

**GBR 49: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union**

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Volume	GBR 49	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, 24 February 1868 - 21 March 1870	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union.</p> <p><b>Guardians</b>  <b>1867/1868:</b> Ebenezer Black, (qualified to act in a parish where no guardian elected) (Grindon); Thomas Black, farmer of Castle Heaton (Cornhill); John Brown, farmer of Gainslaw Hill (Berwick) 294 votes; John Brown, farmer (Horncliffe); Robert Brown, farmer of Sanson Seal, (Berwick) 299 votes; Robert Cairns, hosier of Marygate (Berwick) 436 votes; William Cleghorn, farmer of Norham East Mains (Norham Mains); Adam Darling, merchant of Governor's Yard Berwick (Felkington); John Embleton, farmer and auctioneer of Broomhouse (Holy Island); Thomas Friar, gentleman of Grindon Ridge (Duddo); James Gilroy, farmer of Springhill (Tweedmouth); John Henderson, corn merchant of Sandgate (Berwick) 454 votes; James Hogg, farmer of Buckton (Kyloe); George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer (Shoreswood); Richard Makins, farmer of Murton (Tweedmouth); John Marshall, farmer, (Tweedmouth); James Mitchell, farmer of Tindal House (Twizel); William Moor, farmer (Longridge); James Robert Nicholson {James Nicholson}, farmer (Thornton); George Peel, fish curer of Spittal (Tweedmouth); James Roughead, farmer of West Ord (Tweedmouth); Joseph Willis Ruddock [Joseph Ruddock], cattle dealer of Tweed House (Berwick) 432 votes; Alexander Smith, farmer of Galagate House (Norham); Alexander Smith jnr, farmer of Letham (Berwick) 493 votes; Charles Stewart, farmer (Loanend); George Storey, farmer of Ancroft North Moor (Ancroft); David Tait, farmer of Windmill Hill (Ancroft); Andrew Thompson, ironmonger of Marygate, (Berwick) 495 votes; George Weatherhead, grocer of Bridge Street (Berwick) 465 votes; Matthew Young, oil cake manufacturer of Palace Street (Berwick) 498 votes;</p> <p>The following stood for Berwick but were not elected: William Currie, clothier of High Street, 162 votes; John Elliott, druggist of Castlegate, 256 votes; John Landells, farmer of Scuddy Law, 236 votes; Robert Rankin, boot and shoe manufacturer of Woolmarket, 152 votes.</p> <p>The following stood for Berwick but withdrew during the election: Thomas Cairns, hosier of High Street; David Creak, clothier of High Street; Lancelot Turner Fleming,</p>	24 Feb. 1868 - 21 March 1870

			<p>leather merchant of Castle Terrace; James Grey, brewer of Silver Street; Henry Richardson, Doctor RN of Castle Terrace.</p> <p><b>1868/1869:</b> James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer (Grindon); John Brown (Berwick); John Brown, farmer (Horncliffe); Robert Brown (Berwick); Robert Cairns (Berwick); William Cleghorn, farmer (Norham East Mains); Adam Darling, merchant of Governor's Yard, Berwick, (Felkington); Robert Dickson, farmer of Ord Mains, (Tweedmouth); John Embleton, farmer of Broomhouse (Holy Island); Thomas Friar, gentleman of Grindon Ridge (Duddo); James Gilroy, farmer of Springhill (Tweedmouth); William Grey, farmer of Tindal House (Twizel); John Henderson (Berwick); James Hogg, farmer of Buckton (Kylloe); John Logan, farmer and miller of Cornhill Mill (Cornhill); George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer (Shoreswood); Richard Makins, farmer of Murton (Tweedmouth); John Marshall, farmer (Tweedmouth); William Middlemiss, farmer of Scremerston (Ancroft); William Moor, farmer (Longridge); James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], farmer (Thornton); George Peel, fish curer of Spittal (Tweedmouth); Joseph Willis Ruddock [Joseph Ruddock] (Berwick); Alexander Smith junior (Berwick); Alexander Smith, farmer (Norham); Charles Stewart, farmer (Loanend); George Storey, farmer of Ancroft North Farm (Ancroft); Andrew Thompson (Berwick); George Weatherhead (Berwick); Matthew Young (Berwick).</p> <p><b>1869/1870:</b> James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer, (Grindon); Thomas Black, farmer and miller, Castle Heaton (Cornhill); George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings (Ancroft); John Brown, farmer of Gainslaw Hill (Berwick); John Brown, farmer (Horncliffe); Robert Brown, farmer of Sanson Seal, (Berwick); Robert Cairns, hosier, Church Street, (Berwick); William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer (Norham Mains); Matthew Crossman, corn merchant, Ravensdowne (Berwick); Adam Darling, merchant of Governor's Yard, Berwick (Felkington); Robert Dickson (Tweedmouth); John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead (Loanend); John Embleton, farmer of Broomhouse (Holy Island); Thomas Friar, gentleman of Grindon Ridge (Duddo); James Gilroy (Tweedmouth); John Henderson, corn merchant, Ravensdowne, (Berwick); James Hogg, farmer of Buckton (Kylloe); George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer (Shoreswood); Richard Makins (Tweedmouth); John Marshall (Tweedmouth); William Moor, farmer (Longridge); James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], farmer (Thornton); George Peel (Tweedmouth); Thomas Sanderson, farmer, Cocklaw (Berwick); Alexander Smith, farmer of Letham, (Berwick); Alexander Smith, farmer, Galagate House (Norham); James White Smith [James Smith], farmer (Ancroft); John Tait</p>	
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Item	GBR 49/1-7	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 February 1868.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; John Marshall; James Gilroy; James Hogg; Alexander Smith junior; Robert Cairns; James Mitchell; John Henderson; John Brown; Matthew Young. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; James Wilson. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, E Willoby, his son and partner, William Willoby, was appointed to act as his deputy.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	24 Feb. 1868

