

Berwick Advertiser 1867

January 11, Local News, p. 3, column 2

GRAND AMATEUR CONCERT – On Friday evening a grand amateur concert was given in the Corn Exchange, on behalf of the sufferers from the late colliery explosions, by the members of Mr. T. Rees Evans 'Vocal and Instrumental Union.' Assisted by lady and gentlemen amateurs. The greatest credit is due to Mr Evans for the zeal and energy he has exhibited in furtherance of his philanthropic object, and to his coadjutors for the very cordial manner in which, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, they lent him their valuable assistance. Owing to the intense cold, and the knowledge that there was no heating apparatus in the Exchange, the audience was not so numerous as it would otherwise have been, but notwithstanding this, the large room was tolerably well filled, and as stoves had been kept burning in it for two days the temperature was very much warmer than usual. The platform erected for the performers was surmounted by a white canopy, which produced a very pleasing effect, and in the front and at either side, were the same devices in arms that were so much admired at the late Volunteer Concert. The programme was as follows:- Part I. Sacred. Chorus, 'God Save the Queen'; Carol, 'Come ye lofty, come ye lowly,' T. Rees Evans; Recitation and Air, 'If with all your hearts;' Chorus, 'O thou that tellest,' Air 'O Rest in the Lord;' Chorale, 'Sleepers, wake;' Duet 'Come, ever smiling Liberty'; Chorus, 'Hail Judea'. Part II, Secular. Overture, 'Cenerentola,' 4 pianofortes (16 hands), 2 violins, tenor, violoncello, and double bass; Glee, 'Hail smiling morn;' Song, 'The Bell Ringer'; Glee, 'Swiftly from the mountain's brow;' Trio, 'The hawthorn in the glade;' Overture, 'Der Frieschutz;' 4 pianoforte, (16 hands), 2 violins, tenor, violoncello, and double bass; Part song, 'Sweet is the hour of rest;' Duet, 'Trust her not;' Glee, 'Ye spotted snakes;' Romance, 'Una furtive lagrima;' Chorus, 'Rule Britannia'. In Part I the solos in 'God Save the Queen' were admirably sung – better we think than on any former occasion. The air 'Oh rest in the Lord,' was given with a sweetness and pathos that were quite charming, and the duet 'Come ever smiling liberty,' received, as it deserved, very hearty applause. In part II the overtures were executed in a style most creditable to the performers. In fact, the whole programme was carried out in a manner deserving of the highest praise, and the numerous encores showed that the performance was fully appreciated by the audience. Where all did so well it is almost invidious to particulars; but the duet 'Trust her not', was, we think, the gem of the second part. The general opinion seemed to be, that this was one of the best amateur concerts that has ever been given in Berwick, and we were glad to see the audience so enthusiastic in their applause. We understand that refreshments were supplied by the liberality of the Mayor to the performers during the interval between the Sacred and Secular parts of the programme. The sum realised by the sale of tickets amounted to £35 5s, but of this, after paying all expenses, a surplus of only about £20 remains for the relief of the sufferers by the colliery explosions.

January 25, Local News p. 3.

Christy's Minstrels – On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the Matthew Brothers Minstrels gave entertainments in the Corn Exchange. Probably owing to the inclement weather and the consequent uncomfortably cold state of the hall, the attendances were small. The Minstrels, however, were deserving of greater patronage. They possess a more than usual amount of musical ability, which they exercise to great advantage, while the 'bones' and 'tambourines', by their jokes and comicalities, contribute much to awaken the risibility of the audience. The solos on the piccolo and the harp were exceedingly creditable performances. The other part of the programme, which comprised extravagant representations peculiar to their class of performers, were all sustained, and elicited the hearty applause of the audience.

February 8, local News p. 3, column 3.

BERWICK CORN EXCHANGE- The annual meeting of the shareholders of Berwick Corn Exchange was held in the Exchange buildings on Saturday. Alderman Ramsay presided and read the account current, several items in which were explained by the Secretary, Mr. Wight. The receipts from stalls for the year ending 30th June, 1867, were £69, season tickets do. £58 2s 6d, daily sale tickets up to December 1866 11s, penny admissions do. £51 12s 2d, rents do. £87 6s 6d, profits ending Dec. 31, 1865 £26 13s 10¹/₂d, total, £293 6s 1¹/₂d. The expenditure comprise among other items – interest on borrowed money, £39 6s 10d; do. Preferred shares £25; parochial rates £22 10s; alteration of roof etc. £141 3s 8d; net profits £9 13s 10d. The Secretary then read the balance account, after which he read the report of the directors as follows:

‘Your Directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure liabilities and assets of the company for the year ending the 31st December, 1866. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your directors, and duly attested by Mr. Oliver, the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current has been sent to each shareholder, on a reference to which you will observe that the balance of £26 13s 10¹/₂d has been included, and a further sum of £141 3s 10d expended on the alteration of the roof, which your directors trust will have the desired effect of preventing further breakage of glass, and altogether rendering it more substantial and permanent. But for this expensive, yet necessary alteration, your directors would have had the pleasure of recommending a dividend during the last two years, and they sincerely trust that next year they will be in a position more favourable to the ordinary shareholders, who are legitimately entitled to a fair percentage for the money advanced in promoting the original objects of the company. In compliance with your regulations they beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been meetings of directors, of which Mr John Clay attended 4; Mr Ramsey 3; Mr Darling 3; Mr Logan, Berwick 3; Mr Crossman 3; Mr Glendinning 3; Mr P. Clay 2; Mr Smith 1 and Mr Logan, Fairneycastle, 0. The three retiring directors are Messrs. P. Clay, George Smith, and D. Logan, Fairneycastle, but who are eligible for re-election.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Sinclair, the report and accounts were approved of. On the suggestion of Mr Sinclair it was agreed that the capital account should in future be printed along with the current account. The three retiring directors, with Mr Oliver, the auditor, were re-elected, after which the meeting separated.

February 8, Local News p. 3, column 4.

Entertainment – Attention is directed to an advertisement in another column announcing an entertainment to be given in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday next, by a party of genuine Christy’s Minstrels, where, in addition to other attractions, the singular and somewhat marvellous illusion of the human living head without a body, will be exhibited.

February 15, Front Page, column 1.

1st Berwick-on-Tweed Rifle Volunteer Corps – The corps will muster, without arms in uniform for the annual setting-up drill, in the Corn Exchange, every Wednesday evening until further notice, commencing Feb. 13th at 8 o’clock.

Those who are desirous of joining the above corps are requested to do so as soon as possible by attending on any Wednesday evening, at the above time and place, before 31st March.

Apprentices cannot be enrolled without the consent of their masters.

There is now no subscription payable by members. New members will be supplied with uniforms.

By Order

R. Douglass, Captain

Orderly Room, Jan. 1867.

February 15, Front Page, column 2.

Mr Purves will sell by auction for ready money at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday first, 16th Feb, at one o'clock precisely.

Three remarkably fine milch cows (in calf), in splendid condition, and well worthy the attention of parties requiring dairy stock.

Hide Hill, Berwick 13th Feb. 1867.

February 15, p. 2, column 1.

'A COTTAGE BEDSIDE AT OSBORNE'

THE QUEEN READING THE SCRIPTURES TO A SICK FISHERMAN.

PAINTED BY GOURLAY STEELL, Esq., R.S.A.

T. Buchanan, print-seller, has the pleasure to announce that this celebrated and beautiful work of art, will be on view for a few days at the Long Room, Corn Exchange, Berwick, commencing Thursday, February 21st.

'Mr Steell has placed the affecting scene before us, with simplicity and feeling, and with every advantage derived from able pictorial treatment. Altogether, this is a picture of great merit, and one which cannot fail to add to the artist's already high reputation.' – THE SCOTSMAN.

'The distinguishing merit of the picture is its quietness and simplicity, its full and hearty recognition of the important truth, that the perfection of art is to conceal art. The details are in admirable unison with the theme – wrought out with the skill of a practised artist, and the care of one who feels that the subject is worthy of all the pains he can bestow.' – DAILY REVIEW.

Admission by ticket, or sixpence each. 11 to 4 daily. T. Buchanan, print-seller, Berwick.

March 1, Front Page, column 2.

Will close on Saturday, March 2.

The exhibition of Gourley Steell's fine painting of 'The Queen reading the Bible to a sick fisherman', will close at 4 pm on Saturday, March 2, at the Long Room, Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed.

T. Buchanan, print-seller, Agent.

March 1, Local News, p. 3, column 4.

A cottage bedside at Osborne – The painting by Gourley Steell, Esq., R.S.A., representing the Queen reading the Scripture to a sick fisherman, and which has been exhibited in the Long Room at the Corn Exchange during the week, is well worthy of a visit. The picture is well deserving of the eulogistic criticism which has appeared in the public press. The simplicity and affecting nature of the representation, and the skilful and artistic manner in which it is wrought out in all its details, cannot fail to impress deeply all who witness it. It is intended to close the exhibition on Saturday. See advertisement.

March 29, p. 2, column 1.

Proposed local museum. At the request of several gentlemen interested in the formation of a local museum in this town, I request a meeting of all those favourable to this object on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Town Hall. John Purves, Mayor.

March 29, Local News, p. 3, column 4.

Museum for Berwick – The public will be glad to find from an advertisement in another column that it is intended to establish a museum for this town and district. The want of such an installation

here has long been felt, and many articles of value, of local antiquity and historic association, as well as of geological and botanical rarity, have either been squandered or lost, or sent to other museums out of the district. The proposed museum is intended to become the store house of all articles suited to it, and collected in the district embraced between Lammermoor and the Cheviot Hills, and the Farne Islands on the coast, whence no doubt a large assortment will readily be obtained. We understand that the Sheriff and Dr. Maclagan are the principal movers in the matter, but the support of the working classes is solicited, many of whom take a warm interest in remains of antiquity, as well as in the collection of articles bearing on science, and their co-operation in the work will no doubt assist the promoters in forming a museum which will be a credit to the town and district, and at the same time cannot fail to have a most elevating influence upon all who may be associated with it, either in its management or as contributors to its store. The scheme commends itself to all classes, and we heartily wish it success.

April 12, Local News p. 3.

LOCAL MUSEUM – An adjourned meeting of those favourable to the formation of a local museum was held in the Committee Room of the Town Hall on Monday night. There were present – the Mayor (in the chair), the Sheriff, Rev W. Mirrielees, Dr. Maclagan, Messrs J. Scott, Totherick, M. Young, G. Young, Patrick, W.D. Purves, James Russell, Allan, Nesbit etc. – The Mayor remarked that they should be all aware of the object of the meeting. In the first place a Committee had been appointed at the former meeting to make some inquiries about a room for the museum, and in the second place to prepare a set of rules which would be submitted. – Mr J. Scott said that the rules which had been drawn up were not proposed by the Committee, to be the permanent rules, but at the general meeting to be held in September, the Committee to be then appointed for the year might submit other rules than those now proposed. He read the nine rules which the Committee had drawn up. It was provided in order to constitute membership that 2s 6d a year be paid by working men and 5s by all others; family tickets at 5s and 10s respectively. The office bearers proposed till September, were – President, the Mayor; vice-president, the Rev. the vicar; joint secretaries, Messrs. J. Scott and Thos. Patrick; treasurer, the Sheriff; Committee, R. Home, Esq., Rev. W. Mirrielees, Dr. Maclagan, Dr. Richardson, R.N., Messrs. Totherick, W. Purves, Nesbit, John Clay, and M. Young – On the motion of Mr. J. Young, seconded by the Rev. W. Mirrielees, the rules were approved of. – The Sheriff reported that he had that day ascertained that the room on the left of the entrance to the Corn Exchange, or the large room upstairs could be rented for the purpose of the museum, but he did not know the rent. The museum, he suggested, might be opened every evening during summer time at least. – The chairman said that a person had been suggesting to him the propriety of building a museum adjoining the present reading room, and it might be convenient for the parties who attended one to attend both. The only objection was the want of funds; £300 or £400 would be required. It, however, showed that much interest was felt in the museum, and it looked well for its success. – The Sheriff intimated that they would shortly issue a prospectus drawing greater attention to the museum. – Several gentlemen present having enrolled their names as members, the meeting separated.

April 19, Front Page, column 1.

Berwick-upon-Tweed Museum. It has been resolved to commence a museum for the benefit of the town and neighbourhood. The following gentlemen have been appointed office bearers:

President – J. Purves, Esq. Myor.

Vice-president – Rev. J.G. Rowe, Vicar.

Treasurer – R. Douglass, Esq., Sheriff.

Secretaries – Mr. John Scott & Mr. Thos. Patrick.

Annual subscription for working classes 2s 6d.

Ditto for all others 5s.

Family tickets as above 5s and 10s respectively.

5 guineas as donation will constitute life membership. Donations and subscriptions will be gladly received by the secretaries and treasurer. Specimens to be addressed to the secretaries at the Corn Exchange.

John Scott, Rector, Corporation Academy.

Thos. Patrick, Hide Hill.

April 17, 1867.

April 26, p. 2, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. Positively for one day only – Thursday, May 2nd. Two entertainments during the day, viz. at three and eight o'clock. Wonderful combination! The world never saw the like. The original & world-renowned general Tom Thumb and his little wife, Commodore Nutt, and Minnie Warren. The little party of living miniatures, who have been patronised by her most gracious Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Royal family, and the principal crowned heads of Europe, will give their celebrated entertainment, consisting of songs, dances, duets etc. etc.. The General, his wife, Commodore Nutt, and Minnie, all four will ride to and from their hotel to the public hall, in their miniature equipage, drawn by the smallest ponies in the world, attended by [Elfin] Coachman and footman in livery.

At the morning entertainment only do they appear in their rich and costly costume as worn by them when they appeared before Her Most Gracious Majesty.

The rich, rare and valuable presents that have at various times been presented by the different crowned heads of Europe to the little party will be exhibited at each entertainment.

Admission during the day, one shilling; reserved seats, two shillings. Children under 10 years of age, half price.

Remember, to the evening entertainment only one shilling to all parts of the hall.

April 26, Local News p. 3, column 3.

CONCERT – On Monday evening, Mr. T Maclagan and Miss Helen Kirk gave a concert in the Corn Exchange. The entertainment was entitled 'Musical echoes, or odds and ends of the past and present'. Mr. Maclagan has for many years been well known and highly popular in this town, and we were glad to see so numerous a company present on this occasion. Notwithstanding Mr. Maclagan's frequent visits to this neighbourhood, he invariably introduces something new on each occasion, and his versatile character and entertaining and humorous manner, give a fresh and pleasing effect, even to subjects, which have been previously represented. On Monday night he appeared to have lost none of his charm, and the audience testified their hearty appreciation by frequent applause, and occasional encores. The singing of Miss Kirk was very pleasing, and she attracted particular attention in 'Auld Robin Gray,' and on being encored, she gave with much pathetic feeling 'Caller Herrin'. She was very warmly received and frequently encored. Mr. Williams officiated as accompanist. The entertainment was highly successful.

June 7, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. For two nights only. Monday and Tuesday, June 10th and 11th, 1867. Washington Friend, the celebrated American artist, vocalist, lecturer, musician, traveller and composer, has the honour to announce that after an absence of six years he has returned to England with an entirely new American entertainment and great panorama, (the most beautiful painting in the world), accurately depicting life and scenes in America, including the

Rocky Mountains, the Falls of Niagara, and the river Saguenay, (never before illustrated), with appropriate songs, anecdotes, music, and lecture.

The whole of this magnificent panorama is entirely new, and has never before been exhibited in Berwick.

Exhibitions each evening at eight. A grand afternoon exhibition on Tuesday commencing at half-past two. Doors open half an hour previous. Front seats, 2s. Second seats, 1s. Gallery, 6d. Juveniles and schools, half price. Family tickets, admitting five to the front seats, 8s. Ditto, five to the second seats, 4s.

Tickets and places may be secured at Mr Melrose's Bookseller, High Street, and at the doors previous to each exhibition.

June 14, Front Page, column 2.

The annual general meeting of the members of E.B. Building Society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday, 17th June 1867, at half-past seven o'clock.

John Husband, Secretary.

