

Berwick Advertiser 1896

January 3, p. 4, column 1.

Sale of household furniture etc. Wednesday 15th Jan. 1896. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction within the Corn Exchange as above date, a useful assortment of household furniture, and other effects, the property of a lady deceased. Further consignments can be received.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 3rd January 1896.

January 3, p. 4, column 5.

Entertainment – On Thursday and Friday Mr Richard B Rees and company produced the drama “The Grip of Iron” in the Corn Exchange, Berwick. There were good audiences on both occasions, and the play was very favourably received.

January 24, p. 4, column 1.

SALE OF EXCELLENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE ETC. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, 15th January 1896.

Mr A L Miller will sell by auction as above, at eleven o'clock forenoon, a superior assortment of household furniture and other effects, the property of Mrs Holmes, Sen., North Terrace, who is giving up housekeeping, and other owners, comprising: -

6 ft. mahogany sideboard, oak cabinet, chiffonier, mahogany bookcase, settee, sofas and couches, easy chairs, chairs in needlework, arm chairs and small chairs, 9 oak dining room chairs in Morocco, with arm chair to match; walnut and mahogany centre tables, Pembroke and occasional tables, piano stools, fenderettes, whatnot, Canterbury, writing desks, 2 antique knife cases, oval mirror, large mirrors in gilt frames, window poles, curtains.

Cottage piano by James Curle; square rosewood piano; [Corniab's] American “Oriental” organ, 18 stops, with stool complete.

A superior walnut bedroom suite, comprising 3-door wardrobe, dressing table with mirror attached, washstand with marble top, Elizabethan bedstead, chairs, towelrail, pedestal, and luggage stand.

Bedsteads, press bed, spring mattresses, feather beds, hair and wool mattresses, bolsters, pillows, mahogany wardrobe, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing glasses, towelrails, bedroom ware, chairs, baths, bath with heating apparatus, oak hat and umbrella stand, hall table and chair, barometer, flower stands, glass cases containing stuffed birds etc.

Kitchen tables, chairs, presses, dresser, [case of ?], trunks, 8-day clock, scales and weights, stove with piping [?] and a large assortment of domestic utensils.

Brussels, tapestry, and Kidder carpets; druggets, hearthrugs, floorcloths, mats, matting, stair carpets and rods, fenders, fire-irons, ash-pans etc.

Fine engravings, water colours, chromes, books, ornaments, crystal, cutlery, dessert service, breakfast, dinner and teaware.

On view on Tuesday 14th, from 2 to 6 p.m. and on morning of sale.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, January 1896.

January 24, p. 4, column 1.

Sale of household furniture etc. Wednesday 5th 1896. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction within the Corn Exchange on above date a useful assortment of household furniture and other effects, the property of Mrs Sarah Friar, deceased, Tweedmouth, and the residue of the effects of Mrs Holmes, North Terrace. Further consignments can be received.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 24th January 1896.

February 7, p. 4, column 1.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE ETC. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Wednesday 12th February at eleven o'clock forenoon. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction as above a quantity of household furniture and other effect, the property of Mrs Sarah Friar, deceased, Tweedmouth, and the residue of the effects of Mrs Holmes, senior, North Terrace, comprising: -

Mahogany inlaid secretaire, chiffonier, Pembroke tables, oak tables, writing desks, arm and single chairs in haircloth, mirror, harmonium.

Bedsteads, hair and [flook] mattresses, feather beds, palliasses, bolsters and pillows, child's crib, press beds, wardrobes, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing glasses, towelrails, chairs, bedroom ware, bath, etc.

Kitchen tables, chairs, cupboard, fenders, ash-pans, perambulators, cradle, lawn mower, and the usual assortment of culinary utensils.

Carpets, hearthrugs, mats, ornaments, crystal, cutlery, dessert services, breakfast, dinner and tea ware.

On view on Tuesday 11th inst from 2 to 5 and morning of sale.

Bank Buildings, Berwick.

February 14, p. 3, column 4.

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 David Logan, chairman of directors, presided.

The Secretary (Mr A L Miller) read the Director's report as follows: -

Your Directors again have the pleasure of congratulating the shareholders on the continued success and stability of the Company. The revenue of the Company from all sources has been well maintained during the year. The nett profits of the year amount to £302 7s 3d, and your Directors recommend a dividend of five percent per annum on the paid-up capital, carrying £89 2s 10d to the reserve fund (which is thereby increased to £310) and carrying forward the balance of £13 4s 5d to next account. Your Directors are glad to be in apposition to recommend such a substantial addition to the reserve fund, and they trust that in the course of a few years, productive of equally good results, their fund will have reached such an amount as to provide for the cost of a new roof when that is found necessary. The retiring Directors are Mr John Black and Mr McCreath, who are eligible for re-election.

(signed) David Logan, Chairman.

The balance sheet showed that the income for the year had amounted to £488 0s 5d, being made up as follows: - Cash from stalls, £265; merchants' tickets, £40 12s; season tickets, £26 5s; penny admissions, £54 11s 3d; rents, £97 2s; interest on bank account, £4 2s 5d; discount on tradesmen's account, £6 7s 9d. The expenditure was as under: - Salaries, £33 12s; coals and gas, £28 15s 8d; insurance, £10 13s 3d; interest on loan, £27 1s 4d; parochial rates, £34 9s; income and assessed taxes, £8 4s 11d; printing, stationery and incidental expenses, £17 11s 8d; newspapers, £3 9s 10d; repair and furnishings, £21 15s 6d; balance being profit, £302 7s 3d.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Ald. J R Black, the report was adopted.

Mr Miller said he thought it might be as well to point out, and bring before them again on that occasion, the fact that a year or two ago the Directors of the Company called in Mr Stevenson, architect, to report upon the roof of the Exchange. He reported certain deficiencies in the roof, but added that if a certain amount was expended on it the roof might be made to serve for eight or ten years to come. He thought it was well to mention this as people might be inclined to think that the Corn Exchange Co. by the increased charges was making money too rapidly, but the reason of the increased charges was to provide a fund to renew the roof when that was necessary. That was really the first year the Company had really had the benefit of the increased charges, and it was thus able to add a substantial sum to its reserve. Mr R G Bolam said that was quite understood as the reason for the increased charges.

The retiring Directors were re-appointed and Mr J M Edney was re-elected auditor to the Company.

