Rev. R. Scott, Rev. W.S. [Chedburu], Rev. J. Stephens, Rev. D. Barclay, Rev. Mr Saul, Mr Kirke, M.A., and Brother Stevenson, East Kyle, (the architect of the new building.)

A blessing having been asked by the Rev. D. Barclay, tea was served, and thereafter the Doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung by way of returning thanks.

The Mayor briefly addressed the meeting. He alluded to the interesting ceremony which had taken place that day, then spoke of Mr Milne Home as a gentleman who took a deep interest in everything that tends to the happiness, to the morality, and to the spiritual improvement of the community, and followed up by remarking that he had learned from the rules of the Order that they were based not only upon common sense, but upon what he considered the great principles of truth, calculated to promote the best interests of the human race. If the principles of Good Templarism were more widely diffused there would be little judicial business for the Mayor and magistrates to do.

(Applause) He had often felt deep sorrow at the cases, which came before him at the police court.

No further gone than that morning three members of two families – two of them with blackened eyes, the result of assaults committed by a worthless husband and inhuman son-in-law – appeared before him, and the whole disturbance in these families had arisen through strong drink. It would be out of place in him to recapitulate the causes which came before him, but it was a fact, and one which could not be disputed, that nineteen out of every twenty cases which were tried by the Mayor and magistrates of Berwick were in consequence of indulgence in intoxicating liquor. Good Templarism could not fail to be a blessing not only to the community amongst which it was established, but to the nation at large. There was one rule they had which he liked exceedingly. It was to the effect that should a brother or sister backslide – should the old appetite return, and they unfortunately fall again into the vice of drinking – it was the duty of the members to bring back him or her by kind and loving persuasion to the fold of the Order. It was lamentable that so much of the revenue of this country was derived from strong drink, which preyed upon the vitals of the working classes. Great cry was made by the working classes and others about the national taxation; but they entailed upon themselves a far heavier taxation by drinking intoxicating liquors and incapacitating themselves for their physical or mental labour, and he was one who thought that if the revenue of the country from drink was ten times less than that at present derived therefrom, that by other channels a revenue a hundred times greater would flow into the treasury of the nation. (Cheers.) Mr Milne Home was next called upon to address the meeting. He was glad that he had acceded to the request made to him to attend the soiree for he had never seen a pleasanter scene, a happier sight in his life than that he now had the pleasure of witnessing. (Cheers.) The audience, numerous and respectable, had come there bound together in one common sentiment to further one righteous cause, that of doing good to their fellow creatures. He felt incompetent to perform the duty of delivering an address on the present occasion, because it appeared to him to be very incongruous, he not being a member of a temperance society, to come forward on that platform and address them on temperance. He had been engaged in the disagreeable duty of a Parliamentary election in Berwickshire, and although the contest was now over – notwithstanding the fight had ended, he had not settled back into a state of equanimity, and whatever remarks he might make would be tinged and tintured with reference to the election that had just taken place. One circumstance in that election had a strong bearing on the present meeting. He confessed that he was exceedingly surprised and mortified to find that so small an amount of interest had been taken in that contest by the various temperance organisations in the county. There were, he believed, some 15 or 16 different temperance societies in Berwickshire, consisting of old teetotal societies, Good Templars, and Free Templars, embracing with their influence several thousand of the population, and a good many electors, and therefore he felt astonished that the important subject of temperance did not come up in a more prominent form than it did. IN the addresses issued by the candidates explaining their views to recommend them to the electors, no reference was made to the subject of temperance. Nay, when the candidates came forward to address public meetings of the electors for the purpose of explaining their principles and also for the purpose of undergoing that sifting process which candidates in electioneering canvass generally undergo there was hardly anything said on this subject. His friend Mr Miller was asked if he would vote for the Permissive Bill if returned to Parliament and his answer was very characteristic: “Yes, I will vote for the Permissive Bill if brought in by the Liberal Government.” (Laughter.) The other candidate whose success he (Mr Milne Home) was interested in was not interrogated at any of the public meetings on the subject, but a deputation waited upon his Lordship, and he (Mr Milne Home) had the pleasure of being present when the deputation was introduced to Lord Dunglass. Now who headed the deputation? Who was the spokesman on that occasion? Not the Worthy Chief of any of the Good Templar lodges in the county, or any of the local leaders of the temperance movement; but an entire stranger, a gentleman all the way from Aberdeen, who he understood was an agent of the United Kingdom

Alliance, and he certainly advocated the claims of the Permissive Bill very ably, so much so that Lord Dunglass, a young man of little experience in political and social questions, was much impressed by the arguments brought forward, and although his lordship would not pledge his support to the Permissive Bill he expressed himself decidedly favourable to the principle, viz., that the community of a district should have a certain veto upon the establishment of public houses. (Cheers.) Now why did he (Mr Milne Home) introduce this reference to the Berwickshire election? Because it was the duty of all abstainers and the friends of temperance to choose a man who would further their views in Parliament. It was utterly useless – simply wasting a great deal of valuable time and a vast amount of good paper petitioning Parliament to pass a Permissive Bill or a Prohibitory Liquor Bill if the members returned did not pledge themselves to support such a bill or at least to countenance any measure of the kind. (Hear, hear.) During the present session of Parliament a petition, he believed had been presented in favour of the Permissive Bill signed by no less than one million people. And what effect had this [moustre?] memorial upon Parliament? None whatever. The members of Parliament had not been sent to Parliament pledged to support this particular bill. They had been returned pledged to pass the Irish Church Bill, the Irish Land Bill, Vote by ballot, Municipal Government Education, and Taxation. Such questions as these were certainly highly important, but with regard to social questions, including the temperance question, he did not think that sufficient interest was created on the part of the constituencies before the present Parliament was called into existence. He did not wish to throw away any disparagement upon those national measures which, he had mentioned, had engaged the attention of Parliament. He admitted they had for their object the strengthening of the constitution. By their means the ship of the State had been trimmed and ballasted so that in these stormy times, when other state ships were rolling heavily in the tumbling billows of national turbulence, and even some were capsized in the sea of international strife and discord, it might sail safely and clear of shoals and reefs. True, we had been repairing the hull and trimming the sails of the good old ship, the British Constitution, but what had we done for the crew who worked the vessel? (Cheers.) Having spent so much time in political questions now was the time to take up social questions, and he hoped that the constituencies throughout the country in the forthcoming election would be induced by temperance bodies and other agencies interested in social questions to return members of Parliament who will support and further this social reformation. (Applause.) Before he left this part of his address allow him to refer concisely to one or two social questions. There was one social question which demands the immediate attention of the Legislature, and that was the question of pauperism. They knew that pauperism and intemperance were intimately connected; one acted on the other, and very often intemperance led to destitution and pauperism; and our poor laws which gave a legal right of maintenance in case of destitution, no matter how the destitution had been brought about, were imperfect, as they tended to create improvidence and wasteful expenditure of money. There was another important social question, and that was the abominable system existing in certain sea ports and large towns in England, which goes by the name of the Contagious Diseases Act. Those unfortunate and miserable creatures who came under the operation of these Acts had since they had been enforced resorted to drinking spirits to a greater extent than before. He would not dwell further on this unpleasant subject, further than say that these Acts were a disgrace to the statute book of a Christian country. (Applause.) Mr Milne Home then advised his audience to avail themselves of the public press, to hold public meetings to impress upon Parliament the necessity of legislating on those social subjects he had referred to, and proceeded to say that there appeared to him two means by which the Permissive Bill might be disarmed. It was said the other day in Parliament when the Permissive Bill was discussed that it was not just that the power of vetoing public houses in a district should be confined to the ratepayers, because others than ratepayers – those of a lower grade of society – and who frequented public houses largely, should have equal powers. He did not