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

Washington Friend's entertainment – Since Monday Mr. Friend has daily exhibited in the Corn Exchange his beautiful moving panorama illustrating life and scenes in Canada, America and British Columbia. These representations are highly interesting, and being admirably executed, convey a vivid idea of the most remarkable places, people etc. on the American Continent. They are very varied, and represent day and night views, and others at various seasons of the year. The artistic beauty of the painting and the grandeur of the scenes depicted combine to form a most pleasing exhibition, and one which seemed to be appreciated by the large audience who attended and awarded hearty applause. The exhibition is enlivened by a descriptive and humorous lecture by Mr. Friend, who always varies the entertainment with songs and instrumental accompaniment. The Corn Exchange being lighted from the roof, and daylight predominating over gaslight these circumstances in a measure detracted from the effect of the panorama, which would have been seen to greater advantage had the hall been more darkened.

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

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY – The annual meeting of this society was held in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening. Mr. Alex. Robertson, president, congratulated the members on the very satisfactory position of the society, and submitted the half-yearly statement of accounts, which, on the motion of Mr. Whinna, seconded by Mr. Allan, was approved of. On the motion of Mr. J. Purves, Mr. Robertson was re-elected president, and thanks were voted to him for his service during the past year. The resigning directors, Messrs. Murray, Hope, Whinna and Beveridge were re-elected. Mr D.H. Allan was re-elected steward, and Mr. T Weatherly was elected steward in place of Mr. J. Ellison deceased. The auditors, Messrs. Wight and [?] were re-elected. On the motion of the chairman, thanks were voted to the directors, to whose unwearied exertions, he believed, they were greatly indebted for the very favourable statement of accounts which had been submitted. On the Motion of Mr. Purves, thanks were voted to the president and the secretary for their services, after which the meeting separated.

July 12, Front Page, column 1.

THE BERWICK AND TWEEDMOUTH GAS LIGHT COMPANY. – The annual meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held in the Corn Exchange Buildings, Sandgate,

Berwick, on Wednesday the 17th July instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the dispatch, among other things, of the following business, viz.: -

- 1st. To receive the balance sheet, and report of the directors and auditors thereon.
- 2nd. To appoint or re-elect three directors, on three of the present directors retiring.
- 3rd. To Elect an auditor.
- 4th. To take into consideration the propriety of declaring a dividend; and which will be paid immediately after the business of the meeting is transacted.

J. Wight, secretary

Woolmarket, Berwick, 9th July, 1867.

July 19, p. 2, last column.

THE GAS COMPANY. The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in the Corn Exchange Buildings on Wednesday. Alderman Bogue presided. There were also present – The Sheriff, Messrs. Weddell, G. Weatherhead, R. Rutherford, J. Davidson, Buchanan, Duncan, Liddle, C. Smith, W. Wilson, Cairns, W. Alder, J. Fleming, T. Douglas, G. Brown, J. Beveridge, Kay, Leslie, J. Richardson, A. Paxton, Weir, Fraser, Hume, Gladstone, Russel, etc.

At the request of the chairman, the secretary, Mr. Wight read out the advertisement calling the meeting, also the balance sheet and balance account. From the balance sheet it appeared that the receipts for the year comprised by gas sold £3,369 13s 11d, use of meters [rest of paragraph illegible].

The chairman said that if any shareholder required further information the directors would be glad to give it.

There being no response, the chairman requested the secretary to read the annual report which he did as follows – ‘Gentlemen - It affords your directors great pleasure to meet you again on this occasion and report that the affairs of the company are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The balance sheet and balance account have been examined and approved by your [?] and duly attested by the auditors and a copy of the balance sheet sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a net profit of [?], for the year ending]rest of article illegible].

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

BERWICK LIBRARY – A meeting of the promoters of and subscribers to this library was held in the Library Room, Corn Exchange, on Monday. The attendance was small. Alexander Robertson, Esq., who presided, said that, considering the small number who had attended the meeting, the result of it would, he thought, be anything but creditable to the intelligence and spirit of the town. The meeting had been called by advertisement, to consider ‘whether, owing to its present financial position, the library can be kept open any longer, or shall be at once closed’. After such an announcement he was very much mortified to find so little interest manifested in it. It only showed, although the committee might be disposed to be at some personal sacrifice, not only in trouble but in purse, how little support they would receive from without. Notwithstanding the announcement that owing to the critical financial position of the library, the meeting would consider whether it should be closed at once, only half a dozen members had attended for the credit of the town. He read the minute of the committee, made on 24th June last, as follows: - ‘On an investigation into the affairs of the library it was found that there was a balance at this date against it of about £27 10s, to which must be added half-year’s rent at Martinmas next, librarian’s salary, and sundries, in all about £17 10s. The assets exclusive of the books, appeared to be about £9 only. Nor did the prospect for the future look any brighter. The committee did not see they could be justified in putting the number of subscribers for 1867-68 at more than thirty-five, making the income for the year only £36 15s; while the expenditure for the past year had been about £55, including the purchase off periodicals

alone – not a single new book having been got into the library during the year. On a strict scrutiny of the expenditure, the committee came to the opinion that there could be no material reduction made in any of the items. The committee, therefore, arrived at the painful conclusion that the library must be closed unless better supported; and they resolved that another meeting of the committee should be called, with the view of giving directions for the summoning of a meeting of the proprietors of and subscribers to the library, to decide on the best course to be adopted to keep the library open, if practicable, or of winding up the affairs of the institution. Another meeting of the committee was held on the 16th July, at which the advertisement calling the meeting was agreed upon. The chairman next read a detailed statement of the finances, and added that although the number of subscribers on the list this year was forty-one, there were two or three who had not paid their subscriptions, and there were two or three more who would cease to continue members, so that he thought the committee were justified in placing the probable number for next year at thirty-five – Mr. T. Thompson suggested that a room might be got for the library at a less rent than the present. – Mr. Weddell said that the expense of removing the books to another place would also be a matter for consideration. – Alderman Gilchrist said that there would be no great difficulty as to the payment of the debt; that might be managed, but the question was how to keep the library open in future? Under all the circumstances he thought there was no other resource than to wind up the affairs of the library. He moved that a statement of the financial position of the society having been submitted to the meeting, showing that the institution was in debt about £40, and there but little prospect of this sum being cleared off and the library hereafter kept open by an increased number of subscribers, the meeting fully admitted that the proprietors of the library had no alternative but to wind up its affairs in such a manner as might seem to them to be best for their interests. – Mr. James Dunlop seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. – A meeting of committee was afterwards held for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the library. – A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, after which the meeting separated.

August 30, Front Page, column 1.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, with in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday the 10th day of September next, at 2 o'clock afternoon prompt, by Mr. J.D. Purves, auctioneer.

Lot I, All that large property situated on the Bankhill, in Berwick-upon-Tweed, formerly belonging to Mrs. Jane Swan, commanding a very pleasant view of the river and adjoining country, and having convenient access by the Golden Square to the High Street. The premises are at present occupied a tenements, and as such afford an opportunity of profitable investment, or they might readily be converted into a roomy and most agreeable self-contained dwelling-house, the recent improvements on the Bankhill having added much to its amenity.

Lot II. All that substantially built Steam corn mill with the boiler, engine, and machinery therein, situated in the Upper Street of Spittal, near the Horner's Burn, together with the front dwelling-house and premises, yard and garden adjoining, as formerly possessed by the late Mr. John Swan. The mill has, (in consequence of disputes as to title, now arranged, been unoccupied for a considerable period, but it is well situated for a flour, linseed, or bone-crushing mill, being within easy reach of the railway and harbour, while there is ample ground for extension if desired.

Immediate possession may be had. Lot no. 1 is of freehold and no. 2 of copyhold tenure.

The reserved prices will be very low so as to ensure a sale.

For further particulars, and orders to view, apply to the auctioneer; or Mr. Sanderson, solicitor.

Quay Walls, 17th August, 1867.

August 30, Front Page, column 1.

GRAND BAZAAR, CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, 4TH AND 5TH SEPTEMBER.

We direct attention to an advertisement in our first page announcing the grand fancy bazaar in connection with Ancroft Moor Church, to be held in the Corn Exchange, on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday next week. We have no doubt the bazaar will prove in all respects attractive, and when it is borne in mind it is got up for the laudable abject of advancing education, we hope it will meet with the encouragement and support it deserves, by a rapid clearance of the various useful and fancy articles displayed on its stalls.

August 30, Front Page, column 2.

Border Eastern Horticultural Society. A grand floral exhibition will be held in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed on Tuesday 3rd September next, when a magnificent display of flowers, fruit and vegetables is expected.

The room will be cleared at a quarter past eight o'clock in the evening. Printed forms of declarations may be had on application to the secretaries.

Admission from 2 till 3 – 1s each.

- 3 till 5 – 5s 6d each

- 6 till 8 – 8s 3d each

Members having tickets free.

A supper will be held at the Red Lion Hotel at 9 o'clock. Tickets 2s 6d.

James Carter & Wm. Willoby, joint secretaries.

August 30, Local News p. 3, column 4.

EASTERN BORDER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – We would remind all interested in the success of this society, that the annual exhibition will take place in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday next. In addition to the ordinary prizes, which are very numerous, several extra prizes, including two silver medals, given by various gentlemen in the town and district, will be competed for. From the increasing popularity of this show, and by the exertions of the committee and secretaries, it is confidently expected that this year's exhibition will draw an increased number of competitors and be even more successful than any of its predecessors.

October 1, Front Page, column 1.

Berwick Museum. The committee are now prepared to receive at the museum room in the Corn Exchange specimens and objects both of local and general nature adapted for the purpose of a museum.

Detailed prospectuses can be obtained from the secretaries or any of the committee.

Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received by the treasurer Mr. Robert Douglas.

J. Scott & Thomas Patrick, Secretaries.

October 18, Local News p. 3, column 5.

The museum – The committee of the Berwick Museum have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following articles from their respective donors: - From Mr. Carr, druggist, 42 old coins, all found in the neighbourhood, and a joint of a whale's tail, found in the foundation of a house in Berwick. Mr. Graham, builder, Tweedmouth, a cannon ball 18 lbs. Weight, found in the foundation of a house in Bridge Street, and a watch chain found in the same place. Mr. Spavin, Bridge End, a ball of iron. Mr. Archer, Tweedmouth, a spur found on the south side of Halidon Hill. Mr. Brown, baker, a log of wood, with initials cut on the bark when young (a great curiosity). Mr. David Young, Belford, a pair of snow shoes, a number of old coins, and a fine collection of shells, 2 rare fish in a dried state, a native sponge, and some good fossils and minerals. Rev. Thomas Adam, 2 needles from Franklin's last vessel, a piece of Esquamaux necklace, a piece of Java jade, a bell-

rope made out of the roots of a tree from the Cubruch, and fossils, minerals and other objects. Captain McLaren, a seal, found in digging the foundation of Berwick railway station, a large stone dated [1672?] from the headquarters of the Coldstream Guards at Coldstream, and a stone finely water-marked from a quarry at Coldstream, likewise some fossils. Mr. Manual, inspector at Whiteadder Bridge, 2 pieces of wood, found 26 feet below the bed of the river. Mr. Richardson, painter, 2 fine large antlers found at Holy Island in 1836. A further list next week. All contributions to be sent to the secretary, Museum Committee, Museum Rooms, Corn Exchange, Berwick.

October 25, Local News p. 3.

The museum – The committee of the Berwick Museum beg again to acknowledge, with thanks the following: - A crystal of Iceland spar from Dr. Clarke; spider crabs and sea urchins from Mr. James Burgeon; coins and slaty incrustations from Mr. M. Young; St. Cuthbert's beads, shells, seaweed and eggs from Miss Thompson, Castlegate; a curious Robin's nest from the gamekeeper at Haggerston; coins and flowers from Mr. Nesbitt; fossils from Mr. Thos. Patrick; the nest of a water crow found at Whiteadder Bridge and forwarded through Mr. Grey, Silver Street, etc.

October 25, Local News p. 3.

Concert – On Wednesday evening Miss Ellen Kirk gave a concert in the Corn Exchange. She was assisted by Miss Emily Percival, and Mr T. MacLagan. These artistes are so well known to Berwick Audiences that any comment on the entertainment of Wednesday night would be unnecessary. It may merely be stated that the two female vocalists fully maintained the high opinion which had previously been formed of their [?[]], while Mr. MacLagan whose versatile performances have been frequently eulogised, acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the audience. Hearty applause greeted the production of each in the programme, and several encores were given.

November 1, Local News p. 3

The Museum – The Museum Committee have to acknowledge the following: - A silver coin from Miss Weatherhead; a silver coin from Miss Scott, High Street; a piece of log picked up in the Bay of Biscay, showing the destructive powers of the ship-worm by Capt. Gladstone; the stone checker, male and female starlings, scoot, fieldfare, water rail, small hedgehog, young sparrow hawk, widgeon, common gull, sandpiper, thrush, sparrow hawk, one sea linnet, grey gull, and young duck by Mr. Thos. Strother, Hide Hill; and provided by the committee – black-headed gull, and black martin or swift.

November 8, Local News p. 3.

THE MUSEUM – The thanks of the committee of the Berwick Museum are again due to the following gentlemen for their contributions: - To James Purves, Esq. 1 cannon ball 6 inches in diameter, another 7 inches in diameter, and a shell not exploded, all found about 5 feet below the surface, when making the cellarge connected with the building of Purves and Sons, lately erected in Hide Hill; to Mr. Adam Hogarth for a pair of horn flints found in the alluvial deposit of the land in the neighbourhood of Lowlyn in 1861; to Mr. John Mace for a leaden ball dug out of the old castle walls in 1863; to master Wm. Gibson for two coins; and to Mr. R. Holmes for a rare specimen of the skate kind.

November 15, Front Page, last column.

Grand musical oxyhydrogen live light exhibition of photographs. In the Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed. The celebrated artist J.B. Cartlidge assisted by his most successful pupil J.H. MacKay

will give a classical entertainment shortly, when Mr. Cartlidge will give a short lecture in photography. For particulars see further announcements.

November 15, Local News p.3 . column 2.

Mr. Sims Reeves' Ballad Concert – We would like to remind all lovers of music and the public generally of the concert to be given in the Corn Exchange on Friday evening next week, by Mr. Sims Reeves and a party of distinguished musicians. We feel confident that such rare talents as will be brought forward, need no eulogy to commend it to a large and appreciating audience. A doubt having risen in the minds of some people whether Mr. Reeves will actually appear in Berwick, a correspondent who has been in contact with Mr. Reeves' agent on the subject informs us that no disappointment needs to be apprehended.

November 22, Front Page, column 1.

To be sold by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Wednesday 11th December next, at 3 o'clock afternoon precisely. Mr. Purves auctioneer . The westmost half (comprising 3 rooms) of that dwelling house, with a stable and small garden behind the same, in occupation of Messrs. George Forrest, John Nurse and Richard Whillis, pleasantly situated in the Parade, Berwick, and next to the Parish Church. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the auctioneer or to James C. Weddell, solicitor. Berwick 21 November, 1867.

November 22, Local News p. 3, column 3.

THE MUSEUM – The committee of the Berwick Museum have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following articles: - A fine collection of minerals and fossils from Dr. Wilson, Tweedmouth; the jaw bones of a very large shark from Mr. Thos. Strother, Hide Hill; a rare and interesting fish and a cocoa nut from MRs. Tait, Eyemouth; the jaw bones of a young shark, forwarded by Mr. Joseph Gregg; 18 coins from Mr. R. Thompson, Castlegate; a twopenny piece in copper, a Duke of Lancaster token, and two French coins from Mr. David Young, Belford; a ball (stone) from Master R. L. Fleming, Castlegate; petrified pieces of moss from Horncliffe Dean by Master H. Christison; a chief's dress and bend from Stewart's group of islands, presented by Mr. Jamieson Scott, Sandgate. All specimens to be sent to the secretaries, Museum Room, Corn Exchange.

November 29, Local News, column 3.