March 20, Front Page, column 1.

Berwick Tonic-Sol-Fa Association. The ninth annual concert will be given in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 24 March. First part choruses and solos from Handel's Oratorio "Samson". Second part songs, part songs, glees etc. Tickets, 2s, 1s and 6d. Seats booked at Cobb's, Church Street.

James Irvine and Thomas Stokel, joint Hon Secs.

March 20, Local News p. 4, column 7.

The Berwick Tonic-Sol-Fa Association give their annual concert in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening first when an excellent programme will be provided. The first part will be a selection of choruses and solos from Handel's "Samson", Miss Campbell and Messrs T Richardson and W Wood will render the solos. The second part will be the ever popular selection of miscellaneous pieces, including songs and instrumental solos. The chorus will number 100 voices to the accompaniment of a full orchestra, Mr T Richardson will conduct.

April 3, p. 4, column 1.

Property at Tweedmouth for sale. To be offered for sale by public auction at a low upset price to ensure a sale within the Corn Exchange (No 1 Side Room), Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday the 14th day of April 1896 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon precisely by Mr A L Miller, auctioneer (unless previously disposed of by private treaty), the piece of copyhold ground adjoining Tweedmouth cemetery together with the buildings erected thereon, as recently in the occupation of Messrs Holmes Brothers, as manure works. The premises will be disposed of as they stand, engine, boiler, all machinery, appliances and loose material (if any) being included in the sale. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the auctioneer or to Sanderson & J K Weatherhead, solicitors, Berwick-upon-Tweed. 2nd April 1896.

April 10, p. 4, column 1.

MAY TERM FURNITURE SALE. Mr A L Miller will hold sales in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on the following dates: - Wednesday, 22nd April – The whole of the furnishings of Murton White House. Wednesday 29th April – Household furniture removed from a farm house in the country.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 2nd April 1896.

April 10, p. 4, column 1.

SALE OF SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD AND OTHER EFFECTS. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Wednesday 22nd April 1896 at eleven o'clock forenoon. Mr A L Miller will sell

by auction as above the whole of the furnishings removed from Murton White House for convenience of sale including: -

Drawing room – Rosewood cabinet, centre table, card table, settee, easy chairs, and single chairs etc.

Dining room and business rooms – Oak 7 ft. sideboard with mirror back; settee, easy chairs and single chairs in Morocco; mahogany [?], [?], couch, marble clock etc.

Bedroom – mahogany and walnut bedroom suites, bedsteads, bedding, sets of ware etc.

Kitchen furniture – Mangle, washer, patent knife cleaner etc. Carpets, hearthrugs, mats, fender, fire-irons, coal vases, window poles and curtains, water colour, engravings, etchings, books, ornaments, lamps, breakfast, dinner, dessert and tea services, crystal etc.

Full particulars in future advertisements.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 10th April 1896.

April 17, p. 4, column 3.

SALE OF EXCELLENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK.
Wednesday 22nd April, 1896 at eleven o'clock forenoon. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction as above the whole of the furnishings removed from Murton White House for convenience of sale, an other owners, including: - Rosewood 5 ft. cabinet, octagon table, card table, settee, occasional chairs, 2 easy chairs, 2 single chairs, wicker chairs, bamboo whatnot, wicker table, piano stool, 7ft. oak sideboard with 3 mirrors in carved back, 7 ft. 6 in. mahogany pedestal sideboard; carved overmantel, 5ft. 3in by 4ft. with bevelled mirror, Chesterfield settee, gent's easy chair, lady's easy chair, and 3 single chairs in Morocco; mahogany cheffoniere; writing chair, couch, 6 mahogany chairs in Morocco, marble clock, mahogany and walnut suites of 4ft. wardrobe, dressing chest of drawers, washstand, pedestal, 3 chairs and towel-rail, iron bedsteads, spring, hair and [flock] mattresses, bolsters, and pillows, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing glasses, chairs, towel-rail, sets of ware, corner cupboard, sitz bath, folding chairs, cheffoniere beds etc.

American organ in carved walnut case by Clough & Warren, 7 stops [knee] swell in perfect order. Musical box with bell accompaniment, plays 8 tunes.

Carpet, hearthrugs, fenders, fire-irons, coal boxes, barometer, fireproof safe by [Cotterile], window poles, curtains, breakfast, dinner, dessert and tea sets, crystal, books etc.

Watercolours – “Durham Cathedral,” “Spittal Herring Boats,” “Spittal Jetty,” “Cottage,” etc by Frank Wood, Harvey &c.

Engravings, etchings, coloured prints &c.

Kitchens – Press, tables, chairs, flour bin, knife cleaner, mangle, washer, tubs, wringer, milk measurer, and cutlery utensils.

On view previous from 2 to 5.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

April 17, Local News p. 4, column 7.

Property for sale. On Tuesday afternoon within the Side Room of the Berwick Corn Exchange, Mr A L Miller, auctioneer, offered for sale by public auction, a piece of copyhold ground, adjoining Tweedmouth Cemetery, extending to 2 roods 27 perches, together with the building erected thereon, and engine, boiler and machinery, the same as was recently in the occupation of Messrs Holmes Brothers, and used as manure works. Offers started at £50, and the sale was at once declared open. After some spirited bidding the property was knocked down to Ald. Gilroy for £80. Messrs Sanderson & J K Weatherhead were solicitors for the vendors.

April 24, p. 4, column 1.

MAY TERM FURNITURE SALE. Mr A L Miller will hold sales in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on the following dates: - Wednesday 29th April – Household furniture from Berrington Law, etc. Wednesday 6th May – Household furniture from various owners, boots and shoes, etc.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

April 24, p. 4, column 1.

FURNITURE SALE. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction, within the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday 29th April, a quantity of excellent household furniture, from a country house in Northumberland; the surplus furnishings of Berington Law Farm House; and from other owners, including in:

Dining room and drawing room – walnut enclosed sideboard, 5ft.; mahogany and oak sideboards, ditto cabinet, sofas and couches in haircloth and American cloth; mahogany and birch chairs in Morocco and haircloth; easy chairs in haircloth, mahogany and other tables, walnut cheffoniers with mirror back, walnut cabinet with mirror panels, walnut centre tables, walnut suite in cretonne, couch, gent's and lay's easy chair and small chairs; 2 black and gold overmantels; walnut suite in crimson Utrecht velvet.

