

Berwick Advertiser, 1880.

February 6, Front Page, column 2.

Berwick Corn Exchange Company (limited). The annual meeting of the shareholders in the above company will be held in the Exchange Buildings on Saturday the 7th inst. At a quarter after one o'clock.

By order

Feb. 2nd, 1880.

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THE BACHELORS' BALL

Though this year is a leap year, and therefore the ladies are entitled to take the initiative in regard to matters affecting both sexes, those gentlemen of Berwick and district who are representatives of single blessedness, show no desire to yield their place to the dames, for they have again come forward and provided an enjoyable entertainment which, let us hope, is but the prelude to their acquisition of matrimonial honours. The annual ball given by the bachelors of this town and its neighbourhood took place on Wednesday night in the Corn Exchange, and the manner in which the hall was decorated for the occasion reflected the utmost credit upon the taste and liberality of those who had united to exercise their hospitality. Bachelors' quarters are not generally considered attractive, but the building which the single gentlemen who provided the entertainment, selected for the reception of the guests, was quite an exception, as it appeared almost like an abode of fairies, more especially when the galaxy of beauty assembled and shone in it – The four windows at the top of the hall were concealed by blinds upon which were placed portraits of various empresses, while above these were shields and flags of all nations. In the middle was placed a gilt representation of the Berwick coat of arms, and all the windows were draped with pretty muslin curtains, which gave this part of the hall very elegant and effective appearance that was further enhanced by the orchestra. This was got up in imitation of a balcony with two stairs leading to it. These were covered with drugget and plants in pots were placed on the ledges of the balustrades. The merchants' stalls round the room were screened from view by means of calico which was relieved at the top by a pretty and unique border. Behind this the space was made to resemble a shrubbery, by the neat arrangement of various plants, with which also the recess on the north side of the building was filled in an artistic manner. The space underneath the gallery too was screened from view by means of calico. In this appeared two entrances, one of which was used, the other being draped and merely an imitation to harmonize with the rest of the decoration. The support of those doorways were made to resemble marble masonry, with fluted pillars having Corinthian capitals in relief. They were surmounted by arches, on the keystones of which were the monograms in gilt letters "B. B. B" the initials of the Berwick Bachelors' Ball. Against the calico in this part of the room were four pictures

representing the seasons of the year, and various medallions containing views of natural objects. These had a very nice effect. The black rails of the gallery were brought into effective contrast with a red background, behind which were placed plants and shrubs, to suggest a conservatory or garden. Round the hall, also, were suspended garlands of evergreens of a light and graceful character. The staircase and passages to the room were draped with suitable materials, and a porch was erected in the street for the convenience of those who attended the ball, and who thus could proceed to the building with comfort and shelter from the cold night air. To complete the thorough transformation of the hall a new floor was laid down by Mr George Richardson, Tweedmouth, and couches, easy chairs, &c, were ranged round the room for the accommodation of the company. The decorations were executed by Mr J Crow, painter, &c, High Street, and were certainly of a chaste and exquisite character. The evergreens, which were obtained from Haggerston and Paxton, were arranged by Messrs Waite, Brothers of Hope Nurseries, who also provided plants for the adornment of the supper table. This was laid out with great taste in the long room upstairs, and here the bachelors came out strong in the culinary department, as the repast was most *recherché* and tempting. A space underneath the gallery was appropriated as a card room where those indisposed for the more active pleasures of the evening might find amusement. The ball began at nine o'clock, and at that time there was a numerous company ready for the "sport that wrinkled care derides". The order being "on with the dances", that exhilarating exercise was at once engaged in to the excellent music of Hemy's band from Newcastle, and as there is "No sleep till morn when youth and pleasure met to chase the glowing hours with flying feet", the recreation was continued with unabated zest till the approach of another day was announced. The Masters of the Ceremonies were Messrs A L Miller, Robert Weatherhead, and W A Logan, under whose superintendence the following programme was performed, and the ball passed off in the most enjoyable manner: -

Quadrille,	La Somnabula
Valse,	Biens Aimees.
Galop,	Danish Bridal.
Lancets,	Lord Islington.
Valse,	H M S Pinafore.
Polka,	Fanfare.
Quadrille,	Off to Charlestown.
Valse	Pauline.
Galop,	Orange Blossoms.
Lancers,	Girofle, Girofla.
Valse,	Blue Danube.

Galop,	Express Train.
Schottish	
Quadrille,	Chevy Chase.
Valse	Les Cloches de Corneilles.
Polka,	West End.
Valse,	Fleurs de Printemps.
Lancers,	Alnwick Castle.
Valse,	Venus Reignon.
Galop,	Madame Favant.
Quadrile,	Irish Express.
Valse,	Morning Leaves.
Galop,	Bachelors' Buttons.
Valse,	Carmen.
Schottish,	
Valse & Galop,	

The following were the gentlemen who issued the invitations: -Messrs Jno. W. Logan, Jos. D. Gilchrist, Robert Weatherhead, A. L. Miller, W. A. Logan, Jas. Mein, H. R. Smail, Frank Scott, Thomas Thompson, A. Tower Robertson, J. K. Weatherhead, G. Bolam, Ravensdowne; D. Herriott, Castlegate; Robert Hodgson, Horncliffe Mains; A. P. Cahill, Parade; H. H. Weddell, Avenue; G. J. Dunlop, Castlegate; W. P. Douglas, Springbank; H. L. Christison, junr., Berwick; F. Henderson, Coldstream; Jno. Scott, Cessford, Jedburgh; Thos. Calder, Swinton Hill; Thomas Darling, Governor's House; F. D. Blake, 88, St. James' Street, London; F. N. Norman, Cheviot House; T. B. Short, Warren Mill; D. K. Gregson, Lowlynn; Thos. Allan, Horncliffe House; James Allan, Ava Lodge; W. Weatherhead, Castlegate; H. Carmichael, jr., Coldstream; J. Smith, Cross House, Norham; G. Young, Quay Walls; E. G. Sanderson, The Elms; Chas. Makins, Tweedmouth; A. F. Nicol, Berrington; William Willoby, Ravensdowne; G. Laing, Wark; Dr. Mackenzie, Kelso; T. W. Thompson, 10, Alma Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne; W. B. Pilkington, Berwick; D. Crawford, Dunse; J. S. Henderson, Gordon; and W. Cowe, Butterdean.

The following are those who received invitations: - Miss Robson, Grove Hill, Kelso; Wm Robson, do., do.,; Miss Nellie Logan, The Avenue; Mr Anderson, 23 Warriston Crescent, Edinburgh; Miss S. M. Potts, Broseley, Shropshire; Miss Dove, & L. Coy. Bank, Kelso; Miss Atkinson, West House, Wylam; Mr Wm. Overton, 30 St. Andrew's Square, Edinburgh; Miss Gilchrist, High Street; Miss S. Gilchrist, Primrose Hill, Fence Houses; Mr J. R. Gilchrist, do.,

do.,; Miss Jackson, Chester-le-Street, Durham; Miss Oswald, Quay Walls; Miss Tweedie, Deuchrie, Prestonkirk; Mr J. Tweedie, do., do.,; Mr J.E. Gentleman, 18, Findhorn Place, Edinburgh; Mr J. S. L. Paulin, Berwick; Miss Jessie Miller, Sandgate; Miss Maggie Miller, do.,; Miss M'Creath, Fore Hill, Ayr; Miss D. Robertson, 11, Cornwall Street, Edinburgh; Mr Alex. Wood, 72, Bath Street, Glasgow; Miss Fleming, Castle Terrace; Miss Logan, Brow of the Hill, Berwick; Miss Chirnside, 14, Saxe Coburg Place, Edinburgh; Mr Wm. Snowdon, Old Bank Chambers's Park Row, Leeds; Mr A. H. Dickies, Coldstream; Miss Mary Mason, 19, Fast Parade, Newcastle; Miss Clay, Kerchester, Kelso; Miss Scott, Red Lion Hotel, Berwick; Miss Morrison, - Morison, Esq., Melrose; G. Scott, Esq., Banker, Dunbar; Miss Harriet Nicholson, Murton, Berwick; Miss Isa Mein, Lamberton, Berwick; Mr Eugene Home, do., do.,; Miss Mary Sibbit, Ancroft Greens; Macallister, Abbotsford Grove, Kelso; Miss F. Smail, Ravensdowne; Mr A. Balsillie, Dykegatebead; Miss Balsillie, do.,; Miss Purdom, Blinkbonny, Kirkbank, Kelso; Mr J. Purdon, Raecleugh, Spottiswoode, Kelso; Miss Forrest, Muirhouse, Hamilton; Miss Jessie Forrest, do.,; Miss Lord, 26, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh; Mr A. R. Oliver, Thornwood, Hawick; Miss Borthwick, Mindrum, Cornhill; Miss Bowhill, Marygold, Ayton; Miss Catherine Smith, Melkington; Miss Hindmarsh, Alnbank, Alnwick; Miss Elizabeth Hindmarsh, do., do., ; Miss Mary Hindmarsh, do., do.,; Miss Robertson, Wellington Terrace; Miss G. B. Darling, Governor's House; Mr S. F. Prest, 13, St. George Street, Hillhead, Glasgow; Miss Anderson, 17, Lee Crescent Portobello; Miss Bella Anderson, do., do.,; Mr Jno. R. S. Robertson, Edinburgh; Miss Crossman, 37, Camden Square, London; Miss E. S. Crossman, do., do.,; Mr James Riddell, Wooler; Mr James S. Yates, 6, Innerleith Row, Edinburgh; Miss Bolam, Ravensdowne, Berwick; Miss M. Bolam, do.,; Mr J. D. Duff, Glen Arthur, Doddington; Mr G. Mason, 15, Scotland Street, Edinburgh; Mr R. Marshall, Caldergrove, Blantyre, by Glasgow; Mr J. Collie, Ancroft Steads, Beal; Mrs Hodgson, Horncliffe Mains; Mrs Hodgson, jun., do.,; Mr W. Pollard, 157, Princes Street, Edinburgh; Mr James Kinnear, 6, Doom Terrace, Edinburgh; Miss Cook, Allison Place, Alnwick; Mr William Lister, Hide Hill; Miss Weddell, Avenue House, Berwick; Miss Hindmarsh, Mount Pleasant, Wooler; Mr J. G. Hicks, Wood's & coy. Bank, Alnwick; Miss Thompson, Marionville, Regent Street, Portobello; Mr Robert Smith, Cross House, Norham; Miss Smith Letham; Mr James Wilson, Castlegate; Miss Paxton, Bridge Terrace; Miss M. L. Christison, Bridge End, Berwick; Miss Fish, Bridge End; Mr W. Forster, 32, Denmark Street, Gateshead; Mr Jno. Carmichael, Coldstream; Mr Bowstead, Waren Mills, Belford; Mr T. Gentleman, Findhorn Place, Edinburgh; Miss Wylie, British Linen Company Bank, Dunse; Miss Jessie Ross, Sewton Lees, Kelso; Miss M. Calder, West Blanerne, Edrum; Mr Thomas Calder, do.,; Miss Kate Wilson, Violet Bank, Comely Bank Terrace, Dumfermline; Mr David Wilson, do.,; Miss Darling, Governor's House; Mr H. E. Jones, 8, St. Andrew's Palace, Grange, Edinburgh; Mr A. J. Swaneton, 35, Duke Street, St. James's, London; Mr A. R. F. Blake, Wellington Terrace; Rev. James King, St. Mary's Vicarage; Mrs King, do.,; Miss Etta Short, Waren Mills, Belford; Miss Kate Short, do.,; Mr Henry Fulton, Craig Lee, Dennietown, Glasgow; Mr G. [Mason?], 19, East Parade, Newcastle; Mr H. K. Gregson, R. M., Lowlyan. Beal; Mr Wm. Stirling, Laurel Bank, Galashiels; Mr T. Duff, Glen Arthur, Edinburgh; Miss Pearson, Ava Lodge; Miss T. Pearson, do.,; Mr John Hall, [?], [?], Galashiels; Mr J. Turner, 11, West Claremont Street, Edinburgh; Miss Weatherhead, Castlegate; Mr Jne. Wilson, Castlegate; Mr A. K. Makins, Spa Well Terrace; Mrs Makins, do.,; Miss Marshall,