THE MUSEUM – The committee of the Berwick Museum beg to acknowledge the following contributions: - A fine young solan goose (stuffed), from Mr. Slack, Castlegate; a sword and sheath, found on Loughend Farm about 2 feet below the surface, from Mr. Brown, farmer; a piece of stone from one of the 7 churches of Asia, a piece of stone from the temple of Minerva, a piece of lava from Vesuvius, and an oil lamp found at the foot of Calvary, from Mr. Johnson, seaman, Tweedmouth; flowers from Miss Burns, High Street; 6 rare plants from Mr. Wm. Shaw, Gunsgreen Hill, 2 of the above are new to Berwickshire; 2 fine encrinitical specimens of lime stone, from Mr. Millar, surveyor.

November 29, Local News p. 3, column 4.

Berwick Shipping Company. – The annual general meeting of the Berwick Shipping Company was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. Alderman Gilchrist, chairman of directors, presided. The secretary Mr. G. Paulin read the directors' annual report, which recommended a dividend of 20 per cent upon the shares of the company. This high dividend which is the largest which has been paid by the company for many years was stated to have been realised not so much from any great

quantity of salmon caught during the port season, for they were fewer in number than in the previous season, as from the very high prices obtained for them. The retiring directors were re-appointed, and Mr. John Wight was re-elected as auditor. Votes of thanks were passed to the directors for their services and to the chairman for presiding, after which the meeting separated.

November 29, Local News p. 3, column 4.

MR SIMS REEVES' BALLAD CONCERT. – This concert has been looked forward with more than usual interest owing to the universal celebrity that the principal performer has attained, and the fact that this was his first appearance in Berwick. The Corn Exchange was selected as being the largest room in the town, and the attendance was more numerous than we have seen at any previous entertainment. The reserved seats were all filled, so was the gallery, and very little space in any part of the large hall was left unoccupied. The vocalists were – Miss Poole, Madame Patey Whytock, Mr. J.G. Patey, and Mr. Sims Reeves. There seemed to have been some difficulty in fixing upon a programme, as neither the one at first generally circulated, nor that supplied with the tickets, was followed, but a programme with the words of the songs, supplied in the room at the charge of a penny each, was adopted. This, we think, was scarcely fair to the purchasers of tickets. Mr. Sims Reeves was, of course, the great attraction, and we imagine almost every one who attended the concert had made up his or her mind to be critical, and to form and pronounce an opinion on the merit of the great English tenor whose fame and whose praises have been so long sounding in our ears. Whether it was what people expected too much or that he did not exert himself to the best of his ability, we cannot say, but the general opinion seemed to be rather unsatisfactory. No one felt disposed to deny the sweet melodious tones of his voice or his consummate art in modulating it, but there was a something wanting, a want of sympathy, if we may so speak, with the songs he was singing, with the exception of 'The Last Rose of Summer' the concluding verse of which he delivered with a tenderness and beauty that entranced the audience. The programme was varied, but the selection, we think, might have been of a more pleasing character. It was as follows: - Part I. Trio – Miss Poole, Madame Patey Whytock and Mr. Patey, "Blow Gentle Gales", Bishop. Ballad – Mr. Patey. "The Light of Other Days Is Faded", [?]. Ballad – Miss Poole, "The Mountain Maid," Sinclair, Ballad – Mr. Sims Reeves, "My Pretty Jane," Bishop. Irish melody – Madame Patey Whytock, "The Meeting of the Waters", Moore. Pianoforte solo – Mr. Berger "The Emerald Isle," E. Berger. Duet – Miss Poole and Madame Patey Whytock, "My Pretty Page," Bishop. Song – Mr. J. G. Patey, "The Wolf," Shield. Part II. Pianoforte solo – Mr. Berger, "Caller Herrin'," E. Berger. Duet – Madame Patey Whytock and Mr. Patey, "O'er Shepherd's Pipe," [Balfe]. Ballad – Mr. Sims Reeves, "The Last Rose of Summer," Moore. Ballad – Miss Poole, "Wapping Old Stairs." Old English song – Mr. Patey, "The Mermaid," Horn. Ballad – Madame Patey Whytock, "Auld Robin Gray", Song – Mr. Sims Reeves, "The Macgregor's Gathering", Lee. Ballad – Miss Poole, "Jock o' Hazel dean," Glee – Party "Good Night, Good Rest," Bishop. The opening trio was very well sung and deservedly applauded. Mr. Patey's "Light of other Days," was given with much feeling and expression. "The Mountain Maid," by Miss Poole was not so much appreciated, her voice is sweet and well trained, but seemed flat and deficient in power. "My Pretty Jane," although apparently a favourite with Mr. Sims Reeves, is rather a monotonous ballad, and was scarcely worthy of the encore which it elicited. On his re-appearance he sang "My Own My Guiding Star," which was received with great applause. "The Meeting of The Waters," was delightfully rendered by Madame Patey Whytock, whose powerful and melodious voice resounded throughout the large hall, while at the same time it exhibited all the softness and pathos that are required to give expression to the beautiful words of the song. On being encored, she repeated the two last verses. Mr. Berger's pianoforte solo was a rich treat, and drew forth an encore. The duet "My Pretty Page" was very pleasingly executed, and Mr. Patey's song "The Wolf," brought out in a marked manner his deep

and powerful voice, with its firmness of intonation and finish, and received a hearty encore. In the second part, Mr. Sims Reeves delighted every one with his singing of "The Last Rose of Summer," and the audience insisted upon his appearing again, when he gave "Come into the Garden, Maude," in that soft, sweet, insinuating tone of voice that we have never heard equalled. His rendering of the Macgregor's Gathering did not come up to our expectations, it wanted earnestness and decision of tone, though not wanting in a sort of energy. It was encored, but he merely bowed his acknowledgement of the compliment. We must not omit to mention Madame Patey Whytock's "Auld Robin Gray," which was sung with a tenderness of feeling that we have never heard surpassed, and which was most enthusiastically applauded. In the Glee that was to conclude the entertainment, and which was to be sung by "the party," Mr. Sims Reeves unaccountably did not make his appearance. He came out of the retiring room with the others and being seen from the gallery behind the screen a vigorous attempt was made to get him to mount the platform, but without effect, and his refusal to take part in the glee naturally some gave umbrage to the large party who had in great measure been attracted to the entertainment by the influence of his great name. The proceeds, we understand, amounted to £150.

December 13, Front Page, column 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick-on-Tweed. Grand treat for the Christmas holidays. Hamilton's Excursions to the Continent and back within two hours, will open at the above hall on Saturday Dec. 21 for seven nights. Exhibited for 9 weeks at the Waterloo Rooms, Edinburgh and visited by 40,000 persons, likewise at Manchester, Newcastle, Liverpool and Leeds etc., and pronounced by the entire press to be the most magnificent exhibition travelling in the United Kingdom.

H. G. Andre, Agent

December 13, Local News p. 3, column 4.

Memorials of the past – We have been asked to make the following suggestions to the Committee of the Museum. Our correspondent says – "There are many nooks and corners of the borough which might be photographed and hung around the walls of the rooms, showing the town as it was in bygone days, It is a pity, for instance, that the old erections in Sandgate, where now stands the Corn Exchange, should not have been so represented. A more artistic corner never existed. The view might have included the "Golden Swan", formerly known as the "Ravelled (or Foul) Anchor" the "Fisherman's Arms", and where the library now is the public house known as the "Bee Hive", or properly the "Bee Shop". These have passed away, but in Tweedmouth you still have such bits of painting as the "Thatched Tavern" – a house built for a public house before the old bridge was erected, and where the masons employed obtained their refreshment daily. These are memorials of the past which might well be preserved by the art of photography.

20 December, Front Page, column 2.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED. GRAND TREAT FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. For six nights, commencing on Saturday Dec. 21st, Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th. Every evening at quarter past eight o'clock. For the convenience of country visitors, there will be a grand illuminated exhibition on Thursday 26th and Saturday 28th, at 6 o'clock and a quarter past eight, as usual. First visit to this town. Hamilton's Excursions to the Continent and back within two hours, visiting France, Prussia, Italy, Switzerland and the Rhine. Mr. H. Andre will accompany the party as a guide. First class 2s, second class 1s, third class 6d. Children half price to first and second seats. Children in arms not permitted.

H. G. Andre, Agent.

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

VOLUNTEERS' BALL – Yesterday evening the annual ball given by the Artillery and Rifle Volunteers in this town, took place in the Corn Exchange. The hall was profusely decorated with flags and evergreens with appropriate mottoes. Against the wall opposite the entrance was a large representation of the Royal Arms, bordered with evergreens; on the right was the motto “Ready aye ready,” and on the left “Defence not defiance,”. Beneath the Royal Arms on the platform, was the large wooden gun (mounted) used for drilling recruits in the Town Hall. Prominently displayed also were the sponge, ramrod, and worm, all decorated with evergreens. At the centre of the gallery was a motto “A hearty welcome to all,” on the right “Success to the Volunteers” and on the left “Long live our officers”. These were accompanied with wreath of evergreens. At the orchestra were “God save the Queen,” “Our altars and our homes,” numerous banners and evergreens. Flags profusely adorned the walls and were suspended across the room. The doors were kept by a party of volunteers and an indefatigable committee were very zealous in their efforts to promote the success of the ball. The ball commenced about nine o'clock when about 260 persons of both sexes were present, including the officers and surgeons of the corps and a large number of volunteers in uniform. The display was brilliant and very pleasing; the entire company engaged in the various dances with the utmost spirit, and it was generally admitted that the assembly, in all respects, was among the most successful that has been given in connection with the volunteer corps. The music was supplied by Mr. Currie and party and was most efficiently conducted. Dancing was continued with unflagging interest till an advanced hour this morning. Mrs. Bell, Freemason's Tavern, supplied refreshments in one of the rooms of the Corn Exchange.

December 27, Local News p. 3, column 4.

Hamilton's diorama – This beautiful exhibition of a dioramic visit to the Continent has since Saturday been exhibited several nights in the Corn Exchange, to admiring audiences, and will continue to be exhibited this and tomorrow evenings, when all who have not seen it, and I would not wish to lose a sight seldom witnessed here, would do well to attend. Whether as regards the artistic beauty of the paintings, the interest of the scenes depicted, or the manner in which they are illuminated and described, visitors cannot fail to be highly interested. Starting from Folkestone to Antwerp, some of the most interesting places on the Continent are visited, and the description of them affords both pleasure and information. The scenes represent both day and night-time, and various aspects of beauty, storm and desolation. An efficient band of music contributed much to the entertainment. We have been informed by the Master of the Workhouse that Mr. Hamilton waited upon him the other day and kindly invited the inmates of the Workhouse to witness the entertainment in the Corn Exchange. The poor people accordingly visited the diorama last night and were highly pleased with it.

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February 7, Local News p. 3, column 5.

CORN EXCHANGE - The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Corn Exchange Company, was held on Saturday in the Corn Exchange. The attendance was small. Mr. J. Clay, Kerchestres, was called to the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Wight, read the annual statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there had been received from the letting of stalls, £74; season tickets, £56 12s 6d; daily sale tickets, 6d; penny admission, £50 13s 5d; rents £89 12s; profits ending Dec. 31st 1866, £9 13s 10d; interest on bank account, 18s; total, £281 15s 9d. The secretary next read the following report by the Directors: - "Gentlemen - Your directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the company for the year ending the 31st December 1867. 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 £107 14s 10d available as dividend, and your directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of three per cent upon the paid up capital of the company. Your directors regret to report that in consequence of the death of the late P. Clay, Esq., this company has sustained the loss of an able and efficient director, a gentleman who has always taken the warmest interest in the success of the company. In compliance with your regulations we beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been several meetings of directors of which Mr. Crossman attended 7; Mr. Darling 6; Mr. Glendinning 4; Mr. Logan, Berwick 4; Mr. John Clay 3; Mr. Logan, Fairneycastle 3; Mr. George Smith 2; Mr. Ramsay 1 and the late Mr. Peter Clay 1. The two retiring directors are Messrs R. Ramsay and Geo. Smith, but who are eligible for re-election and it will be necessary to elect another director in room of the late Mr. Clay". On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Glendinning, Broomdykes, the report and accounts were approved of. On the motion of Mr. G. Crossman, Berwick, seconded by Mr. A. Smith, Letham, the two retiring directors were re-elected, and Mr. John Clay was elected a director in the place of his late father. On the motion of Mr. Glendinning, [Mr. James Oliver] was re-appointed auditor. The secretary intimated that he would attend at the Corn Exchange next Saturday and pay the dividend of 6s per share. He also stated that the rents of the company were improving; every stall in the Corn Exchange was let, and it would be a matter for the consultation of the directors whether or not more stalls might not be erected. It was also stated that several gentlemen attended the Corn Exchange who ought to occupy stalls. A discussion introduced by the chairman took place respecting [desirability] of letting the room on the right of the entrance to the [exchange] as a shop or an office. [Presently] it was decided to refer it together with the matter of the stalls to the consideration of the directors. The meeting then separated.

March 6, Front Page, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday 14th March at half past twelve o'clock. Several new machines and implements (being the surplus stock in that department of Messrs. Wilson & Son, Ironmongers), including patent turnip slicer, Bentall's root pulper, Howard's swing plough, 2 double drill ploughs, oil-cake breakers, guano crushers, strawcutter, 3 grubbers, zig-zag harrows, small weighing machine, all well worth the attention of agriculturalists and others.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Saturday 14th March at one o'clock, a four-wheeled dog-cart, which belonged to the late Mr. Wm. Bogue.

March 6, Front Page, column 4.

BERWICK & NORHAM & ISLANDSHIRES TURNPIKES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the TRUSTEES of the BERWICK and NORHAM and ISLANDSHIRES TURNPIKES will be held at the CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-UPON-TWEED on TUESDAY the 24th day of March next at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of examining and auditing the treasurer's and surveyor's accounts of the said trust for the year ended the 31st day of December last, and transacting any further business relating to the trust that may then and there appear necessary.

That at the said meeting, at the hour of one o'clock, the TOLLS to arise and be collected at the several toll gates, side gates and heck gates or chains, upon or belonging to the several roads within the said trust, and called or known by the names hereunder mentioned, now let in one lot at an annual rent of £3705, for a term of three years, which expires on the 12th day of May next, will be LET by AUCTION in ONE LOT, for a term of not exceeding three years from the 12th day of May next, to the best bidder or bidders for the same.

In case the said tolls shall not be let in one lot, the same will be let for the term of one year from the 12th day of May next, in the eleven several lots hereunder mentioned, to the best bidder or bidders for the same respectively.

Such respective lettings to be conducted in the manner directed by the Acts passed in the 3rd and 4th years of King George the fourth for regulating turnpike roads. The following are the gates above referred to:-

Tweedmouth High Gate, with one side gate and two check chains.

Tweedmouth Low Gate, with two side or check gates or chains, and one check gate.

Longridge and Thornton Gates, with one side gate.

Shorewood, Sandybank, and Grindon Gates.

Haggerston Gate, with two side gates.

Castlegate, with one check chain.

Duddo Gate, with five check chains or gates.

Union Bridge Gate, with one check chain.

Ancroft Gate, with two side gates and one check gate or chain.

Twizel Gate, with four side gates and one check chain.

East Ord, with one side gate.

The taker or takers must, immediately after the letting pay to the treasurer of the Trust two months' rent at which such tolls respectively shall be let, in advance, to remain in the treasurer's hands untouched, and not to be applied by him towards payment of such rent, except the rent becoming due for the last two months of the term, or, instead of making a deposit, the taker may give a promissory note, with two approved sureties for the like amount.

E. WILLOBY, Clerk.

Berwick, 7th Feb. 1868.

March 13, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. ONE NIGHT ONLY, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1868.

GRAND MUSICAL AND PRESTIDITATORIAL TOURNAMENT, TOUR DE PHYSIQUE, AND MONSTRE GIFT NIGHT.

£30 IN MONEY & VALUE WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!

PROFESSOR MILLAR, the world-renowned illusionist, has the honour to announce that he will give his wonderful, extraordinary, mysterious, terrific, marvellous, exciting, surprising, and curious ENTRETAINMENT, introducing the greatest BUDGET of WONDERS ever witnessed, among

which will be the SPHYNX, or living speaking head without body! The dead birds restored to Life! The new and astonishing performance of the Tallahassi LIVING BIRDS, received everywhere with the most unbounded applause, and pronounced by the public and the press the most astounding marvels ever seen.