know the law of England thoroughly on the subject, but he knew that in Scotland all occupants of houses of £4 and upwards and all householders in Royal burghs, had a vote for a member of Parliament and members of Town Council. Now he had no objection that in England it should be the law that all householders of whatever rent should have a voice in saying whether they were to have public houses or not. (Applause). He was quite aware that in rural parishes householders did not enjoy the same Parliamentary franchise with those in towns; and he was one who was of opinion that it was great nonsense to draw a distinction between an agricultural labourer who occupied a house of £4 or £5 rent in the country and an individual who occupied a house of the same value in a burgh. (Applause). He was one who was decidedly in favour of abolishing all those ridiculous distinctions – (renewed applause) – and allow all everywhere who occupied a house to say whether he wished a public house or not. (Continued applause.) The other mode he would allude to applied more especially to Scotland. Scotsmen were entitled to a Permissive Bill for themselves. There ought to be a Permissive Bill for Scotland separately from England, because in the last division in the House of Commons there was a great majority of the Scotch members voted in favour of Sir Wilfred Lawson's measure. Twenty-four members voted for the bill, while only 14 voted against it. If the measure had depended on the vote of the Scotch members that bill would have passed the Commons. Since England had got the Licensing Act Scotland was entitled to a Liquor Bill, and he believed if a bill of this nature was brought into Parliament by an influential member, it would be passed even in the present Parliament. (Applause.) Allusion had been made to the 24 Scotch members who voted for the Permissive Bill; one of those honourable gentlemen was a man well known in the town of Berwick, although he was not their representative. He was a personal friend of his own, and a near neighbour in the county, but, alas! He was no more. He attended his funeral last week along with a large number of other deeply attached friends. He alluded to Baron Majoribanks of Ladykirk. He felt glad of the opportunity of referring to so worthy a man on that occasion, because Lord Marjoribanks was much respected in the town of Berwick, and in Berwickshire, and his death had been a great loss to the county of Berwick. The deceased baron was a man of great public spirit, and he well deserved the honours that were bestowed upon him. Oddly enough the last meeting he attended in Berwick in company with Lord Marjoribanks (then Mr Robertson) was in the same hall. Lord Marjoribanks was not a member of any temperance society, but in his own family he never drank anything stronger than water, and it was only when in company that he went beyond the liquor provided by nature. It was sad to think that he did not live to receive the congratulations of his friends for the honour the Queen had conferred upon him, and the only place where his coronet was seen was upon his coffin. He (Mr Milne Home) could not conclude without saying that the late Lord Marjoribanks was a man not only of great public spirit but of very superior talent, a man of firm and faithful friendship, and possessing many other excellent qualities. (Hear, hear). Mr Milne Home concluded by saying that his services were at the disposal of the Good Templars to promote the cause they cherished so highly. (Cheers.)

Brother Stevenson, East Kyoeloe, delivered a stirring address on the advantages of Good Templarism, and the evils arising from the drinking system.

The Rev. J. Stephens, after congratulating the Good Templars on breaking ground and taking root in Berwick by erecting a hall of their own, said he appeared that night not as a Good Templar, not as a teetotalter, but as a Christian, for a Christian was bound by the great charter of Christianity to fight with heart and soul against those drinking customs which the Good Templars sought to root out. (Applause) The Rev. gentleman then proceeded to speak upon the great facilities afforded to the drinking system, and the extent of the evil of drinking. If all the public houses in Berwick, he said, were used merely as places of refreshment, and reduced to one third of their present number, those houses could not pay the owners unless they gave more than enough to those that came to them. (Applause) A great deal was said about the vested interests of the publican, but there were the

vested interests of morality, and the vested interests Heaven. The souls of men were the first vested interests, and took precedence of the vested interests of trade; and it was their duty to rise up and defend our country, our rights, our morality, and our religion against the onslaught of the great evil of drunkenness. (Applause.) He could not understand how a professing Christian could go into this accursed trade to make money. What kind of Christian was it who while offering up a prayer "Lead us not into temptation" would open a house and make it the haunt of profanity, of evilness, of drunkenness, and of revelry? How could he advance the Kingdom of God by this legitimate traffic, legitimate only in the eye of the law, but there was a higher law in the statue book of Heaven. By embarking in this trade he forsook the Cross and forsook his colours as a Christian. (Applause.) Supposing fewer facilities were given in connection with this traffic there would still be needed moral principles on the part of the people. We heard a great deal of the improvement of the working classes. This was the age of the improvement of the working classes. Every thoughtful man had sympathy with the sons of toil, and every genial, generous hearted man must rejoice that the working classes have received shorter hours of labour and bigger wages. But there was something else than short hours and big wages required; he said plainly and avowedly that the increased wages and the reduction in the hours of labour were useless, yes worse than useless, without moral principle. Did he speak at random? Was it a figure of rhetoric? Did the statistics of the country not prove that this age, the golden age of the working classes, the age of material increase, stood prominent for drunkenness? The big wages were consumed during the extra leisure hours in the public houses, and the advantages thus granted to the sons of toil partook more of the character of a curse than a blessing. Mr Stephens then argued that more principle must derive its true strength from religion and concluded his address amidst loud applause.

The Rev. Dr. Cairns offered his congratulations to the Good Templars on the new era in Good Templarism in Berwick they had inaugurated that day by erecting a temple or stronghold for their activities, and welcomed them to Wallace Green to join with his mission workers in doing good to the fallen and the degraded in the lanes. Many hard words, the rev. gentleman observed, were used by the speakers on teetotal platforms against the publicans; he would not utter any harsh sentiments; there were many things to excuse and extenuate publicans in their present position, and until such enlightenment in this important question of temperance was given as would move the people of this country to make a change in the present drinking customs. He would speak with all charity of those persons engaged in the trade of selling intoxicating liquors. At the same time he earnestly pressed upon the convictions and practical sympathies of those present and elsewhere the state of things in this country. What was to become of our working classes, who with all their material property were descending in the moral scale, receding further and further from the pastoral blessing and from holy things? He asked if this state of things continued what would be the end? It was the bounden duty of every one – every Christian, every philanthropist, every patriot, high and low, rich and poor, to come forward and do all in their power to change the existing state of things. He cared not what they did, if so be that its aim was for the benefit of mankind. It might be that some might support and advocate the Permissive Bill, and exert their private influence at elections to return men to Parliament who would further their views – that others might become teetotalers or Good Templars, but come forward they must; they were in a most appalling crisis, and a tremendous effort must be made to stay the onward march, if not to push back for ever, this great and demonical evil – drunkenness. Were they willing to sit at ease and allow this mighty evil to spread at the same ratio as it has done in past years, for if they did not rise to the action, ready to stand in the breach, this empire would be taken from us and given to some other nation which would bring forth the fruit thereof to the praise and glory of God. (Applause.) There had been a touching allusion made to one recently departed occupying a high position, and who was justly revered and venerated. In all that had been said by Mr Milne Home regarding the services of the late Lord Marjoribanks to his

country he entirely concurred. But he could not omit to mention the name of another worthy man who had gone to his rest since he had the pleasure of appearing on that platform. He referred to the Rev. James Cowe. He could not sit down without paying his humble tribute to the zeal, the wisdom, the devotedness, and the success of the labours of that master of the Cross in the Good Templar cause in Berwick. In its earlier stages he was the leading spirit of the movement, and by the Divine blessing he was instrumental in bringing it to the strength and maturity to which it had attained. Might they follow in his footsteps, and breathe the same spirit of love and charity which he manifested, so that it might be said of them as it could truly be said of him that he “rests from his labours and his works do follow him.” (Applause).

Dr Maclagan speaking as a total abstainer for a quarter of a century, could testify that strong drink was very injurious to the human frame. He called upon the electors of Berwick who were Good Templars to bind themselves together, and prepare for the forthcoming parliamentary election. Let them tackle the candidates that might come forward, and if candidates pledged themselves to support Sir Wilfred Lawson’s Bill or gave some tangible promise in that direction, let them go in for that man, whatever his political opinions were, and return him at the head of the polls. (Applause.)

The Rev. Dr Saul was the last speaker. He had been a total abstainer, he said, for upwards of 40 years, and he was a living monument of the good it had done to him.

Brother Watt then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers. Brother Cooper seconded the vote which was passed. Brother Fair next proposed a similar compliment to the ladies who had presided at the different tables. Brother Hunter seconded and the compliment was warmly bestowed. Bro. Patrick moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding and Mr D. Milne Home took the opportunity of seconding the proposition, and paid a high compliment to His Worship who was, along with him, a Berwickshire man. The Mayor returned thanks, and God save the Queen having been played, the meeting, which throughout was very pleasant, separated.

A quadrille band, under the conduct of bandmaster McLeod, Northumberland Artillery Militia, was stationed in the orchestra, and at intervals during the evening played a number of airs to the great delight of the company, and the juveniles also sung several hymns very sweetly-

July 18, p. 3, col. 5, Local News.

SCOTCH CHURCH, HIDE HILL – GRAND BAZAAR – The Corn Exchange on Tuesday and Wednesday resembled an eastern mart, with this marked difference that the ladies in charge of the various stalls laden with fancy merchandise were more queenly in their bearing and deportment, had, in fact, a beauty and charm far surpassing their sisters who preside at the emporiums in the East. The English, rather, we should say, the Berwick blondes and brunettes, on whom every feature
“Sit radiant modesty and grace,”

at no time look “the majesty of loveliness,” and display greater fascination – that inexplicable occult influence which subdues the sons and men – than when they are acting as saleswomen at bazaars, and many of those – we now refer to the unfortunate male sex – who visited the Exchange on Tuesday and Wednesday perchance found to their experience that the spell of the enchantress has the wonderful effect of extracting more money from their pockets than they had calculated on spending. But what is given for a good cause, and that cheerfully, is an expenditure that will not worry the conscience of any right thinking mortal. And the money given in exchange for goods at the bazaar under notice was undoubtedly well spent. The object of the bazaar was praiseworthy and deserved even larger patronage than was bestowed on it. The Scotch Church in Hide Hill has a peculiar if not an important history by the Disruption of 1843, the memorable protracted litigation arising out of that great ecclesiastical struggle with the object of retaining the church property in the hands of the congregation worshipping in it, having, although successful in point of legal decision,