Two mahogany square pianos, by Broadwood & Son and Jas. Ball; harmonium, with 10 stops.

Wood and iron bedsteads, hair, wool, and straw mattresses; feather beds, bolsters and pillows, mahogany press bed, two iron chair beds, wardrobes, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing chests of drawers, dressing glasses, sets of bedroom ware, towel rails, cane-seat chairs, etc.

Kitchen tables, chairs, churn, milk dishes, gas stove, 2 outside window lamps, hat and umbrella stand, mahogany eight-day clock, fenders, fire-irons, timepiece, sewing machine, large hobby horse, kitchen range, pots, pans, and domestic utensils, a superior case of dessert knives and forks, pictures.

Brussels and other carpets, stair carpets, skin rugs, mats, etc.

On view day previous from 2 to 5.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

May 1, p. 4, column 1.

SALE OF FURNITURE. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction within the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday 6th May 1896 at 11 o'clock, a quantity of excellent household furniture, being consignments he was unable to overtake in his previous sales, including: - Mahogany sideboard with mirror back, Pollard oak cabinet, walnut cabinet, mahogany cheffoniere, sofas and couches and easy chairs in haircloth, oak and mahogany chairs in Morocco and haircloth, mahogany telescope dining table extending to 16 ft., with case for leaves; mahogany centre and other tables, mirror and gilt frame, 5ft. 6in. by 5ft. Antique ditto in massive gilt frame, overmantel, two mahogany square pianos, walnut suite of couch, lady's and gentleman's chairs, and six small chairs in crimson, walnut suite of settee, two easy chairs, two occasional chairs, and four small chairs in Genoa velvet, small organ.

Bedsteads, hair, wool, and straw mattresses, feather beds, bolsters and pillows, mahogany press bed, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing glasses, sets of bedroom ware, towel rails, cane seat chairs, pedestals.

Kitchen press, tables, chairs, oak hat and umbrella stand, fenders, fire-irons, coal boxes, posse barrels and [?], sitz bath; lamp, pots, pans and domestic utensils, six dozen tumblers, dinner ware, two good hanging lamps, mangle.

Brussels and other carpets, hearthrugs, skin rugs, mats etc.

On view day previous from 2 to 5.

Bank Buildings, Berwick 1896.

May 22, p. 4, column 1.

Sale of household furniture. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Wednesday 3rd June a quantity of excellent household furniture and domestic requirements. Particulars to follow. Further consignments can be received. Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

June 5, p. 4, column 1.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND OTHER EFFECTS. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Wednesday 10th June, 1896, at eleven o'clock forenoon. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction as above an excellent assortment of household furniture and other effects, including: -

Mahogany dining table, centre table, mahogany inlaid suite of settee, 2 elbow and 4 single chairs in figured silk, large central ottoman in crimson repp, easel in crimson plush, sofas, easy chairs and single chairs in haircloth, folding chairs, square piano, corner cupboard, etc.; full-sized bagatelle table, slate bed with balls, cues and marker complete, in good condition; wood and iron bedsteads, spring and other mattresses, washstands, dressing tables, towel rails, dressing glasses, cane seat chairs, covered bath; carpets, stair rods, fenders, fire-irons, shop canisters, scales, weights, scoops, clothes screens, opera glasses, etc. ; remnants of carpets, matting etc.; a large quantity of etchings, oleographs, oil paintings, etc.

200 pairs of boots, shoes and slippers, and a quantity of drapery goods belonging to a trust estate.

On view day previous from 2 to 5. Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

June 26, Front Page, column 1.

The Equitable Benefit Building Society, Berwick-on-Tweed. The annual meeting of the members of this society will be held in the Side Room, Corn Exchange, on Monday the 29th June at 8 p.m.

By order of the Directors. James Henderson, Secretary.

June 26, p. 4, column 2.

Berwick-on-Tweed Burns Centenary Celebration under the auspices of the several local Scottish clubs, Tuesday July 21st 1896. A banquet will be held in the Corn Exchange at 8 p.m., A L Miller, Esq., J P., Chairman Wm Jacks, Esq., D.L. J.P will propose the toast of the evening. Tickets 4s each, including a lady's ticket for the gallery, which will be specially reserved, and seats allotted according to priority of application. Holders of lady's tickets can [?] seat plan at Mr Morris's, Church Street.

Dinner tickets may be obtained up to the 14th July at the booksellers, from members of the Committee of the Scottish clubs, or to James Stevenson, Hon Sec.

June 26, p. 4, column 7.

BURNS'S CENTENARY. We understand that arrangements have now been completed at Berwick for the celebration of the centenary of the poet Burns's death on Tuesday, the 21st July. The celebration will take the form of an open-air concert in the ground of the Rampart ditch recently acquired by the Sanitary Authority. Songs of Burns will be rendered by the united choirs of the local Tonic Sol-Fa Association and Choral Union, and instrumental music will be rendered by the band of the Northumberland Artillery Militia. A banquet will follow in the evening in the Corn Exchange. It having been stated that Archdeacon Hamilton was related to the poet Burns, it may be considered worth while to give here the following extract from Mr William Brockie's book, "Sunderland Notables" : - The Rev. Richard Skipsey, B A, rector of St Thomas's, Sunderland, married Mrs Arabella Best, the widow of an Indian officer, and daughter of Mr James Robinson, long postmaster of Sunderland, who bore him a family of three, a son and two daughters. One of the daughters died young, the other became the wife of a clergyman in Yorkshire, and the son settled in London as a solicitor, but afterwards went abroad. A sister of Mrs Skipsey married a son of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, and on more than one occasion Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs Burns paid a friendly visit to their relatives in Sunderland. A daughter of Mrs Best, by her first husband, married Archdeacon Hamilton of Lindisfarne." On the 16th September, 1858, Burns's two sons, both Colonels, visited Berwick, and were the guests of Archdeacon Hamilton, who was at that time vicar of Berwick. Several of the townspeople were invited to meet them, and in the course of the evening one of the sons sang some of his father's songs. Mrs Jane Barwell Carter, The Anchorage, Berwick, was one of the vicar's guests on the occasion in question.

July 3, p. 4, column 3.

Sale of furniture. Mr A L Miller will hold a sale of household furniture in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, early this month. Consignments of furniture, the property of a lady deceased, and from a Berwickshire mansion house, already intimated.