GRAND COMPETITIVE CONTEST.

On the above night, Professor MILLAR WILL GIVE an extra fine sterling SILVER WATCH, valued at £3 to the BEST COMIC SINGER; a SPLENDID CONCERTINA to the BEST CONCERTINA PLAYER (lady or gentleman); a PURSE, containing HALF-A-GUINEA, to the BEST DANCER, - open only to residents of Berwick, Tweedmouth, and Spittal. Persons intending to compete must send in their names to Mr. Johnston, Corn Exchange, Berwick, before MONDAY, at two o'clock."

After the performance there will be DISTRIBUTED and impartially DIVIDED AMONGST THE AUDIENCE, a large number of RICH, RARE, and COSTLY PRESENTS of the most beautiful description, which will include – A £5 NOTE, one GOLD WATCH, one SILVER WATCH, one splendid SILK DRESS, SIX POUNDS of the BEST TEA. One magnificent ELECTRO PLATED TEA & COFFEE SERVICE, guard chains, brooches, writing desks, workboxes, and an endless variety of bijou and objects de Vertu. ALL TO BE GIVEN AWAY – FREE! And in a strictly honourable and generous manner. Two well-known and responsible gentlemen of Berwick, who may be selected by the audience, will distribute the presents in a manner satisfactory to all.

ADMISSION. Front seats (strictly reserved), 2/-; Body of the Hall and Gallery, 1/-; back seats, 6d. Doors open at seven – to commence at eight o'clock. Part of the presents may be seen on Saturday, March 14, at Mr. Rankin's Bootmaker, High Street, Berwick.

March 13, p. 2, column 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. For one night only. Tuesday March 17th, 1868. Mr. W.S. Woodin's new comic character entertainment. Descriptive, humorous, musical, mimetic, characteristic, national, aeronautical domestic, comical. Admission 2s, 1s and 6d. Children half price to first and second seats only. Doors open at half-past seven. Entertainment to commence at 8. Carriages ordered at ten. Tickets may be had of Mrs. Wear, bookseller, Hyde Hill.

March 13, Local News, p. 3.

PROFESSOR MILLAR'S ENTERTAINMENT. - It will be observed from our advertisement columns that this popular caterer for the public amusement appears in the Corn Exchange on Monday evening first. Attention is specially directed to the grand competitive contest in which prizes will be given to the best comic singer, the best concertina player, and the best dancer – open to residents in Berwick. Mr. Millar has on a former occasion given entertainments in this town, and the manner in which they were conducted, and the liberal presents he made, are sufficient, we think, to commend him to an appreciative public on this occasion. The Greenock Advertiser, in noticing his appearance there, a few days ago, says: - Yesterday evening the area and gallery of the Town Hall were crammed, and the boxes were filled, to witness the clever sleight of hand feats of Professor Millar, who introduced a series of extraordinary illusions, which astonished the spectators very much. The entertainment was most agreeably varied by Madame Millar's exquisite singing and pianoforte performances. Madame Millar has a rich clear voice, and her vocalism was enthusiastically encored. The most wonderful part of the programme was a bird performance, in which the feathered actors went through tight-rope tricks [à la Blondin] in a very extraordinary manner. The exhibition showed to perfection the command, which can be exercised by man over an inferior race, the evolution of the birds, being executed in obedience to the word of command, and not resulting from physical force. Altogether the entertainment was the most skilful and pleasant of

the kind, which we have witnessed here for many years. At the close, valuable prizes were awarded for the best comic singers and dancers from the audience, and a number of presents were distributed among the latter." The professor will positively be only one night in Berwick.

March 20, Local News p. 3.

MR. WOODIN'S ENTERTAINMENT. – Very probably owing to the numerous entertainments which have lately been given in this town is due the limited audience in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday night, when Mr. Woodin favoured his audience with his new entertainment entitled "Baden Baden," and "Up in the air." Mr. Woodin has on a former occasion appeared before a Berwick audience, and the opinions then formed of his versatile abilities were fully sustained on Tuesday night. For more than a couple of hours he maintained unflagging attention and high appreciation, and very frequently provoked the most hearty laughter by the comic traits which he manages so cleverly to impart into the numerous characters which he assumes. Not the least surprising is the rapidity with which the changes of character are effected, in the dress, manner, and voices, while the labour, both mental and physical, must be very great. Mr. Woodin sang several songs in the course of the entertainment, which altogether seemed to afford ample gratification.

March 20, Local News, p. 3.

MESMERISM - Professor Morgan, "practical mesmerist and phrenologist", has engaged the Corn Exchange for four nights, commencing on Wednesday last, for the practical illustration of mesmeric influence and phrenological science. Although the attendance on Wednesday night was not large, the company were much amused by the experiments which Mr. Morgan successfully practised on his patients, especially on those who were most susceptible of mesmeric influence; - some of the party who presented themselves for operation, although all were more or less acted out, were not fully mesmerised, and afforded less interest and amusement.

March 20, Local News, p. 3.

PROFESSOR MILLAR'S ENTERTAINMENT. – On Monday evening, Professor Millar gave his entertainment in the Corn Exchange to a very large company, numbering about 1200 persons, many of whom, doubtless, were attracted by the numerous presents which were announced to be given away. After a few feats of magic and tricks of performing birds, a competition, open to any one who had previously given his name to Mr. Millar, took place in comic singing, dancing, and concertina playing. There were five competitors in the first and two in each of the latter. A silver watch was given as a prize to the person adjudged the best comic singer, half-a-guinea was divided between the dancers, and a concertina was given to the best player on that instrument. Although perhaps the awards were not made strictly according to merit, the more clamorous of the company seemed satisfied. Professor Millar then introduced the sphinx, or speaking head without a body, which was viewed with no little interest and wonder. He next proceeded to distribute, by lottery, a great many prizes comprising watches, electro-plated articles and money, which kept the company together until after eleven o'clock. A more noisy company, and more confused proceedings, arising in some measure from the nature of the entertainment, has probably never before been seen in the Corn Exchange, but everything passed off good-humouredly.

March 27, Local News, p. 3, column 3.

Mesmerism – Professor Morgan, the mesmerist, continued his entertainments on mesmerism and phrenology in the Corn Exchange up to Wednesday evening. On each evening there was no lack of patients and when operated upon by the professor, their deeds and sayings provoked the most hearty laughter and astonishment of the company. Professor Morgan is well acquainted with the subjects

of mesmerism and phrenology, and the absolute power that he exercises over those whom he subjects to the mesmeric influence is really most surprising. During this week, in addition to the ordinary entertainment he has nightly given away a number of presents among the company.

March 27, Local News p. 3, column 4.

BERWICK AND NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRES TURNPIKES – The general annual meeting of the trustees of the Berwick and Norham and Islandshires turnpikes was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, for the purpose of examining and auditing the treasurer's and surveyor's accounts for the year ended 31st December last, and transacting any further business that might appear necessary. The proceedings at the meeting were as usual conducted privately. Afterwards, Mr. Purves submitted to let by auction, the tolls to arise and be collected at the several toll gates in the trust, now let in one lot at an annual rent of £3705, for a term of three years, which will expire on the 12th May next. The tolls were offered to be let in one lot for two years, at an advance upon the upset price of £3700, but notwithstanding that there were a good number of people present, no advance was offered upon that sum, it being stated that the present takers were losing money under their lease. The tolls were then put up separately, for one year, at the rents received for them in 1865, viz., Tweedmouth High Gate, £543; Tweedmouth Low Gate, £553; Longridge and Thornton Gates, £182; Shorewood, Sandybank, and Grindon Gates, £385; Haggerston Gate, £76; Castlegate Gate, £385; Duddo gate, £276; Union Bridge Gate, £154; Ancroft Gate, £246; Twizel Gate, £685; East Ord Gate, £144 – total £3633. No offers were, however, received even on this arrangement, and the tolls were not let. There were present at the letting – Messrs G. Smith, Ancroft; W. Smith, Melkington; A.R. Lowrey; Rev. J.G. Rowe, Mr. E. Willoby, and Mr. S.H. Smith. The tolls were afterwards let to Mr. Thos. Bower, Leeds, the present taker, for two years, for £3650 a year, on his foregoing a claim upon the trustees for compensation for loss sustained at Castlegate Toll owing to the stoppage of Whitadder Bridge. By this arrangement, the difference between the former and present rents is nearly balanced.

April 3, Front Page, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange tomorrow Saturday, 4th April at 1 o'clock, an excellent one horse open phaeton with hood, covering two and driving box.

April 17, Front Page, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, 2nd May at one o'clock, an excellent one horse brougham, seated for four, with circular glass front and patent drag 8the property of a gentleman).

Berwick 16th April 1868.

May 8, Front Page, column 1.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday (tomorrow) 9th May at 1 o'clock, an excellent one horse light wagonette by Macnee of Edinburgh, in perfect condition, with patent drag, lamps and cloth cover complete (the property of a gentleman). It can be converted into a dog-cart at pleasure and is a first class article in every respect.

At the same time there will also be sold a quantity of India rubber hose for garden use.

May 15, Local News, p. 3.

Concert – The "Grand comic concert and Ethiopian entertainment", announced for Monday evening last, took place in the Corn Exchange. We understand the attendance was miserable, and the

performance as a whole was very poor. The only attractive part was the dancing of a young amateur.

June 12, Front Page, column 2.

The Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The annual general meeting of the members of this society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange on Monday evening, 15th June, 1868, at half-past seven o'clock.

John Husband, Sec.

June 12, Front Page, column 2.

Property for sale. For sale by private bargain. Two self-contained houses and garden situated on the east side of Castlegate next to St. Mary's Church, as presently occupied by Mr. Pilmour and others. For particulars, apply to Mr. John Cockburn, Carpenter, High Street, Berwick.

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

BERWICK EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY – The twelfth half-yearly meeting of the above society was held on Monday evening, in the Corn Exchange Committee Room. Alexander Robertson, Esq., President, in the chair. The Secretary, Mr. John Husband, having read the minutes of the former meeting they were confirmed and signed. The summary of cash transactions was then taken as read; full particulars having been printed, and circulars distributed to the members of the society. From the statement we gather the fact that the total receipts during the six years the society has been in existence amount to £7018 17s 2d. The assets are £4,432 8s 6d and the liabilities £4,314 2s 6d leaving a "nett extra profit" to the society of £118 6s 0d. The report then goes on to say – The above liabilities and assets indicate the vidimus, nett extra profit actually made at this date, after crediting all the shares of the society with the subscriptions and accumulated compound interest thereon at the rate of £5 per cent per annum. The nett extra profit now yields to all shares a bonus of 6s 4d per share of six years standing, 5s 10s per share of five years standing, 4s 4d per share of four years, and 2s 4d per share of 3 years standing. Reserve fund £39 4s 6d. The society consists of 74 members holding 477 shares, 218 of which are advanced. The number of deposit shares is 390. The chairman in moving the adoption of this report said that in glancing over the accounts for the corresponding period last year, he was very happy in being able to congratulate the members upon the success of the society. In May last year, the total receipts were £5,179 10s 0d. In May this year, they had risen to £7,018. This was a considerable advance in the right direction. He found that £450 only was due to deposits upon shares, and said that the large increase was principally due to the ordinary and better class business of the society. This was of a nature to encourage people to acquire property of their own to build upon. This success, no doubt, was due, and was creditable to the executive of the society. He trusted that the general members of the society would take a personal interest in the matter, and study the accounts like business men; That they would make themselves perfectly conversant with the monetary affairs of the society, and satisfy themselves that the accounts rendered were a faithful statement of the standing of the association – Mr. D.H. Allan asked if the £64 9s 4d debited as arrears was to be considered a large sum? The secretary explained that £36 of that was due from one man alone, and that the remainder was principally due to special items. Mr. Whinna said with respect to the larger items, it was in the hands of a solicitor who had already received one third of the amount, and arrangements were being made by which the remainder would be paid in two instalments. The other arrears were in a similarly satisfactory state. The chairman whilst explaining that the arrears arose from special sums, remarked that it was grateful to him as President to see the interest taken in the welfare of the society by individual members. The report was then adopted. The election of office-bearers was the

next business. Mr. Alexander Robertson was unanimously re-elected president. In returning thanks, he said that if at any time his services could be made more available than they were he should be very glad to offer them – The retiring directors were Messrs. Chas. Tennant, Stuart Edington, T. Weatherly, and M. Young – The secretary reported that Mr. Young gratefully declined re-election on the ground of inability to attend regularly. Mr. Ralph Thompson was then elected in his stead, and the others unanimously re-appointed: the list of directors now being: - Messrs C. Tennant, Stuart Edington, T. Weatherly, Wm. Tennant, WM. Hope, and Wm. Murray (investing members), and Messrs. Thomas Crow, Ralph Mossman, George Young, Wm. Whinna, and John Beveridge, (advanced members). Mr. Hope was re-elected “check”. Messrs Weatherly and Allan were re-appointed stewards, and Messrs J. Wight and J. Oliver auditors. A vote of thanks to the President was then proposed by Mr. Whinna, and being readily responded to, Mr. Allam moved a similar compliment to the board of directors. This was warmly supported by the president. Mr. Hope returned thanks, and the meeting separated.

October 9, Front Page, column 1.

To be sold by auction. At the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on the 2nd day of November next at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, all these premises formerly at Windmill, together with two cottages and garden thereto adjoining, and right of passage, situated in the village of Norham between the town street of Norham and the South Back Lane, as the same is now in the occupation of Messrs. Smith.

Further particulars may be had on application to Messrs. Willoby, solicitors, Berwick.

October 9, Local News p. 3.

Berwick, Norham and Islandshires Turnpike Roads. The trustees held a meeting at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, and proceeded to make the appointment of a suitable person to act as surveyor of the turnpike roads comprised in the trust, from the day of appointment till 12th May 1870, at a salary of £80 a year. There were 19 candidates, eleven connected with the district, and 8 strangers. Mr. P.D. Brown, Edinburgh appeared from his testimonials to possess the best qualifications for the post and the meeting adjourned in order to give the opportunity of seeing the gentleman referred to. The result was that on Wednesday, at the New Gaol, the appointment of Mr. Brown was confirmed. The person elected will require to keep a horse, and to reside within the limits of the trust.

October 9, Local News P. 3.

CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS – The celebrated and original Christy's Minstrels, from the Operetta House, Edinburgh, gave an entertainment last night in the Corn Exchange. The attendance was good, notwithstanding the little publicity that had been given to the concert, and the performances gave general satisfaction. Mr. Mellor seemed to be an especial favourite, but the performance of the whole company, numbering no less than 18, was decidedly above the average.

October 16, Front Page, column 6.

Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Saturday 17th October, at one o'clock an excellent four-wheel dog cart with patent drag, axles and apron, complete and as good as new (the property of a gentleman).

October 16, Local News, p. 3. column 3.

CONCERT – On Monday night, Miss Helen Kirk gave a concert in the Corn Exchange. The audience, as was to be expected, was large. The programme opened by the singing of the quartette

“Who will o’er the downs so free?” in which the voices of the artistes blended most harmoniously together. Miss Jeanie Watson made a favourable impression on this the occasion of her first visit to Berwick. She sang “The auld Scotch songs,” for which an encore was given, exceedingly well, the intonation being very good. The execution of the other songs by this lady – “Bonnie Prince Charlie,” and “Whistle and I’ll come to you, my lad” – were much appreciated by the audience. An encore was given for the latter, to which she replied by giving “Rule Britannia”. It were needless to comment upon the performances of Miss Kirk and “the great Maclagan.” In the duet – “The singing lesson” – sung by them, they showed that they were deserving of the high opinion in which they have been hitherto held, on account of their musical talent. The songs given by the former were “The soldier’s tears,” “The bailiff’s daughter of Islington,” and “Nothing else to do,” all of which were encored. Mr. Maclagan sang “Macgregors’ gathering,” and replied to the encore by giving “The life-buoy.” He then sang “Captain Jinks,” acknowledging the encore with “Bess’ bitter beer,” in the singing of which he was interrupted by the appearance of a rat in the room, which put the audience into commotion. His execution of “Uncle Jack” was very good, and in his other singing, including his versatile performances, so frequently eulogised, he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the audience. Mr. J.F. Hardy, who acted as accompanist, did his part well. He sang “Annie dear, goodbye,” and [“Darling B.....,”] for the latter of which he received an encore. Throughout the evening rounds of applause were frequently given, and all separated highly [?] with the entertainment.