saddled the church with a very large debt. The incubus has been a great drawback to the onward march of the congregation, and the church, the interior more particularly, has in consequence fallen into disrepair, the necessary funds to reseal it, and carry out other improvements, not having been forthcoming. To enable the congregation to surmount, or at all events partially surmount, their difficulties, the idea of a bazaar was mooted. The ladies of the congregation very soon carried the good intention into effect, and the result was a collection of articles, which, in number and kind, exceeded anything of the class we have witnessed in Berwick for some considerable time past. The Exchange was literally filled with needlework, haberdashery, ironmongery, &c,&c. To enhance the beauty of the stalls the Exchange was tastefully decorated. At the further end of the room a platform, comfortably furnished, was erected for the special benefit of the choir, and those gentlemen who were to take part in the opening ceremony. The stalls, eight in number, were ranged round the hall, and were very neatly set off. The Messrs. Waite, of the Hope Nurseries, added to the general beauty of the hall, by decorating it with shrubbery, and the Coast Guard provided a large quantity of bunting for the occasion. Mr Thomas D, Purves, who along with the Rev. Mr Forbes, took the management of the bazaar, had carpet laid down behind the stalls for the comfort of the ladies, and the platform also carpeted. The tout ensemble was indeed very fine. Unfortunately the weather on Tuesday forenoon was unpropitious and at 12 o'clock, when the bazaar was opened, there were not many persons present. The company included the Mayor, the Rev, Mr Forbes, the Rev. Mr Oliver, Tweedmouth; the Rev. Dr. Kirke, Hutton; and the Rev. Mr M'Intosh, Lowick. The church choir having sung to perfection the beautiful anthem "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," (Mrs Forbes presiding at the harmonium) and the Rev. Dr. Kirke, Hutton having offered up prayer, the Mayor said – Ladies and gentlemen, having been asked to open this bazaar, I feel that I am called upon to perform a duty which is both painful and pleasant; painful when I think that the excellent pastor of Hide Hill congregation, who has presided over them in faith for a number of years, is about to leave this locality to occupy another sphere in the Church of Christ. I am sure it will be painful to the congregation that they are on the eve of losing the services of a devoted minister, and his numerous friends and acquaintances in Berwick will doubtless be extremely sorry that he is about to be removed from their midst. I have ever found Mr Forbes mingling with the other ministers in town, and always ready and willing to co-operate with him in the furtherance of every good work. I as one not immediately connected with the church take this opportunity of bearing testimony to his worth as a minister, and to the admirable way in which he has discharged those duties incumbent upon him during his stay in Berwick. I have no doubt that the people amongst whom he is to minister in future will find him a faithful and dutiful pastor, as he has proved himself to the congregation he is about to leave. This is the painful turn in today's proceedings. The pleasant features are many, and one is that, notwithstanding the loss of their pastor, the congregation have not in the slightest degree flagged in their effort for this bazaar. Although Mr Forbes has resolved to leave Berwick, he and his good lady have continued to co-operate most heartily with the congregation in preparing for the bazaar. Mr Forbes and his congregation have certainly been busily employed indeed and I understand that they have not only used their heads and hands, but have exerted themselves by their influence and in other ways to bring together a large and attractive variety of articles for sale. The exhibition I now see perfectly surprise me. There is, to use a common phrase, a very large collection of plain, useful, and ornamental goods, including many articles of artistic beauty, and I am sure it must have cost those who have taken an active interest in the bazaar, and the ladies more especially, considerable labour to bring the exhibition to such perfection. The exhibition is evidence of the zeal, the ability and the taste displayed by the ladies connected with the congregation. I presume that others belonging to other congregations have sent in their different quotas of articles by way of contributions. I was glad to see so excellent a list of lady patronesses with Mrs Milne Home of Paxton at their head. Mrs

Milne Home will no doubt visit the bazaar during the day, and lend her able help to forward the good work which it aims to accomplish. At the request of the ladies who are to preside at the different stalls I have much pleasure in intimating that the articles for sale are all marked at very moderate prices – no “fancy” prices have been fixed upon anything – and those who will be kind enough to patronise the stalls will find that they get good value for their money. I only hope that the ladies at the stalls will succeed in disposing of all the articles, and that a handsome sum will be realised. His Worship, after some further observations, announced the bazaar open. (Applause.) The stallholders then set to business, and a brisk sale took place. The following are the names of the stallholders, and their assistants: - No. 1 stall – Miss Mary Paxton and Miss Armstrong, assisted by Miss Mary Ann Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Graham; No. 2 – Miss Sarah Gregson and Miss Mary Luke. No. 3 – Mrs Forbes, and the Misses Haswell; No. 4 – Mrs John Wilson and the Misses Wilson; No. 5 – Mrs T.D. Purves, Mrs Wood, and Miss Pentland, assisted by Miss Marian Horn; No. 6 (Refreshment stall) – Miss Dumble, and Miss Haswell, assisted by Miss Scott; No. 7 – Mrs Morris and Mrs Jackson; No. 8 – Miss Jemina Clark and Miss Janet Edington. The peculiar willing influence of womankind was largely practised by the stallholders, and visitors were thereby induced to make purchases. Some of the sterner sex, to wit Mr John Wilson, sen., and Mr T.D. Purves, were assiduous in assisting the ladies to dispose of the articles. The bazaar was very well patronised, and several ladies resident in the neighbourhood, including Mrs Milne Home, Mrs Mitchell Innes of Ayton Castle, and Mrs Chirnside of Edrington, paid a visit on Tuesday. On Tuesday evening, but more especially on Wednesday evening, the lottery business was called into full requisition, and – shall we say a roaring trade? Well, at all events, a capital trade was done. Poor old “Aunt Sally,” “a horrid looking creature,” as a female friend of our acquaintance said, was present, and came in for the rough usage that is generally accorded to such representatives of the “softer sex,” her wooden pate having been more than once nearly split in two. To heighten the entertainment several ladies at intervals played on the pianoforte and harmonium, and a musical instrument ever and anon run out of its quotas of tunes. Yesterday the public were offered an opportunity of purchasing the surplus goods at reduced prices, and a large quantity changed hands. Mrs T.D. Purves, who is the hon. Treasurer, has not been able in consequence of the bazaar extending till last night, to prepare a balance sheet, but it is expected that the drawings exceed £150.

August 8, p. 3, col. 5, Local News.

Good Templars’ Bazaar – With the object of raising funds to defray the cost of the erection of the Good Templars’ Hall now being built in Coxon’s Lane, a bazaar of useful and fancy articles is announced to be held in the Corn Exchange here on Tuesday and Wednesday the 26th and 27th inst. We understand that a considerable number of articles have been presented to the committee of management for sale, and the brethren cordially expect that the bazaar will be successful in the all-important sense of turning over a good round sum to disburse the cost of the new hall.

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BAZAAR.

PATRON - Mrs Milne Home of Paxton House.

A bazaar of useful and fancy articles will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27, in aid of the fund for building a Good Templars’ Hall. Donations in money, work, or material will be thankfully received by the following ladies, viz. :-

Mrs Winlaw, High Street,
Mrs Craik, Hide Hill,
Mrs Trainer, High Street,
Mrs Boswell, Western Lane,

Mrs Beveridge, Sandgate,
Mrs Cargill, Railway Station,
Mrs Cowe, Ravensdowne,
Mrs Lauder, Well Close Terrace,
Miss J. Patterson, Palace Street,
Miss Patrick, Hide Hill,
Miss Hunter, The Barracks,
Miss Stafford, Scot's Row,
Mrs Tully, High Street,
Mrs B. Wood, Castlegate,
Mrs Mole, College Place,
Mrs Spaven, Bridge Street,
Mrs Scott, Tweed Street,
Mrs Gilroy, Spring Hill,
Miss C.H. Patterson, Palace Street,
Miss Wood, Castlegate,
Miss M. Wood, High Street,
Miss Stamford, palace Street,

N.B. – The committee respectfully request that contributions be forwarded by Wednesday, August 20, so that time may be given to get them properly arranged.
Berwick, July, 1873.

August 15, p. 2, col. 1.

Mr T. Evans second musical evening will take place in the Corn Exchange on Monday next.
Solo pianoforte, Miss A. Bechet Evans (pupil of Madame Anabella Goddard).
Solo violin, Mr William Howard.
Solo saxophone, Mr F. Oliver.
Band and chorus of nearly 70 performers.
Programme exclusively operatic. Conductors, Mr F. Oliver and Mr T. Rees Evans.
Dress circle, 3s; gallery, 2s; body of hall, 1s.
Tickets to be had at Miss Listers', Hide Hill.

August 15, p. 3, col. 4, Local News.