Berwick 2nd July 1896.

July 24, p. 4, column 3.

Friday morning, July 24, 1896. THE CENTENARY OF BURNS

The National Poet of Scotland has received due honour in the Borderland, which he visited when in life. The centenary of his death was observed here, in common with other parts of the country, with much public ceremony, and the homage paid to his genius justified the

prophecy of Burns himself to his wife –“I’ll be more respected a hundred after I am dead than at present” – a prediction which was quoted by Lord Rosebery at the commemorative services at Dumfries, and which appropriately adorned the Corn Exchange at Berwick on Tuesday night at the dinner in honour of the poet, which took place in that building. In the old Border town Mr A L Miller, J.P. made an excellent chairman of the convivial gathering, and by the apt quotations from the works of Burns, which were interspersed throughout his speeches, he proved that he was well acquainted with, and thoroughly appreciated the poems of the most gifted of Scotland’s son of song. To Mr Jacks, D.L., J.P., fell the task of proposing the “immortal memory of Robert Burns,” and this he performed with much eloquence and feeling in an oration remarkable for the beauty of its language, and a exalted but just estimation of the genius of the poet. Mr Jacks likened Burns to Isaiah or David in his sway over the hearts of his countrymen. He is thus of the same mind as Professor Blackie, whose last words were “The Psalms of David and the Songs of Burns – but the Psalms first.” While the works of the peasant poet of Scotland and the sweet singer of Israel may be classed together, their personalities had also features in common. David, like Burns, sinned against morality. We mention this fact because much has been written against Burns, who, the Poet Laureate said at Irvine on Saturday, was “convivial to a fault, and loved the lasses overmuch in the wrong sort of way.” But, in admiring the songs of David, we forget his failings; therefore, the pleasure which a perusal of the works of Burns affords should make us look on the best side of his nature, and also cause us to be loth “to draw his frailties from their dread abode.” He has left it on record that he deeply deplored his lapses from virtue; some of his poems make full and free admission of that fact, and we should remember that “a wrong confessed id half redressed.”

It is somewhat singular that Burns, who has given so many exquisite songs to posterity, should have had a very dull ear for music. Mr John Murdoch, who was one of the earliest teachers of the poet and his brother, writes: -“Gilbert always appeared to me to possess a more lively imagination, and to be more of the with than Robert. I attempted to teach them a little church music; here they were left far behind by all the rest of the school. Robert’s ear, in particular, was remarkably dull, and his voice untuneable. It was long before I could get them to distinguish one tune from another. Robert’s countenance was generally grave, and expressive of a serious, contemplative, and thoughtful mind. Gilbert’s face said ‘Mirth, with thee I mean to live’; and certainly if aby person who knew the two boys had been asked which of them was the more likely to court the Muses, he would surely never have guessed that Robert had a propensity of that kind.” In this respect Burns somewhat resembled Sir Walter Scott, whose intellectual power did not manifest themselves in early age. In another respect there was also a likeness between the Wizard of the North and the peasant poet of Scotland. We have been assured that much of the romance which Sir Walter Scott poured forth in his later years was due to the legends and ballads repeated to him by an old lady, who was his frequent companion when he was of tender age. Burns also says- “In my infant and boyish days, too, I owed much to an old woman who resided in the family, remarkable for her ignorance, credulity, and superstition. She had, I suppose, the largest collection in the country of tales and songs concerning devils, ghosts, fairies, brownies, witches, warlocks, spunkies, kelpies, elf-candles, deadlights, wraiths, apparitions, cantraips, giants, enchanted towers,

dragons and other trumpery. This cultivated the latent seeds of poetry, but had so strong an effect on my imagination that to this hour, in my nocturnal rambles, I sometimes keep a sharp look out in suspicious places; and, though nobody can be more sceptical than I am in such matters, yet it often takes an effort of philosophy to shake off these idle terrors." Like Milton, too Burns was miserably recompensed for his literary efforts. The gifted author of "Paradise Lost" received only £5 for that great epic; the national bard of Scotland struggled with poverty all his life and died in pecuniary embarrassment. Even in the circumstances of his death a parallel is to be found in the case of Goldsmith, who, like Burns, knew what it was to be poor, and who, also like him, left the world in debt; while the hypochondria with which Burns was afflicted through his life, reminds us that the poet Cowper also suffered from melancholy and temporary mental suffering

It is not surprising that the worship of Burns should grow, and that his works should be more appreciated as population increases. The earnestness and naturalness of his poems and writing appeal to all hearts; these give voice to thoughts and sentiments entertained by everyone. The felicity and aptness of his expressions, as well as the power of his descriptions of natural objects or the passions and feelings of the human breast, are also indications of his many sided genius. Although he was born, lived and died in poverty, Burns has wielded a greater influence upon his countrymen than kings and statesmen. He has stirred all souls by his lyrics. In him the language of love, of conviviality, of domestic happiness, of social intercourse, of martial ardour, and of patriotic feeling found an exponent, whose charm, vigour and vividness are unsurpassed. He could invest the meanest object with a charm, and treat great subjects in a stately and befitting manner, while he could also display a spontaneous and a infectious humour, which was caustic or gentle as occasion demanded. Burns was pre-eminently the poet laureate of the poor, but when the holders of titles were entitled to respect, he knew how to pay it, though he always felt

"The rank is but the guinea stamp,
The man's the gowd for a' that,"

And

"The honest man though e'er sae pair,
Is king o' men for a' that."

It is sad to think that the career of Burns was cut short before he had reached the prime of life. Had the national poet of Scotland reached the allotted span, and experienced happier circumstances, who can tell what the maturity of his genius and his ripened judgment might have produced? The debt of mankind to him would probably have been much greater than it is. But undoubtedly the travail of his soul yielded us some of his exquisite verses, for poets "learn in suffering what they teach in song." It may be also true, as Lord Rosebury said at Dumfries on Tuesday, that "surely the best poetry is produced before middle age – before the morning and its allusions have faded before the heaviness of noon, and the baleful chill of the

evening." Burns, at any rate, lived long enough to leave an undying fame, for in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes –

“We love him, praise him just fro this –

In every from and feature,

Through wealth and want, through woe and

Bliss,

He saw his fellow creature!

The waning suns, the wasting globe,

Shall spare the minstrel’s story, -

The centuries weave his purple robe, -

The mountain mists his glory!”