Caldergrove, Blantyre, by Glasgow; Mrs E. Friar, Duddo, Norham; Mr E. Friar, do.; Miss Smith, Cros House, Norham; Miss Stuart, Mr R. G. Bolam; Mt T. Bowhill, Ayton; Mr J. B. Smith, Cross House, Norham; Miss Grey, Milfield, Wooler; Miss Cockburn, Berwick; Mr Wm. Smith, jun., Melkington; Miss Makins, Tweedmouth; Miss Crawford, Mount View, Dunse; Mr R. Lumsden, Shoreswood, Norham; Mrs Nichol, Berrington House, Beal; Miss Nichol, do.; Miss Willoby, Berwick; Mr Ed. Willoby, Palisburn Cottage; Miss Meikleham, Mansfield Place, Edinburgh; Mr C. D. Foster, Morpeth; Mrs Greet, Birch Hill, Norham; Misses [Rointon?], Abbey Park, Kelso; Miss Ross, Newtonlees by Kelso; Miss Jane Ross, Newtonlees by Kelso; Mr J. L. Mackenzie, Abbey Row, Kelso; Miss Thompson, Norham West Mains; Mr W. H. Ryott, Saltwell Grove, Gateshead; Miss Lambert, Belmont, Packton, Dorset; Mr G. H. Pilkington, Pitfour Dollar; Miss Cook, Allison Place, Alnwick; Miss Weatherhead, Bogan Green, Ayton; Miss J. P. Weatherhead, Ayton; Mr Wm. Weatherhead, Ayton; Mr Robert Henderson, East Gordon, Berwickshire; Mr W. H. Paulin; Mrs Gordon, 13, Gilmore Place, Edinburgh; Miss Cowe, Oldcastles; Miss Jessie Cowe, Oldcastles; and Dr Jno. Joyner Fraser, Norton Park, Edinburgh; Mr and Mrs Jno. Crossman, Gainslaw; Miss Allan, Castle Terrace; Miss Greener, Mr E. A. Philips, Seaham; Mr T. R. Marshall, Chatton Park; Mr and Mrs J Dunlop, Mr and Mrs Wm. Purves, Miss Dickson, Ravensdowne; Misses Robertson, Tweedmouth House; Mr and Mrs Gregson, Lowlynn; Capt. J. E. Forster, Castle Hills; Capt. Wm. Forster, Castle Hills; Mr and Mrs Andrew Thompson, Ravensdowne; Mr and Mrs Wm. Green, Bridge Street; Miss Green Norham; Misses Robertson, Ravensdowne; Capt. And Mrs Way, Bay Terrace; Miss Short, Bank Hill; Miss Forster, Castle Hills; Mr and Mrs Wight, Mr and Mrs Caverhill, Mr and Mrs Jno. Dunlop, Mr and Mrs R. Thompson, Norham West Mains; Mr and Mrs Lowrey, Castle Vale; Mr G. G. [Res?], Midleton House, Alnwick; Mr J. McCreath, Fore Hall, Ayr; Miss Livingstone, 3, Rett Street, Portobello; Miss Hay, 23, Merchiston Avenue, Edinburgh; Dr and Mrs Bell, Newcastle; Mr D. Marshall, Glasgow; Miss Jessie Marshall, Glasgow; Miss Mann, 22, Raeburn Place, Edinburgh; Mr F. Sitwell, Barmoor, Beal; Mr A. Pringle, Edinburgh; Mr Dove' British Linen Coy. Bank, Kelso; Mr and Mrs Gilchrist, Ovington, Prudhoe-on-Tyne; The Mayor and Mrs Christison; The Sheriff and Mrs Brown; Sir Dudley and Lady Marjoribanks, London; Captain and Mrs Milne Home, Paxton House; Colonel and Mrs Lambert, Loanend; Major, Mrs and Misses Kysh, Ravensdowne; Mrs Oldfield, Ravensdowne; Mr Edward Oldfield, Ravensdowne; Captain and Mrs Montefiore, Captain and Mrs Bruce, Mr H. H. Wilding, R. N. , H.M. S. "Ariel"; Colonel Lambert and Officers , 1st Brigade Depot, The Barracks; Captain and Mrs Forbes, and Miss Kinnear, Castle Terrace; Dr and Mrs Richardson, Castle Terrace; Dr and Miss Fluker, Sandgate; Dr and Mrs Cahill, Parade; Mr and Mrs McDonald, Grammar School; Mr and Mrs Wells, Quay Walls; Mr E. and Lady Fanny Marjoribanks, Dunse Castle; Col. Mrs and Miss Reid, Newcastle; Mr Jas. Wallace, Ryton-on-Tyne; Misses Paxton, Norham; Mr J. Logan, jun., Newcastle; Mr F. Logan, jun., Newcastle; Mr and Mrs Maugham, Newcastle; Mr and Mrs Main, The Mead; Miss Ruddock, Halidon Hill; Miss Chisholm, Fenwick Steads; Mr and Mrs Short, Humbleton; Dr McCreath, Ayr; Mrs Sanderson, The Elms; Mrs Logan, Brow-of-the-Hill; Mrs Weddell, Avenue House; Mrs R. Weddell, Palace Street; Mrs Robertson, Wellington Terrace; Mrs Grey, Fenton Hill, Wooler; Mrs Paulin, Leetside, Berwick; Mrs Bolam, Ravensdowne; Mrs Douglas, Springbank; Mrs Lumsden, Shoreswood; Mrs M'Creath, Tweedmouth; Mrs Crossman, Bridge End.

February 13, Local News p. 3, column 3.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY. – The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in the side room of Saturday – Mr D. Logan, chairman of the Directors, presiding. Mr J. Wight (secretary and treasurer,) read the annual balance sheet from which it appeared that the total income had been £432 7s 4d, which included £203 as cash from stalls; £37 10s for season tickets; £62 10s 6d for penny admission; and £127 10s for rents. The total expenditure had been £219 10s 4, so that there was a balance of £212 17s, which represented net profits. In addition to this there was £16 16s 6d in the hands of the secretary, and £254 12s 11d in the bank. Mr Wight next read the following report: -
Gentlemen – Your Directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on the occasion, and laying before you a statement of the income, expenditure, liabilities, and assets of the Company, for the year ending the 31st December, 1879. 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 has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a balance of £212 17s 0d available as dividend, and your directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of 5 per cent upon the paid up capital of the Company. In compliance with your regulations they beg further to state that during the past year there have been two meetings of Directors; of these Messrs John Black, J. R. Black, Bird, Crosman and Logan have attended two meetings, and Messrs John Clay, Berwick; Clay, Kerchester; and Darling 1 meeting, and Mr George Hogg none. In consequence of the death of Mr John Clay, it will be necessary for this meeting to appoint a director in his stead. Messrs John Clay of Kerchester, and George Hogg are the two retiring directors, but they are eligible for re-election. – On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Black, the report and balance sheet were approved and adopted. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. G. Crossman, the retiring directors were re-elected. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Black, Mr R. G. Bolum was appointed a director in the room of the late Mr Clay, Berwick. Mr R. Roxburgh having been re-appointed auditor, a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

March 12, p. 2, column 2.

Berwick-upon-Tweed, Museum, literary and scientific Institute and School of Art. A bazaar in aid of the fund for erecting new buildings in High Street, will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, during the month of September next, under distinguished patronage. Contributions to the fund and articles for the bazaar may be sent to any member of the Committee or to John Scott, The Academy; or John Gray, solicitor, Berwick-upon-Tweed, from either of whom particulars may be obtained on application.

John Gray, Hon. Sec.

Berwick-upon-Tweed, 14th March 1880

March 26, p. 2 column 1.

Choral Union. The annual concert will be given in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday night 7th April. Music "Judas Maccabaeus". Admission 3s, 2s, 1s and 6d. Ticket and book of the words price 3d to be had from Messrs Paton, Plenderleith, Richardson and Mills.

NB The review of the concert appeared in the newspaper on 9 April, but most of it is impossible to read, but what can be gleaned is that it was generally deemed a success in spite of the not very large audience.

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

Soiree. A soiree and a social gathering was held on Thursday night last in the Corn Exchange by the members and friends of the Berwick Choral Union at the close of their annual season. There were about 50 ladies and 45 gentlemen present, who spent a most enjoyable evening. Songs were sung by Miss Roxburgh, Mr W. Patterson, Mr Johnston, and Mr Bateman, after which dancing and games were indulged in to the small hours of the morning. The programme was as follows: - March and Triumph; Quadrille; Polka; Highland Schottische, Contra Dance (Patrolella); Waltz; Varsovienna; Quadrille; Contra Dance (Miolanaise); Schottische (Plain); Waltz; Polka; Mazurka; Circassion Circle; Highland Schottische; Schottische Reel. The songs were: - "Break O Sea";, Miss Roxburgh; "Rose of Allendale", Mr W. Patterson; "White Squall", Mr Johnstone; "Will o' the Wisp", Mr Bateman. The dance music was supplied by Mr McLeod's Band.

June 25, p. 3, column 4.

Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this society was held in the Corn Exchange on Monday night. Mr T. Moralee in the chair. The office-bearers were appointed, and six ordinary shares were declared completed. Mr Shrimston drew attention to the fact that the interest on the members' deposits was not entered in their books. Mr Husband (secretary), said that simple interest only at the rate of five per cent was paid on uncompleted shares; if they were completed compound interest on the shares to the deposits entered in the book, it would be something like £175, but if the shares were withdrawn before completion the members would only be entitled to simple interest on their deposits, and the amount would be something like £170. The matter was referred to the directors for consideration.

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

Ball – On Monday night an entertainment of this character was held in the Corn Exchange. About 30 couples attended, and the music was supplied by Mr J. Hogg's quadrille band. Refreshments were supplied in one of the adjoining rooms. Dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning. A fight occurred during the proceedings.

October 1, Front Page, column 3.

Dancing classes, Corn Exchange Buildings. Mr Hogg's classes will commence for the season on Tuesday, 12th October, 1880. The juvenile classes at 4:30 p.m., evening classes for ladies and gentlemen at 8 p.m. Arrangements may be made for private lessons.

December 3, p. 2, column 2.

BERWICK SCHOOL OF ART.

The annual meeting in connection with this institution was held last night in the corner room of the Corn Exchange Buildings, Sandgate. A numerous company assembled to learn how the School of Art had progressed during the past year, to hear speeches, and to view the handiwork of students which were exhibited in the room. This consisted of mechanical and freehand drawings, watercolour and oil paintings. All of these showed that the scholars were most painstaking and diligent: while many indicated that the students had attained a high degree of excellence, as their productions were really valuable specimens of art. The display of pictures was of a very superior character, and reflected much credit upon the indefatigable teacher, Mr Wallace, who has brought his pupils to a thorough state of efficiency.

The Mayor said he felt highly honoured in having been called upon by the committee to present the prizes to the successful students. These, he understood were more numerous and more valuable than those in any former years. They had, no doubt, been gained by close application and strict adherence to the principles of drawing laid down by the able and enthusiastic teacher, Mr Wallace. Gentlemen competent to judge, told him that the work of the school, generally, was superior to any they had yet seen, so that had the system of placing such institutions according to merit been in existence as before, this, instead of being fifteenth or sixteenth in order, would probably have been first. To unsuccessful students he would say persevere along the same lines as had been followed by their more fortunate neighbours, and next year they might probably occupy the position that the others now held. He thought that the advantages of the School of Art had been highly appreciated during the past year by the public at large.

Mr Gray, Secretary, then read the annual report as follows: - The work of the School of Art during last season has been attended with a most gratifying degree of success, and the results, as awarded by the Science and Art Department, fully uphold the already well-earned position of the School.

The number of students on the roll for the session was 71, with an average attendance at the day classes of 20, and of the 28 at the night classes.

The work of 13 students in the advanced section, and of 44 students in the elementary section, was sent to the annual examination at South Kensington. This work consisted of 148 sheets and 8 paintings in the advanced section, and of 675 sheets in the elementary sections.

The works of the following six students were retained for the National Competition. Viz: - Robert Cowe, James Riddle, William Douglas, Frank Wood, George Purves, Margaret Rutherford.

The following 6 students were awarded Third Grade Prizes: Robert Cowe, William Douglas, Frank Wood, George Purves, James Riddle, Margaret Rutherford.

In respect of the work in the advanced section of the following 6 students, the full grant was awarded, viz: John G. Cowe, Robert Cowe, William Douglas, William Lee, Beatrix M. Riddle, Frank Wood.

In respect of the work in the elementary section of the following 9 students, the full grant was awarded, viz: - Mary Ann Briggs, John Brown, Alexander Cahill, John T. Coulam, Robert Fox, Alexander Henderson, George Purves, William Purves, Margaret Rutherford.

The amount of proportional payment on account of the work of students not gaining the full grant was £18 16s, and the total grant for work was £37 11s.

At the local Second Grade Examinations 41 students in all were examined. 31 were successful in passing one or more of the 4 subjects, and of these 14 obtained prizes. The results in each of the four subjects were:-

In freehand 24 students were examined: 14 passed and 2 obtained prizes. The students taking prizes were: Lizzie Henry, Margaret Rutherford. The students passing were: - Mary Ann Briggs, Robert Brigham, John Brown, Harriet Gilroy, Elspeth S. Gray, Isabella Henderson, George Purves, William Purves, Hope K. Ritchie, Jonathan Rowland, David . Russell, James Taylor, Margaret G. Thompson, Jane P. Wilson.

In Model 13 students were examined, and 3 passed viz., Elspeth S. Gray, Hope K. Ritchie and Margt. Rutherford

In Geometry 17 students were examined; 4 passed and 6 obtained prizes. The students taking prizes were: - Elizabeth J. Bright, Peter Hume, George Purves, Jonathan Rowland, Margaret Rutherford, and Catherine Trainer. The students passing were: - David Barclay, Robert Brigham, Margaret W. N. Kirke, and Geo. Richardson.

In Perspective 18 students were examined; 7 passed and 9 obtained prizes. The students taking prizes were: - John G. Cowe, Robert Cowe, Helen Elizabeth Kirke, Margaret W. N. Kirke, George Purves, William Purves, Margaret Rutherford, Matthew Turnbull, Frank Wood. The students passing were: - Elizabeth J. Bright, Robert Dickinson, Wm. Forsyth,

It is worth notice that 2 students, viz., George Purves and Margaret Rutherford were examined in all the 4 subjects at these second grade examinations, the result being that Mr Purves received a prize in Geometry and Perspective, and a pass in Freehand, and Miss Rutherford secured a prize in Freehand, Geometry and Perspective, and a pass in Model.

The following 12 students have now passed all the subjects of the second grade examinations, and are awarded the Department's complete certificate, viz., John G. Cowe, Robert Cowe, Robert Dickinson, Peter Hume, Helen G. Kirke, Margaret W. N. Kirke, James Lawrie, William Purves, George Richardson, Margaret Rutherford, Matthew Turnbull, Frank Wood.

The amount of grant from the Department in respect of passes at the second grade examinations was £22.

Local Advanced Art Examinations were held in Anatomy and Perspective.

In Anatomy 4 students were examined, 2 passed viz., Beatrix M. Riddle, John T. Coulam.

In Perspective 5 students were examined; 2 passed and one, Robert Fox obtained a prize. The 2 students obtaining passes were John T. Coulam, William Lee.

The total grant awarded by the Department, was £91 1s, and gross income of the School £158.

9 paintings have been on loan from South Kensington as subjects of study during the session.

These statistics are the proof of much good work well done. They will prove, it is hoped, the incentive to and herald of yet better things in the future history of our School of Art.

JAMES GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

School of Art, 2nd December, 1880.

The Mayor then presented the prizes to the successful students.