ANNUAL MISSIONARY SALE - By this heading is meant that on Tuesday last, in the long room of the Corn Exchange, took place the annual sale of fancy and useful articles made up in the course of the year by a number of ladies who meet regularly at the Vicarage for the behoof of the missions belonging to the Church of England. The weather was favourable for the sale or bazaar, but on account of several private "kettles" taking place that day, and the fact that a good many families belonging to the church are at present away from home, the attendance was not numerous. The exhibition of articles was large, and consisted of goods suitable for all classes, which were offered at very moderate prices. The ladies who kindly presided at the stalls were Mrs Rowe, Mrs Fletcher, Miss Martin, and the Misses Lambert. The Rev. J.G. Rowe, the Vicar, the Rev. J.B. Fletcher, the Curate, and the Rev. W. Merrieles, of the Grammar School were present, and assisted in managing affairs, the Vicar more particularly taking an active part in the proceedings of the day. In connection with the exhibition the children of the Sunday School exhibited a very creditable collection of plants, wild flowers, grasses, and shells. To enhance the appearance of the exhibition several friends sent a number of beautiful plants in pots. A small charge for admission was made to provide prizes to the Sunday school children who showed the best plants, &c, and the consequence was that some

very handsome prizes were provided. In the evening about half-past seven o'clock the Vicar addressed the children. He pointed out to them the benefit of cultivating their taste in rearing plants and making collections of sea-shells and weeds. Thereafter he presented prizes for the best fuschia, the best geranium, the best collection of wild flowers, and the best collection of shells. The exhibition or sale was brought to a close about eight o'clock.

August 22, p. 3, col. 4, Local News.

Mr T. Rees Evan's second musical evening – A second musical evening is announced to be given in the Corn Exchange by our talented townsman Mr T. Rees Evans. As he has again secured the assistance of the musicians whose performances rendered his last entertainment so successful, we feel assured that the public of Berwick will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of indulging in a musical treat, such as is rarely to be met with. Miss A'Becket Evans will be accompanist on the piano, Mr Howard, chief violinist, and Mr F. Oliver will no doubt as he did before delight the audience by his manipulations of the saxophone.

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Corn Exchange, Berwick.

Mr William Howard's concert will consist of "Scottish" music principally.

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BERWOCK GOOD TEMPLARS' HALL.

Successful Bazaar.

The order of Good Templars as an institution of a highly commendable character, and the auxiliaries of the Grand Lodge scattered throughout the country are doubtless working quietly but surely a great social reformation. Quixotic seers predicted the fall of the new ism in a couple of years from the date of its birth, but their prophesies have proved fallacious. Even in this borough the Order has found deep root, and its stability is undoubted. To immortalise Good Templarism in our midst the local lodges set about some time ago the work of building a hall, and to assist them in accomplishing their design they conceived the idea of holding a bazaar – the most popular project for raising funds now extant. This idea was carried into practical effect on Tuesday and Wednesday, when the Corn Exchange presented a charming appearance. The room was gaily decorated with flags and banners, while ranged round the Exchange were a number of stalls laden with plain and ornamental articles of almost every class and colour, the bulk of them being the handiwork of the members of the Order, male and female. A number of friends of Good Templarism in the town and at a distance contributed articles to the bazaar, and the most conspicuous of the contributors was Mrs Milne Home, under whose patronage the bazaar was held. The bazaar opened at twelve o'clock, and at that hour there was a pretty large attendance including Milne Home, Esq. Of Paxton, Mrs Milne Home, and the misses Milne Home, Captain Milne Home and a number of his family, the Mayor, the Vicar of Berwick and Mrs Rowe, the Rev. Mr Craig of Crookham, &c. Two verses of the hundredth Psalm, led by Brother Spaven, having been sung, the Vicar offered up an impressive prayer.

The Mayor then said that much had been said both for and against bazaars, and after considering both sides of the question he thought there was very much to be said in their favour. He would only ask the company to look around the room and consider whether the large collection of beautiful, artistic, and useful articles could have been brought together in any other way, and whether the many willing persons who had been engaged in the making of them would have been able or willing to contribute the like amount of money. The display showed that the Good Templars in Berwick were in earnest in their work (Hear, hear.) Good Templars throughout the country had

done immense good, and the lodges in Berwick had been a blessing in many instances to individuals and families. He hoped that the general public would attend the bazaar, show their interest in the work, give every encouragement to those willing contributors who had so handsomely prepared and collected the work, and therefore aid the good cause, and that at the close of the bazaar the Treasurer would have a handsome sum in hand, and that those who had taken prominent part in the bazaar would be highly satisfied with the result of their labour. /Applause.) It was gratifying to find that the Good Templars had been supported in the object by a number of individuals not only in the town but in the neighbourhood, and among them were Mr and Mrs Milne Home – (Applause) – who had shown that their heart was in every object which tended to the suppression of the national vice of drunkenness. (Applause.)

Mr Milne Home, who was asked to deliver an address, said, he assured the Good Templars that Mrs Milne Home very much appreciated the honour they had conferred upon her in asking her to become patron of their bazaar. It was not in her power to do much for the object in which the Good Templars of Berwick were so much interested, but she had come there to show that she was willing to support them, and to aid the cause by contributing articles for the sale. (Applause.) He wished the Good Templars all success. He was very glad to be present, and to witness not only this other proof of the earnestness of the Good Templars, but likewise the sympathy of the public in their work, many of whom, he understood, had contributed to the stock of goods. The righteous cause in which the Good Templars were engaged ought to be an inducement to all to lend a helping hand. It was a cause which deeply affected the moral and social welfare of the community. He was very glad to know from the Mayor that much good had been done in the town by the Good Templars, and he was especially glad of it because of the interest which he took in the town as a burgess and the nearest neighbour. He had been pleased to learn that the new hall was not intended solely for the Good Templars of Berwick, but it was to be open to delegates from the country. There were many Good Templar Lodges in Berwick, and the new hall here would be open for conferences, between delegates from the town and country, for the purpose of concerting measures for the good of the town and country. Mr Milne Home then briefly addressed the juveniles present. He referred to a case which had lately come before a Justice of Peace Court in Berwickshire in which a boy, fourteen years old, had stolen half-a-sovereign from an old relative, bought a bottle of whisky, and with some companions had drunk the whisky. The boy was brought up for theft and fined, but he thought the boys' parents ought to have been fined for having imbibed in their children a taste for strong drink. He highly approved of children belonging to temperance societies. Mr Watt of Spittal Hal Farm, one of the chief members of the Order in town, and who brought out a large party of children to his (Mr Milne Home's) estate at Paxton one day lately said that by joining Good Templars lodges the young soon learned good habits, and true principles were inculcated into them. Therefore he encouraged Bands of Hope, and all societies or associations to improve the social position of young people. His own little grandchild was present that day, and he trusted that she would imbibe the principles of Good Templarism by her visit. (Applause.) Mr Milne Home proceeded to remark that he believed Good Templarism was doing great good in the country, and he wished it success with all his heart. He knew that his family took great interest in the Good Templar movement. For weeks past his wife and daughters had been very industrious in preparing articles for the bazaar, and they were present that day to show the interest they took in the good work. He wished the cause of temperance God speed. (Applause.)

His Worship then declared the bazaar open for business. The ladies who presided at the stalls were – Mrs Winlaw, Miss Wood, Castlegate, Misses Graham (2), Mrs Dimelow, and Mrs W. Lauder, Mrs Gilroy and Misses Gilroy (2), Mrs Craik, Misses Patterson (2), and Mrs Stevenson, East Kylee. Mrs Scott, Mrs Spaven, Mrs Cargill, Mrs Beveridge and Miss Scott, Mrs Trainer, Mrs Blake Wood, Miss M. Wood, High Street, and Miss Strother, Norham. Mrs Tully, Miss Tully and Miss Wood,

Miss Patrick and Miss Stafford. Juvenile stall – Misses Scott, Martin, Cairns, Trainer, and Forbes. Refreshment stall – Mrs Cargill and Mrs Harvey. The fair saleswomen assumed their most captivating charms – always irresistible at bazaars – and the visitors were soon induced to exchange coin for goods. Mrs Milne Home made extensive purchases. A brisk trade was kept up during the whole day, and in the evening the Exchange was crowded. A large quantity of the articles were raffled for. Amongst these articles were a card-table, a draught-table, a very handsome fire screen, two musical boxes, and a large cheese. The prize “drawing” was a very successful hit, and doubtless a large sum was netted by this means. Many of the articles exhibited were of unusual interest and unique in design; to wit two original pictures by Mrs J.J. Paxton one illustrating the scriptural passage “Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise,” and the other a view from the Walls near the Volunteer Battery; a choice case of butterflies, as case of white mice, a weighing machine, white rabbits, and a statuette of “Jamie Strength.” One of the stalls which came in for a good deal of patronage was that presided over by the juveniles, and they were very lucky in disposing of all the goods. On Wednesday the bazaar was again in full swing. Great efforts were made to clear out all the articles, and the stallholders and their male attendants, succeeded so far in that direction that comparatively few articles remained unsold when the bazaar was brought to a close. The more valuable articles which were disposed of by lottery, fell to the lot of the following: - Fancy screen, Mr Mitchell, Superintendent of Works: Mechanical Ship, Mr Mitchell, Western Lane; 40 lbs. American cheese, Mr Lawson, velvet cushion chair, Mr Harvey, Castlegate; handsome accordion, Mr White, Western Lane; sofa cover, Mr Holmes, Bridge Street; chessboard, Mrs Milne Home; bust of Jamie Stuart (Jamie Strength), Capt. Milne Home; fancy tables, Mrs Winlaw, and Mrs Beveridge; hearth rug, Mr George Gilchrist; fenderette, Mrs Stevenson, Kylvoe House; coffee stand, Mr George Wood, Castlegate; gipsy table, Miss Hair, Coldstream; cheese, F. Richardson; inlaid table, A. Winlaw; and trunk, Mrs Dimelow. We understand that the bazaar realised about £200.