July 31, p. 4, column 1.

Berwick Choral Union Bazaar, Corn Exchange, Thursday the 20th August. Bazaar to be [?] by Major A H Browne, Callaly Castle, assisted by His Worship the Mayor & Sheriff. Full particulars in further advertisements.

August 14, Front Page, column 1.

Berwick Choral Union. A grand bazaar will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Thursday the 20th August 1896 for the purpose of raising funds to provide a new organ fro the society. The bazaar will be opened by Major A H Browne, Callaly Castle, assisted by his Worship the Mayor (G A Harrison, Esq), Hon Pres. The Sheriff (George Batty, Esq.), Hon Vice President. The opening ceremony will take place at noon, when the members of the society will render a chorus (specially composed for the occasion), with orchestral accompaniment. Instrumental music at intervals by Mr Barker’s string band. Glees and songs. Special entertainments. Minstrel troupe. Kinderspiel. Acts and songs by juvenile choir. Laughable competitions in millinery and washing for gentlemen. Decorations by Mr John Crow, High Street. The stall will be artistically draped representative of different nationalities. Flower and refreshment stalls. Admission – noon till 5 p.m. 1s, after 5 p.m. 6d.

August 14, p. 4, Local News column 6.

BERWICK CHORAL UNION BAZAAR. It will be seen from our advertisement columns that a bazar in connection with this society is to take place on Thursday first. The Committee have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Major A H Browne, Callaly Castle, for the

opening ceremony. He will be assisted by the Mayor and Sheriff, both of whom are identified with the Society. We gladly commend the claims of the Choral Union to our readers. The object of the bazaar is to raise funds for a new organ, it having been found impossible to go on with the present instrument. The Choral Union has now been in existence for more than a quarter of a century. It took birth, if we mistake not, at a private meeting of the precentors of the town. Afterwards a general meeting was held of those interested in musical matters, and the Berwick Choral Union was launched. Mr William Anderson, at that time precentor of Wallace Green Church, was the first conductor, and under his enthusiastic lead the Society took a distinct place, and rapid progress was made. After a session of the two standard works were tackled with success and if the present generation is familiar with the well known "classics," the Choral Union deserves a fair share of credit for that result. When Mr W Anderson found it necessary to retire, the baton fell to the late Mr Barker, who wielded it for many years. It is a pleasing coincidence that several members of Mr Barker's family are still connected with the Society. Under the present conductor (Mr William Green) the Choral Union maintains a high degree of excellence, and the musical public knows well how splendidly the choir has acquitted itself of late years. A Society with such a record, and doing such good work, deserves the patronage of all loyal citizens. It has fostered a love for music, and through its agency many young people have received their musical training. Such societies deserve every recognition and encouragement, as they not only educate and elevate, but also provide healthy recreation in the long winter evenings. Many who no longer take an active interest in the Union, recall with pleasure those "far other times" when the weekly practice was an event, and the annual concert a big excitement. To those whose memories of the Choral Union mean vanished faces, and memories grave and gay, we confidently appeal. With willing hearts, let them render assistance to the old cause on Thursday next. Those in charge of the venture have worked zealously. The ladies have a splendid assortment of useful and fancy articles, while the Bazaar Committee has been careful to provide such a programme of entertainments that the most eclectic taste cannot fail to be gratified.

August 21, p. 8. Column 6.

BERWICK CHORAL UNION BAZAAR.

Yesterday at noon, Major A H Browne, Callaly Castle, opened a bazaar in the Corn Exchange, in aid of Berwick Choral Union. The object of the undertaking was to raise funds for the purchase of a new organ, the present instrument, which was bought some twenty-five years ago, having become almost unplayable. The Choral Union in Berwick has had a long and honourable career. It is more than a quarter of a century ago since a meeting of the precentors in the different churches of the town was held, and from this the Choral Union may practically be said to have sprung. At a subsequent gathering of those interested in musical matters the proposal to have such a society in the town was cordially adopted, and it was forthwith instituted. From the first Choral Union took a distinct place in the town. Mr William Anderson, Hide Hill, was the first conductor, and he entered with enthusiasm into his work, while the members of the Society and the Committee were likewise imbued with a

similar spirit. The progress made under Mr Anderson and the late Mr Benjamin Barker, who was the second conductor, was of a rapid and an encouraging character, and after a few sessions the study of oratorios by the great masters – Handel, Haydn, and Mendelsohn principally – was undertaken. At that time also the cultivation of instrumental music in the town had not advanced to its present stage, and in those days considerable expense was incurred by the Choral Union at their annual concerts in bringing an orchestra from Edinburgh. The assistance of professional soloists was also required, and hence a continual heavy drain upon the finances in the Choral Union ensued. In later years a lighter class of music has been studied, such as operas and cantatas, but considerable expense still attends the performance of these for although the Choral Union can now count upon the assistance of an amateur orchestra, the help of professional vocalists is still required for the solos, so that the proceeds of the annual concerts are nearly all exhausted and no reserve fund has been formed during the existence of the Society to meet any expenditure such as that now contemplated. The Choral Union, therefore, has a certain claim on the community, for during its history it has undoubtedly been the means of fostering a love of music in the town. For a few years its membership fell considerably, but during later times its members have rapidly gone up, until now the choir numbers upwards of 100. This is no doubt largely due to the popularity of the Society amongst those in the community having musical tastes, and to the enthusiasm of the present conductor, Mr William Green, photographer, Castlegate, and the Committee of Management. For the object in view the members of the Choral Union themselves have worked hard and ungrudgingly. The proposal to hold a bazaar was first mooted at the annual meeting of the Union in May of last year. The season was too far advanced then for much to be accomplished, but in the autumn work was started in earnest, and for an afternoon during each week for several months a sewing class was formed, and much work was turned out by the many young ladies rendering their aid. The Bazaar Committee have also been enthusiastic in their efforts, and have spared neither time nor trouble in their endeavours to ensure the success of the venture.

The stalls numbered eight, and their decoration was in the skilful hands of Mr John Crow, High Street. They were made to represent different countries, and were adorned with their national colours. A walk round the stalls showed how well the members of the Society and their friends had worked for the enterprise, the whole of the stalls being heavily laden with a splendid collection of articles, both of a useful and ornamental character. The ladies who resided over the different stalls, together with their assistants, were as follows: -

No. 1 – England – Mrs Batty, Allanbank, Miss Harrison, Tweed House, and Miss Batty; assisted by Miss Allan, Miss Helyer, and the Misses Harrison (2), Miss Car.