Rev. J. Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Wallace for his most efficient conduct as master. He felt it would take a very long time for him to give adequate expression of all the merits of Mr Wallace. He remembered a good many years ago, seeing in the work of one of the masters of English literature, a contrast between the art teacher and the artist, not certainly in favour of the art teacher. In his opinion, however, Mr Wallace combined the excellencies of both. He had got the power of communicating not only the principles of his art but also his enthusiasm for it. No one could see the spirit animating the pupils of the Art School without feeling that in Mr Wallace there was a genuine love for his work and that he was an artist in the truest sense of the term. This community was highly favoured in having one so thoroughly efficient in technical respects and so possessed with enthusiasm for one of the noblest and best of human studies. (Applause) As a public teacher he could not help regarding it as important to have such an institution in this town. A very great number of people were not aware of the reality and culture of art. Carlyle had said that the mind sees what it brings the power to see. A great artist gifted with far finer sensibility than belonged to

those who were made of ordinary clay, was enabled to realise forcibly many features and excellencies in nature that were not perceived by common mind. Indeed, he questioned whether artistic culture be not for the great majority of mankind, more important than scientific culture. It was because this had a wide general bearing upon other studies, and the higher interests of man, that he considered this community was highly fortunate in having such an institution as the Art School. He hailed Mr Wallace as a fellow labourer in the best and noblest of all works, the cultivation and development not of one side of humanity, but of the whole man, which would, when he stood perfect before God, make not only his conscience in harmony with the Heavenly Father's, but so develop his intellect by the truth of society, and so educate his aesthetic sensibilities as to take in even the beauties of the eternal world. (Applause) (The rest of the article is illegible).

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January 7, Front Page, column 1.

Berwick Corn Exchange. Stall and Season tickets will be issued on Saturday the 8th inst., during market hours.

By Order.

J. Wight, Sec.

Jan. 3rd, 1881.

January 14, p. 2, column 5.

Ball – On Wednesday night those attending Mr J. Hogg’s dancing assembly, had their annual reunion in the Corn Exchange which was decorated with flags etc. for the occasion. About fifty couples were present and they engaged in “the poetry of motion” from nine o’clock till five o’clock next morning. Refreshments were supplied in the front rooms. The entertainment was much enjoyed by all.

January 21, p. 2, column 7.

BERWICK AND DISTRICT BACHELORS’ BALL.

That numerous army of single gentlemen of this town and neighbourhood who have not yet sacrificed themselves at the altar of Hymen, but who appear from their actions once a year to be wavering between *toujours ou jamais* in the case of matrimony have again held their annual carnival, as on Wednesday night, the ball which they give to spinsters and married friends, took place with its accustomed *éclat* and success in the Corn Exchange, which for the occasion was transformed into an elegant palatial hall replete with luxury and comfort. To render the pleasant exercise of dancing less fatiguing than it would otherwise be, an additional floor, which lent elasticity to the steps, was laid down by Mr George Richardson, joiner, Tweedmouth, while the usual common-place and mercantile appearance of the interior was entirely changed under the direction of Mr John Crow, painter, &c., High Street, who was entrusted with the decorations. At the east end of the hall the four windows were hid from view by blinds, on which were pictures of the Empresses of India, France, Austria and Germany. These again were draped with pretty muslin curtains above which were placed blue ornaments studded with small gilt stars. The appearance of these was further relieved by shields and small flags of different nationalities. In front of the four windows was the orchestra, to which access seemed to be had through two handsome marble arches with fluted Corinthian pillars, by fictitious staircases and a balcony at the two ends of which were places counterfeit Egyptian urns. The prosaic stalls round the room were of course concealed from view by means of calico which was surmounted at the top by a rich looking border

representing a looped fringe. Behind this were placed several shrubs between which were figures of Queen Victoria, the late Prince Consort, the Crown Princess of Prussia, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Queen Elizabeth, Shakespeare, Milton, Byron, Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Nelson, and Wellington. The space underneath the gallery was also screened off by calico and on this were placed four pictures of females carrying plants peculiar to each season of the year. Here also were paintings with gilt borders of game, fruit, and a waterfall. At this part of the hall were the entrances to the arena for dancing. These were got up in imitation of marble doorways with fluted Corinthian pillars. The arch of each entrance was surmounted by a wreath of evergreens. The open spaces were concealed by red curtains draped with elegant muslin curtains. The gallery above was decorated so as to represent a shrubbery or conservatory, and the black railings were brought into nice relief by a red background. The recess on the north side of the hall was adorned in a similar manner. Festoons of evergreens were suspended from the gasaliers round the room, while from the roof hung two large garlands which intersected each other and were joined in the middle, where there was a circular appendage. The aspect of the hall was extremely neat, [?], and pleasing; it was the theme of admiration of all the guests who were unanimous in their opinion that the bachelors of Berwick and district had shown much refinement and taste in fitting up their place of entertainment, which was all the more remarkable when they did not call in the aid of the ladies. The rooms at the east end of the hall were appropriated, one to the ladies for retiring, and the other for gentlemen who preferred to play at cards rather than engage in the more active exercises of the evening. The side apartments at the entrance to the Corn Exchange were used for the reception of superfluous garments in the shape of cloaks &c. In the long room upstairs, supper and refreshments, which included all the dainties and delicacies of the season, were served under the superintendence of Mr Grey, Edinburgh. The table was adorned with several choice hothouse plants supplied by Messrs White, brothers, Hope Nurseries, Berwick, who also arranged the evergreens, which were sent for the purpose by Captain Milne Home, M. P., Paxton, and Mr Main, Haggerston. Carpets were laid in the various passages and on the staircases by Mr G Young, cabinet maker, who also supplied the various sofas and lounges for the accommodation of the company during the intervals between the dances. The ball began at nine o'clock and at that time most of the company had assembled. A novel feature in connection with the entertainment this year was the services of tea and coffee before the proceedings began. The Masters of Ceremonies were Messrs A. L. Miller, R. Weatherhead and W. A. Logan, under whose management the ball proceeded in the most agreeable manner. The music was supplied by Mr Henry's band from Newcastle and it is needless to say that it gave the most satisfaction. From the commencement of the ball till its close the company proceeded to "chase the glowing hours with flying feet," in the most indefatigable manner, and completed all too soon, the following programme, which was got up in a handsome Japanese style, and obtained from H. S. Martin, bookseller, Hide Hill: -

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| 1. Quadrille | Carmen. |
| 2. Valse | Hydropaten. |
| 3. Galop | La Malle de Indes. |
| 4. Lancers | Sorcerer. |
| 5. Valse | H.M.S. Pinafore. |

6. Polka	British Army.
7. Quadrille	La fille de Tambour Major.
8. Valse	Dreamland.
9. Valse	Les Cloches de Corneville.
10. Dancers	La Favourita.
11. Valse	Stephanie.
12. Polka	Drink, Puppy, Drink.
13. Quadrille	Les Sirenes.
14. Valse	Toujours ou Jamais.
15. Reel	Fairy Dance.
16. Valse	Brise de Nuits.
17. Galop	Fox Hunters.
18. Polka	Kutschke.
19. Lancers	Pirates of Penzance.
20. Valse	Pauline.
21. Valse	Bien Aimes.
22. Valse	Sweethearts.

The bachelors of course, however, independent they may be, must inevitably have recourse to the ladies to take a share of responsibility in an entertainment of this kind, and the following kindly came to their rescue to act as matrons: - Mrs Sanderson, The Elms, Berwick; Mrs Lumsden, Shoreswood, Norham; Mrs M'Creath, Tweedmouth; Mrs Crossman, Bridge End, Berwick; Mrs Bolam, Ravensdowne, Berwick; Mrs Douglas, Springbanks, Berwick; Mrs Dunlop, Rose Bank Villa, Norham; Mrs Paulin, Leaside, Berwick; Mrs Logan, Brow-of-the-Hill, Berwick; Mrs Thompson, Norham West Mains, Norham; Mrs Rutherford, Printonan, Coldstream; Mrs Weddell, Avenue House, Berwick; Mrs Ider, Halidon, Berwick; Mrs Caverhill, Ravensdowne, Berwick.

The following were the committee by whom the preliminary arrangements for the ball were made: - Messrs A. L. Miller, Sandgate, Berwick; J. K. Weatherhead, Church Street, Berwick; J. D. Gilchrist, High Street, Berwick; T. Thompson, Bankhill, Berwick; J. W. Logan, The Avenue; Berwick; James Mein, Lamberton, Berwick; F. Scott, Edington Mains, Chirnside; H. R. Smail, Ravensdowne, Berwick; R. Weatherhead, Bridge Street Berwick; W. A. Logan, Brow-of-the-Hill, Berwick; A. T. Robertson, Wellington Terrace, Berwick.

The following together with the committee form the bachelors who subscribed towards the ball: - Messrs Geo. Bolam, E. G. Sanderson, T. B. Short, E. Bristow, E. Home, J. S. L. Paulin, A. H. Dickins, E. Willoby, jr., Thomas Darling, W. P. Douglas, D. Herriott, D. K. Gregson, H. L. Christison, jr., H. H. Weddell, J. Laing, F. D. Blake, William Weatherhead, C. Stewart, William Alder, jr., R. Hodgson, Alexander Thompson, C. F. J. Thompson, A. F. Nichol, W. Smith, jr., John Scott, William Grey, P. Sanston, F. Henderson, R. Carmichael, Thomas Allan, Captain Norman, G. Donlop, R. W. Glendinning, G. F. Borthwick, T. Calder, J. Herriott, T. Calder, jr., G. G. Rea, Jas. Allan, Wm Cowe.

The following received invitations: - Miss Jessie and Miss Maggie Miller, Sandgate, Berwick; Mr Alexander Wood, Saltcoast, Ardrossan; Miss M'Creath, Forehill, Ayr; Mr James M'Creath; Mr James Broomfield, jr., Fallowfield, Manchester; T. Fenwick Hedley, jr., Esq., Sunderland; Miss Rutherford, 27, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh; Miss Weatherhead, Bridge Street, Berwick; Miss Raffin, [Domisla House?], Mayfield, Edinburgh; Miss Methven, 25, Great King Street, Edinburgh; W. G. Gottwaltz; Miss Gilchrist, High Street, Berwick; Miss S. Gilchrist and Mr J. R. Gilchrist, Primrose Hill, [Fenoehouses?]; Miss M. Logan, Hume Hall, Kelso; Mr G. Gilchrist, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Miss Short, Leaside; Miss J. Atkinson, West House, Wylam-on-Tyne; Miss S. K. Hulme, Boston House, Ashton-under-Lyne; W. H. Ryott, Saltwell Grove, Gateshead; Mr Paulin, 16, Marchmont Road, Edinburgh; Miss A. Stewart, Hetton Hall, Belford; Miss Beatrice Fleming, Castle Terrace; Miss Maud Sadgrove, St. Mary's Vicarage; Miss E. A. Logan, Avenue, Berwick; Miss Fanny Bolam, Ravensdowne, Berwick; Mr Wm. Robson, Grove Hill, Kelso; Mr W. A. Hunter, Royal Bank, Dunse; Mr J. Fulton, [Hatehednize], Coldstream; John Johnston, j., Esq., Crailing Hall, Jedburgh; James Johnston, jr., Esq., Crailing Hall, Kelso; Miss Morrison, Melrose; Mr Watson, Ruthven, Coldstream; Mr and Mrs Ross, Rutherford, Kelso; Miss Glendinning, Misses S. and H. E. Glendinning, Broomdykes, Chirnside; A. R. Oliver, Thornwood, Hawick; J. S. Henderson, Middlethird, Gordon; Misses Ross, Newtonlees, Kelso (2); J. F. Mackenzie, Kelso; R. Sibbet, 2, Barony Street, Edinburgh; Miss Mary Sibbet, Ancroft Greens, Beal; Miss E. F. Smail, Ravensdowne, Berwick; Dr and Miss Wilson, Meadow Bank, Edinburgh; Miss Cunningham, 122, High Street, Dunbar; Miss Marion Tweedie, Deuchrie, Prestonkirk, N. B.; Miss S. Weatherhead, The Cottage, Hackerill, Bishop Stortford, Herts.; James Tweedie, Deuchrie, Prestonkirk, N. B.; Miss Paxton, Bridge Terrace, Berwick; Miss Fleming, Castle Terrace, Berwick; Miss Logan, Brow-of-the-Hill, Berwick; Miss Stoddart, British Linen Bank House, Lanark; Mr George Stoddart, jun., and Mr Thos. Stoddart, Netherton, Newton Mearns, Glasgow; Mr A. W. Burn, 9, The Terrace, Clapham Common, London, S. W.; Miss Scott, Red Lion Hotel, Berwick; Stanley F. Prest, Esq., The Rectory, Gateshead-on-Tyne; H. E. Jones, Esq., 8, St. Andrew's Place, Grange, Edinburgh; F. J. Robertson, 47, Albany Street, Edinburgh; Miss F. Knight Gregson, Lowlynn, Beal; Miss May Duncan, West Coates House; Miss Bolam, and Miss Mary Bolam, Ravensdowne, Berwick; J. D. Daff, Esq., Glen Arthur, Duddington, Edinburgh; Miss M. A. Sanderson, The Elms, Berwick; Thos. Hodgson, Esq., Horncliffe; Miss Lambert, Belmont Parkstone, Dorset; Miss Sarah [Hurd?], Woodney Garcosh, Lanarkshire; Miss Etta and Miss Anna Short, Waren Mill, Belford; Mr and Mrs Robert Weddell, Palace, Berwick; Miss Culley, Coupland Castle, Wooler; James Yates and Miss Kate Yates, 6, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh; Thomas Duff, Glen Arthur, Duddington, Edinburgh; Miss Crossman, Bridge End, Berwick; Miss Crossman and Miss E. G. Crossman, 37, Camden Square, London; W. H. Dickins, Cornhill; J. A. Campbell, 25, Buckingham Terrace, Hill Head, Glasgow; Miss Hay, 23, Merchiston Avenue, Edinburgh; Miss, Miss Mary and Mr George Mason, 19, East Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Wm. Forster, 32, Denmark Street, Gateshead; Miss Fish, Bridge End, Berwick; Miss Marshall, Calder Grove, Blantyre; Mr T. Douglas, Springbank, Berwick; Mr Benjamin Hope, 2, Buckingham Terrace, Edinburgh; Miss Shearer, Galsland Villa, Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh; Miss Wylie, British Linen Company Bank, Dunse; Mr W. Herriott, Castlegate, Berwick; Miss Bowhill, Marygold; Miss J. Bowhill, Marygold, Edrom; T. A. Calder,

Oxenrig, Coldstream; Dr C. Suart, Miss Stuart, and Miss C. Erskine Stuart, Hillside, Chirnside; Miss Brigham, Castlegate, Berwick; T. A. Begbie, 11, Buckingham Terrace, Edinburgh; Miss Logan, Briery Park, Dunse; Miss Smith, Linkvale View forth, Edinburgh; Miss Liza Smith; Miss Carr, Chillingham Newtown, Alnwick; Miss Borthwick, Coldstream; Mr John Rand, Beaumont Hill; James Somerville, Hawkslaw, Coldstream; and Thomas Calder, 223, Leith Walk, Edinburgh; Mr James Herriott, Leetside, Chirnside; Mr Gordon Mason, S. S. C., 15 Scotland Street, Edinburgh; Mr and Mrs Bywater, Oxnan Nook, [Edinburgh?]; Miss Calder, Auchencrow Mians; Miss Bela Scott, Spylaw, Kelso; Mrs W. Ruthven, Coldstream; Miss [B?], Middleton, Alnwick; Miss Carr and Miss E. Carr, [R...?], Newcastle-on-Tyne; Miss Pearson and [Mr?] Pearson, Ava Lodge, Berwick; Captain [Bi...?], R. A., Alnwick; Misses Cowe, Oldcastle. [Chro...?] (2); Miss Hannah Cowe, [Lochton?], Burgham, Coldstream; Miss Knight Gregson; Miss K. K. Gregson, and Lieut. H. Knight Gregson, [Low...?], Beal; Miss Christison, Miss M. L. Christison, Bridge End, Berwick; Mr P. H. Christison, New Street, York; Miss Short, Waren House, Belford; Miss Weddell, Avenue House. (next 3 names and addresses illegible); Mrs Clay, Kerchesters, Kelso. (the rest of the names are very difficult to decipher with any accuracy).