September 5, Front Page, col. 1.

Mr Howard’s Concert.

In consequence of serious illness, Mr Howard must postpone his concert for a short time.
Edinburgh, 2nd Sept. 1873.

September 5, p. 3, col. 3, Local News.

Good Templar’s Bazaar – The Committee of the bazaar held last week in the Corn Exchange, in aid of the funds for the erection of the new hall, has now a balance of £237 in hand after paying all expenses, and goods unsold to the value of £11. It was erroneously stated in our report last week that the refreshment stall was kept by Mrs Harvey and Mrs Cargill, the latter name should have been Miss Hills.

September 19, p. 2, col. 1.

Change of date – Mr William Howard’s concert. Grand evening concert etc. same as announced earlier.

September 19, p. 3, col.2, Local News.

Grand Evening Concert – A grand evening concert consisting of vocal and instrumental music is announced to be given on Friday evening the 26th inst, by Mr W. Howard. The number of performers is somewhat large, and includes musicians of great excellence from Edinburgh and Glasgow. We understand that there will be several choice morceaux in both the vocal and instrumental portions of the programme, so that we anticipate for Mr Howard, who is to conduct a large and appreciative audience.

September 26, Front Page, col. 2.

Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

For one night only, Thursday October 2. Matthews Brothers' Christy Minstrels. The original C.C.C. registered. From St. James's Hall, London. Full company. All star performers. Monster programme. Prices 2s, 1s, 6d. Tickets at Mr Paton's. Commence at eight.

September 26, Front Page, col. 6.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.

MR HOWARD'S GRAND CONCERT, ON FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 26.

OPERATIC AND SCOTTISH MUSIC, and selections from the

DANCE MUSIC OF SCOTLAND, as arranged for the Queen by Mr Howard.

Vocalists – Madame Laubach and Lady Amateur, who will be accompanied by Mrs Howard.

Instrumentalists – violins-

Messrs Howard, R.B. Stewart, and Jenkins.

Double bass – Mr Laubach.

Solo Cornet – Mr H.O. Neill,

(Principal soloists of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Concerts.)

Solo pianoforte and harmonium – Mr Banks. (Edinburgh and Glasgow concerts.)

Messrs. B. Barker and M'Leod, and Messrs Campbell, M'Leod, and Pattison will also assist in the instrumental music.

Reserved seats and front of the gallery, 2s; unreserved and back, 1s; promenade, 6d.

Tickets to be had from Mr Paton, High Street, and Miss Lister, Hide Hill; also to be had from Mr Howard, Miss Simpson's, 7, Woolmarket.

October 3, p.3, column 3, Local News.

GRAND CONCERT – On Friday evening Mr William Howard gave a grand concert of operatic and Scottish music, together with selections from the dance music of Scotland, in the Corn Exchange, which was crowded on the occasion. The programme was long and included some gems both in the instrumental and vocal parts. A striking feature in the performances was the highly successful manner in which the lady amateur, Miss Forster, acquitted herself. Her style of singing seems to have been much improved under the tuition of Mrs Howard, by whom she was accompanied on the piano; and the applause with which she was greeted was loud and long continued. Her songs were given with great expression, and her powerful voice was well adapted for the Corn Exchange. In her first attempt she gave the "Evening Prayer," from Sir Michael Costa's *Eli*, and her finished performance of this devotional composition secured for her great applause as well as an encore. Her rendering of that pleasing Irish melody, "Kathleen Mavourneen," was also an excellent performance, and an encore was again demanded, but Miss Forster simply bowed her acknowledgements when she reappeared. Madame Laubach's singing was rather disappointing, and her efforts apparently were not much appreciated, although she sang with great care. The Scottish ballad, "Jock o' Hazeldean," was encored. The instrumentalists performed with spirit and energy. Two or three of those expected were not present, but the exertions of those who did appear compensated for the absence of the others. Mr H. O'Neil is an adept in cornet playing, and the sweet tones of the instrument were brought out by him in a most artistic manner. Mr Howard was of course the favourite of the evening, and his marvellous exhibitions of skill in handling his instrument were as much enjoyed as ever. His playing was listened to in breathless silence, and the enthusiastic applause accorded to him at the conclusion of each piece was evidence of the high opinion entertained by the audience of his capabilities as a violinist. The other

instrumentalists also discharged their duties in a highly satisfactory manner. The entertainment, which was brought to a conclusion at an advanced hour, was much enjoyed, and the interest of the audience was kept up to the end, their enthusiasm finding vent in loud cheers as they left the hall. It will be observed that Mr Howard has announced his intention of holding another concert about the latter end of the present month.

October 3, p. 3, column 5, Local News.

Matthew Brothers' Christy Minstrel - last night this troupe gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange to an appreciative audience. The programme comprised several comic songs and choruses, which were given in an artistic manner, and their extravagant representations of personal peculiarities evoked hearty laughter. The attempts at oratory were ludicrous, while the solfatory exercises of some of the troupe were graceful and enjoyable. The instrumental music seemed to give satisfaction, and altogether the entertainment was a success.

October 17, p. 2. column 7.

RE-OPENING OF CCHURCCH STREET U.P. CHURCH.

Special services.

On Sunday last, special services were held in connection with re-opening of this place of worship, which was used for the first time since the improvements have been made in the interior. In the forenoon and evening the Rev. J.G. Scott, of Glasgow, formerly minister of the congregation preached eloquent and thoughtful sermons; while in the afternoon, the esteemed pastor of the church, the Rev. J. Stephens, M.A., delivered an able and suitable discourse. At each service the church was well filled, and at night extra seats had to be provided in addition to the usual accommodation. The total amount of the collections taken during the day reached £19 19s 4d. On the following (Monday) evening a soiree was held in the Corn Exchange, when about 800 persons sat down to an excellent tea supplied free of charge by the ladies of the congregation, several of whom, assisted by their friends, presided at the tables. Several ministers of the town occupied seats on the platform, and the Rev. James Stephens presided. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the Chairman after a few introductory remarks said the thing which had brought them together, the subject that was in their minds at any rate, was the painting, or as they might call it without offence, the adornment of their church or meeting house. The was the subject which more or less filled their minds on that occasion of congratulation and happiness, the principal subject round which, it might be said, their thoughts gathered in coming together at the soiree. The work seemed to have drawn forth many kind criticisms on every hand. One heard this and that one saying that everything about the church had been done so tastefully and so well, reflecting credit upon those who had been engaged in the work, and those who set the work agoing. Now in that which had been done they might see how it might be for good. First of all it was good that the painting of their church and so far cleaning it, because it made comfortable that small meeting house which was for many surrounded by happy and it might be holy associations. It was a fitting thing that the house of God should look nice, although if there was any danger of going to the luxurious in their adornments there might then be evil. But if luxury was not connected with Christianity, as little was rudeness. He knew that Christian life might flourish in the very rudest building, for stalwart and heroic martyrs had served God amidst the catacombs of Rom, and our forefathers, the leaders of the great spiritual Reformation in Scotland, worshipped in what have been called contemptuously, "rude barn-like buildings," yet from these same buildings went forth stalwart Christians. It was not necessary to Christian life to have their meeting house adorned, but if they made their homes attractive it was fitting that they should make the house of God so far attractive. It was not fitting, if he might use the words of one in the Old Testament that we "should

dwell in houses of cedar, and that the ark of God should simply be a tent." Thus then there might be good in this work which has been done, but more than that there might be good in it, inasmuch as those who set about it had individually no direct advantage in it, that is to say the work had been, in so far as the young men of the congregation were concerned, an unselfish work. It had brought them no personal reward, and for the common weal and for the good of the congregation it was well that there should be unselfish work, for there could be no nobleness unless there was unselfishness and willingness to work, although it was not for one's own immediate interest, and, he would add, there could be no great usefulness without some such work. Thus then the work might be good in this respect – it had called forth efforts, which were unselfish, and unselfishness was healthy to a man, and gave the right kind of happiness to him. But again this work might be good, inasmuch as it was an evidence that there was, on the part of some at least, a deep interest in congregational prosperity. What other could be the motive for coming up night after night, as some have done, to do this work if it was not that they were interested in their congregational prosperity. It was good that every member should have an interest in congregational prosperity so that they might rise to higher things. They might also see further how far adornment was connected with their true prosperity as a congregation. Let them now turn to another side. He did not wish to throw a damper upon the efforts of the young men but to take a serious view of the matter, and he turned to the other side to say that there might not be good merely but that there might be evil in connection with this work. And what evil they would ask could there possibly be in connection with such a work as this, about which everyone was agreed and pleased. He would say there might be too much made of it. They might be dwelling so much upon it in their thoughts, speaking to this one and to that one to such an extent about it as to make people who were strangers when they came among them think that the adornment of a church was the great end of its existence in the world. They often heard people speaking as if the material results were the great and sublime end for which Christ had planted His Church in the world. The work was good so far as it went, but it would be a pity if they allowed it to bulk too much in their minds. It would be an evil indeed if they dwelt upon their work in this way, for then this work would prove an evil. The great end of the Christian Church lay beyond these things. He acknowledged that this work of theirs had an importance of its own, but while it had that importance they might take credit too much to themselves, and thus make it an evil. He then notices some things which characterised their movement for the renovation of the interior of the church, and mentioned that the warmth on the part of the young men, and those who had been co-adjutors, as well as the whole congregation. That movement had also displayed a certain amount of power among the congregation. If anyone said they could raise £100 in addition to their ordinary income, they would have laughed, looked sceptical, and said that their people could not raise that money, yet there was the proof that night of the power to do so. In conclusion the speaker alluded to the passingness of the work, and said its beauties would fade, their church crumble into dust, and that in a few generations all trace of it would be gone for ever. He trusted however that they would seek to build a spiritual temple within themselves, and that everyone high and low, would add stones to it so that in aftertime it would be filled with the glory of God, and thus made to last through all eternity.