No. 2 – Norway – Mrs Green and Miss Green, Tower Villa, Tweedmouth, and Miss Davies, Hide Hill; assisted by Miss Heberton, Miss Annie Wood, Miss Agnes Richardson, Miss Winnie Davies, Miss Agnes Nicolson, Miss Hannah Holmes, and Misses Gladys and Daisy Davies.

No. 3 – Switzerland – Mrs Wilson, Victoria Buildings, and Miss Turner, the Misses Wood, Parade; assisted by Miss Holmes, Miss Cook, the Misses Wilson, Mrs G Morrison, and Miss Wolfe.

No. 4 – Ireland – Mrs Biddle, East Ord, Miss Barker, Well Close Square, and Miss E Wallace, Quay Walls; assisted by Miss Davidson, Miss Shiell and Miss Sarah Ann Barker.

No. 5 – Spain – Mrs J Robson, Tweedmouth, Miss Vance, Bridge End, and Miss Franklin, Post Office House; assisted by Miss Martin, Miss Thompson, Miss Trotter, Miss Simpson, Miss Wilson, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Lizzie Wilson, Miss Cowe, Penicuik, Miss Morley, Edinburgh, the Misses Mann, Peterborough.

No. 6 – Scotland – Miss Hobbs, Tweedmouth; Miss Campbell, Church Street, and Miss Todd, Bridge Street; assisted by Miss Gibson, Miss Statham, the Misses Smith (2), and Miss Virtue.

August 28, p. 4, column 1.

Sale of household furniture &c, Wednesday 9th September, 1896. Mr A L Miller will sell by auction within the Corn Exchange, on above date, a quantity of household furniture and other effects, the property of Mr Robert Cairns, 60 High Street, Berwick, who is leaving the town, and of a gentleman who has left the district.

Berwick 27 August 1896.

September 4, p. 4, column 3.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 1896, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

Mr A L Miller will sell by auction as above, an assortment of household furniture, and other effects, the property of Mr Robert Cairns, 60 High Street, Berwick, who is leaving the town, and of a gentleman who has left the district, including: - Mahogany sideboard, cheffoniers, with mirror panels, dining tables; couch, easy chairs and single chairs, walnut chairs in damask, bookshelves, writing table, work table, bookcases, mahogany secretaire, bookcase, whatnots, mirrors, coffee tables, piano stool, window [pelse?] curtains.

Walnut cottage piano, full compass by H A Ivory & Co; bedsteads, chests of drawers, dressing tables; washstands with marble tops, dressing glasses, chairs, bedroom ware, baths, pedestal, rocking chair.

Carpets, hearthrugs, coal boxes, fenders, fire-irons, ash pans, gas globes, terrestrial globe, lamp, stuffed birds, dinner ware, 2 glass show cases [sunlight stove?], engravings, oil

paintings, books, china, crystal, down quilts &c, a number of framed and unframed) oil paintings and oil sketches.

Kitchen dresser, tables, chairs, fernery and stand, patent mangle, folding steps, knife cleaner, grass cutter, meat safe, rustic tables, wheelbarrows and the usual assortment of kitchen utensils. A quantity of plants in pots.

On view on Tuesday the 8th from 2 to 5, and on morning of sale.

Berwick 1896.

September 11, Local News p. 4, column 6.

THE RECENT EXPLOSION. – At a numerously attended meeting of local representatives of Fire Insurance Companies held in No. 1 Side Room, Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday – Mr W L Miller in the chair – to consider what action should be taken in consequence of the recent explosion at the premises of Messrs W C Caverhill & Co., High Street, it was unanimously resolved – I – That the policies of all fire insurance companies should more clearly define the liability for explosion by gunpowder and of domestic boilers. And, if such risks can be covered by extra premium, such should be stated on the policy. II – That the companies insuring the various properties damaged by the late explosion in Berwick should give favourable consideration to the claims made. III – That there should be a more stringent inspection of all premises in which gunpowder and petroleum and other inflammable oils are stored, and that the certificate of inspection should be duly published for the information of the public. IV – That all buildings in which gunpowder and inflammable oils are stored should bear a notification to the effect, distinctly painted on the outside of such buildings. V – That all gunpowder stored in quantity should be in isolated buildings at a distance from inhabited areas. VI – That these resolutions be printed, and copies sent to all fire insurance agents in the borough, requesting them to forward a copy to their respective offices; and also that copies be sent to the Town Clerk and to each member of the Town Council of Berwick, praying that the Council may lend their assistance in giving effect to these resolutions. – We have been asked to contradict the statement in our last issue that legal action is being taken by the husband of the late Mrs Taylor, Lamberton Pit Cottages, to recover £500 for compensation for the loss of his wife, by the recent disastrous explosion at the premises of Messrs W C Caverhill & Co, High Street. – We understand the property occupied by Mr J W Plenderleith, bookseller, as a shop, and by Mr J Gunn, grocer, as a dwelling house, which was wrecked by the explosion, has been purchased by the former gentleman, with the view of resuming business in his former premises as soon as they can be restored.

October 9, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Monday first; Oct. 12th, 1896, and the following SIX NIGHTS. Professor Norton B Smith, Emperor of all horse educators. The greatest horse

trainer since the days of Raney. ATTENTION OWNERS OF HORSES! Bring or send your kickers, biters, shyers, runaways, fighters, rearers, [plungers?], jibbers, nervous horses, horses afraid of steam or other objects, young colts, buck jumpers, wild mustangs, Argentine horses, and MAN-EATING STALLIONS and I will handle and SUBDUE THEM FREE OF CHARGE. The only exhibition of the kind in the world.

Prices – 6d, 1s, 2s and 3s. Children half price to the 1s, 2s and 3s seats only. Doors open at 7.15. Exhibition at 8 o'clock. Parties wishing to enter horses to be handled, write or apply at the Corn Exchange, Berwick.

Nat Behrens, manager.

October 9, p. 4, column 1.

Sale of household furniture, Corn Exchange, Berwick. Mr A L Miller is favoured with instructions from Mr Thomas Lyon, who is leaving the town, to sell by auction on Wednesday 25th October, the whole of the superior household furniture, removed from No. 13 Castlegate, for convenience of sale. The sale will also include a quantity of excellent furniture, the property of a gentleman giving up housekeeping. Particulars to follow.