October 23, Local News, p. 3.

Christy’s Minstrels – “The only real and original Christy’s Minstrels” gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange on Monday night. The attendance was small, and the performances of the company, numbering 8, were barely satisfactory. The audience got impatient during the first part of the programme, which was then hurried through. The second part, which was promised to be of a comic nature, was no great improvement, some of the pieces being executed in a manner altogether ludicrous. The proceedings of the evening formed a contrast to what has been recently heard from distinguished artistes in the same hall.

November 27, Local News p. 3, column 4

Berwick Shipping Company – The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday. Mr. C.L. Gilchrist occupied the chair. The report of the directors was adopted. It recommended the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent out of this year’s profit, and a bonus of 10 per cent out of the undivided profits of former years. The retiring directors and the auditor were re-elected. A conversation took place as to the withdrawal of the company from the shipping trade. The matter was left in the hands of the directors.

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

There were shown in the Corn Exchange on Saturday some Swedish turnips grown by Mr. Henderson, New Water Haugh, from seeds supplied by Messrs. Waite, Hope Nursery, considering the unfavourable season for turnips, they were very good some of them being over 9 lbs. Weight, and of fine quality.

NB gap until January 22, 1869.

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January 22, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

Positively the last two nights of Professor Pepper and Mr. Gompertz's entertainment. Must finally close on Saturday, January 23rd, it being already announced to open in Dunbar on Monday the 25th instant.

Be early to secure seats.

January 29, Front Page, column 3.

CORN EXCHANGE HALL.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED. POSITIVELY FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND.

THE WORLD-RENOWNED SEAMESE TWINS accompanied by their children. These wonderful living curiosities, who have so long excited the wonder and astonishment of the world, are now on their way to Paris to subject themselves to the critical and perhaps fatal operation of surgical separation. This they have long held in contemplation, and now, having reached the rapid decline of life, and fully conscious that, by the unchangeable laws of nature, a very brief period is allotted them on earth, have finally decided to submit to the trying ordeal, whatever may be the result.

Previous to their departure for Paris they will hold a few public receptions in this town.

The twins will be accompanied by the beautiful CIRCASSIAN LADY ZOEBIDA LUTI!

Admission - From 2 until 4, and from 6 until 9, 1s. Children under twelve years of age, half price.

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

THE SIAMISE TWINS - These now world renowned twins visited this town on Tuesday, and took up their quarters at the King's Arms Hotel. Towards two o'clock the hour when they were to be seen by visitors at the Corn Exchange a considerable number gathered around the hotel to catch, if possible, a glimpse of them, as they proceeded to the Corn Exchange. At the former place all attempts proved fruitless but as they entered the last named building, to which they were driven in a carriage with drawn blinds, some of the foremost in the crowd did get a view of them. The twins last visited this country in 1830, and they are now fifty-seven years of age, but their history together with the object of their present visit have been given already in full details in the paper, so that it is needless to repeat it here. They moved about and conversed freely with visitors who pressed around, and two of their daughters who accompanied them, also gave every information to inquirers. The Circassian Lady Zoebida Luti, who was also introduced to the company, attracted much attention on account of her extraordinary beauty. She sold her carte to such as were inclined to buy it.

February 12, Local News p. 3, column 4.

BERWICK CCORN EXCHANGE - The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Corn Exchange was held on Saturday, in the Exchange buildings. Mr. Logan, Fairneycastle, occupied the chair, and there were present - Mr. Geo. Hogg, Kyloe; Messrs. M. Crossman, D. Logan, B.G. Sinclair, and George Brown, Berwick. Mr. Wight, the secretary, read the following report:-

"You directors have the pleasure of again meeting you on this occasion, and laying before you a statement of the income and expenditure, liabilities and assets of the company for the year ending the 31st of December 1868. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your

directors and duly attested by Mr. Oliver, the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current and balance account has been sent to the shareholders, from which you will observe there is a balance of £131 0s 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d available as dividend, and the directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of three and a half per cent upon the paid up capital of the company. Your directors regret to report that in consequence of the death of the late G. Smith, Esq., this company has sustained the loss of an able and efficient director – a gentleman who has always taken the warmest interest in the prosperity of the company. In compliance with the regulations, they beg further to inform you that during the last year there have been four meetings of directors. Of these Messrs. Crossman AND Logan, Berwick, attended four; Mr. Darling, three; Messrs. Clay, (Berwick), Clay (Kerchesters), Glendinning and Smith, two; Mr. Logan, Fairneycastle, one; and Mr. Ramsey, none. The two retiring directors are Messrs. D. Logan, (Fairneycastle), and R Ramsey, but who are eligible for re-election, and it will be necessary to elect another director in room of the late Mr. Smith.”

The secretary then read the account current from which it appeared that the receipt from stalls, ending 30th June, 1869, amounted to £79 0s 0d; season tickets, do., £53 5s 0d; daily sale of tickets, up to Dec. 31, 1868, 7s; penny admissions, do., £51 4s 2d; rents, do., £95 2s 6d; profits ending Dec. 31st, 1868, £3 3s 10d; interest on bank account, 15s 9d; total, £282 18s 3d. The following were amongst the items in the expenditure – interest on borrowed money and preference shares, £64 1s 8d; parochial rates, £26 13s 4d; net profits, £131 0s 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The chairman moved that the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr. D. Logan. On the motion of Mr. Hogg, seconded by Mr. Sinclair, the retiring directors were re-elected, and on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Crossman, Mr. George Black, Ford Forge, was elected a director in the room of Mr. G. Smith. It was agreed that Mr. Jas. Oliver should be continued as auditor. After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting separated.

February 19, Front Page, column 3.

Berwick and Norham and Islandshires Turnpikes. Notice is hereby given that the general annual meeting of the trustees of the Berwick and Norham and Islandshire Turnpike roads will be held at the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed on Saturday the 20th of March next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of examining and auditing the treasurer's and surveyor's accounts of the said trust, for the year ended 31st Dec. last, and transacting any further business relating to the trust that may then and there appear necessary.

E. Willoby, Clerk to the Trustees.

Berwick 15th Feb. 1869.

February 19, Front Page, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. ONE NIGHT ONLY. MONDAY, 22ND, FEBRUARY, 1869. GRAND CONCERT AND FAREWELL PRESENTATION ENTERTAINMENT. TO BE GIVEN AWAY £35 IN MONEY AND VALUE.

PROFESSOR MILLAR begs to announce that he will give his farewell performance in Berwick, previous to his departure for America, when he will be assisted by the following talented artist, MADAME MILLAR, the eminent American vocalist, and MISS CLARA BELL, the distinguished English pianist and vocalist.

GRAND COMPETITIVE CONTEST.

On the above night, Professor Millar will give a splendid silver goblet to the best sentimental singer; a silver watch to the best comic singer. Persons intending to compete must send in their names, addressed to Professor Millar, care of Mr. Rankin, boot and shoe warehouse, before Monday at six o'clock. Two or more must enter into any competition for the above prizes. The audience will

decide by a show of hands who is best, and three gentlemen will be selected from the audience who will decide from the stage who has the majority. Prof. Millar reserving the right to select from, and limit, the number.

After the performance a perfect tornado of presents exceeding anything ever attempted, will be distributed free to the audience, including – one £5 note; four purses of money, containing 5s each; one magnificent large size gold watch; one splendid sterling silver watch; finely embossed silver electro-plated drinking cups; one very superior silver electro-plated tea & coffee service of new and chaste design; beautiful card baskets; richly painted papier mache portfolios, writing desks, work boxes, and an endless variety of useful and valuable articles, all to be given away free, and in the same strictly honourable and generous manner which has given universal satisfaction.

Notwithstanding the above powerful and unequalled attraction the price of admission will be – reserved seats, 2s, front do., 1s; promenade, 6d. Doors open at half-past 7, to commence at 8.

Remember you only pay the price of admission to the entertainment, the presents are free.

Part of the presents may be seen today (Friday), Fe. 19, and following days, at Mr. Rankin's boot and shoe warehouse, High Street, Berwick, where tickets may be had, and of Mr Paton, bookseller.

February 26, Local News p. 3.

Sale of property – On Monday afternoon in the Corn Exchange, Mr. Purves sold by auction the dwelling house situated in the New Town of Spittal known as “Roxburgh Place”. It was bought by R. Douglas, Esq., for £625.

February 26, Local News, p. 3, column 4.

Professor Millar's entertainment – Professor Millar gave his farewell performance in Berwick previous to his departure for America, in the Corn Exchange on Monday night. There was a large attendance. The pieces of music executed by Madame Millar and Miss Clara Bell formed the first part of the entertainment, and thereafter ‘the grand competition contest’ took place, a prize being awarded for the best sentimental and another for the best comic singer. There were five competitors in the first case, and two in the latter their performances affording not a little amusement to the audience, who decided by a show of hands who did best. Afterwards ‘the presents’ were distributed and together with the competition took up nearly the whole evening.

NB – GAP BETWEEN FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 26.

April 9, Front Page, column 7.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Prof. Pepper and Mr. Gompertz's entertainment will positively close on Saturday the 10th as it opens at Ayton on Monday the 12th.

May 7, p. 2, column 1.

Extensive sale of household furniture. To be sold by auction in the Corn Exchange on Thursday 13th May, 1869 a large assortment of household furniture, and other effects nearly new. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, on view from 4 till 6 o'clock the day before the sale.

Thomas Strother, auctioneer.

May 21, Front Page, column 2.

BERWICK MUSEUM – Berwick Museum will be reopened for the season on Thursday, 27th instant. Admission 1d. Several valuable additions have recently been made.

June 11, Front Page, column 5.

To be sold by auction in front of the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Saturday the 12th June inst. At 1:30 pm, 1 black horse, 1 brown horse.

Mr. Embleton, auctioneer, Berwick, 7th June, 1869.

June 25, Local News p. 3, column 4.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY – The annual general meeting of the members of this society was held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, on Monday evening. Mr. Alex. Robertson, president, in submitting the half-yearly statement of accounts, some figures from which were published in the “Advertiser” of May 14, congratulated the society on their very satisfactory position. The arrears in November last were £ 94, and that item had now been reduced to £34 17s 3d. He next drew attention to what he considered a rapid declension in members, & but this was accounted for as being the action of the directors, who were consulting the interest of the society. Mr. Tennant moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to. Mr. Robertson, who said that he was quite willing to give way for any other person that might be nominated, was re-elected president, on the motion of Mr. Tennant, seconded by Mr. Whinna. The chairman moved that the retiring directors, Messrs. Wm. Murray, Wm. Tennant, Thomas Crow, and Ralph Mossman be re-elected, which was agreed to. Mr. Thomas Weatherly was re-elected as steward, and Mr. Ralph Mossman was chosen as steward in room of Mr. D.H. Allan. The auditors Messrs. J. Wight and James Oliver were re-elected. The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the directors for their unwearied exertions in behalf of the society, which was acknowledged by Mr. Hope. Mr. Whinna moved a vote of thanks to the secretary and other office-bearers; he also moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for his attendance and for the guidance which they, as a society, from time to time received from him. Mr. Robertson said that he would be ready to give his assistance whenever required, and the meeting then separated.

August 20, Front Page, column 2.

Great sale of reaping machines. Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday (tomorrow) the 21st August, at one o’clock precisely, seven first class reaping machines, all in working order.

Hide Hill, Berwick, 20th August, 1869.

August 20, p. 2, column 1.

Sale of household furniture. To be sold by auction in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday the 21st August 1869, a large assortment of household furniture and other effects. Sale to commence at 11 o’clock.

Thos. Strother, auctioneer. Berwick.

October 22, Local News p. 3.

MR. M’LAREN’S CONCERT. – “The Royal Scotch Company,” according to announcement, gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday night. There was a large attendance, the hall being nearly filled, and all seemed satisfied with the concert provided by Mr. Duncan M’Laren. The great attraction of the evening was of course the singing of Miss Helen Kirk, who on this occasion did not disappoint the audience. She sang first “O the bloom of my native heather,” for which she received a well deserved encore. Her next song was “My boy, Tammy,” which she gave with great taste and expression; “Bonnie Prince Charlie” was the reply to the encore. Miss Kirk’s other songs were “The auld Scotch Sings,” and “Willie’s gane to Melville Castle,” – encore, “Whistle and I’ll come to ye my lad” – and she executed these in a manner worthy of her high reputation. The next part of the concert which seemed to afford most entertainment to the majority of those present was

the comic performances of Mr. Alfred Milner. He gave "Early Scenes," and in answer to the encore he sang "The History of a city courtship." His other performances were "Sam's visit to London," "Every day life," – encore "Nanny that lives next door"; and "The Scotch Member of the Force." All of these created much amusement. The other members of the company consisted of Madame Armytage, Mr. George Loder, and Mr. John M'Neill. Madame Armytage was the pianist, and also sang or took part in singing one or two songs. Mr. George Loder, seemed to be well up in Scotch marshall songs. He sang "Scots wha hae," "Draw the sword Scotland," &, and was called back once or twice, but his voice caused the hall to resound in a disagreeable manner. The Highland Fling and the Sword Dance were given by Mr. M'Neill, who executed his part in a creditable way. The audience on the whole seemed well pleased with what they had heard, after the lengthy programme had been gone through; but some parts of the entertainment hardly came up to our expectations.

November 26, Front Page, column 2.

Volunteer Ball. The annual Volunteer Ball will take place in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 14th December. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Dancing to commence at 8:30.

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

Volunteers are requested to appear in uniform. Tickets to be had of Mr. Swinney, Church Street, and Mr. Paton, High Street

November 26, Front Page, column 5.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. MR A.G. VANCE begs to inform the nobility, gentry, and the public of Berwick and vicinity, that he will give a GRAND CONCERT, in the CORN EXCHANGE, on FRIDAY, Dec. 3rd, on which occasion he will introduce the whole of the songs sung by special command before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and a distinguished company of noblemen and ladies on several occasions, at Whitehall, the Admiralty, &&.

ARTISTES:

MISS KATE ALLWOOD, mezzo soprano and balladist.

MILLY HOWARD, "An accomplished and piquant serio-comic vocalist – vide "Daily Telegraph".

MISS ELLA ALLWOOD, soubrette & comedienne.

MIRIAM, Solo pianist – "The wonder of the age," NB – This artiste has had the honour of appearing before all the crowned heads of Europe.

THE SISTERS ALLWOOD, In their refined musical melange, written and composed expressly for these concerts by the Great Vance.

MR. HENRI DE SOLLA, R.A., Tenor of Her Majesty's Theatre and Hanover Square Rooms, and

MR. ALFRED G. VANCE, Author, composer, instrumentalist, buffo vocalist, comedian, mimic and dancer, surnamed by the entire London and provincial press the "Great Vance."

Conductor – Mr. H. De Solla.

Front seats 2s; second seats 1s; back seats 6d.

Tickets and programmes to be had of Mr. Henderson, Bookseller, Western Lane.

November 26, Local News p. 3, column 5.

Volunteers' Ball – The volunteers' annual ball as will be seen from the advertisement in another column, is to come off in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday the 14th December. Last year a part of the proceeds of the ball amounting to £3, it will be remembered, was given as a donation to the funds of the Berwick Branch of the National Lifeboat Institution. A similar course is to be pursued this year, and we understand that the committee appointed by the volunteers intend to devote to some local charity, what surplus may be at their disposal in connection with the ball. It is hoped, therefore, that

this entertainment, which is one of the principal of those connected with our borough, may be well patronised on this occasion.