The Chairman then apologised for the absence of the Rev. Jas, M'Leish through indisposition, and referred to the kindness his congregation had experienced from that rev. gentleman, and members of his church in allowing them to worship there each Sunday during the time their own meeting house was closed.

The Rev. W.S. Chedburn who was the next speaker said he was glad to be able to congratulate Church Street congregation upon the aesthetical propensity which had manifested itself in the adornment of their sanctuary. He was much gratified to know the circumstances through which, and the persons by whom that had been effected. He supposed he was not wrong in believing it was

principally the work of the young men of the congregation, who had this time taken the yoke upon them and given the fathers some degree of respite from the toil and trouble they usually take in church matters and church business; and from the sentiments expressed by their esteemed pastor, he must say that he was confirmed in his conjecture that the young men who had made this most praiseworthy effort had manifested a larger interest, not in the mere material fabric, but in the spiritual prosperity of the church with which they were connected, and this was indicative, not merely of their enthusiasm and regard for the immediate society in which they found themselves, but for the general Church of God. He trusted they would find good outside in much larger sphere than that of the adornment and beautifying of churches, and that they would remember they were able to do something in the world. He hoped they would devote their attention to the rude, uncultivated specimens of humanity in Chapel Street and Walkergate Lane, so as to make them true servants of the Lord God Almighty, and enable them to go forth in their turn to seek and rescue others. He earnestly hoped that this work undertaken by the young men of Church Street congregation was a promise that they intended to do greater and better things yet, and that the happiness they now enjoyed would be realised in a higher and intenser degree. In conclusion, he referred to the Tractarian movement which originated at Oxford about 50 years since, and condemned the petition which was some time ago got up for the introduction of the confessional into the Church of England.

The Rev. J.G. Scott, Glasgow, spoke next. He said it was fourteen years since he made the acquaintance of the Church Street congregation, and it was just about that time that they had the first of those tea-gatherings in that place, which, so far as he remembered, had always proved better and better. He thought a great deal of the congregation fourteen years ago, or else he would never have come to them, and the changes which had taken place since that time had never altered his opinion, and on no occasion on which he had been among them did he entertain such high opinion as on the present one, so that if there had been a vacancy in Church Street congregation he did not know what might have happened. He then alluded to the changes which had taken place in the building, and said they had not such a pleasant place when he was among them as they had now. A great many of them would recollect some of the phases of the old building, which he remembered well, as he has some very pleasant associations with it. The pulpit certainly had never been so elevated as when he occupied it, for it then stood much higher. He also referred to the enlargement and alterations, which were then made, and the efforts which were then made to extinguish the debt which rested upon the congregation. There was one point memorable in connection with these things which he might mention, viz., that they had young ladies as the chief workers. Somebody had said that that was owing a good deal to the fact that the minister was a bachelor. He was sure, however, that the young ladies, with their "women's rights," would find something to do and they would be working as well as the young men, so that they would be up with them shortly. After the enlargement and extinction of the debt they had come to a third stage, and now they must be beautifying. He could say that they had succeeded very well in the whole of the arrangements, and he must congratulate them upon the form in which their taste had expressed itself, and he was delighted to see how the young men of the congregation had come forward so nobly and so unitedly to carry out the work in such a tasteful and successful manner. It was possible that there might be important results from the painting and improvement of that church in which they assembled on Sunday – that there might follow imitation on the part of others. He did not know what the churches in Berwick were like now, but they were capable of being renovated when he resided in the town, and people when they came into Church Street Church would observe how tasteful the windows were, and how beautiful the painting was, and they would try to come up to them. He hoped more good to themselves would follow from these improvements, and when they entered this beautiful building they would try to bring their characters into harmony with it in proportion. Although they

had got in stained-glass windows he did not think they were in danger of getting a procession of choristers, and having Mr Stephens adorned with chasubles and albs and all those things, or using the incense pot upon the altar. He did not think they need be afraid of that. Mr Scott hoped that the pulpit of Church Street Church would long be filled as it was on Sunday afternoon, and said that should he require a colleague he thought Mr Stephens would be a very suitable person. His congregation could now look upon the past with pleasant memories; quicken their exertions for the present and renew their diligence in the future.

The Rev. W. Arnot Mitchell, of Durham, said he came from the hotbed of Ritualism, the city of Durham, and referred to the controversy at present going on between the Bishop of the diocese and Dr. Dykes. There was only one Church of England minister who professed to teach evangelical truth in that city. He also said that they ought to beware of Rationalism. They had heard of a man in the metropolis of Scotland being called upon to answer to his Presbytery for teaching truths which were apt to shake the minds of Christians, and denying the doctrine of the atonement, while farther north they found another man called upon for the holding erroneous views regarding the efficacy of prayer. The speaker then alluded to qualifications of Mr Stephens, which particularly fitted him for the great work of the Christian ministry, possessing as he did a sincerity and consistency which had always attracted attention, and being "a grand reader." He hoped when the young men were busy with their improvements that they would not forget to put a light in the yard which led to their church, and trusted there would be no gossip and nondescripts among them, and if there was sympathy with each other in all their work he augured great success for the congregation in Church Street.

The Rev. John Young, M.A., Edinburgh, was then called upon to address the meeting, and in doing so said that the work which had been executed by the tradesmen of Berwick in Church Street meeting-house was as good as any which could be found in other towns, and although the young men had to go to Edinburgh for the stained-glass windows, yet it was due to their enterprise that they had been brought here. At the period to which Mr Scott had referred as the time when he first made his acquaintance with Berwick he was just leaving the town, and since then he had been mostly away from it. On coming back he was struck with the great changes which had taken place, and he saw all round about an increase of public spirit which was very creditable to the town in which they all had a pride and honour. When he went to Edinburgh in 1859, the town of Berwick was not in very good odour, owing to the sitting of a Royal Commission for the purpose of inquiring into the proceedings at a Parliamentary election which had recently taken place; and the only things which Berwick seemed famous for were bribery and Dr. Cairns. People were perfectly astonished on being informed that there were four Presbyterian Churches in such a dead-and-alive place as Berwick. He then commented upon the improvements which had been made on the Bankhill, Walls, and other places, and referred to the establishment of the Literary and Scientific Institute, Museum, Science Classes, Freemasons' Hall, Good Templars' Hall, Entertainments in the Corn Exchange, fortnightly entertainments, and the new Infirmary as indicative of a readiness and determination on the part of the people to work with their hands and use their money so as to prevent their town from remaining behind the age; and when he thought of the amount of activity which had been shown by the people, not only in relation to the church, but in taking a special interest in the social and moral improvement of the town, when he thought not only of the monuments of Good Templar work that had been wrested from the vice of intemperance to tell that there were those who are willing to take a philanthropic interest in the wants and woes of their fellows and making happy those who had had the misfortune to sink; then he held up Berwick as an exemplary town, thinking there was much public spirit and enterprise and that it was not such a dead and alive old place, but full of progress of the very best description. Coming to the amusements and recreations of the young men of the town they found they had the same progress

at work, and that instead of a ship's boat which could only be obtained through the kindness of a ship captain, they had now fine-fours, ran-dan, and all the other descriptions of boats, so that now one could sail on the waters of the river with much more pleasure than in days of old. Then there were also athletic sports and an athletic club, for the development of one's muscular power, which indicated that the public spirit and enterprise of the inhabitants of Berwick was something to be looked up to and for which they were to be congratulated upon. Yet with all these improvements and evidences of increased activity there was much that remained to be done, for while the Bankhill had been beautified Weatherley Square was still the same a sever, and although there was such an increase in the intellectual ability and muscular power of the community was there not room for social and moral improvement? It was not enough that our young men were having athletic sports for the exercise and development of muscular power, or by their intellectual skill entertaining their friends in the King's Arms, and showing aesthetical culture and right energy in painting churches, and putting in stained glass windows, for they ought to keep back the advancing vice of intemperance. Reading as he did with the utmost regularity the *Berwick Advertiser*, he could not help noticing that sometimes two columns of that paper were taken up with reports of the proceedings at the police-court, and in addition there were accounts of lamentable calamities which occasioned coroner's inquests, and the evidence given at these was disgraceful and damaging to the town. Drunkenness here might not be so bas as at other places, but there was no reason why they should not attempt to improve the morals of the inhabitants: if something was done to diminish intemperance here it would serve, from its central position, as an example to England and Scotland. After some further remarks Mr Young resumed his seat.