Bank Buildings, 1896.

October 9, p. 5, column 1.

A STARTLING NOVELTY FOR BERWICK. – Doubtless none of our readers can have failed to notice an advertisement in our front columns bearing an announcement that Professor Norton, B Smith, emperor of all horse educators, will open his exhibition on Monday first at the Corn Exchange. Following so close after his successful visits to Edinburgh and Glasgow, Professor Smith's visit must prove of peculiar interest. The Professor, who has scored such signal triumphs at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee, Inverness, Perth, Kilmarnock, and all the principal towns of Scotland, as well as in England, offers what is certainly a startling novelty. He will handle free of all cost whatever, any nervous, vicious, or unbroken horse that may be brought him, a small admission fee to the audience being the only charge made. His methods, as we glean from press notices all over the world, are distinct denial that horses cannot be trained without cruelty, in fact the Humane Society universally approve of and recommend his system. We advise our readers to make the most of this important visit to Berwick, commencing Monday next.

October 16, Local News p. 4, column 5.

A CELEBRATED HORSE TRAINER. – Berwick and its surroundings have been highly delighted this week by the instructions given by Professor Norton B Smith, the emperor of all

horse educators, and the unanimous verdict is that the Professor is justly entitled to the title he has claimed. The Corn Exchange has been crowded nightly, not only by the representative horsemen of our town and country, but also by the elite of the town, and the ladies have been specially numerous, and praiseworthy in their appreciation of the Professor's exhibition of skill, and have applauded the trainer of the vicious kickers, shyers, jibbers, and runaways, which have been treated by the Professor during the week. Readers will observe in the advertisement in another page that Saturday afternoon and night have been set apart as a benefit for the Professor, and a grand programme has been arranged, and with a special train from Berwick at 10:30 on Saturday next, Oct. 17th, to Reston, Ayton and Burnmouth, a big crowd will surely be the result.

October 23, p. 4, column 1.

FREEHOLD AND COPYHOLD PROPERTIES IN TWEEDMOUTH FOR SALE.

To be sold by public auction, within the Corn Exchange, (No. 1 Side Room), Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday the 3rd day of November, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, precisely, by Mr A L Miller, auctioneer, (unless previously disposed of by private treaty) the following desirable properties, viz: -

Lot 1. The copyhold tenement, containing 4 rooms, No. 7 Knowe Head, Tweedmouth, the upper flat of which is let to Mrs Thompson and Miss Trotter, at rents amounting together to £4 per annum, the under storey being presently unoccupied.

Lot 2. The copyhold tenement comprising 4 rooms, yard and offices, No. 11 Knowe Head, as the same is presently occupied by Mr Matthew Addey and Mr William Seedy at the total annual rental of £10 per annum.

Lot 3. The copyhold messuage (adjoining the above, and used in part as a shop) containing 6 rooms and 2 attics, together with the large yard and conveniences attached, No. 13 Knowe Head, as the same is now occupied by Miss Pratt, at the annual rent of £11 2s 0d.

Lot 4. The copyhold messuage comprising 2 rooms, wash-house, greenhouses and conveniences, together with the garden ground and out-houses attached (of freehold tenure) No. 12 Knowe Head, occupied by Mr Peter Rule at the rent of £10 per annum.

Lot 5. The block of copyhold property situated on the south side of, and being Nos. 14, 16, 18, and 20 Knowe Head, together with the yard, stables and conveniences in the rear, as the same are now let out in tenements, and are occupied by various tenants, at rents amounting in the aggregate to £30 5s 0d per annum.

The various properties are of a class which always commands tenants, and, with judicious management, cannot fail to yield a good return to a purchaser.

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

Berwick-on-Tweed, 22nd October, 1896.

October 23, p. 4, column 2.

SALE OF SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE &c, Corn Exchange, Berwick,
Wednesday, 28th October, 1896, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

Mr A L Miller is favoured with instructions from Mr Thomas Lyon, who is leaving the town, to remove from No. 13, Castlegate, and sell by auction, within the Corn Exchange, the whole of the excellent household furniture, and other effects, including in: -

Dining room and drawing room – Mahogany 6 ft. 6 in. sideboard, walnut chiffonier, with marble top, walnut oval table, chiffonier, work table, walnut cheval screen, walnut pole screen, mahogany sofa, easy chairs, and single chairs in haircloth, window poles, damask, rep and summer curtains.

Bedrooms – Bedsteads, hair and wool mattresses, feather beds, palliasses, bolsters and pillows, mahogany 3 door wardrobe, japanned 2 door wardrobe, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing glasses, towelrails, chairs, sets of bedroom ware, night commode.

Carpets, floorcloth, hearthrugs, mats, coal boxes, fenders, fire-irons, ash-pans, umbrella stand, chandelier, bed and table linen, blankets.

Silver and electro-plated goods – including tea and coffee set, cruets, spoons, forks, etc., clocks, ornaments, vases, cutlery, crystal, breakfast, dinner, dessert, and tea sets, and 40oz. of silver.

A quantity of fine engravings, including “raising the Maypole.” After F Goodall; “Strictly Confidential,” T Brooks; “Punch,” T Webster; “Cross Purposes,” Frank Stone; “Loan of a Bite,” W Mulready; “Bolton Abbey in the Olden time,” E Landseer; “Conquered but not Subdued.” Thomas Feld; etc.

Kitchen tables, cupboards, chairs, meat safe, plate warmer, folding steps, garden hose, tubs, [pos?] barrel, stone filter, and a large assortment of useful household requisites.

Also, the property of a gentleman giving up housekeeping, and a lady leaving the district: -

Mahogany tables, sofa, easy chairs, and three sets of small chairs in haircloth, gilt mirror, pictures, fenders, fire-irons, ash-pans, umbrella stand, coal vase, cruet, E. P. teapot, iron beds, hair and flock mattresses, palliasses, washstands, sets of ware, dressing tables, dressing glasses, chairs, towelrails, kitchen table, deal cupboard, carpets, stair rods, cutlery, crockery, glass and domestic utensils.

On view on Tuesday 27th from 2 to 5 and on morning of sale.

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November 6, p. 5, column 1.