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

BERWICK SHIPPING COMPANY – The annual general meeting of the Berwick Shipping Company was held on Tuesday in the Corn Exchange – the Mayor in the chair. Mr. G. Paulin, secretary, read the report of the directors, from which it appeared that the greater part of the money for which the clipper schooners had been sold had been invested in the purchase of additional salmon fishings – the company now possessing, either as their own property or on lease, nearly the whole of the fishings from the mouth of the Tweed to the Whitadder. The result of the fishing last season, combined with the rents of the company's own waters, did not allow of a larger dividend than 5 per cent. The last had been one of the worst fishing seasons for salmon known for many years, and the prices also had been low. The Mayor, after a few remarks in explanation, moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. A. Crossman, and agreed to. The retiring directors, Messrs. C.L. Gilchrist, George Henderson, and the auditor, Mr. J. Wight, were then re-elected. Mr. Macaskie moved a vote of thanks to the directors for the care and attention they had bestowed on the affairs of the company during the past year; and Mr. M. Young moved a similar vote to the Mayor for his conduct in the chair, which were carried unanimously, and the meeting separated.

December 10, p. 2, column 1.

To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday the 11th December, 1869. The mail cart, harness and pony, 8 years old, and quiet in harness. Sale to commence at 1:30 o'clock.

Thos. Strother, auctioneer.

Hide Hill, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

December 10, Local News p. 3, column 2.

MR VANCE'S CONCERT – On Friday evening, Mr. A.G. Vance and his concert party appeared in the Corn Exchange. There was a very large attendance. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and of personations of character – the latter by Mr. Vance. This talented gentleman was, of course, the great attraction of the evening. He possesses great skill in his profession, and his versatility enables him to play many parts. His great forte, perhaps, is that of mimic. His personation of "The Modern Policeman" and "Mrs. Jones" were well received by the audience. In other of his performances, his powers are not so well regulated. With respect to his assistants, it is only necessary to speak of Mr. Henri de Solla, solo pianist and conductor, and of "Miriam", who, though but a child, accompanies very creditably, and is a soloist. The duet by the sisters Allwood was well rendered. Altogether the concert was a successful one.

December 17, Front Page, column 2.

Berwick E.B. Building Society. The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this society will be held in the Committee Room at the Corn Exchange on the evening of Monday, 20th December, 1869 at 7:30 o'clock.

Alex. Robertson, Sec.

John Husband, Sec.

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January 7, p. 2, column 1.

Berwick Tonic-Sol-Fa Association. The duties of the session will be resumed in the upper room of the Corn Exchange on Tuesday evening on the 11th inst. The junior class will meet at 7:45, the senior class an hour later. By order.

J. Nesbitt, Sec.

January 21, Front Page, column 5.

Berwick Harbour Act 1862. To be let by public auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Monday the 31st day of January instant at 2 o'clock p.m. for a term of 5 years from the 5th day of February next, by Mr. J.D. Purves, auctioneer, all those large and commodious premises situated on the quay in Berwick-upon-Tweed, used as a blacksmith's shop and shed, and at present in the occupation of Messrs. Gladstone & Co. (Wm. Wilson & Son).

The harbour master will point out the premises, and further particulars may be obtained on application to him.

Steph. Sanderson, Clerk to the Harbour Commission.

Quay Walls, Berwick, 19th Jan. 1870.

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

BERWICK TONIC SOL-FA ASSOCIATION SOIREE. – On Wednesday evening, the second annual soiree of the above association took place in the large upper room of the Corn Exchange – Mr. W. Purves, Western Lane, presiding. There was a large attendance, and the proceedings from beginning to end passed off to the entire satisfaction of all present. Tea, which, with the usual concomitants, was of the most excellent description, was served to the company at eight o'clock, and heartily partaken of amidst an incessant flow of social mirth. Tea over, and the tables removed, the chairman gave a short address, which was supplemented by a very amusing recitation. Thereafter, a lengthy, but well-selected programme of songs (comic and sentimental), recitations, duets, games, and dances was gone through, the two last-named affording much amusement and pleasure, both to the juveniles and adults. As the evening advanced, as service of fruit took place. In course of the proceedings, Bishop's glee, "Where art thou, beam of light?" was sung by the entire company, and, considering that it was but the second trial of the piece by the association, it was exceedingly well given. The songs and duets by the ladies were most admirably rendered; and the comic songs and recitation by the gentlemen were in several instances rapturously encored. The amusements were kept up till about two o'clock yesterday morning, at which hour, the company, after singing a verse of "Auld Lang Syne," separated, highly delighted with the proceedings.

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

The Rifle Volunteers had their first setting up drill for the season in the Corn Exchange on Wednesday night.

February 11, Local News p. 3, column 5.

CORN EXCHANGE COMPANY - The annual meeting of the Corn Exchange Company was held on Saturday. There were present – Messrs. A. Darling, M.G. Crossman, J. Clay, Geo. Brown, and W. Maule, Berwick; Mr. John Black, Ford West Field; Mr. J.R. Nicholson, Thornton; and Mr. Bird, Fishwick. On the motion of Mr. Darling, Mr. Black was appointed chairman. The secretary, Mr. J. Wight, then read the annual report as follows:-

“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 Dec. 31st 1869. The various accounts have been examined and approved by your directors and duly attested by the auditor, and a printed copy of the account current and balance account have been sent to each shareholder, from which you will observe there is a balance of £136 8s 4d available as dividend, and the directors recommend the present meeting to declare a dividend of three and a-half per cent upon the paid up capital of the company. Your directors regret to report that in consequence of the death of the late David Logan, Esq., Chairman of directors, this company has sustained the loss of an able and efficient director – a gentleman who has always taken the warmest interest in the prosperity of the company. In compliance with your regulations, they beg further to inform you that during the past year there have been four meetings of the directors, of these Mr. Crossman attended four; Mr. Logan, Berwick, 3; Mr. Black, 3; Mr. Glendinning 3; Mr. Clay, Kerchesters, 2; late Mr. Logan, 1; Mr. Darling 1; and Messrs. J. Clay and R. Ramsay, 0. The two retiring directors are Messrs. John Clay and R. Ramsay, and it will be necessary to select another director in room of the late Mr. Logan of Ferneycastle.”

The statement of accounts for the year was held as read. The receipts comprised – Cash from stalls, £98; season tickets, £50 12s 6d, daily sale tickets, 13s; penny admissions, £50 7s 3d; rents, £84 7s; profits, ending Dec. 31, 1868, £9 1s 0d; interest on bank account, 18s 3d: - total £293 19s 0d. After meeting all expenses, the net profits amounted to £136 8s 4d. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Maule, the reports and accounts were approved of. Mr. Clay was re-elected a director; Mr. John Henderson, corn merchant, and Mr. James Nicholson, Thornton, were elected the other two directors. On the motion of the chairman, Mr. Oliver was re-appointed auditor. It was intimated that the dividend would be paid on Saturday (tomorrow).

February 25, Front Page, column 7.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. One night only. Tuesday March 8, 1870. The great Fusi Yama Japanese troupe of nine jugglers, performers, gymnasts etc. This extraordinary company is from the court of the most powerful Daimio (or prince) of Japan viz. Prince Satuma.

The following is a part of the novel and astounding Japanese programme:- balancing, top spinning, Japanese magic and juggling, slack rope dancing (rivalling Blondin) fire eating, sword eating, wedding dances, butterfly trick, hanging trapeze, top and lamp trick, bamboo ascension, walking on suspended sheets of paper etc.

Tickets may be had of Mrs. Wear's Bookseller, Hide Hill, where a plan of the room may be seen. Tickets: - reserved seats (numbered) 3s; gallery 2s; body of the hall 1s, and back seats 6d.

March 4, Front Page, column 5.

Corn Exchange, Berwick, Tuesday, March 8, 1870. The Japanese Troupe. See handbill.

Seats can be secured in the gallery by making application at the Journal Office, Berwick, not later than Tuesday morning. Special arrangements for families and schools.

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

The Japanese troupe. It will be seen from our advertising column that a Japanese troupe of jugglers, performers, gymnasts etc. will give an entertainment in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday night. From the exhibition which may be expected of feasts of a novel kind, we anticipate a large audience.

March 11, Front Page, column 4.

Berwick Choral Union Concert. Corn Exchange, Thursday 31st March, 1870. Conductor – Mr. Anderson.

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

THE JAPANESE TROUPE. – On Tuesday night, the Royal Tycoon troupe from Japan, gave a performance in the Corn Exchange. There was a very large attendance, the door having been besieged by a crowd eagerly pressing to obtain admission about a quarter of an hour before the hour appointed for commencing. The reserved and front seats were well filled by ladies and gentlemen connected with the town and neighbourhood. There were also a great many in the back part of the hall, and, shortly before the entertainment began, those behind took advantage of the temporary nature of the partition between them and those who occupied “the second seats”, by knocking down the barrier, thus creating some confusion in the midst of which many of them secured positions more favourable for sight seeing. The juggler-like performances of the Japanese were watched with great interest, and while some of them were wonderful as feasts of dexterity and ingenuity, others were common enough, such as the fire-eating and the butterfly tricks. But the top spinning – making a top spin on the edge of a sword, and travel along a cord little thicker than a thread – the brick piling and the fly wheel were feasts of an astonishing character. By way of diversifying the performances, the three Japanese ladies sang and danced in the Japanese style, but this exhibition of Japan music and dancing did not accord with English notions, and gave rise to more astonishment and amusement than admiration. During the evening the spectators greeted the various performances with rounds of applause and laughter.

March 18, Front Page, column 6.

Sale of household furniture. To be sold by auction in the Corn Exchange on Thursday 24th March, 1870, a large assortment of household furniture and other effects. Sale to commence at eleven o'clock.

Thos. Strother, auctioneer.

Hide Hill.

March 18, Front Page, column 6.

Once more among his old friends! Corn Exchange, Berwick. One night only. Monday, March 28th. Professor Millar, the world-renowned American prestigitateur, illusionist and traveller, begs to announce his entirely new entertainment assisted by eminent artistes, introduced for the first time in Berwick, and independent of this powerful attraction, £60 in money and value will be given away, including a splendid fine –toned cottage pianoforte, in elegant walnut case, valued at £30, together with a large number of other valuable presents. The piano may be seen at Mr. Strother's , cabinet-maker, Hide Hill, on Monday March 21st, and the following days.

Admission: front seats 1s; promenade (limited) 6d; strictly reserved seats 2s; doors open at 7, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Particulars in future advertisements and bills. Evert article named will be given away regardless of the number present.

March 25, p. 2, column 1.

ONCE MORE AMONG HIS OLD FRIENDS, on his positively farewell tour. CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK. ON ENIGHT ONLY. MONDAY, MARCH 28. first appearance here this season of the eminent American vocalist, MADAME MILLAR.

PROFESSOR MILLAR, the world-renowned illusionist, has the honour to announce his ENTIRELY NEW ENTERTAINMENT. On the above night there will be given away to the audience a large number of costly presents, exceeding anything ever attempted here, and will include – one splendid cottage pianoforte with fine walnut case, valued at £30. £2 in money.

One gold watch, one magnificent silver-plated tea and coffee service, one magnificent silk dress, one very fine timepiece with glass shade and stand, gold brooches, gold rings.

Silver drinking cups, electro-plated butter coolers, silver cake baskets, and many other rich, rare, and valuable articles, too numerous to mention, forming the most costly number of gifts ever presented, all to be given away in the strictly honourable manner which has given universal satisfaction in all parts of this country, the whole amounting to £60 in money and value, all to be presented free to the audience.

GRAND CCOMPETITIVE CONTEST.

On the above night in order to encourage local talent, a magnificent gold watch will be given to the best comic singer, and a silver cup to the best sentimental singer; a large silver-plated goblet will be given to the best dancer, a silver-plated teapot will be given to the gentleman bringing the largest number of ladies to the entertainment. Persons intending to compete must send in their names, addressed to Prof. Millar, care of Mr. Rankin, boot and shoe warehouse, High Street, Berwick, before Monday, 28th March, at four o'clock pm. Two or more must enter into any competition for the above prizes, the proprietor reserving the right to select from, and limit the number.

GRAND CCONUNDRUM NIGHT.

A magnificent silver-plated tea service will be given as a prize for the best original conundrum. To be decided by a committee of gentlemen selected by the audience. Authors to be present, and conundrums to be addressed to Prof. Millar, care of Mr. Rankin, boot and shoe warehouse, before Monday at four o'clock pm.

Every article named will be given away regardless of the number present.

Selections will be made from the most popular songs and ballads.

Price of admission: - front seats 1s; promenade 6d; strictly reserved seats 2s. Doors open at seven, to commence at eight o'clock.

Part of the presents may be seen at Mr. R. Rankin's boot and shoe warehouse, High Street, Berwick, where tickets may be had, and at the door.

The piano may be seen at Mr. Strother's cabinet rooms, Berwick.

April 1, Front Page, column 5.

TONIC SOL-FA ASSOCIATION.

Conductor Mr. T. Smith. The committee have decided that during the summer months rehearsals be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 pm, in the upper room of the Corn Exchange, commencing on Tuesday the 5th April. Annual subscription – ladies 2s 6d; gentlemen 3s 6d – payable in advance.

Certified Sol-faists respectfully invited to join. Anticipating a pleasant gathering of Sol-faists in Newcastle next March, those intended to join should do so at once, less the progress made prevents the admission of any by experienced singers. – By order.

J. Nesbitt, sec.

April 1, Local News p. 3. column 2.

Professor Millar's entertainment. – On Monday night Professor Millar gave an entertainment in the Corn Exchange. The hall was well filled. The entertainment was similar to those previously given by Professor Millar in Berwick, and the tricks were greeted with rounds of applause and various other noises. Madame Millar, who had been announced to sing during the evening, did not make her appearance. The performance was brought to a close by the distribution of prizes for singing, conundrums, dancing etc.

April 15, Local News p. 3, column 5.

THE RIFLE VOLUNTEERS. – Adjutant Walker, on Wednesday evening inspected the Rifle Volunteers in the Corn Exchange. Lieutenant Storar and Ensign Heatley, of the Alnwick Rifle Corps, were present during the inspection. At the close, Captain Douglas asked Privates Marshall and Richardson to step forward, and stated that as two of the ten best shots of the battalion he had the honour of presenting them with a badge, which he hoped they would always wear as alike creditable to themselves and to the Berwick-on Tweed Company. Adjutant Walker then made some remarks on the circumstances in which the badge originated. Earl Tankerville was the first to propose that, besides the cup being given, there should be medals for the ten best shots in the battalion. It was thought that there would be opposition to such a course as plagiarising what was properly distinctive of the regular army, and Earl Tankerville at once gave instructions to him to ascertain what was the feeling on this point. He found accordingly a great preponderance of opinion in favour of the badge, and he was glad that it had been very generally adopted. It afforded him much gratification to find that these two members of the Berwick corps had now the honour of obtaining medals. Private Marshall certainly deserved it, as he was the best shot in the whole battalion. (Applause). No doubt the obtaining of a war medal bespoke a great deal of misery and hardship, the soldier's was no bloodless victory; but peace also had its victories, and they needed to put much self-sacrifice before they qualified themselves as good shots. Adjutant Walker afterwards intimated that the Earl Tankerville intended to have a camp towards the end of July. It would continue for a few days - perhaps from the Saturday night to the Wednesday morning. He should in the course of the week forward a form to Captain Douglas to be filled up, inquiring as to the number of men who could attend the camp, which would have a certain amount of reality connected with it. He concluded by stating that he was highly satisfied with the attendance and drilling of the corps that night. After cheers for the winners of the two badges given by the Lieut.-Colonel, the corps dispersed.

May 27, Front Page, column 2.

The public meeting held this day to consider the best course to be pursued for continuing steam communication by sea between Berwick and London, was, and now stands adjourned to Wednesday the 1st June prox. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Corn Exchange, to receive the report of the committee appointed by the meeting and to take further steps as may then be thought advisable.

Steph. Sanderson, Interior secretary

Berwick 24th May 1870.

June 17, Front Page, column 2.

Berwick Equitable Benefit Building Society. The annual general meeting of the members of the society will be held in the Committee Room of the Corn Exchange, on the evening of Monday, 20th June, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock.

Alex. Robertson, President.

John Husband, Secretary.

June 17, Front Page, column 2.