The customary votes of thanks were then passed to the choir by Mr G. Young, Bridge Street; to the ladies who had provided the tea and presided at the tables, by Mr Wm. Young, Bridge Terrace; to the speakers and to the Rev. J.G. Scott for helping at the opening services, by Mr John Young, Western Lane; to the Chairman, by Mr T. Lauder, and to the young men by the Chairman. The proceedings thereafter terminated.

The choir led by Mr T. Smith, sang several pieces of music in a creditable manner during the evening.

October 24, Front Page, column 1.

ART EXHIBITION. SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES.

THE COMMITTEE having resolved to open art classes in connection with the Science and Art Department, have secured that room in Sandgate lately occupied by the Museum, where these classes will be taught by Mr James Wallace, Third Grade (highest) Certified master.

With the view of promoting the success of these classes the Committee have arranged to hold an ART EXHIBITION and CONVERSAZIONE in the above room on Wednesday the 12th day of November next, at 12 o'clock noon.

To make the success of this exhibition possible, the Committee respectfully request the loan of pictures, works of art, or objects of scientific interest from ladies and gentlemen in the town and neighbourhood. Every care will be taken to insure the safety of all articles so granted. In addition to what is thus expected, the Committee will exhibit numerous examples illustrative of the course that will be taught in these classes.

All willing to assist the Committee in this way will please communicate with Mr James Gray, solicitor, Eastern lane, the Hon. Secretary to the Committee, on or before the 8th November next, so as to admit of proper arrangements for removing and adjusting.

The exhibition will be open to the public as under, viz.:-

Wednesday, 12th November, from 12 to 4 p.m., admission 1s, and from 7 to 9 p.m., admission 3d.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday following, from 12 to 4 p.m., admission 6d, and from 7 to 9 p.m., admission 1d.

The proceeds after paying necessary expenses, will be applied to the fitting up of the room as an art class room.

22nd October, 1873.

October 31, p. 3, column 3, Local News.

CATHOLIC SOIREE. – On Monday night the annual Roman Catholic soiree was held in the Corn Exchange. There was a very large attendance, the body of the hall and the gallery being well filled, the Rev. James Farrell presided and was supported on the platform by the Very Rev. Canon Browne, and the Rev. G.W. Waterton. A band from Scremerston was engaged for the occasion, and during tea played selections of airs, besides taking their part in the entertainment. An abundant supply of tea, cakes, &c, was provided, and seemed to be greatly enjoyed. The entertainment began at 8 p.m. and was prolonged to a late hour, owing to the lengthy programme. After tea the Rev. James Farrell made some introductory remarks, in the course of which he said [next sentence illegible] to afford amusement, interest, and instruction. The duet, “The Gipsy Countess,” was the sung in excellent style by Mrs Park and Miss Aitchison, and tremendously applauded. The solo, “Be sure you call as you pass by,” was given by Miss Forster in a charming manner, and the audience again loudly manifested their approbation. An address by the Very Rev. Canon Browne was almost inaudible, as a continual buzz of conversation was kept up during its delivery, and a great many people went out. “Fair shines the moon tonight,” was given by Mrs Park, who sang it very well. A comic song was given by Mr Rowland Harrison, which excited the laughter of the audience to an immense degree. “Afton Water” followed, and the performance of Miss Popplewell was very creditable. “The Death of Nelson,” by the Rev. J. Farrell was a surprise, and “Simon the Cellarer” given as an encore was a success. The duet, “Hark ‘tis Fairy Music,” by Mrs Park and Miss Cuthbertson, was next given. A song, “Jessie’s Dream,” by Miss Aitchison was next gone through, and after another comic song by Mr Rowland Harrison the first part of the programme was concluded after ten o’clock, with a selection by the band. The second part of the programme was curtailed, otherwise the entertainment would have lasted till that hour “o’ nicht’s black arch the keystone.” As it was, the proceedings terminated about eleven o’clock, and the company then wended their way homewards, while the band struck up an air which had the effect of disturbing the slumbers of such inhabitants as had retired to rest. The entertainment gave entire satisfaction to every one, and perfect jollity prevailed during the evening. Miss Cuthbertson presided at the piano.

November 7, Front Page, column 5.

Corn Exchange, Berwick – Tomorrow (Saturday) 8th November. Two hours genuine fun with Arthur Lloyd and his comic concert company under the direction of Mr Morison Kyle, music publisher, Glasgow. Concert commences precisely at 8. Tickets at the door and of Mr Paton, bookseller.

November 14, p. 3, column 3, Local News.

CHRISTY’S MINSTRELS. – One of the many troupes which claim to be the “only real and original Christy Minstrels,” gave performances in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. School children were also admitted to the entertainment on the afternoon of one of these days. The minstrels received a fair amount of patronage during their sojourn here, and their performances were much enjoyed, the singing being excellent, and the instruments cleverly handled. Most of the melodies are well known and several encores were given. The humorous passages between the individual members caused much amusement.

November 14, p. 3, column 4.

"TWO HOURS GENUINE FUN WITH ARTHUR LLOYD", was the name of the entertainment provided for the large company which visited the Corn Exchange on Saturday night last, but if there was "genuine fun" for "two hours" the audience did not seem to appreciate it, as the applause which greeted the principal vocalists' efforts to amuse was never great, and the laughter was seldom hearty. His characteristic delineations did not excite much admiration, and Mr Edwin Keene's voice was not heard to advantage. Mrs Lloyd's vocal powers are none of the best, but her acting compensated somewhat for that defect. Miss Nelly Dyoll tried hard to please but did not succeed, the songs given by her being light and trilling in their nature. The two burlesques seemed to be the parts of entertainment most enjoyed. Mr Mozart Wilson accompanied the songs on the pianoforte.

November 21, Front Page, column 3.

Volunteer Ball. Under the patronage of the officers. The annual Volunteer Ball will be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 16th December. Doors open at 8, dancing to commence at half past. Tickets – Admitting volunteer in uniform and partied 3/-. Civilian and parties or two ladies 4/-. Tickets to be had from Mr Paton, bookseller, Mr Lawson, hatter, High Street, Mr Henderson, bookseller, Western Lane, or from members of the Committee.
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November 28, Front Page, column 2.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The half-yearly general meeting of this society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, on the evening of Monday the 1st December, 1873, at 7:30.

Alex. Robertson, President.
John Husband, Secretary.

December 5, p. 2, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.

(For three nights only), Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 11th, 12th & 13th. PROFESSOR OSCAR ANDERSON, the only son in this country of the great wizard of the north, will give his new entertainment, WONDERWORLD! Assisted by Miss Emmie Anderson, the great enchantress, also La Petite Laura, the infant phenomenon. PROFESSOR ANDERSON'S EXPOSE OF SPIRITUALISM!

Prices - First class, 2s; second 1s; third, 6d. Doors open at 7:30. Wonders to commence at 8. Carriages at 10. Tickets at the booksellers.

December 5, p.3, column 4, Local News.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY - The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this society was held in the side room of the Corn Exchange on Monday night. Alex. Robertson, Esq., president, occupied the chair. The statement of accounts – an abstract of which had already appeared in our columns – was laid before the meeting, and held as read, after which the Chairman said that probably several of the members present had been connected with similar societies, but he thought they would hardly be able to call to recollection a society which had had such satisfactory results as the one of which they were now members, their society having run out in the short period of eleven years and five months. He found from tables referring to building societies that the lowest calculated period was 12 years – their society was calculated on thirteen years. Its success had been extraordinary. No doubt the favourable result had been due in a great measure to the good