PROPERTY SALES. – On Tuesday afternoon Mr A L Miller, auctioneer, Berwick, exposed for sale, in the Side Room of the Corn Exchange, five lots of copyhold properties situated at Knowe Head, Tweedmouth. There was a good attendance. Lot 1 comprised of a copyhold tenement, No. 7, Knowe Head, containing four rooms. The upper storey was let for £4 a year, while the under portion was unoccupied. Bidding opened at £20 and proceeded until £65 was reached, at which figure it was knocked down to Mr R Weddell, solicitor, who was acting on behalf of a client.. For Lot II – a copyhold tenement at No. 11 Knowe Head, comprising four rooms, yard and offices, presently let at an annual rental of £10, bidding started at £50 and proceeded briskly until £160 was reached, when it was purchased at that amount by Mr Weddell. Lot III, a copyhold messuage adjoining the above, and used in part as a shop, containing six rooms and two attics, together with large yard and conveniences attached, presently occupied at an annual rental of £11 1s. For this bidding commenced at £100, and advanced £55, when it was knocked down to Mr Weddell at £155. Lot IV was another copyhold mesuage, comprising two rooms, wash-house, greenhouse, and conveniences, together with garden ground and outhouses attached (of freehold tenure) presently let for £10 per annum. For this £150 was offered at the start, and bidding was brisk, until £260 was reached, at which figure Mr Weddell was again declared the purchaser. Lot V consisted of a block of copyhold property, situated on the south side, and being Nos. 14, 16, 18, 20 of Knowe Head, together with yard, stables and conveniences in the rear, the whole being let at rents amounting in the aggregate to a sum of £30 5s per annum. For this lot bidding started at £240, and rose to £200 [sic], at which sum Mr Weddell was again declared the purchaser.

November 13, p. 4, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWIK-ON-TWED. Positively for three nights only! Thursday, Friday & Saturday, November, 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1896. Livermore Brothers world renowned court minstrels, “En Costume” George II.

Grand and enthusiastic reception. The new programme received with unbound enthusiasm and eclipsing all the Messrs Livermore’s previous efforts.

50 GREAT ARTISTES 50. THE COURT MINSTRELS’ SUPERB CHOI. UNRIVALLED CHOIR OF BOY SOLOISTS. CHARMING INSTRUMENTALISTS. INIMITABLE DANCERS.

The Phalanx of comedian and speciality artistes, altogether forming the GREATEST MINSTREL COMBINATION EVER BROUGHT TOGETHER.

The Company is the largest and best that visits the city, the performance being the funniest and at the same time the purest that could be conceived. – Newcastle Journal, August 4th, 1896.

GRAND ILLUMINATED DAY PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
(Equal in every respect to the evening.) Doors open at 2.30, commence at 3 o'clock. Popular prices – reserved seats, 2s; unreserved, 1s 6d; second class, 1s; third class, 6d. Doors open each evening at 7.15, commence at 7.45. Early door open at 6.45 (to avoid the crush), 3d extra to all parts. Plan of reserved seats and tickets for all parts at Mr Morris's (successor to Mr Cobb, Church Street). Ticket holders will be admitted at the early door without extra fee. CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EACH EVENING.

November 20, p. 4, column 1.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR SALE. PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr A L Miller will sell by auction, in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday, 9th December, at two o'clock, all that freehold property being Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23, Wallace Green, Berwick, together with ground behind the same, the whole extending to half an acre.

References: - Messrs W and B Weatherhead, solicitors, Berwick, and the auctioneer.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

November 20, p. 4, column 1.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE &c. CORN EXCHANGE, Berwick, Wednesday, 25th November, 1896 at eleven o'clock forenoon.

Mr A L Miller will sell by auction, as above, a quantity of household furniture and other effects, the property of a person deceased, and other owners, including: -

Mahogany sideboard, mahogany dining table, walnut centre table, mahogany bookcase; mahogany writing table, fitted drawers; writing chairs; 2 suites of couch, 2 easy chairs, and 6 small chairs in saddle-bags, &c, sofa, easy chair, arm chair, and small chair in haircloth; black and gold mirror, piano stools, pictures, window poles and curtains, fenders, fire-irons, ash-pan, &c.

Cottage piano, by Broadwood in mahogany case.

Cottage piano by Geo. Hutchinson and Son, London.

Cutlery, E.-P. goods, china, crystal, ornaments, bed and table linen, oil sketches, &c.

Bedsteads, mattresses, crib and mattresses, iron chair bed, cabinet bed, chests of drawers, washstands, dressing tables, dressing glasses, towelrails, sets of bedroom ware.

Kitchen tables, chairs, cupboards, clock, mangles, clothes chests, perambulator, child's chair, ladder, poss barrels, tubs, tables and trestles, forms, bookshelves, books and the usual assortment of kitchen utensils.

On view on Tuesday 24th, from 2 to 5 and on morning of sale.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

December 4, p. 4, column 1.

Valuable freehold property in Berwick for sale. Mr A L Miller is favoured with instructions to sell by public auction in one lot within the Corn Exchange (No. 1 Side Room) on Wednesday 9th December, at two o'clock.

All that compact block of freehold property being Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23, Wallace Green, Berwick, together with the ground behind them, extending back to Coxon's Lane and the Ramparts, is most advantageously situated for building sites.

For further particulars apply to Messrs W & B Weatherhead, solicitors, Berwick, or to the auctioneer.

Bank Buildings, Berwick, 1896.

December 11, p. 4, Local News, column 5.

Property for sale – On Wednesday afternoon Mr A L Miller, auctioneer, offered for sale in the Corn Exchange, a block of freehold properties, Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23, Wallace Green, Berwick, together with the ground behind them, extending back to Coxon's Lane, the whole covering ½ acre. There was a fair attendance. Bidding began at £350 and advanced to £470, but no other offers being received the property was bought in at the reserve price of £550.

December 18, p. 5, Local News column 1.

Property sale – On Wednesday afternoon Mr A L Miller, auctioneer, Berwick, offered for sale in the Corn Exchange, by order of the mortgagees a freehold dwelling house with yard and appurtenances, No. 75 Upper Ravensdowne, containing five apartments, kitchen, back kitchen, and tow light closets. There was a fair attendance. Bidding commenced at £100 and proceeded briskly until £285 was reached, at which figure it was knocked down to Mr J Renton, Ravensdowne. The reserve price was £250.