February 4, Front Page, column 5.

Berwick Corn Exchange Company. The annual meeting of the shareholders in the above company will be held in the Exchange Buildings on Saturday, the 5th inst. At one o'clock.

By order

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February 11, Local News, p. 3, column 4.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY (LIMITED). – The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in the Corn Exchange on Saturday. – Mr D. Logan in the chair. Mr Wight, Secretary, read the following report by the directors: -

GENTLEMEN - Your directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the company for the year ending 31st December 1880. 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 has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a balance of \$186 6s 9d available as dividend, and your directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of 5 per cent upon the paid up Capital of the company. In compliance with your regulations they beg further to state that during the past year there have been three meetings of directors; of these Messrs Bird, Bolam, Crossman and Logan have attended three; Messrs Clay and John Blacktop; and Messrs James R. Black,

Darling and Hogg none. The three retiring directors are Messrs J. R. Black, Darling, and Hogg, but who are eligible for re-election.

Mr Wight also read the balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1880. The income had been £379 5s 1d. This comprised £200 cash for stalls; £31 17s 6d for season tickets; £71 15s 6d for penny admission; and £73 2s for rents. The expenditure amounted to £192 8s 4d, and included £54 1s 4d interest on borrowed money and preference shares; parochial rates, £31 4s 2d; repairs, £36 8s 5d; salaries, £31 &c. The capital account amounted, comprising some sundries, to £5268 11s 2d; and included £1000 borrowed money, as well as a reserve fund of £397 4s 5d. Mr Hogg, Hope Park, Coldstream – What is this reserve fund? Mr Wight – It is a provision in case of accident. Mr Hogg – Is this money in the bank or invested? Mr Wight – The money in the bank is £282 8s 6d, and the capital account itself is £4985. Mr Hogg – I wanted to ask whether this reserve fund was in existence, or whether it was a cross entry? Mr Wight – It is in existence. Mr Hogg – When it makes the capital account £397 4s 5d less, would it not be as well to reduce the capital account? Mr Wight – How can you do that? Mr Hogg – This is as little misleading. Mr Wight – That is the amount that has actually been expended. We have £309 to pay off in preference shares which were raised at 5 per cent. The Directors three years ago agreed to do this. Mr Crossman said that after the preference shares were paid off, it would be a question for consideration whether or not the capital account should be reduced. Mr Rutherford, Printonan, complained that the corn market was not properly reported. He had cuttings from the *North British Agriculturist* for the last five weeks, and there was no alteration in the figures during all that time. The reports were very misleading. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Bird, Fishwick, the report and balance sheet were adopted. The three retiring directors were re-elected. Mr Roxburgh was again chosen auditor and a vote of thanks terminated the proceedings.

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

BALL - On Tuesday night an entertainment of this character took place in the Corn Exchange, under the auspices of the Border Union Lodge of the Independent United Order of Mechanics. The hall was decorated for the occasion with several flags, which were suspended crosswise from the roof. The space underneath the gallery was screened from view by drugget. A platform was erected at the east end of the hall for the accommodation of Mr Hogg's band, which supplied the music and which was improved by the addition of a harp. The Masters of Ceremonies were Messrs James Brown and George Arnot, while the refreshments were supplied and supper was provided by Mr Pitzgerald, Church Street. The company was not so numerous as former occasions which, no doubt, was owing to the scarcity of money at present and several counter attractions. Dancing began at nine o'clock and continued with unabated vigour till an early hour next morning. The following was the programme: - March and Triumph, Quadrille, Polka, Contra Dance (Blue Bonnets), Waltz, Dancers, Highland Schottische, Quadrille, Polka, Contra dance (Waltz), Plain Schottische, Lancers, Waltz, Gallop, La Varsovians, Quadrille, Polka, Circissian Circle, Highland

Schottische, Contra Dance (Milanese), Reel, Waltz, Quadrille, Polka, Plain Schottische, Waltz.

May 6, Local News, p. 3, column 2.

Berwick Choral Union. – The annual soiree was held in the Corn Exchange on Thursday night last, when there was a good attendance; tea being provided by the ladies. Afterwards dancing was engaged in till 11 o'clock, when refreshments were served out. A stump oration in costume was given by A. Allan, which created great amusement and laughter. Miss Roxburgh and Mr A. Paxton favoured the company with a song, after which dancing was resumed till one o'clock, when all dispersed highly pleased with the entertainment which was under the superintendence of Messrs J. Towers, P. Richardson, and A. Allan.

June 10, Front Page.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. – The annual general meeting of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on Monday evening, the 20th June, 1881, at half past seven o'clock.

Alex. Robertson, President

John Husband, Secretary.

June 24, Local News, p. 3, column 5.

Berwick Equitable Benefit Society. – The usual half-yearly meeting of the members of this society was held in the Corn Exchange on Monday night. Mr James Stokoe in the chair. The audited accounts, a statement of which has already appeared in our columns, were approved. Mr Alexander Robertson, Wellington Terrace, was re-elected President. The retiring directors were Messrs W. Murrey, W. Whinna, W. F. Shrimpton, and J. R. Dunlop, Mr Joseph Watson was chosen in the place of the first mentioned, and all the others were re-elected. Messrs Pringle and Martin were re-elected stewards. Messrs Wight and Roxburgh were again appointed auditors. Six ordinary shares and twenty-one advanced shares were declared completed. The usual votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

July 8, Front Page, column 5.

The Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company. The annual meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held in the Long Room, Corn Exchange Building, Sandgate, Berwick-on-Tweed, on Wednesday, the 20th of July inst. At 12 o'clock noon, for the dispatch, among other things, the following business viz.: (the rest is illegible).

July 29, Local News, p. 3, column 3.

Ball – On Monday night an entertainment of this kind was given in the Corn Exchange, when there was a fair attendance, and the proceedings were of the most agreeable description. Mr J. Hogg, Salmon Inn, supplied the refreshments, and his quadrille provided the music.

August 5, Front Page, column 6.

Berwick Parish Church Bazaar. This bazaar under distinguished patronage, will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th and 18th Sep. next. Fruit, flower, game, fancy and plain work, and toy stalls, besides other attractions of a novel and interesting character, will form a feature of the bazaar.

September 9, p. 2, column 3.

BERWICK PARISH CHURCH BAZAAR.

PATRONESSES – Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland; Lady Susan Grant-Suttie; Louisa Hamilton; Lady Belper; Lady Marjoribanks, of Ladykirk; Hon. Mrs Askew; Hon. Mrs Stapleton; Lady Houston-Boswell; Lady Ridley; Lady Stirling, Renton House; Lady Marjoribanks, of Guisachan; Mrs Brown-Grieve, Orde House; Mrs Milne-Holme, Paxton House; Mrs Crossman, Cheswick House; Mrs Mitchess-Innes, Ayton Castle; Mrs Macbraire, Broadmeadows; Mrs Compton-Lundie, Spital House; Miss Bruce, Foulden House; Mrs Darling, Governor's House, Berwick; Mrs Alder, Halidon, Berwick.

The churches of Berwick are always in debt. In their case this is no sin, because the expense is incurred for improvements which are necessary and desirable. The debt, in fact, often serves a good purpose, for it succeeds in showing the sympathy and co-operation of people of all denominations with one another when any particular sect asks for assistance in time of need. Help is sought in various ways, but that which meets with most acceptance, and is always the most successful, is a bazaar. About the righteousness of this means there is a difference of opinion. Notwithstanding this, bazaars follow each other in rapid succession, and will probably continue till the end of time. The people of Berwick have had their share of these fancy fairs, as for a considerable period – the greater part of a decade – scarcely a year has passed over but one has been held. Moreover it is remarkable that everyone has been most successful, as sums ranging from £400 to £1000 have been realised by them. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that those who have the management of Berwick Parish Church affairs should hit upon this expedient for bringing” grist to the mill”. Some people perhaps are not quite aware of the cause of the deficiency in the funds, and the following explanation may therefore be of interest. The Vicar and Churchwardens were last year in consequence of the deplorable condition into which the organ had fallen, compelled to

restore the instrument, which they have done in so efficient a manner that it is now one of the finest in the Diocese. The expense incidental to the restoration amounts to £700 or thereabouts, towards which there has been raised by subscription generously given by ladies and gentlemen in the town and neighbourhood, a little over £300, still leaving a balance of £400 to be collected. This sum for which the Churchwardens and Sidesmen have rendered themselves personally responsible, is, in terms of the agreement entered into between them and the Contractors, not payable until October next. There are, in addition to the restoration of the organ certain improvements in the church, such as painting the interior and repairing the roof, which are imperatively required. The cost of these cannot be estimated at less than £300. The total sum necessary to relieve the Churchwardens and Sidesmen of their obligation does not, therefore, fall short of £700. This is a somewhat formidable amount, and many people would have been dismayed at it. Not so, however, those who have the management of the Parish Church affairs. They at once set to work to get up a bazaar and to adopt the means necessary to make it a success. For this purpose the following Committee was appointed: - Mrs Mitchell-Innes, Ayton Castle; Mrs Baldwin, The Vicarage; Mrs Bolam, Ravensdowne; Mrs M. G. Crossman, Bridge End; Miss Fleming, Tweed Cottage; Miss Lambert, West Street; Miss Logan, Brow-of-the-Hill; Miss Thompson, Bankhill; Miss Weddell, Avenue House; Mrs R. Weddell, Palace Street; Mrs Wight, Ravensdowne; Miss Willoby, Ravensdowne; Miss Wilson, Pier House; Miss Gilchrist, High Street; Miss Weatherhead, Bridge Street. In concert with them were the following gentlemen, viz.: - The Rev. The Vicar of Berwick; Mr John W. Logan; Mr J. D. Gilchrist, Hon. Secretary; and Mr J. K. Weatherhead, Hon. Treasurer. For some time past these ladies and gentlemen have been most actively engaged in making the necessary preparations for the bazaar; and the gratifying result of their labours was seen in the large and attractive display of useful and fancy goods on the various stalls in the Corn Exchange, an array which it was estimated was fully worth £1200. This included many valuable articles amongst which may be specified two very pretty pictorial screens, one the work of Miss Milne Home, Graden, and the other the handiwork of Mr Dalgleish, High Street; a view of Alnwick Castle by Lady Ridley; a set of D'Oyleys, etched by Lady Lovat; a pretty fern case and aquarium, by Mr G. Lamb, Woolmarket; game of various kinds, such as hares, grouse, pheasants and partridges from the Duke of Northumberland, Lord Belper, Sir D. C. Marjoribanks, M. P., and Colonel Milne Home, M. P.; a handsome ottoman furnished in black inlaid with gold, the gift of the Misses Martin, The Lions; an afternoon tea table, presented by Miss Weatherhead; dolls house by Miss Andrina Henderson; a Queen Anne's table, given by the Hon. Mrs Watson Askew, Pallinsburn; several hand painted *plaques* by Mrs W. P. Slater of Bishop Stortford; a fire screen of art needlework by the Misses Batters; also some works of art designed by the niece of these ladies. In order to improve the appearance of the Corn Exchange, the merchants' boxes were screened off with the decorations used at the Bachelors' Ball. The two pillars supporting the gallery were wreathed with red and white calico, while the stalls, the joiner work of which was executed by Mr George Richardson, Tweedmouth, needed not the foreign aid of ornament to set off the pretty articles with which they were laden. At the top of the room was the flower stand, which was covered with moss and bordered with bark of trees, which gave it quite a rustic appearance. This of course was further adorned when a wealth of floral specimens and tempting fruit was placed upon it. These by their brilliant hues

contributed much to the pleasing effect which the display of beautiful wares and treasures in other parts of the hall was calculated to produce. The Bazaar was opened on Wednesday at noon, when the proceedings began by a string band under Mr M'Leod, playing the National Anthem.

The Vicar having briefly stated who were to be the speakers, and what was to be the programme said it was not often that the Churchwardens and Sidesmen made themselves responsible for a debt, and he hoped the result of the bazaar would free them from their liabilities (Applause).