The great annual competitive exhibition of the Eastern Border Horticultural Society will take place in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Wednesday 7th September.

June 24, Local News p. 3, column 2.

EQUITABLE BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY. – The annual general meeting of the members of this society took place on Monday night in the Corn Exchange; Alex. Robertson, Esq., President,

occupied the chair. The chairman submitted a statement of the accounts for the half-year, and, copies having been distributed among members, it was held as read. An abstract of the accounts has already appeared in the "Advertiser". The chairman remarked it was satisfactory to observe that the amount of arrears was only £12 2s 0d, while at the corresponding period of last year they amounted to £34 17s 3d, and at the end of the half-year in December last to £59 16s 6d; - therefore the present state of the arrears must be very satisfactory to them. The chairman then alluded to the nett extra profits which had been made by the society, and said it must be very gratifying to the members that the society had been so successful. Few societies, he thought, could point to such satisfactory results; there was the probability of their being able to pay off the accounts of the original shareholders in eleven years, instead of thirteen years as had been at first contemplated. The statement of accounts was approved of. On the motion of Mr. C. Tennant, seconded by Mr. W. Whinna, Mr. Robertson was re-elected president. Messrs W. Hope, C. Tennant, and W. Whinna were re-elected, and Messrs. Thos. Gibson and John Gibson were elected directors. Mr. Thos. Weatherly was re-elected and Mr. W. Tennant was elected steward. Messrs. J. Wight and J. Oliver were re-appointed auditors. Mr. J. Weatherston was appointed surveyor in place of his late uncle, Mr. J. Weatherston. The business of the meeting was concluded by a vote of thanks to the president for his services.

June 1, Front Page, column 2.

For sale in one or more lots 25 shares in the Berwick Corn Exchange Company (Limited). Offers will be received by Mr. Sanderson, solicitor, up to the 10th July next.

Quay Walls, 29 June 1870.

July 8, Local News p. 3, column 4.

Sale of newspapers – On Saturday, Mr. Purves, sold by auction at the Corn Exchange, the newspapers received at the reading room in the Corn Exchange as follows: Friday's Times, 2s 6d a year; Saturday's Scotsman, 3s; Berwick Advertiser, 6s; Berwick Warder, 5s 6d; Berwick Journal and Berwickshire News, 3s 6d; Saturday's Newcastle Journal, 2s 6d; Illustrated London News 4d a week; Punch 21/2d a week.

August 5, p. 2, column 1.

To be sold by auction at the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday the 16th inst. At 2 o'clock afternoon, all that lately erected and pleasantly situated dwelling home at the foot of Sandgate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, as at present in the occupation of Mr. John Beveridge.

For further particulars application may be made to Mr. Beveridge or to

R. Douglas, solicitor. Berwick-upon-Tweed.

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

Sale of property – On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Stother sold by auction in the Corn Exchange, the dwelling-house at the foot of Sandgate in the occupation of Mr. John Beveridge. The property was put up at £200, and after a spirited competition between two gentlemen, it was sold to Mr. James Gilroy, High Street, for £335.

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

Sale of shares – On Saturday afternoon in the Corn Exchange, Mr. J.D. Purves, auctioneer, submitted for sale by auction a number of shares in the Berwick Shipping Company and in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Gaslight Company. The attendance of bidders was good. Mr. Purves first offered ten £10 shares in the Berwick Shipping Company. The bidding was not very spirited, began

at £15 per share – the reserved price – and after two more bids the shares were sold to Mr. Hosick, Hutton, for £15 10s each. Other ten £10 shares in the same company were then put up, and were knocked down to the same gentleman at the same price. Mr. Purves next offered four £10 shares in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Company. The bidding which started at £15 per share was somewhat lively and the prices rose rapidly to £17 10s, at which figure the shares were sold to Mr. Charles Tennant, Tweedmouth.

September 16, Front Page, column 2.

Evening concert of vocal and instrumental music.

Mr. Anderson begs to announce that he has made arrangements for an evening concert to be given in the Corn Exchange on Thursday, 29th September, 1870, when the following artistes will appear: Miss Vincent, Soprano.

Miss Isa Robertson, Contralto.

Mr. Stenbridge Ray, Tenor.

Mr. Anderson, Tenor.

Mr. Duncan Smyth, Bass.

Mr. F.W. Bridgman, Solo pianist, concertinist and accompanist.

Tickets – reserved seats 2s; second seats 1s; promenade 6d, to be had from Mr. Plenderleith, Mr. Paton and Mrs. Wear, booksellers. Messrs. Richardson, Brothers, grocers, Hide Hill.

Doors open at half-past seven. Concert at 8.

September 23, p. 2, column ?.

Sale of ironmongery. Mr. John Beveridge is instructed to sell by auction in the Corn Exchange, Berwick, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sep. 27th and 28th at 2 o'clock precisely, a large assortment of ironmongery, consisting of registered grates, fenders, fire irons, electro-plate nickel silver, "Britannia" metal and japanned goods. Also guns, clocks, barometers etc. , and a variety of fancy goods.

The greatest part of them are first class warranted goods, purchased from the very best makers. The whole can be seen on Tuesday forenoon previous to the commencement of the sale.

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

Evening concert – It will be seen from our advertising column that Mr. Anderson is to give a concert here on Thursday next. The programme is an attractive one, consisting of a judicious selection of solos, connected pieces, and instrumental music. All the singers are well known in the larger towns, while Mr. Bridgman, the accompanist, is quite a [?] in himself. Mr. Anderson's own share of the programme will certainly not be the least interesting part of it, especially to those who were present at the very successful concert given by the Choral Union last spring, under his leadership. There will be means taken to overcome the natural disadvantages of the Corn Exchange as a concert hall, and we have no doubt the arrangements in this as every other aspect will be such as to give satisfaction to the audience. There is a great lack of such pleasant and profitable means of passing an evening here, and we trust that the result of this concert will be such as to induce Mr. Anderson to provide us with further opportunities of hearing good music well rendered.

September 30, Front Page, column 5.

To be sold by auction. At the Corn Exchange, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on Tuesday the 11th day of October next at 2 o'clock afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Strother, auctioneer, all that freehold tenement house with yard and other conveniences belonging thereto, situated in Foul Ford, Sandgate, Berwick, in the occupation of Messrs. Fish, Beveridge, and others, of the yearly value of £13.

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

Quay Walls, 27 Sept. 1870.

September 30, Local News, p. 3. column 4.

CONCERT – Last night a concert given by the company of artistes brought here under the auspices of Mr. Anderson, took place in the Corn Exchange, and, as might have been expected from the very liberal programme announced, it was as decided success. The house was well filled by a fashionable audience. Our space will not permit us to particularise each song, &., in the programme, but in part one the opening Quintett “Blow gentle gales” was sung very sweetly, and received well merited applause. Miss Vincent, who possesses a very pleasing but not very high set soprano voice, was encored in her first song “The Standard on the Braes o’ Mar” and substituted “Caller Herriin,” which she sang in a naïve and charming style. Mr. Duncan Smyth, who, Mr. Anderson informed the audience, was suffering from a cold, sang “The Village Blacksmith” in splendid style. Mr. Smyth has one of the finest and richest bass voices we have ever heard. Mr. Anderson was encored in “Mary of Argyle” which he sang with great feeling. For the encore he sang “Thou art so near and yet so far.” Miss Isa Robertson was also encored in her first song “Flora Macdonald’s Lament,” and substituted another Scotch song “There grows a bonny Briar Bush.” Barnett’s trio “The Magic Wove Scarf” was considered the gem of the evening, it well merited the applause it received. Of Mr. Stembridge Ray’s singing we cannot speak so favourably, but his “Boy in Blue” was rapturously encored. The first part was brought to a close by the quartet, “O Nanny wilt thou gang wi’ me,” which was very well sung, as indeed was all the part music, and was much more deserving of an encore than the song which preceded it. In part two Miss Isa Robertson was encored in “Come o’er the Stream Charlie,” and sang “Rule Britannia.” Mr. Anderson’s singing of the Jacobite song “A wee Bird cam t’ our ha’ door” was very pleasing, and much better than in the first part, but we should much prefer to hear him sing in a smaller room where his voice could be heard to greater advantage. Miss Vincent and Mr. Smyth in the duet “Master and Scholar,” received a hearty and well deserved encore. For “The Mermaid,” Mr. Smyth substituted “The Marseillaise,” which he sang in true martial style, and was heartily applauded. Sir H.R. Bishop’s Quartett “Sleep Gentle lady,” sung very sweetly, appropriately brought the programme to a close. Mr. Bridgman’s two pianoforte solos, Weber’s celebrated “Invitation” and a “Fantasia on Welsh airs” were exceedingly well played. Nor must we forget to mention Mr. Bridgman’s solo on the English concertina, which completely took the audience by storm; his variations on popular Scotch Melodies, and almost perfect imitation of the Scotch bagpipes were astonishing, seeing they were produced from so insignificant looking an instrument, and displayed the performer’s most perfect mastery of it. Mr. Anderson’s arrangements of the seats and his attempts to improve the acoustic properties of the hall were very satisfactory, and he deserves great credit for the very pleasant evening, which every one present must have enjoyed.

October 7, Front Page, column 3.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. For one night only, Wednesday, October, 12, 1870. Admission 2s, 1s, 6d. Children and schools half price to first and second seats only. Tickets may be obtained at Mr. Henderson, bookseller, Western Lane. Doors open at half-past seven. Concert at 8, carriages at 10. Two hours genuine fun with Arthur Lloyd.

Artistes:

Miss Sestine Wilson.

Miss E Sestine Wilson.

Mr. Fred Foster.

Mr. Edwin Keene.

Mr. Mozart Wilson.

Mr. Arthur Lloyd, who will appear in all his latest songs and impersonations, including the popular effusion (taken from the picture, which appeared in "Fun" some time back), entitled "The Roman Fall."

October 14, Local News p. 3, column 2.

ARTHUR LLOYD'S CONCERT. – On Wednesday evening, Mr. Arthur Lloyd, author and composer, comedian, and vocalist, and a select company of artistes, gave a concert in the Corn Exchange. The hall, notwithstanding the inclement weather was well filled. The entertainment was commenced by an overture on the pianoforte by Mozart Wilson, who also acted as accompanist to the vocalists during the evening. Mr. Fred Foster, the versatile artiste from the principal London theatres, halls, Crystal Palace, &c., who appeared in several comic medleys, sketches, and eccentric effusions, seemed to afford much delight to the audience by his efforts, his representation of the "Girls of the Period" being much applauded. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, who met with an enthusiastic reception, sung several of his favourite old songs, and introduced several of his new compositions, among which were "The Roman Fall," "Doctor Gregory," "The Baby Show," and several others. The dresses of the different characters which he assumed, were most appropriate, no detail, however trifling, being omitted, and the droll remarks with which he interspersed his vocal efforts caused much mirth amongst the audience. The Misses Sestini Wilson, the favourite duettists, ballad vocalists &c., from the principal London concerts, also appeared in two duets. The elder one afterwards sang an operatic selection in which she gave evidence that she possessed a voice of considerable compass. Her sister, who sang a favourite ballad in the second part of the proceedings, rendered it with care and sweetness. Mr. Edward Keene, the new buffo and eccentric vocalist from the London and provincial concerts, also performed the songs assigned to him in a very creditable manner. The concert was concluded by a finale sung by the entire company. Although numerous encores were demanded, the desires of the audience were not complied with, the programme being strictly adhered to, and thus a tedious protraction of the performances was avoided.

October 28, p. 2, column 1.

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK-ON-TWEED, WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 2, 1870.

PROVINCIAL TOUR of MADAME BODDA PYNE, late MISS LOUISA PYNE, the celebrated English soprano, and late manageress of the Royal English Opera, Covent Garden.

GRAND OPERATIC & BALLAD CONCERT.

ARTISTES: -

MADAME BODDA PYNE, late Miss Louisa Pyne,

Miss Emily Dones, the eminent contralto,

And

MADLLE. ANNETTA ZULIANA, of the Sacred Harmonic Society and Choral Society's Concerts; Prima donna of the Principal theatres of Milan, Turin, and Naples; and pupil of Madame Bodda Pyne.

Mr. BRAHAM NOLAN, the new tenor, and

Mr. GEORGE DONELLY, the celebrated basso of the St. James's and St. George's Halls Concerts; Sacred Harmonic and National Society's Concerts, &c., &c.

Mr. FRANK BODDA.

PART 1

OPERATIC.

Quartett "Over the dark blue waters.".....WEBER.

OBERON.

Madlle. ZULIANI, Miss DONES, Mr. NOLAN and Mr. DONNELLY.

Duet, "Home from the mountains."VERDI.

TROVATORE.

Miss EMILY DONES and Mr. NOLAN.

Song, "Bid me discourse.".....BISHOP.

CLARI.

Madlle. ANNETTA ZULIANI.

Recit. & Song, "My courage now regaining." WALLACE.

MARITANA.

Mr. GEORGE DONNELLY.

Air & Quart. "To thee, dearest!. (a te o cara). BELLINI

PURITANI.

Mr. BRAHAM NOLAN, also Madlle. ZULIANI, Miss DONS, and Mr. DONNELLY.

Grand Aria, "Ernani involami.".....VERDI.

ERNANI.

Madame BODDA PYNE.

Trio, "This magic wove scarf.".....BARNETT.

MOUNTAIN SYPLH.

Madlle. ANNETTA ZULIANI, Mr. NOLAN and Mr. DONNELLY.

Song, "Give me back my childhood's truth."S. PYNE

(as introduced in the opera.)

MARIE THERESE.

Miss EMILY DONES.

Grand Duetto buffo. "Quanto amore."DONNIZETTI.

L'ELISIRE D'AMORE.

Madlle. ANNETTA ZULIANA and Mr. GEORGE DONNELLY.

PART II.

BALLAD AND NATIONAL.

Harmonised melodies.....

Welsh – "Ar hyd y nos," "All thro' the night."

Irish – "Meeting of the Waters."

Madlle. ZULIANI, Miss DONES, Mr. NOLAN and Mr. DONNELLY.

Old English Duet, "All's well.".....BRAHAM.

Mr. NOLAN and Mr. DONNELLY.

New songs "Love' Letters.", "Roaming thro' the Green Fields.".....VIVIAN.

Madame BODDA PYNE.

(composed expressly for Madame Bodda Pyne.)

Song, "The Village Blacksmith.".....WEISS.

Mr. GEORGE DONNELLY.

New song valse, "Inez."LOUISA BODDA PYNE.

Maddle. ANNETTA ZULIANI.

Harmonised melodies.....

Scotch – "Ye banks and braes."

English – "The Lass of Richmond Hill."

Maddle. ZULIANI, Miss DONES, MR. NOLAN and Mr. DONNELLY.

Irish Ballad, "Katty Molloy,"VIVIEN.

Miss EMILY DONES.

Recit. And songs, "The Pilgrim of Love, ...BISHOP.

Mr. BRAHAM NOLAN.

Old English Ditty, "Why are you wand'ring here, I pray."

Madame BODDA PYNE.

Duet, "Over the hawthorn hedge.".....GLOVER.

Maddle. ZULIANI and Miss DONES.

Laughing Glee, "Vadasi via di qua.".....MARTINI.

Maddle. ZULIANI, Miss DONES, Mr. NOLAN and Mr. DONNELLY.

Opinions of the Press.

Miss EMILY DONES – This young lady possesses a magnificent contralto voice, and sings, moreover, with great refinement and feeling, while her intonation is perfect. – Saily Press.

Maddle. ANNETTA ZULIANI – Maddle Zuliani is a most welcome addition to our list of sopranos. Her voice is clear, bright, and flexible, and all she does is accomplished in a truly artistic manner – Era.

Mr. BRAHAM NOLAN – It is long since a tenor has been heard possessing so truly a sympathetic voice as Mr. Braham Nolan. In singing the higher class music, we feel we have a real artist before us, while in the more popular ballad style, the peculiar charm of expression and purity of voice leave nothing to be desired. – Monthly Review.