management on the part of the Directors. 117 ordinary and 30 advanced shares were now completed. The 117 shares were divided among nineteen individuals, and were of the value of £2,925. Irrespective of the very short time in which these shares had been completed, there was a very extraordinary thing connected with this society, and that was that he had never seen in any statement, neither had he heard from the Directors or Secretary, that any loss had occurred by an unsound valuation of property. That spoke very highly for the care and discretion exercised on the part of the Directors in making advances, and also on the part of the society's valuator and proprietors. He was not aware that any debt had been incurred in any other way. He thought this was a matter on which they ought to congratulate themselves, and for which they ought to feel very grateful to the Directors, not only for the deep interest they had taken, but also for the skill and judgement they had displayed on behalf of the society. He hoped the meeting would join him in according a very cordial vote of thanks to the Directors. Mr Richardson, Spittal, seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed to. Mr J.D. Purves asked to be allowed the liberty to add his tribute of praise to what had been said by the President in reference to the very satisfactory balance sheet, which had been laid before the meeting. He might say that the result of the society's operations had been beyond all praise. He quite agreed with Mr Roberson that on the face of it the balance sheet was as favourable as any one could wish. Whether they considered the valuable services of the Directors or the other officers, or whether they considered the manner in which the shareholders fulfilled their obligations to the society, the result was most satisfactory. He had great confidence in the society, which had been working quietly and soberly without asking favours from any one, and doing a considerable and important work. The balance sheet showed they had turned over no less than £14,000, which was a very respectable amount. It showed that those persons who had taken obligations upon them in becoming members of the society had fulfilled them. Some people when they began a thing did not finish it; he was not aware whether there had been any such persons connected with this society, but the result showed that the members had exercised a considerable amount of patience and prudence; they had made themselves acquainted with the principle and practice of thrift, one of the best principles which any men or women could learn if they wished to pass successfully through life. (Applause). Instead of going about with the hat as some respectable institutions did, the members of the society had set themselves to help themselves. His only regret was, and the President had on several previous occasions also referred to it, that more did not take advantage of the benefits of such a society. If more of the working classes would join such societies and seek to establish themselves in a certain position, no doubt good results would follow. The society had gained its profits and nobody had suffered by it. He had heard it said that in such societies the more fines that could be inflicted or the more plunder they could make it would be the better for the society. Where such things were practised he thought it did not show a wholesome state of matters; this society had not been dependent upon such sources for its aid; all its transactions had been carried on in a bona fide, straightforward manner, both in regard to the paying and borrowing members, and he hoped that both parties were satisfied with the result. (Applause.) Mr Richardson thought that the time for repayments of advances might be extended, so as to make the terms easier for working men to acquire property, so he believed that thereby the business of the society would be increased. The Chairman said that the rules provided for such an extension, if the Directors considered it wise and prudent to grant it; they would no doubt carefully consider any application for any extended repayment table. Mr J.D. Purves did not consider that an extended time for making repayments would be advantageous to the borrowers. Some further conversation followed. On the motion of Mr Thos. Crow, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for his services on behalf of the society and for presiding, and the proceedings terminated.

December 5, p. 3, column 6, Local News.

MR R.P. TODD'S ANNUAL ASSEMBLY. – On the evening of Wednesday Mr Todd concluded a most successful session of tuition by an assembly which took place in the Corn Exchange. Hitherto Mr Todd's assemblies have been held in the smaller halls of the town, but his steadily increasing popularity as a teacher of dancing and deportment have eventually necessitated his removal to "larger premises." This session opened in the Bank Room of the Corn Exchange, but in the course of a few weeks numerically strong became his class that he was compelled to repair to the larger hall, where the amplest scope for dancing was afforded those who were availing themselves of the benefits of his careful tuition. It is now many years since Mr Todd made his debut as a teacher of the Terpsichorean art here, and year by year he has acquired new patrons, obtaining not only large classes, and deepening [next two words illegible], but at times receiving substantial [word illegible] gratitude for his assiduous labours from those who had profited by his extensive knowledge of the "graceful art," and the support he has received this year is a criterion that his abilities as a master of dancing no whit less highly appreciated now than in times past. The assembly of Wednesday evening opened at seven o'clock – the younger pupils, prior to the arrival of the adults and others going through a number of quadrilles and other dances with credit to themselves and their teacher – the graceful movements and exact keeping on the part of the very youngest testifying to great care bestowed in the tuition, and that none of it had been lost upon those for whose benefit it had been exercised. After the arrival of the elder pupils and visitors the hall presented a very animated and pleasant sight. The programme was a very select one, and was principally composed of fashionable dances. Interspersed here and there was a favourite Contra, and all were executed with a grace and precision that added another to the many laurels Mr Todd had gained in the past as an efficient and painstaking tutor. The "high dances" comprised the "Highland Fling" and the "Sailor's Hornpipe," and both were admirably performed. The session just closed has, we understand, been the most successful Mr Todd has ever had. The ball was a great success and was by far the largest at which Mr Todd had had the pleasure of presiding over. There was a large attendance of visitors, parents and friends of the pupils. The music was excellent and to the enlivening strains of the instruments dancing was kept up till shortly after three o'clock yesterday morning.

December 12, p. 3, column 3, Local News.

Volunteers' Ball – This event takes place on Tuesday night, and promises to be as successful as those of previous years, a large number of tickets having been sold. The hall of the Corn Exchange is to be decorated in much the same manner as last year and a temporary floor will be provided.

December 19, p. 3, column 5, Local News.

VOLUNTEERS' BALL. – Our local military amateurs after performing their field, battery, and parade exercises for the year, in a manner highly creditable to themselves, brought their operations to a close with a ball in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening. The entertainment is now one of the principal events of the winter months and is looked forward to with much pleasure by those who intend to be present. The patronage vouchsafed to the hall this year was greater than it has ever been before, there being not less than 500 people present. Last year the decorations were of great splendour and an additional floor was laid down in order to render dancing less fatiguing than it would have been on the original floor. This year the same convenience was provided, and the ornamentation of the room was as elaborate, profuse, and elegant as the last time, the dinginess of the hall having completely disappeared under the transforming process of Mr J. Crow, painter, High Street, who had charge of the general decorations, and Messrs. Beloe & Lamint, seedsmen and gardeners, who arranged the evergreens, and supplied the flowers and plants. The tout ensemble was one of very great beauty and evoked commendations from all. The stalls, as well as the space underneath the gallery, were concealed from view, the former by means of red and white calico,

surmounted by fringed paper, which was also painted at the top, and the latter with flags, &c. A platform was raised at the top of the hall for the use of the musicians, who were under the leadership of Mr Joseph Currie, Tweedmouth, and above it was placed a painting of the royal arms, with flags at each side, and two stars formed with sword bayonets. The orchestra, which was not made use of, was almost hidden by the lavish display of evergreens, flags, and statuary; and in the gallery a large flag was a prominent ornament. Round the walls of the room were suspended festoons of evergreens, and the medallions in the pilasters were embellished with gilt crosses on a dark blue ground. Scabbards and ramrods were called into requisition for two additional stars, which, together with stands of arms composed of carbines, were placed round the room on the tops of some of the stalls, whilst the intermediate spaces were occupied with evergreens, plants in pots, flowers, and statuettes. From the roof depended two large festoons of evergreens which reached across the entire length and breadth of the hall, and at the point where they intersected each other a small tree was situated, and lighted up with wax candles placed upon its branches. To the taste of sergt.-Instructor Baxaudale of the Artillery Volunteers is to be ascribed the improvement effected by the display and arrangement of small arms, while we must not omit to mention that the evergreens were supplied gratuitously from Paxton and Haggerston. The temporary floor was laid by Mr G. Richardson, joiner, Tweedmouth; and Ensign Foulds kindly sent a horse and cart for the purpose of assisting in bringing the materials for embellishing the hall. The Committee, to whose unwearied efforts the success of the ball is mainly due, comprised: - Artillery. – Sergts. C. Pattison (chairman), B. Nicholson, J. Dougal, Corporal C. Davis, Bombardier J. Pattison, Gunners Makins (secretary), T. Purves, Shearlaw, and Kerss. Rifles. – Corporals Fortune, J. Smith, Privates Bickerton, Friar, Crow, and Temple. The ball did not commence until about 9 o'clock, the first dance being led by Capt. T. Allan and Miss Eleanor Purves. From that time up till the hour at which the entertainment terminated the hall was a scene of great brilliance and animation, the polished blades of the bayonets shining out amid the varied hues of the articles used in the adornment of the room, while the gay dresses of the ladies formed a pleasant contrast to the uniforms of the Volunteers and the sombre looking garments of the civilians. The ball was conducted with the utmost decorum and Privates Makins and Crow, as Masters of the Ceremonies, discharged their duties satisfactorily. The refreshments were supplied by Mr Tinn of the Hen and Chickens Hotel, in the upper room of the building, as well as in one of the side rooms downstairs. Amongst those present were Captain T. Allan, Lieutenants Caverhill and Lowrey; and Dr. Jamieson of the Artillery Volunteers; Captain Weddell and Lieutenant Foulds of the Rifle Corps. In addition to our local volunteers there were also Lieutenant Johnston, from the 1st Berwickshire (Eyemouth) Artillery Corps; Trooper Maule, of the East Lothian and Berwickshire Yeomanry Cavalry; and Mr Daniel, from the Newcastle and Northumberland Yeomanry Cavalry.

December 19, p. 3, column 6, Local News.

SOIREE – The Tonic Sol-Fa Association held a soiree in the upper room of the Corn Exchange last evening. There were a considerable number of the members present as well as some friends. After the company had been supplied with tea, spice-loaf, &c, Mr Smith, conductor of the Association, took the chair, and delivered a short address in which he pointed out the advantages to be obtained from the study of music. Thereafter songs given, dancing, games, &c, were engaged in, and time passed unheeded while pleasure was being pursued. The party did not break up until a late hour.