Colonel Milne Home M. P., said he had been unable to take up any Berwick newspaper during the last few weeks without seeing his name emblazoned in very large characters, and he saw his name repeated on the programme in big type, which made him fear that something very great was expected of him, in performing the ceremony that he was presently to undertake. He must therefore humbly apologise if the few remarks he had to make were not adequate to the size of the letters in the bill of fare. (Laughter and applause). When he originally accepted the invitation to open the bazaar he expected the co-operation of his friend and still his colleague Sir Dudley Coutts Majoribanks. (Applause.) They all knew, however, as well as he, that September was a month in which it was impossible for Sir Dudley to leave his Highland home. In short, he had an opportune letter from him in his hand in which Sir Dudley said he could not possibly leave Guisachan in the month of September. At the same time he wished all well and hoped that the needful which was required might be supplied by the efforts and the industry of the ladies of this district and their friends. Although they quite understood the cause of Sir Dudley's absence that did not make up for the regret that we felt at Lady Marjoribanks and him being away. He might take the liberty of saying that he regretted a little more than they his absence at this time because had Sir Dudley been present it would have given him (Colonel Milne Home) one more opportunity of co-operating with him as his Parliamentary colleague in the town which they had had the honour to represent for so many years. (Applause). Sir Dudley had treated him during the period that he had sat with him in the House of Commons, with unvaried courtesy; he had always consulted him with reference to anything for the good of Berwick; and he had always allowed him to join with him in any scheme which was likely to be for the benefit of the town. In the elevation of Sir Dudley to the House of Lords which was about to take place, the town of Berwick would lose nothing, but it would gain another Parliamentary representative. He was not going to tell them what might be a secret which Sir Dudley had mentioned in his letter, but he might say that they would find, when Sir Dudley was made a Peer, the name he would then assume would be one which would remind him of his old constituents – (Applause)- if anything was required to bring them to his recollection while he fulfilled a position, which if not more secure, would be less liable to attack than the one he had held hitherto. (Applause) He might be expected to say a word about the object of the bazaar. He would not detain them by dwelling on the rectitude of bazaars in general or the reverse, but he might be allowed to say this much – that they were an established fact throughout the country. They were a means of raising, by indirect taxation, sums of money which we could not get in any other way. We had found that out in this town by the bazaar which was held

about a year ago, when we raised sufficient funds to erect that institute which was now rising under the hand of Mr Stevenson in High Street. In fact, the success attending bazaars, not only in Berwick, but throughout the kingdom, was so very marked that he would not be surprised if a Chancellor of the Exchequer some day, in order to make up a deficit, or instead of adding 1d to the income tax, would start a national bazaar or fancy fair throughout the country (Laughter and applause.) A bazaar of this kind, connected with a Church, afforded a vantage ground whereon all Christians could unite and forget their own distinctive "isms". He need not remind them, as an example of this, of the success of the bazaar, the result of which they saw in St. Paul's Church, Spittal; nor need he bring to their recollection the bazaar in aid of the Church of Scotland, to which he was proud himself to belong, and which had branches in this town. It was idle to suppose that the bazaar for St. Paul's Church, Spittal, was entirely prompted either through sellers or purchasers, by United Presbyterians; or that the Bazaar in aid of the Church of Scotland in Berwick owed its success entirely to Church of Scotland people. He had no doubt that both were fostered in many ways by Church of England people, and now the time has come for their repayment as an acknowledgement of what they had done for others in the time past (Applause.) He would just say a single word as to the actual object which had brought them there that day, and it must be just one, because he was sure the gentle ladies behind the beautiful stalls would not think kindly of him were he to detain them long from their business. The object of the bazaar as set forth in the prospectus was to relieve the Parish Church from debt; it was to pay the remainder of the price of the beautiful new organ, which had been erected by the Churchwardens. They had undertaken the erection of this and had still further undertaken to pay the cost. He thought it was highly patriotic of them to have done so, and that it was only right for the community of Berwick to relieve them from the onus they had taken upon their shoulders. We should remember that so long as the Church of England was established by law the Parish Church had a claim upon us, and therefore we were to do all that we could for it. He knew it from others, and he could say it as one who did not belong to the Parish Church, that the people of Berwick were proud of the manner in which it was and had been conducted. It also delighted those who worshipped there Sunday after Sunday as well as those who went there on Corporation Sunday alone, to know that the organ now was worthy of the man who played it. (Hear, hear.) Therefore he said it was a grand thing for them to unite that day to assist the Vicar, Churchwardens and Sidesmen to free themselves from the debt that had been incurred. They were also informed that much and substantial repair to the church was required. He was sure from what he knew of the Rev. Mr Baldwin and those who assisted him, that every penny which would be collected in that hall or elsewhere would be well spent for the good of the Church and the congregation which attended there. (Applause.) They had heard a great deal lately and were likely to hear more yet about free-trade and fair-trade. They would find both at this bazaar. (Laughter.) He would not say anything about the shilling charged for admission, but after they had entered they would be free to go after they had emptied their pockets. Then as to fair trade he had only to say look at the fair ones around. Fair prices would be charged for every article and the purchasers might themselves also be sold – probably fairly sold. (Laughter and applause.)

The Ven. G. Hans Hamilton, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne, said it gave him the most sincere pleasure to address an assemblage of persons, with nearly everyone of whom he was well acquainted. It was 28 years since he first came among them; 12 he had spent very happily as Vicar of Berwick, and during the other 16 he had still been connected with them as Archdeacon of Lindisfarne. The organ which was the main cause of their gathering there that day, was placed in the Parish Church with which he had so many pleasing and holy associations in conjunction with many that he now saw around him, and others who had, by the providence of God, been called to their final rest. This organ had a history of its own. It was not a baby, for it was built in the year 1773. The original organ was one of the best in the Kingdom, and was a very good one when he first came among them 28 years ago. But still times changed, and we must have alterations. Even the most Conservative altered now and then when it was for good. There was consequently a great change. The restoration of the Parish Church took place, and Sir Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks presented it with that beautiful west window, a gift which fascinated the Vicar and all the Churchwardens. To have it inserted and displayed they had to cut the organ in two and put the window between each part. That arrangement, he was happy to see, was still adhered to, and he hoped the handsome present, which was unique of its kind – there were no equals in the kingdom to the medallions for their antiquity and beauty – they were one of the treasures of Berwick – would be always valued and exhibited. They had still the historical organ under their consideration. It had been much improved under the late vicar's time, and recently £600 had been spent upon it. A part of this had been paid, but £300 had been advanced by the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, and the bazaar had been got up to repay them. That was the object of their gathering that day. Colonel Milne Home had got a letter from Sir D. C. Marjoribanks, marked private. He had got no such honour, and therefore was under no restriction as to secrecy. He saw there was a report that Sir Dudley was to be called Lord Tweedmouth. (Applause.)

Colonel Milne Home – Quite right.

Archdeacon Hamilton – He will not forget that part of the borough, and he ought not, for it has been an excellent supporter of his. Baron Tweedmouth will be an admirable title for Sir Dudley, as it will show his connection with the borough. We should congratulate Tweedmouth on the honour which Sir Dudley will thus pay it and Berwick also. The town will thus have a name in the House of Lords, which will be handed down from generation to generation. (Applause.) Colonel Milne Home has just incidentally mentioned a person and I said, “hear, hear” because the organist of the Parish Church was the individual spoken of. Mr T. Rees Evans came of age this year in that capacity, as it is just 21 years since we both became acquainted with each other. There is no other man, who has done more good for the society of this town than Mr. Evans. (Applause.) He has raised the tone of sacred music, and he has taught a generation to be thoroughly good musicians by improving their taste and enabling them to acquire that which is most ennobling so that the Psalmody is most efficient in the Church where he superintends the musical part of the service. (Applause.) Colonel Milne Home said a wise thing at the end of his good speech namely, that we should not delay much longer, but allow the ladies to set to work. They are quite sure of success; their fingers are tingling to be busy in selling the articles and in selling you too. (Laughter.) You, I am

sure, are perfectly ready to buy the beautiful things offered for sale and do not care if you are sold by the fair vendors. (Applause.)

The Mayor said that since entering the room he had been told that he was to say a few words. Under the present circumstances they would be very brief. He would merely state that as Mayor, and as a Dissenter, he had very great pleasure in being there that day, and he felt very highly the honour of being called on to take part in the proceedings. He begged to move that they give a hearty vote of thanks to their worthy members, Colonel Milne Home, and Archdeacon Hamilton for their services on that occasion. He trusted that what each had said would bear fruit, and that this bazaar would be a financial success, we all knew that the bazaar held last year in which our worthy member was the moving spirit, realised the most sanguine expectations, and he trusted that this would place the Parish Church free of debt. We all were aware of the interest Colonel Milne Home took in every movement for the welfare of the borough, as was evidenced by his lending a willing and helping hand to it. All the old people of the town know that when Archdeacon Hamilton was a resident of the town 20 years ago, he was a great adept at raising money. At that time he was [facetiously?] termed, "One of the best beggars in England." Although now removed to the Archdeaconry of Lindisfarne, we in Berwick had occasion to know that his talent had not deserted him. (Laughter and applause.)

The Sheriff said he would not take up the time of those present by any desultory remarks. At the same time he might be allowed to express the pleasure he derived from being present, and he trusted that the pealing tones of the organ on Sunday would be those of freedom, as indicative that the debt had been entirely cleared off. (Applause.) He begged to second the vote of thanks. (Applause.)

Colonel Milne Home said that on behalf of Archdeacon Hamilton and himself he begged to return the thanks for their compliment which had just been accorded him. He was extremely glad to hear the Mayor profess himself as a Dissenter, assisting the Church of England. He thought it was a proof of the liberal-hearted spirit of the age, that we should find Dissenters and Church people shaking hands in this sort of way together. (Applause-). The time was when you would not have found an elder if the kirk standing forward to ask others to assist in putting a "kist o' whistles" into someone else's church without a chance of excommunication on the following Sunday. These days were gone by, and he did not expect such a thing at the hands of Dr. Kirke at Hutton next Sunday. (Laughter and applause.) He had nothing else to do than authorise the formal business to commence. He hoped there would be a roaring trade, and declared the bazaar open. (Applause.)

The business of the fancy fair then commenced in earnest, and soon the money was heard jingling at the various stalls.

The following is a list of the stall holders: - No. 1 – Miss Weddell. No. 2 – Miss Thompson, Miss Brough, Miss Carr. No. 3 – Mrs. Robertson. No. 4 – Mrs Logan, Mrs Macdonald, Miss Gilchrist. No. 5 – Mrs Mitchell-Innes, Mrs Milne Home. No. 6 – Mrs Wight, Misses Batters, Miss Weatherhead. No. 7 – Lady Louisa Hamilton, Mrs Baldwin. Choir Stalls – Misses

Winlack, Charlton, and Lyall. Flower Stall – Mrs and Misses Bolam. Tory Stall – Miss Willoby. Refreshment Stall – Mrs Robert Wddell, Mrs James Dunlop, and Miss Crossman. Game Stall – Messrs G. Bolam, G. Dunlop, W. Grey, and W. A. Logan.

The stallholders had a number of co-adjutors who moved in and out amongst the multitude which thronged the hall and advertised various wares in a most successful manner as many people found to their cost by the gradual diminution of the contents of their purses. The stallholders pushed their trade also with much tact and skill so that a rapid clearance of a great quantity of the goods was effected. Several of the most costly and valuable articles were disposed of by lottery, and a considerable sum was thus realised for each. On Wednesday afternoon and in the evening the hall was completely crowded and it was difficult to elbow one's way about. In addition to the ordinary attractions of the bazaar there were a "Punch and Judy" entertainment, a weighing machine, an exhibition of Colonel Collingwood's curiosities, and a lecture by Mr A. L. Miller, who in an amusing extravaganza described a number of "other curiosities" which were of a very mirth provoking character. All of these secured very much patronage. When business was brought to a close in the evening it was found that the total proceeds had been a little over £500.

At the refreshment stall the bill of fare included almost every fashionable luxury and delicacy, and the prices charged were so moderate as to give the utmost satisfaction. Most of the necessaries used in the preparation of the refreshments were gifts by gentlemen in the town and district, amongst whom were Mr P. J. Carr, Mr Holmes, Mr James Gray, Mr John Carr, Mr Ralph Ross, Bridge Street, Mr Robert Wood, High Street, Mr Crossman, Cheswick, and others.

Amongst those present during the day were: - Hon. Mrs Askew, of Pallinburn and party; Major Campbell Renton of Mordington, Mrs Renton and family; J. L. Campbell Swinton, Esq. younger, of Kimmerghame; H. E. H. Jerningham, Esq., and Mrs Jerningham, Longridge Towers; H. Crossman, Esq., Cheswick, Mrs Crossman and party; Mrs and Misses Crossman, London; Captain Patterson, Hutton; Mrs Friar, Grindon Ridge; Mr A. R. Lowrey, and Mrs Lowrey, Castle Hills; Mrs Alder and family, Halidon; Mrs Douglass and party, Castle Terrace; Thomas Allan, Esq., Horncliffe; James Allan, Esq., Ava Lodge; Mrs Chirnside and family, Saxe Coburg Place, Edinburgh; P. B. Selby, Esq., Paston; Mrs J. Smith, Dalkeith; Mrs Evans and family, Scremerston; Rev. J. Henderson, and Mrs Henderson, Ancroft; Rev. J. Lawrence, and Rev. B. Joseph, Curates of Berwick; Rev. Thomas Proctor, Vicar of Tweedmouth; Dr and Mrs Mackay, Berwick; Ald. Purves, Mr and Mrs William Purves, Mt Jas. and Mrs Purves and family, Hide Hill; Miss John Carr, and Mrs Constance, Berwick; Miss Dickson, Ravensdowne; Rev. Mr Rutter, Miss Rutter, and party, Spittal; Miss Wood, Tughall House; Miss Wilson and Miss Lister, Hide Hill; Dr Richardson and Mrs Richardson, Castle Terrace, and Miss A. Crossman, London; Misses Thompson, Norham Mains; Councillor Hopper and family, Castle Terrace; Mr G. Weatherhead, Bridge Street; Mr and Mrs R. R. Weatherhead, and Miss Weatherhead, Castlegate; Rev. J. King and Mrs King, St Mary's Vicarage, Berwick; Mr and Mrs J. C. Weddell, Palace; Captain Forbes, Mrs Forbes and family, West Coates House; Miss and Master Wilkie, Foulden; Misses Martin, The Lions; Miss Knox, Church Street; Mr J. Wight, Mr and Mrs Roxburgh, Mr and Mrs and Miss

Gray, Hide Hill; Misses Smail, Woolmarket; Mrs Dixon and party, Tweed House Berwick; the Misses Leitch, Tweedmouth; Captain Williams, Etal; Mrs and Miss Riddell, Ravensdowne; David Logan, Esq., Brow of the Hill; Miss Smith, Melkington; Mrs Waite and family Norham Vicarage; Dr and Mrs Macdonald, and Mrs and Miss Cahill, Berwick; Mr W. G. Macdonald, Grammar School; Major Dickins, Cornhill; Mr and Mrs Joseph Holmes, Berwick; Lieutenant Turner, 25th Borderers; Captain Gullard, N.A.M.; Mr H. J. Trotter, Bishop Auckland &c, &c.