Mr. GEORGE DONNELLY - One of the most accomplished bassos we have heard for years is Mr. Donnelly. This voice reminds one of Staudigl in the lower register, while, in listening to the upper, we think we have Tamburini again before us. We feel assured Mr. Donnelly will have a brilliant career before him. – Weekly Herald.

Doors open at 7:30 – to commence at 8 o'clock.

Reserved seats 3s. Family ticket (to admit four) 10s 6d. Second seats 2s. Back seats 1s.

To be had of Mr. Alex. Henderson, bookseller, where a plan of the room may be seen. Book of words 6d each. Carriages may be ordered at 10 o'clock.

November 4, Local News p. 3, column 2.

CONCERT IN CORN EXCHANGE - A grand operatic and ballad concert, under the management of Madame Bodda Pyne (late Miss Louisa Pyne), took place on Wednesday night in the Corn Exchange. Madame Pyne is at present on a provincial tour, and the artistes by whom she is accompanied are Miss Emily Dones, contralto; Maddle. Annetta Zuliana, soprano; Mr. Braham Nolan, tenor; and Mr. Donnelly, basso. There was a large and fashionable audience, but still a number of reserved seats were unoccupied, and great complaints were made by those who occupied these seats, at being provided with nothing better to sit upon than bare forms, without any support for the back. The programme contained a remarkably good selection of songs of a most varied character, and the company showed their appreciation of the performances by frequent and hearty applause. The concert altogether showed great ability in all the artistes, and the people of Berwick are much indebted to them for the rich musical treat that was afforded them. Of course, Madame Bodda Pyne was the chief attraction; and although her best days have gone, her voice still possesses a sweetness and flexibility that cannot fail to be appreciated by all who have the pleasure of listening to her. She alone, of all the singers, hushed the large audience to a silence that made itself felt, and the burst of applause that greeted her at the close of each song, showed how deeply the audience was affected. Each of her songs was encored, and she was kind enough to respond to all but the last. "Home Sweet Home," and "The Flowers of the Forest," seemed to be most highly

appreciated, but all her songs were excellent, and admirably suited to her voice. The soprano, Maddle. A. Zuliana, had a well cultivated voice, but it wanted sweetness, and in our opinion she had too much to do. She sang, "Bid me discourse," which is a very difficult song, in a superior manner. The contralto, Miss Emily Dones, had a powerful voice, and sang her songs very tastefully. She gave "Katty Molloy" in real Irish style. The tenor, Mr. Braham Nolan, had a very sweet but not a powerful voice, and expression was very much wanting, while the voice of the basso, Mr. George Donnelly, was deficient in strength. However, we all know how difficult it is fully to develop one's voice in the Corn Exchange. The concerted pieces were much better sung than some of the solos. They were all very carefully rendered, and had evidently been practised with great care. Mr. Frank Bodda presided at the pianoforte, and in the performance of his task showed much ability. Altogether the concert was a great success.

November 11, p. 2, column 1.

Corn Exchange, Berwick. Will be exhibited for six days only, commencing on Monday, November 14th. The great unrivalled moving diorama of the overland route to India, and travels in the east, illustrating the manners and customs of the Hindoos.

Grand illuminated day exhibitions on Tuesday and Thursday at 4 o'clock, Saturday at 3, and every evening at 8 o'clock.

Doors open half an hour previous to each entertainment. Reserved seats 2s, second 1s, back 6d.

Further particulars, see programmes.

November 18, Front Page, column 3.

Desirable investments. Mr. Purves will sell by auction at the Corn Exchange on Saturday first, the 19th November, 1870, at one o'clock precisely. The following well known valuable securities: - 5 shares of the Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Light Co.. 8 shares of the Berwick Shipping Co. (Limited).

Hide Hill, Berwick, 16th November, 1870.

November 18, Local News. P. 3, column 4.

DRAKE'S DIORAMA – This diorama has been exhibited in the Corn Exchange during the past week, and has received a considerable amount of patronage. The views represent scenes of interest on the overland route to India, and sights witnessed while travelling in the east. Several nautical views are also shown, and the brilliant transformations of several of the scenes greatly enhance the entertainment. A historical and descriptive lecture is given by Mr. Drake. Miss Rose Percy presided at the pianoforte and sings a selection of music in a very pleasing manner. The diorama is well worth visiting, and we would advise all those who have not seen it, to visit the diorama before it leaves the town.

November 25, Front Page, column 4.

THE QUEEN'S MINSTRELS, (ROYAL ORIGINAL CHRISTY'S). Proprietors – Messrs Bernard & Vestris, (Successors to Messrs. Wilsom & Montague.)

CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1870.

This celebrated company of VOCALISTS, COMEDIANS, and DANCERS, that performed by special command before the Queen and Court at Balmoral Castle, October 16, 1868, includes grand double quartette of superbly trained voiced, great and original humorists, comic vocalists, grotesque and eccentric dancers, and an efficient and skilled band of solo instrumentalists, forming the largest, most perfect, and artistic company of minstrels in the United Kingdom, who, through the refined excellence of their entertainment, which abounds in sparkling wit, dry humour, unlimited mirth, and

good music, have been honoured by the patronage of the Queen and Court, the nobility, gentry, and the clergy of nearly every denomination in the United Kingdom.

No vulgar absurdities, but a high-class sentimental and comic concert, by gentlemanly entertainers, with blackened faces, greeted everywhere with roars of laughter, and salvos of applause. An inexhaustible, varied and attractive repertoire of the most original, the latest and greatest novelties in Negro minstrelsy.

SPARKLING WIT, DRY HUMOUR, UNLIMITED MIRTH, AND GOOD MUSIC.

The following distinguished artistes are permanently attached to this company, and will appear at every performance: -

MR. C. BERNARD, the Queen's favourite baritone, who received a special mark of Her Majesty's favour for his popular song, "Just before the battle, Mother," sung by special request and command of the Queen.

MR. W. VESTRIS, (the only Vestris), the greatest burlesque prima donna and the first Negro prima danseuse in the world.

M. STELLA, (from the CONSERVATOIRE, PARIS), the inimitable soprano. The most accomplished vocalist ever heard in negro minstrelsy.

The THREE UNAPPROACHABLE COMEDIANS –

MR. E. HALL, the king of mirth and humour;

TINY TIM, the smallest comedian in the world, the queerest, most comical and diminutive specimen of humanity in existence: and

MR. LOUIS LINDSAY, the inimitable grotesque and champion bone player of England.

MR. G. J. WILSON, the popular and time-honoured tenor of the Royal Christy's, who first introduced to public notice those charming ballads, "Beautiful Stars," "Willie, we have missed you," "Beautiful Isle of the sea," "Lovely Alice May," "Waiting for the May," &c.

MR. WEBSTER WILLIAMS, the new operatic tenor.

MR. C. WARDE, The Royal Christy's peerless alto.

MR. C. GARLAND, the favourite tenor robusto.

MR. JOHNSON, baritone.

MR. C. BISHOP, the great basso profundo.

MR. J.A. CANDY MR. BISHOP

Leader and solo violin Solo cornet.

MR. HARROLD MR. D'ALL AGLIO,

Solo flautist Clarionette.

MR. R. HILL.

MR. W. FARMER.

Solo violoncello. Double bass.

MISS A. BERNARD.

Solo pianoforte.

THE WHOLE FORMING THE BEST AND MOST ACCOMPLISHED TROUPE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE ONLY BAND THAT HAS APPEARED BEFORE THE QUEEN.

The Royal Christy's songs are all original, and written expressly for the several members of the company, and cannot be sung by any other band without permission of the manager.

PRICES OF ADMISSION, First seats, 2s; second seats, 1s; third or promenade, 6d.

Plan of reserved seats and tickets, at Mr. Henderson, bookseller, Western Lane.

Doors open at half-past seven, commence at eight.

Musical director.....Mr. J.A. Candy

Agent in advance.....Mr. William Selig.

Manager.....Mr. C. Bernard.

November 25, Local News p. 3, column 3.

SHARES FOR SALE – On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Purves offered for sale in the Corn Exchange five shares in the Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Company, and eight shares in the Berwick Shipping Company. The attendance was small, and very little interest seemed to be taken in the auction. For the Gas Company shares the bidding began at £15 per share and advanced to £16 5s, they being ultimately bought in at the reserved price of £17 10s per share. The Shipping Company shares were next offered, and for these the competition began at £12 per share. The highest figure reached was £12 15s, and the shares were bought in at £15 10s each.

December 2, Front Page.

The Berwick and Border Ornithological Association will hold their first grand exhibition of cage and song birds in the Corn Exchange on 7th and 8th of December.

Under distinguished patronage.

On Wednesday, from two to six pm, 1s, and from six to ten pm, 6d each. On Thursday from nine to twelve am, 1s; and from twelve to five pm (the close) 6d each.

Hon, Secs. Mr. R.L. Wallace and Mr. W.L. Beloe. Treasurer Mr. W.L. Miller.

December 2, Local News p. 3, column 5.

JAPANESE ENTERTAINMENT. – The “Tycoon’s Private Great Dragon Troupe of Japanese performers,” thirteen in number, gave three performances in the Corn Exchange this week – the one on Monday night, and the others on Tuesday. The attendance on all occasions was comparatively small, but certainly the execution of the various feats by the company showed that they deserved a more extended patronage. Those who were present testified their appreciation by frequent and hearty applause. The principal parts of the entertainment were:- The boy Tommy, who balances on a large tub, supported by seven smaller ones, these again being supported on Hansktchi’s feet; feats of posturing at the top of a long pole on the shoulder of Godai; dexterous performance on a single wire by a Japanese lady; the famous ladder balancing feat, never yet achieved by any other than the Japanese. It seems very negligent on the part of those who are responsible for the management of the Corn Exchange, that the gas should have been almost unendurable during the exhibitions. Owing, it would appear, to the defective nature of the burners, the gas was blazing up in an unusual manner, and was escaping in large quantities, to the great danger of those present. Surely it would not have been difficult to remedy so simple a defect.

December 9, Front Page, column 1.

Choral Union Concert in the Corn Exchange, Berwick on Thursday, December 15, 1870. Doors open at 7.30, concert at 8, carriages at 10:15. Admission 2s; 1s and 6d.

December 16, Front Page, column 2.

A SUBSCRIPTION BALL will be held in the CORN EXCHANGE, BERWICK, on MONDAY, 19th December, 1870 at 9 o’clock.

STEWARDS: -

THE MAYOR

THE SHERIFF.

EARL PERCY.

M.W. RIDLEY, ESQ., M.P

D. MILNE HOME, ESQ.

ALEX. M. INNES, ESQ.

JOHN WILKIE, ESQ.

THOMAS HOGG, ESQ.

GEORGE LAING, ESQ.

DAVID LOGAN, ESQ.

ALEX. R. LOWREY, ESQ.

JOHN D. OGILVIE, ESQ.

GEO. RUTHERFORD, ESQ.

STEPH. SANDERSON, ESQ.

JAMES ALLAN, ESQ.
JOHN ALLAN, ESQ.
THOMAS ALLAN, ESQ.
J. CLAY., BERWICK
WM. CRAWFORD, ESQ.
THOS. Y. GREET, ESQ.
N. HENDERSON, ESQ

WM. SMITH, ESQ.
JAMES W. SMITH, ESQ.
JOHN TAIT, ESQ.
ALEX. THOMPSON, ESQ.
ROBT. THOMSON, ESQ.
JAS. C. WEDDELL, ESQ.

W. WILLOBY & ROBT WEDDELL, HON. SECS.

Tickets for ladies 5s; for gentlemen, £1s each; to be had of Mr. Buchanan, Hide Hill, or of the secretaries; and it is requested that they be applied for as early as possible in order to enable the committee to make the proper arrangements.

Berwick, 5th December 1870.

December 16, Local News p. 3, column 3.

VOLUNTEERS' BALL. – The annual ball by the Artillery and Rifle Volunteers of this town took place on Tuesday night in the Corn Exchange. The hall was very tastefully decorated with evergreens and flags. On the platform there was the usual wooden gun decked with evergreens, with piles of guns bayoneted on each side. On the wall above there was a device, which was lighted with gas, bearing the motto “Ich dien,” under which was the flag with the royal arms. On the right side of these was “Defence not defiance,” and on the left, “Ready aya ready.” The orchestra was neatly decorated with evergreens, with “God save the Queen” in the centre. The pillars of the gallery were also ornamented with evergreens and festoons hanging down, and in front of the gallery there were the mottos – “Long live our officers,” “Success to the Volunteers,” and “Form, riflemen, form.” Numerous flags were hung around the walls, and stretched across the room. We noticed on the walls the mottos – “Our altars and our homes,” “Our Queen and country,” and “Success to the volunteers.” There was a good attendance at the ball, amongst the officers present there being: - Captain Allan, Captain Sanderson, Lieut. Allan, Lieut. A. Thompson, Lieut. Kay, Ensign Foulds, Dr. Jamieson, and Dr. Fluker. The ball was led off by the Mayor, and the night’s proceedings were then commenced in right earnest. The usual programme of danced was gone through, and all present seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost. There was a large number of visitors in the gallery during the evening, who watched with interest the lively scene below. Refreshments were supplied by Mr. Bell, and the ball was not brought to a close till five o’clock on the following morning. The evergreens used in decorating the Corn Exchange were kindly given by D. Milne Home, Esq., and the decorations were under the management of Private J. Crow and Gunner W. Waite.

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

THE SUBSCRIPTION BALL. - In calling the attention of our readers to the ball which is to take place in the Corn Exchange on Monday, on the occasion of the annual show of fat stock of the Berwick Christmas Club, we would remark that the list of names of influential gentlemen who have undertaken to act as stewards on the occasion, belonging both to town and country, may be accepted as a sufficient guarantee that no effort will be spared to make the gathering one of the most brilliant and successful that have ever taken place in Berwick. An active committee has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the ball, and it has been resolved to spare no expense to promote the comfort and convenience of all who may, by their presence at the ball contribute to its success. We understand that the hall will be beautifully decorated, the boxes round the side screened off, and the floor made suitable for dancing. Part of the hall will be screened off and fitted up for card playing. The hall will be properly heated, and fires will be lighted in all the rooms.

Retiring rooms for ladies will be fitted with every comfort and convenience. The music, which is to be supplied from Edinburgh, will be under the direction of the well-known professor of dancing, Mr. G. Atkinson. Refreshments will be supplied by Mr. Scott, Red Lion Hotel, who has engaged first class assistance in Edinburgh. There can be little doubt of the success of this reunion. The elite of the district are expected to be present. It is intended, we believe, to make this an annual gathering. We understand that the committee intend to cover the entire roof of the Corn Exchange, so as to effectually prevent rain escaping into the hall, should the weather be unfavourable. The improvement of the flooring for dancing is also under consideration. It has been decided to lay an entirely new flooring in a way that will greatly improve its elasticity, and render it better fitted to dance upon. It is expected that at least 200 persons will attend the ball.

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

CHORAL UNION CONCERT. – Last night this association gave their first concert this season in the Corn Exchange, and attracted a good audience. The first part of the programme opened with a part song by Muller, “May Day,” and drew forth considerable applause. The next by the choir was a boat chorus “Gaily Launch” which was encored. The duet “From our merry Swiss home” by two ladies was very fairly sing, notwithstanding a little tumbledown in the accompaniment, which caused a hitch, but was soon got over by Mr. Anderson coming to the rescue; this piece was also encored. A quartette (Storace) “Five times by the taper’s light,” was very well sung by the whole class, and certainly would have brought a well merited encore from a musical audience, but it was meagrely applauded. The “Huntsman’s chorus” closed the first part. The second part opened with “Hail, smiling morn” which went a little unsteady, the time being too quick; neither did we approve of Mr. Anderson’s mode of beating in this glee, as he distinctly beat the common time mood instead of the triple, which has rather an awkward appearance in this well known glee. It is a common trick in the art for singers to surprise their hearers by springing to the dominant in the second last note, which proved much too high for the treble, and in our opinion greatly marred the piece encored. Passing aside the songs on which we refrain making any remarks, a part song by Mendelsohn, and the Marseillaise, was well received. The concert concluded with the National Anthem. – The Choral Union will meet again for practice next Thursday night, when choruses from Handel’s Oratorio of “Judas Macabaeus” will be taken up.