Yesterday at one o'clock the bazaar was re-opened and trade, although not so brisk as during the previous day, was again good. The ladies who acted as vendors and assistants, again used all their wiles to draw more money out of the pockets of their fair sisters and the gentlemen who attended. It is needless to say that they found most victims among the latter, who, of course, on such an occasion as this, are unable to resist the entreaties of the saleswomen, who need all their charms to secure their aims and bring down their quarry. In the afternoon £102 was taken.

Last night the bazaar was again crowded, and most of the stalls were relieved of the greater part of their burdens by the time the closing arrived. A considerable quantity of goods, however, remained unsold, and these will be disposed of on a future occasion. The various articles for which tickets were sold were drawn for last night. The screen presented by Mr Dalgleish, for which about £100 were raised, was won by Mr Frederick Nash, Bishop Stortford, while that presented by Miss Milne Home, was gained by Archdeacon Hamilton; the doll-house was won by Miss Willis, Richmond; the fernery by Mrs Ralph Holmes, Bridge Street; the fire screen, presented by the Misses Batters, was won by Lieut. Turner, King's Own Borderers. A sheep given by Mr Black, farmer, Cheswick, was won by Mr R. Weatherhead; a quilt, presented by the Misses Martins, was won by Mr T. M. Morrison; and the ottoman, given by the same ladies, was gained by Mrs Hopper, Railway Refreshment Rooms. The total proceeds are about £800.

September 16, Local News, p. 3, column 5.

Berwick Parish Church Bazaar – The actual amount realised by this was £885 up till yesterday, but sums are yet to come in which will bring the total proceeds up to more than £900.

December 2, p. 2, column 1.

Annual Volunteer Ball in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday next, December 6th, 1881 under the patronage of Colonel Milne Home, M.P., Mr H.K.H. Jerningham, M.P. and the officers of the artillery and rifle corps. Members of the Army, Navy, and reserve forces must appear in uniform. Double tickets 3s. Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock p.m. Civilians double tickets 5s, ladies single tickets 2s. Tickets to be had from Mr Henderson, West Street, Berwick, Mr S. Steven, fruiterer, High Street, Berwick, and members of the Committee.

December 9, Local News, p. 3, column 4.

THE VOLUNTEERS' BALL – This annual event, which is always about the first entertainment of the festive season, took place on Tuesday night in the Corn Exchange, which was prettily and suitably decorated for the occasion. This yearly reunion is always anticipated with much eagerness by old and young, as it is invariably one of the most enjoyable gatherings and is patronised by all classes of respectable society. At it military and civilian mingle for the floor and perform evolutions which are subject to no government inspection, but which nevertheless requires to be performed with as much [?] and accuracy as any drill, for the “poetry of motion” is as dependent upon mathematical precision as military manoeuvre. In the ballroom, therefore, the Volunteers should be as much at home as in the field and hence it is appropriate that they should annually give an entertainment where they [next 8 lines illegible]. This year the ball was fully as successful as any of the numerous precedents. In order to make the necessary arrangements for the entertainment the following committee was appointed: - Artillery – Quarter – Master Sergeant Patterson (chairman), Battery - Sergeant-Major Douglass; Battery – Sergeant- Major Nicholson; Corporal Shearlaw; Corporal Campbell; Bombardier Johnston Patterson; Gunner Joseph [Pattison?]; Gunner Fifi, and Gunner H. Patterson. Rifles: - Corporal I. Patterson (secretary); Corporal Jackson; Corporal Fortune; Private [Tes...?]; Private Ormston and Sergeant Smith. All of these were assiduous in their endeavour to make the ball perfect and their exertions had their reward as the entertainment was all that could be desired. As usual, the interior of the Corn Exchange was completely transformed and presented quite a different aspect from its ordinary prosaic appearance. The merchants' stalls were screened off with red and white calico, which was [?] by a scalloped border in imitation of watered silk and this was surmounted by fancy paper. An additional floor was also laid down by Messrs J. Cockburn & Sons, Castlegate, so as to render dancing less fatiguing to the votaries of pleasure. At the upper end of the room was placed a painting of the royal arms, each side of which was draped with flags. Beneath was a red background on which was a device with the motto, “Long live our officers”. The two windows were concealed by [?] blinds on which were the inscriptions, “Ready aye Ready” and “Defence not Defiance.” Close by these were two large stars of bayonets on a dark background. Another was fixed to the south wall along with some flags, and these formed an appropriate accompaniment to a miniature cannon sent by Lieutenant Robertson and two stands of arms, which formed a very neat ornament and further enhanced the military appearance of the decorations. At intervals round the room were placed semi-circles of ramrods and shrubs while from the roof were suspended two long but elegant garlands of evergreens which were intersected in the centre, from which depended a crown, inside of which was placed a coloured Chinese lantern. The space underneath the gallery was also screened off and the railings were decorated with festoons, stars of bayonets and ramrods, flags, &c, while they were brought into bold relief by a light coloured calico being placed behind them. The recess on the north side of the hall was adorned in a similar manner. Round the room were pictures of the different shooting teams of the two corps, also of the Royal Reviews at Edinburgh in 1860 and in 1881. These were kindly lent for the occasion by

Lieutenants Darling and Robertson, Battery-Sergeant-Major Nicholson and Sergeant T. Wight. The evergreen used were obtained as usual from Paxton House grounds through the kindness of Colonel Milne Home, M. P., and the decorations, which were undertaken entirely by the committee, were carried out under the superintendence of Gunner Joseph Pattison, upon whose taste they reflected great credit. The devices of bayonets &c., were made by Sergeant-Instructors Attridge and Shiel. While the principal hall was reserved for dancing a space underneath the gallery was set apart for cards and the small rooms were used for the reception of superfluous garments in the shape of cloaks, overcoats, hats &c. Refreshments were supplied in one of the side apartments downstairs while supper was provided in the large room upstairs, this department being under the charge of Mr Fitzgerald, King's Head Inn, Church Street, who was ably assisted by Mr Wheeler. The entrance to the area for the principal amusement of the evening was by a passages which were screened off and access to these was gained by neat doorways that underneath the gallery being draped with delicate muslin curtains, which had a very nice effect. Dancing was announced to begin at 9 o'clock, but before that hour the company began to arrive and at the time for commencing the number of persons present was extremely large not only in the area for dancing, but also in the gallery, which was crowded with spectators. Amongst those present were – Colonel Milne Home, M.P. and party; Captain Commandant Allan, Berwick Artillery Volunteers and Misses Pearson; Capt. R. Weddell, Berwick, Rifle Volunteers and Mrs Weddell; Captain Caverhill; Lieutenants Miller, Herriott, and Grey; Captain Forbes, R.N, and Mrs Forbes; Troopers: Mein, Thompson, Scott, &c, &c. The ball was led off by Colonel Milne Home, M.P., and Mrs Weddell and thereafter the company chased the glowing hours with flying feet till an early hour next morning. In addition to the military there were many civilians, and their sombre garbs, contrasted with the various uniforms of Volunteers, yeomanry and regular soldiers, as well as the tasteful and pretty costumes of the ladies, amongst the decorations of the building, formed a pleasing and ever changing picture as the dancers moved about in the pursuit of their graceful pastime. The music was supplied by Mr J. Hogg's quadrille band, but as a variety the pipers of the King's Own Borderers played that required for some reels. The following is the programme, which was gone through with unflagging zeal under the able superintendence of Gunner H. Patterson and Private Ormston, who officiated as M.C's: - March and Triumph; Polka; Quadrille; Lancers; Waltz; Contra Dance (Patronella); Galop; Quadrille; Waltz; Highland Schottische; Reel; Lancers; Waltz and Galop; Polka; Contra Dance (Milanese); Plain Schottische; Quadrille; Reel; Waltz and Galop; Polka; Contra Dance (Waltz); Waltz; Highland Schottische; Contra Dance (Rory O'More). It is estimated that fully 500 people attended the ball.

December 16, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.

Inhabitants of Berwick and surrounding District are respectfully informed that a GRAND CONCERT will be given by R. H. A. Lambeth and his celebrated choir on Monday evening, 19th Dec., 1881.

The Choir will render selections from their most popular programmes, including several pieces sung by them before Her Majesty Queen Victoria and [consort?] at Balmoral Castle, on the occasion of the [?] appearance there.

The management hopes that an effort like the present to bring the most noted choir of the day to [?] Hall, will be seconded by all ladies and gentlemen interested in music, as well as the general public.

Tickets: - Reserved seats, 2s; Second do., 1s; Third do., 6d, may be had from Mr H. S. Martin, Bookseller. Doors open at half past seven; concert at eight.

December 16, Front Page, column 1.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The annual general meeting of this society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on Monday evening the 19th December, 1881, at half past seven o'clock. The society continues to advance money on approved security.

Alex. Robertson, President.

John Husband, Secretary.

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February 3, Front Page, column 1.

Berwick Corn Exchange Co. (limited). The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the above co. will be held in the Corn Exchange Building on Saturday the 4 Feb. at one o'clock.

Berwick, Jan. 30th, 1882

By order.

February 10, Local News, p. 3, column 5.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY - The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in the side room of the Corn Exchange on Saturday – Mr D Logan, chairman of the directors, presiding. Mr Wight, secretary and treasurer, read the yearly statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the total income had been £397 15s 11d. This included £203 from stalls; £30 from season tickets; £70 3s from penny admissions; from rents £91 11s. The principal items of expenditure were £54 1s 4d interest on borrowed money; and £44 10s 5d for repairs. There was a balance of £202 4s 6d. The capital account amounted to £?, and the cash in bank to £310 1s 11d. The reserve fund was £409 6s 2d, and the borrowed money amounted to £1000. Mr Wight also read the following report by the directors – Gentlemen – Your directors have the pleasure of again meeting on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the company, for the year ending the 31st December 1881. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your directors, and duly attested by the auditor and a printed copy of the accounts current and balance account has been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a balance of £202 4s 6d available as dividend, and your directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of 5 per cent upon the paid up capital of the company. In compliance with your regulations, they beg further to state that during the past year there have been two meetings of the directors; of these Messrs Bolam, Bird, Clay and Logan have attended two meetings; Messrs Crossman, J. B. Black and Darling one; and Messrs John Black and George Hogg none. The three retiring directors are Messrs John Black, Crossman and George Hogg, but who are eligible for re-election. – David Logan, chairman. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J. B. Black the report was adopted. The Mayor – Is the money in bank on a deposit receipt? Mr Wight – No; it is a current account. We propose to pay off £200 borrowed money. The Chairman – The party must have three months' notice. Mr Wight – I did not think it worth- while to get a deposit receipt as I require £174 5s 6d to pay the dividend. Mr Smith (Melkington) – What is the rate of interest paid for the borrowed money? Mr Wight – 5 per cent. Mr Smith – What is the rate at the bank? Mr Wight 4 ½ on a deposit receipt. The Mayor – Is the person lending the £1000 getting 5 per cent. Mr Wight – No, 4 1/2 . On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr R

G Bolam, the three retiring directors were re-elected. The Mayor – Do people pay 1d for admission to the Corn Exchange every time they go into the market. Mr Wight – Yes. The Mayor – The average is 27 s per day; that speaks to a great many people. Mr Roxburgh was re-elected auditor and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

March 10, Front Page, column 6.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Monday evening, 13th March. Under the distinguished patronage and presence of Colonel De La Fosat, C.B. and officers of the 21st King's Own Borderers. Popular concert by Mr H A Lambeth (Glasgow City Organist who will positively appear) and his celebrated Balmoral Choir. Tickets – 2/6, 1/6, 1 and 6d to be had from Mr H S Martin, bookseller. Doors open at 7:30, concert at 8. To prevent disappointment secure tickets early.

March 17, p. 2, column .

The annual concert of the Berwick Choral Union will be held in the Corn Exchange on the evening of Thursday, the 30th inst. The programme will consist of selections from oratorios as well as a number of sacred and secular pieces.

March 24, Local News, p. 3, column 3.

Choral Union Concert – It will be observed from our advertisement columns that the Choral Union will give a concert next Thursday night in the Corn Exchange. The programme which has been issued is varied and attractive. It includes several choice pieces, and there is a chorus written by the conductor, Mr B Barker, which we have no doubt will give credit to the composer. There are also several selections from works of the great masters, as well as solos, duets, a trio and a quartet. We feel assured that the public will on this, as on previous occasions, show by their liberal patronage, that they approve of the good work which the Choral Union is doing, and reward their efforts by a full house.

April 7, Local News, p.4, column 2.

CHORAL UNION CONCERT. The study of music in Berwick does not seem to be in so much favour as it was some years ago; at least St. Cecilia cannot draw so many devotees to her shrine as, but a short time since, she could. The Choral Union, like other societies formed for the practice of singing, has undergone some vicissitudes. Thirteen years have now elapsed from the time when it was started under auspicious circumstances. It at once grew in public favour, and the membership gradually increased till the climax was reached, and since then the numbers on the roll, we are sorry to say, have gradually declined, until now the Choral Union, so far as numerical strength is concerned, stands much in the same position as it did

when it gave its first concert. The society, although its ranks have been thinned, still preserve its efficiency, and although we were sorry to see so few treble singers, still several of these made up in quality what was wanting in quantity, as some powerful and telling voices could be heard amongst them. The altos were somewhat weak, but the chorus excelled in the bass and tenor parts, which were all that could be desired, so far as numbers and the volume of sound were concerned. In all, about 60 vocalists were accommodated on the platform at the annual concert which was given by the Choral Union in the Corn Exchange last Thursday night. We were glad to see that the large hall was well filled, though the audience certainly might have been larger – a fact which also surely indicates that there is a little decadence in the appreciation of local music talent. The programme was divided into two parts, viz., sacred and secular. The first was by far the more laborious and trying, but, for some reason, it did not meet with so much acceptance as one might have expected, for the applause was not very hearty, and only one encore was demanded. The audience, however, in the second portion of the programme showed much more appreciation, and was very hearty in its desire for repetitions of the solos. With regard to the concerted music, we have again to report that the Choral Union did it much justice. The manner in which all the pieces were sung, bore evidence of careful training, and intelligent study of the music. Due attention was given to *chiaroscuro*, while distinctness of enunciation was a special feature. All the pieces too, were rendered in precise time and good tune, the effect of which would have been heightened if the sopranos and altos had been more numerous, so as to have produced a greater volume of harmony. The programme began with the chorus “All men, all things,” by Mendelsohn, which was rendered with an appropriate amount of devotional feeling that the theme is suited to inspire. Then followed the quartet “The Lord is my Shepherd,” by Schubert, in which the parts were doubled. The vocalists performed their work conscientiously but the *tout ensemble* was not so satisfactory as it might have been, as the expression was not very marked, and some of the singers were nervous, so that they were rather at a disadvantage. This was succeeded by several pieces from Mendelsohn’s oratorio *St. Paul* which had been extensively laid under contribution. Miss Paton (soprano) was to have taken the solo “Jerusalem thou that killest,” but owing to indisposition this was omitted. Mr T. Richardson (tenor) took the recitative “Then they ran upon him,” which he delivered with pathos and emphasis. It was succeeded by the chorus “Stone Him to death,” which is a fine specimen of descriptive and dramatic music. The vocalists gave a truthful interpretation of this and conveyed a vivid idea of an enraged and clamorous multitude. The recitative “And they stoned him,” was excellently rendered, while the chorale “To thee, O Lord,” was sung with religious fervour. The duet “For now we are ambassadors” given by Messrs T. Richardson (tenor) and A. Lounton (bass), was also a success, as the two voices blended harmoniously and produced a pleasing effect. The chorus “How lovely are the Messengers” was one of the best concerted pieces of the entertainment. The different parts of the somewhat intricate music were taken up with spirit, and the result was most satisfactory. The beautiful song “Nazareth,” by Gounod was given by Mr T Richardson (tenor) who found in its melodious strain ample scope for the display of his superior vocal powers. He delivered this exquisite gem in a finished style, and the impression created by it was deepened by the choral accompaniment which served as a relief to the solo. It was greeted with rapturous applause, and was re-demanded. This song was succeeded by the chorus “Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart

in peace” the work of the conductor, Mr B Barker, to whose talent and musical taste it bore ample testimony, while is also proved an excellent exercise of the vocal abilities and knowledge of his choir. The sacred part of the entertainment was concluded with the chorus “The round about the starry Throne” from Handel’s oratorio of Samson. This also was a most meritorious performance. The various fugal passages were sung with exactitude and energy; the piece went without a hitch from beginning to end. The second part was commenced with the solo and chorus “Rule Britannia” the former being taken by Mrs P Richardson who again appeared on the scene of her former triumphs as an amateur vocalist. The music was well sung by this lady, whose efforts were ably seconded by the class. Sergeant Rowe of the Northumberland and Artillery Militia followed with the well- known song “The Driver” by E. J. Loder. In this his deep strong voice was heard to much advantage and as he rendered the song with feeling, an encore was asked. He repeated a verse. Miss Paton succeeded with “Kathleen Mavoureen” by Crouch, which she delivered in a very successful manner considering that she was suffering from an affection of the throat. The flowing and expressive music found an efficient exponent in this lady, who sang with her accustomed sweetness and power. Then came the chorus “The splendour falls” by Macfarren the peculiarities of which were plainly brought out by the tasteful singing of the vocalist. Mr G. Duncan, Tweedmouth, next sang “Come into the garden Maud” and created a most favourable impression by the style in which he poached upon the preserves of Sims Reeves. His voice, which is one of good quality, flexible, and of extensive range, has considerably improved since he sang at the last Choral Union concert. The song was delivered with pathos and taste and an encore was enthusiastically demanded. A verse was repeated. After this the choir sang “Sweet to live” by W. W. Pearson and this also received careful treatment from them. Mrs Peter Richardson succeeded with that favourite melody “The flower of the forest.” This pathetic song suffered nothing in its delivery; it was rendered with a simplicity of style, a distinctness of articulation, and an amount of genuine feeling which won the admiration of the audience and called forth an encore that was irresistible. A verse was repeated. Mr T Richardson, and Sergeant Rowe then sang the duet “Could a man be secure” and its lively strains were delivered with fluency and correctness. Their voices also commingled harmoniously, and formed a nice contrast. It was re-demanded. Mr A. Lounton followed with “The Village Blacksmith” by W. H. Weiss, which fine and rather difficult bass song he executed with much taste. In response to an encore he gave “The Four Jolly Smiths” which was even better than his first effort. Then came the glee “As it fell upon a day” by the Earl of Mornington, which was rendered with appropriate expression. Mr T. Richardson afterwards sang “Thy Face” by Marriott, which he delivered with a clearness and sweetness which gratified the audience so much that they re-demanded it. The duet “The invitation, Come dance” by S. Glover, was sung by Miss Paton and Miss Crawford who rendered the music with care and accuracy. Then came the solo trio and chorus “Merry boys away” By Bishop which was delivered with vivacity and energy. The solo was taken by Mr A. Paton; and the trio by Miss Paton, Miss Crawford and Mr T. Richardson. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem. Mr B. Barker officiated with his usual efficiency as conductor, while Miss J. Cuthbertson was an excellent accompanist.

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

Ball – On Tuesday night an entertainment of this kind was given in the Corn Exchange and was fairly attended. The music was supplied by a quadrille band under the leadership of Mr J. Hogg, who also provided the refreshments. An excellent programme of dances was gone through and the proceedings were continued till an early hour next morning.

April 14, Local News, p. 3, column 6.

Choral and orchestral concert – On Thursday night next week Mr T. Rees Evans is to give an entertainment of the above character in the Corn Exchange the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Town Improvement Fund. Apart from the deserving object for which the concert is to be given, and which alone should secure liberal patronage, the intrinsic merits of the performances will, we feel, please the audience and justifying us in bespeaking for Mr Evans a full house. It is somewhat interesting to note that it is just 21 years since that gentleman gave his first concert in Berwick.

April 21, Local News p. 3, column 2.

Mr T. Rees Evan's concert – The instrumental and vocal entertainment was give last night in the Corn Exchange to an appreciative audience. We are obliged to withhold our report till next week.

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

Entertainment – On Tuesday night members of the Choral Union and some friends had their annual soiree in the Corn Exchange. After tea and cake, songs were sung by Miss P Richardson who gave "The meeting of the waters," and Mr H. Wood who sang "Sally is our Alley". Miss T. Richardson, V. Paton and R. Paton also rendered the trio "A little farm well-tilled." Dancing and games were afterwards engaged in and the company enjoyed themselves till an early hour next morning.

April 28, p. 4, column 2.

CONCERT OF CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL MUSIC. On Thursday evening last week an entertainment of this character was given under the patronage of the Mayor, the Sheriff, and Town Improvement Committee, in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, by Mr T. Rees Evans and a class of vocalists and instrumentalists, which numbered altogether about 100. It had been the original intention of the promoter of the concert to give it on behalf of a fund for lighting the Town-hall Clock, but learning that the Town Improvement Committee required money to

repair the New Road, which is one of the most enjoyable walks of Berwick, Mr Evans agreed to devote the proceeds to that object. Unfortunately, however, the audience was not so large as it might have been, for although the gallery and front seats downstairs were well filled, a considerable portion, of the area was empty so that after all expenses are paid, it is to be feared the surplus, if there may be any, will not be large. This is to be regretted, because the absence of many of the public shows that an appreciation of music is lacking on their part, while it also hinders desirable local improvements from being effected. The choral class which Mr Evans had under his management on this occasion numbered fully 70, and included some excellent soprano and alto voices; the tenor and bass singers, however, were somewhat weak, though what was lacking in quantity on their part, was made up in quality. The concert began with the overture "The Caliph of Bagdad" by [Boieldieu], which was performed by desire. The instrumentalists were: Pianos – Miss Willoby, Mrs Mackay, Miss Young, Mrs Robson, Miss Logan, Miss Home, Ladywell House, Dunse, Miss Holliday, and Miss [Clanche a' Beckett] Evans; first violas – Mr M'Leod, Mr Borthwick and Mr F. M'Leod; second violas – Messrs Davis and Launton; viola – Mr Macaskie; violoncello – Mr Blackwood, Galashiel; cornet – Mr J. M'Leod; flute – Mr Green; piccolo – Mr Charles Evans; euphonium – Mr Lamb, Kelso; side drums – Corpl. Brock and Private Howe, King's Own Borderers; harmonium – Miss Henderson. This music was given with much artistic feeling and skill, the result of the efforts of the performers being a pleasant union of harmonious sounds which was very captivating to the ear, and for which they received hearty applause. The concerted music sung by the whole of the vocalists was "To the tap of the drum" (Rossini), given by desire; "List the Trumpet's thrilling sound," (Meyerbeer); "Sweet and Low," (Barney); "The Song of the Triton," J. C. Molloy); "The Meeting of the Waters," (Macfarren); "Here in the Cool Grot," (Earl of Mornington); "Faithful and True," taken from *Lohengrin* (Wagner) and "Laughing is contagious," (F. Root). These possess sufficient variety to test the musical powers of any class, contrasting as they do martial, sentimental and humorous subjects. The first two being of a military character were given with suitable [?] and sprightliness. Of all, the best was the part song "The Meeting of the Waters," the last verse of which was exquisitely rendered. In "The Song of the Triton," there was a capital imitation of the clanking of chains, while in the Earl of Mornington's glee, the representation of a cascade or waterfall at the close of the piece was brought vividly to mind by the gradual diminution of sound. "Faithful and True" as a [?], was sung with a vivacity which indicated its joyousness while the last "Laughing is contagious" gave a good idea of the act which it describes. In each of these concerted pieces the various kinds of expression were carefully observed, and the music was [next line illegible]. Not one of them, however, received an encore from the audience, who reserved all their favours for the instrumentalists and the individual singers. The first soloist was Mr Evans himself, and he sang "Friends of the Brave," a recitative and air, by Dr. Calcott, which requires considerable ability on the part of the vocalist to do it ample justice. Mr Evans gave an excellent interpretation of the music, and obtained a fair [?] of applause. Mr Henry Wood, Tweedmouth, sang "My Sweetheart when a Boy," by Wilford Morgan, with much feeling and sweetness. This singer, who made his first appearance at a concert in Berwick on this occasion, has a tenor voice of superior quality, which he knows to control and use to advantage. The song was re-demanded and repeated. Mr Wood also sang a comic effusion entitled "Mercenary Matilda," which highly

amused the audience, who accorded him enthusiastic and prolonged applause, but the conductor would not permit an encore. The other male soloist was Sergt. Gott of the King's Own Borderers, who gave "The Midshipmite," by Adams. This has been sung so often recently that it has become very trite, but Sergt Gott delivered it with a freshness and resonance that greatly pleased the audience. He is undoubtedly the best amateur singer who has performed in public here for several years. His voice possesses a richness that is rare, and hence the charm of his singing. An encore was asked for and given. Miss Annie Charlton, Tweedmouth, was the only female soloist. She sang "The waters of [?]," (Parry), with much purity and suavity of intonation notwithstanding a slight tremulousness. The [?] of this pleasant flowing melody was greatly enhanced by the flute obligato, played by Mr Green, the liquid tones of which combined with the song itself were very suggestive of aquatic motion. The song was re-demanded and repeated. In addition to these there was given a somewhat peculiar composition, in which the effects of echo were exemplified. It is entitled "When I have gained the Mountain's brow," The solo in this was taken by Miss A. Henderson, whose powerful voice and clear articulation were very useful in giving a good interpretation of the music, although one high note rather taxed her ability. Miss Logan sang the echo in a pleasing and subdued manner, while Mrs Mackay; Miss Willoby; Mr W. Cook, and Sergeant Gott took part in the chorus. The orchestra in addition to the opening piece played a "French Gavotte," by Louis XIII; "Fra Diavola," by Auber; and "The Wedding March," by Mendelssohn. All of these were performed with the same amount of dexterity as that which characterised the first effort of the instrumentalists and afforded much satisfaction to the audience. *The toute ensemble* of each was all that could be desired, and the effect was such as Berwick people seldom have the pleasure of hearing at a concert in this town. Miss [H....day] also played a grand fantasia on Scotch airs by Pape, which showed at once her digital skill and musical knowledge. She was heartily applauded. A duet (Max Schroeter), was given by Mr Borthwick, National School, Spittal, and Miss Evans. This was very meritorious, both performers manifesting much taste and delicacy in the touch of their different instruments. During the interval between the first and the second part of the programme, the pipers of the 25th Regiment, (King's Own Borderers) gave, by the kind permission of Colonel De La Fosse, CB, a selection of airs on the bagpipers. Mr Evans made an efficient conductor, and he was ably seconded by Miss Blanche A Beckett Evans as accompanist. Before the last piece the Mayor moved a vote of thanks to Mr T Rees Evans and to the performers for their kind services in aid of the Town Improvement Committee. His Worship said Mr Evans was one of our most enterprising citizens who was always ready to further any good and deserving object with the locality. He had also done much to advance the cause of music in Berwick. He thought the thanks of the town were due not only to Mr Evans, and the performers, but also to Messrs Sanderson, M G Crossman and G. Weatherhead for the pains they took to preserve the amenities of our ancient borough and to beautify it so much as possible. Mr Evans in acknowledging the compliment referred to the fact that this was the 21st anniversary of the first concert which he had given in Berwick, on which occasion the late Dr Cahill presided. He then expressed a hope that he would live to see a choral society in every house. That expectation, however, had not been realised, but he strongly urged the cultivation of both vocal and instrumental music at home. He intended to devote the remainder of his life to the giving of concerts for the benefit of deserving objects and the next would be by request, be for

the Berwick Infirmary and Dispensary. It would be next autumn or the beginning of winter and he hoped to have then on the platform at least 300 singers. After the singing of the last chorus on the programme, the audience dispersed. Contrary to the usual custom the concert was opened with the National Anthem.

May 26, Front Page, column 2.

Bedding Plants! Bedding Plants! For great variety – from 1s to 4s per dozen, cheaper by the 100.

Waite Brothers, Hope Nursery, Stall 6, Corn Exchange, Berwick.

June 16, p. 2, column 2.

Look out for the “Lilliputian Aztecs!” who will appear daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Side Room of the Corn Exchange, Berwick, next week commencing on Monday first. Admission 2d, children half price.

June 16, p. 2, column 1.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The annual general meeting of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on Monday evening the 19th June 1882 at half past seven o’clock.

The society continues to advance money on approved security.

Alex. Robertson, President

John Husband, Secretary.

June 16, Local News, p. 3, column 6.

THE AZTECS – The Aztecs, Maximo and Bartolo, who have been exhibited nearly all over the world, will be on view in the Corn Exchange Side room next week. They are most wonderful specimens of humanity, and should be witnessed by every one interested in ethnological studies. They are male and female and were discovered in Central America in 1849. They have bird shaped heads, resembling that of the eagle, and bear no resemblance to anything hitherto included in the human species. They are diminutive in size, but their frames are exceedingly symmetrical. Their eyes are black and sparkling, their skin is glossy and of a deep olive complexion, and their beautiful black hair grows erect almost a foot high. The peculiarity about their hair is that, instead of being hard and stiff, as might naturally enough be supposed, is exceedingly soft and pliant. A very evident mutual attachment exists between

the strange pair, whose general amicability never fails to impress the observer. They seem to trust most confidingly in the lady by whom they are accompanied, and who by the kindly way in which she speaks to them reveals to the best advantage their feeble intelligence. They are altogether curiosities, and a view of them is a sight ever to be remembered.

June 23, Local News p. 3, column 5.

BERWICK EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. – On Monday the annual general meeting of the members of this society was held in the Corn Exchange – Mr T. Patrick, in the chair. – The half-yearly statement of accounts, which had been circulated amongst the members, was approved. This showed that £[amount impossible to read] had been received as subscriptions during the six months, while £[?] had been withdrawn [the rest of the article is illegible].

July 21, p. 2, column 6.

BERWICK AND TWEEDMOUTH GASLIGHT COMPANY. – The annual meeting of the shareholder of this company was held on Wednesday in the Corn Exchange – Ald. Purves presiding.

The Chairman called upon the secretary and treasurer (Mr Wight) to read the annual balance sheet and report as follows: - The former stated that the total income was £5074 14s 9d. This included £440 0s 5d for gas; £185 1s 10d for use of meters; £444 6s 3d for coke tar, lime etc. The expenditure amounted to £843 9s 6d, the principal item being £2279 9s for parrot coal. Salaries and wages were £561 15s 3d; plumber work; service pipes, &c., £238 6s 10d; retorts, bricks, &c., £192 7s 8d; parochial rates, £119 11s 11d; meters repairing &c., £140 11s 8d; insurance and depreciation £10. The net profits for the year were £1230 15s 3d.

The director's report was as follows: - Gentlemen – It affords your director great pleasure to meet you on this occasion, and report that the affair of the company are in a healthy and prosperous condition, The balance sheet and balance account have been examined and approved by your directors and duly attested by the auditor and a copy of the balance sheet sent to each shareholder from which you will observe there is a net profit of £1230 15s 3d available as dividend and your directors have great pleasure in recommending a dividend of 10 per cent upon the capital of the company, which dividend the secretary is prepared to pay immediately after the business of the meeting is transacted. It was unanimously resolved to reduce the price of gas from 5s 5d to 5s 2d per 1000 feet such reduction to take effect on and after the 25th May last. During the last year there have been 18 meetings of directors. The three retiring directors are Messrs Purves, A. Paxton and Turner, but who are eligible for re-election – George Weatherhead, chairman.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report. He could only say that considering the state of business of all kinds in the country they had great reason to congratulate themselves. The

Gas Company had done exceedingly well during the past year, especially when it was remembered what had been done to the streets. They had also enclosed their ground at Spittal and were still able to offer a dividend of 10 per cent. They had very much reason to be thankful and pleased with the efforts of the secretary and treasurer who watched over the interests of the Company with very great care. They might also congratulate themselves on being able to reduce the price of gas 3d per thousand feet, notwithstanding the difficulties they had had to contend with. Whenever they were able to make a further reduction he was sure the directors would be anxious to let the public have the advantage of it.

Mr Lawson seconded the motion which was agreed to.

Mr Wight then read a return of the attendances of directors during the year. There had been 18 meetings, of these Mr Dumble was present at all; Mr Turner at 17; Messrs Hopper, Weatherhead and Wilson at 16; Mr A Paxton at 14; Ald Purves at 13; Dr Fluker and Mr Gray at 12.

After a ballot the three retiring directors, Ald. Purves, Mr A. Paxton, and Mr Turner were unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Dr Fluker, Mr R Roxburgh was re-appointed auditor.

On the motion of the Chairman, the meeting declared a dividend of 10 per cent.

Mr W Paxton moved a vote of thanks to Ald. Purves for his conduct in the chair and to the directors for their services during the past year. The shareholders were very much indebted to them all.

The Chairman in acknowledging the compliment said the labour of the directors had not been without anxiety. The subject of their meetings was the faithful discharge of the business connected with the company. They endeavoured not only to give good gas but to give it as cheaply as possible. (Applause).

The proceedings then terminated.

August 4, p. 2, column 1.

Desirable investment for sale. To be sold by public auction within the Corn Exchange (side room), Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Saturday the 19th day of August 1882, at one o'clock p.m. precisely, by Mr J. D. Purves, auctioneer, 85 £10 shares (fully paid up) of the Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company Ltd. 21 £10 shares of the Border Counties Agricultural Association, Ltd.

The shares will be offered in lots to suit purchasers, who will be entitled to the accruing dividends.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained on application to Messrs Sanderson & J. K. Weatherhead, solicitors, Berwick-on-Tweed or to the auctioneer.

Berwick-upon-Tweed, 3rd August, 1882.

August 25, Local News, p. 3, column 5.

SALE OF SHARES - On Saturday afternoon Mr J. D. Purves, auctioneer, offered for sale in the Corn Exchange, a number of shares in the Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company (Limited) and in the Border Counties Agricultural Association. There was a large attendance of shareholders. After Mr J. K. Weatherhead had read the conditions of sale Mr Purves made a few remarks respecting the Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company whose shares were first offered. He said that in late years the produce of the Tweed had not been so good as it was before, but the tendency of legislation was to improve the river by means of [p...tication], and he had no doubt that there were as good fish in the sea as had yet been caught. The fame of the Tweed salmon was known all over the world. Mr Paulin, the secretary to the company had obligingly furnished him with statistics of the dividends paid for the last ten years and these showed that during that period the average had been 6 per cent per annum. They were as follows: - last year 2 ½ per cent; 1880 nil; 1879, 5 per cent; 1878, nil; 1877, 5 percent; 1876, 2 ½ per cent; 1875, nil; 1874, 5 per cent; 1873, 10 per cent; 1872, 25 per cent. Bidding being invited, a start was made with 85 £10 shares (fully paid up) in the Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company. The first offer was made by Mr Black, Cheswick, at par and the shares were ultimately sold to that gentleman for £11 15s each. Mr Purves next put up 21 £10 shares (£5 only paid) in the same company. For these biddings commenced at £5 17 6d and they were also sold to Mr Black for £6 2s 6d each. Mr Purves then offered 10 £5 shares (£4 paid) in the Border Counties Agricultural Association (Limited), which he said had always paid 5 per cent since it was established. Bidding for these began at £3 and they were ultimately sold to Mr H. R. Smail, Berwick, for £3 15s each.

September 8, Local News p. 3, column 6.

Entertainment – On Friday night Rev A. E. Tollemache entertained the officials of the choir of the Parish Church in the Corn Exchange. After salmon, fowl and other delicacies of a substantial nature which was washed down with various [?] accompaniments, dancing, games and other amusements were entered into with much zest. At a late hour tea was served and the entertainment was prolonged till midnight when the company separated much gratified with the evening's proceedings.

September 22, Front Page, column 3.

Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed. Under distinguished patronage. For one night only, Monday 25th September 1882. The world renowned Matthews Minstrels, the original c.c.c. (registered), 25 performers. This famous company comprises the best selected vocalists, comedians, instrumentalists, dancers etc., ever introduced into minstrelsy. The premiere troupe of the world. New ballads, new sketches, charming part songs and chorus. In addition to this gigantic company, the great American team will appear, forming the largest and most brilliant troupe in the world.

Admission: - First seats (reserved), 2s; second seats, 1s; back (limited), 6d. Children under 12 half price to first and second seats. Tickets &c and plan of the reserved seats at Mr Martin's bookseller &c, Hide Hill. Doors open at 7:30. Commence at 8. Carriages at 10.

September 29, Local News p. 3, column 3.

MATTHEW'S MINSTRELS - This excellent troupe gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange on Monday night to a numerous and appreciative audience. The company numbered about thirty and included not only vocalists, but several instrumentalists. The first part of the programme consisted of comic and sentimental songs with choruses. The harmonious mingling of the voices with the various tones of the orchestra produced a very pleasing effect. The humorous songs were sung in such a manner as to bring out the fun and mirth with which they were inspired, while the sentimental ballads were rendered with feeling and taste. Some of the troupe possess vocal powers of no mean order and therefore were able to do justice to the music. The various songs were interspersed with the usual puns and exchanges of wit, and the drollery of these frequently excited the risible faculties of the audience. The second part consisted of some novelties in the way of songs and dances which were very cleverly executed, particularly the latter. The "essence of Virginia" was a salutary feat remarkable for its skill, while "the national clog speciality" by the American team, displayed their remarkable agility. A comic duet by Messrs W & H Matthews was very good, while the performances of Messrs Kitson and Golbeck on the cornet and trombone were excellent. "Ten minutes at the opera" was an amusing illustration and burlesque of the efforts of actors at that kind of dramatic entertainment; while the plantation sketch entitled "the old Kentucky home" evoked roars of laughter. The programme concluded with "Pastime on the levee" an illustration of negro life in the sunny south in the way of native shouts, refrains, cane break dances and a general jollification of the entire troupe, which brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

November 17, Front Page, column 6.

Annual Volunteer Ball in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 1882, under the patronage of the officers of the Artillery and the Rifle Corps. Members of the Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces must appear in uniform. Double ticket, 3s. Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock p.m. Music supplied by Amer's Band from Newcastle. Civilian's double ticket, 5s;

ladies' single ticket, 2s. Tickets to be had from Mr Henderson, West Street, Berwick; Mr S. Steven, fruiter, High Street, Berwick, and members of the committee.

December 8, Front Page, column 2.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The half-yearly meeting of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, on Monday evening, the 18th December, 1882 at half past seven o'clock.

The society continues to advance money on approved security.

Alex. Robertson, President.

John Husband, Secretary.

December 8, Local News, p. 3, column 3.

VOLUNTEER BALL - This annual event, which is looked forward to with much interest by all classes of the community by reason of the enjoyment which it affords, took place on Tuesday night and was, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, as successful as any former entertainment under the same auspices. The ball, of course, could not be conducted in a satisfactory manner, unless there was an energetic Committee and in this respect the entertainment was very fortunate, as those who made the preliminary arrangements had the experience of former years to guide them and the result was all that could be desired. The Committee was constituted as follows: - Artillery – Quarter-master Sergeant Pattison, chairman; Battery-Sergeant-Major Nicholson, secretary and treasurer; Sergeant-Major Douglass, Sergeant Campbell, Corporal Shearlaw, Bombardier Johnson Pattison, Bombardier H. Patterson, Gunner A. Fife, Gunner J. Pattison; Rifles – Corporal Smith, Corporal Fortune, Corporal Jackson, Private Dumble, Private Allan and Private Ormiston. The hall was as usual adorned with much taste for the occasion by the Committee, the superintendence of the decorations being entrusted to Gunner Joseph Pattison. Evergreens were kindly sent from Paxton House by Colonel Milne Home, M.P., and these were worked into festoons and garlands, which were displayed in conspicuous places. Two long wreaths were suspended from the roof of the hall and crossed each other in the centre, to which a large coronal device was attached and inside of this was a coloured Chinese lantern, which when lit had a very fine effect. At the top of the room was the Royal coat of arms, above which was a Union Jack with a shield bearing the motto "Long live our officers." At the sides were two flags with the Berwick Corporation's armorial bearings and attached to these were two bugles. The windows at each side were hid from view by means of delicately coloured bands, on which were the mottos "Ready aye Ready" and "Defence not defiance." The platform erected for the orchestra was adorned in front by pretty paper and calico, the hues of which were artistically contrasted and the effect was heightened by small banners at each end. Attached to the wall of the room were three circles of bayonets ornamented with gilt. These and the

other devices of arms, were wrought by Sergeant Instructors Attridge and Shiel. The stalls round the room were screened by means of red and white calico which was surmounted by an ornamental paper of an elegant design. At intervals round the hall were semicircles of bayonets. The recess on the north side was decorated with circles of ramrods and the motto "Success to the Volunteers." The space underneath the gallery was hid from view by means of calico, and the front of it was adorned with festoons of evergreens and a few circles of ramrods. The entrance to the area for dancing was placed on the south side and had to be reached by a devious passage which was adopted in order to prevent cold draughts of air penetrating the hall. Over the doorway was the inscription "Welcome one and all" with a few evergreens set round as a border. At intervals round the rooms were several pictures and portraits which had been kindly lent for the occasion by Lieutenant Robertson and Lieutenant Darling. For the convenience of the dancers an additional floor was laid down by Messrs John Cockburn & Sons, joiners, Castlegate, and this proved a decided advantage to those who tripped the light fantastic toe with unwearied zeal for several hours. Refreshments were purveyed by Mr Fitzgerald, Church Street, and supper was provided in the long room upstairs. For those not devoted to the Terpsichorean art a space was screened off underneath the gallery as a card room and there games were enjoyed. The hour for opening the ball was nine o'clock, and by that time a large company had assembled not only to take part in the active pleasures of the evening, but to remain passive spectators of the scene from the gallery, which was, as usual, packed by a large number of interested sight-seers. The music was on this occasion supplied by Mr Amer's Band of Newcastle, and it gave complete satisfaction. The ball was led off by Major Allan and Mrs Darling, wife of Lieutenant T. Darling, and it continued in full swing till an advanced hour next morning. In the interval the dancers sped on with unwearied limbs, and the conclusion of the programme brought the entertainment to a close all too soon. Corporal Smith and Bombardier Johnston Pattison officiated as Masters of Ceremonies in the most efficient manner. The following is the programme of the dances: - March and Triumph; Quadrille; Polka; Contra Dance (Patronella); Lancers; Waltz; Highland Schottische; Contra Dance (Waltz); Quadrille; Polka Mazurka; Lancers; Plain Schottische; Waltz; Highland Schottische; Quadrille; Contra Dance (Milanese); Waltz and Galop; Plain Schottische; Quadrille; Reel; Waltz; Highland Schottische; Reel; Contra Dance; Sir Roger de Coverley.