			<p>Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Scremerston and Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith (butcher); John Beveridge (auctioneer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); John Shaw &amp; Sons (books).  Registration accounts were presented by George Turner for Berwick District.  Nuisance Removal Expenses: John Davidson (disinfecting powder for use at Holy Island); Knight &amp; Co (forms of notices to abate nuisances); Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances for Norham and Islandshire, (remuneration for 121 days).</p> <p>Instalment of £108 9s 6d paid on loan of £2450 from Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Thomas Inglis, Walkergate Lane, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Crawford, Chapel Street, erysipelas, necessaries;  Catherine Gardner, Walkergate Lane, catarrh, necessaries;  Andrew Flood, Hatters Lane, catarrh, necessaries;  John McNab, Golden Square, ulcer etc severe for long period, necessaries, 1 ½ lb beef;  John Yule, Dark Entry, sickness, necessaries;  James Sanderson, Norham, disease of heart.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>A tender was accepted from John Clay &amp; Sons for 20 sacks oatmeal at 47s [?] per sack.</p>	
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Item	GBR 49/8 - 15	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Brown (Horncliffe); Robert Brown; Charles	9 March 1868

		<p>meeting held on 9 March 1868</p>	<p>Stewart; John Henderson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Cairens; James Gilroy; James Mitchell; Matthew Young; Thomas Black; James Hogg.  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe.  Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; John Cowden [?] (firewood); William Weatherhead and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Adam Kinross (undertaker); Thomas Landreth (grocer); William Lamb (whitening manufacturer); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas Melrose (workhouse schoolbooks).  Vaccination expenses: Berwick district, George Turner (registration fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 2 March from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Sarah Macfarlane, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;</p>	
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Item	GBR 49/16-25	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 March 1868.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); James Mitchell; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Brown (Horncliffe); John Marshall; David Tait; Alexander Smith (Norham); James Hogg; Robert Cairens; Robert Brown; James Gilroy; Charles Stewart; Matthew Young; George Storey; Richard Makins; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden].</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Proctor; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	23 March 1868



			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Clay &amp; Sons (merchants); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gaslight Company; James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James D Purves (auctioneer); Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); John Beveridge (auctioneer).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessaries. Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries. Elizabeth How, Golden Square, childbirth, necessaries. Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries. Fanny Sutherland, Weatherley Square, sickness, severe, bread tea sugar 1lb sugar pint port wine. William Preston, Crawfords Alley, rheumatic pains, necessaries. Elizabeth How, Golden Square, childbirth, necessaries. William Nichol, Walkergate Lane, bronchitis, requires mother's attendance, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains were received.</p>	
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			<p>Appointment of Medical Officers for Islandshire and West Norhamshire as resolved at last meeting:  Dr Matthew James Turnbull of Coldstream appointed to West Norhamshire, salary £8 pa.  Dr William Albert Paxton of Lowick appointed to Islandshire, salary £25 pa.  The Board requested the Poor Law Board to sanction these appointments and pointed out that it was not possible to comply with their prescribed rules as there were no duly qualified medical men residing in either district. They asked that they be appointed for the following periods:  Dr Turnbull for three years. He had held the post for many years and there was no probability of another doctor coming to reside in the district.  Dr Paxton for one year. He had only recently started to practice and had not hitherto held any office for the Board.</p> <p>They appointed Dr Paxton as public vaccinator for Islandshire, the fees being those prescribed in the new Vaccination Act, with the stations and attendance as follows:  For vaccination – first Wednesday of the months of January, April, July and October at the house of Thomas Paxton, Fenwick at 11am and L Yetts Holy Island at such hours the tides permit.  For Inspection – at the same places and hours but one week later.  Dr Paxton being present agreed to the above.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for provisions and clothing for the Workhouse and bread and oatmeal etc for the outdoor poor. The Board approved the list which was presented.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a return of the attendance of the Guardians at the Board and committee meetings during the present year.</p> <p>He also presented the supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Cornhill, Horncliffe and Twizel.</p> <p>The report of the Committee appointed at the meeting on 27 January 1868 to examine the proposal that those lunatics who were chronic and harmless might be maintained and treated in the Workhouse was presented. This arose from the</p>	
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			<p>presentation at that meeting of the half yearly returns from the Superintendent of the Northumberland County Asylum concerning the state of those lunatics chargeable to the Berwick Union. Members of this Committee were the Chairman [Andrew Thompson]; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; Thomas Black; David Tait; James Hogg; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith jnr; James Gilroy; the Medical Officer of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Their conclusions were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The present arrangements of the Workhouse did not provide accommodation or sufficient provision for the care and treatment of any of the lunatics now in the asylums.</li> <li>2. Suitable accommodation could be provided for the care and treatment of 'idiots and chronic cases of lunacy' if the accommodation currently used by the Workhouse Schools could be made available.</li> </ol> <p>They suggested that the attendance of outdoor pauper children at the Schools should be discontinued and the indoor pauper children sent out to school. They could then dispense with the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress. The range of buildings, only partly occupied, could easily be converted.</p> <p>From the report presented in August 1867 at the year ending on Lady Day, the average attendance was 75 of whom the indoor children numbered only 6 and the gross expense of the schools was £153 10s, of which £77 was paid from H M Treasury and £76 10s by the Guardians. Enquiries of the public schools in the town showed that of the seven in the Borough there were at present vacancies for more than 250 children. In addition a new National School would shortly be opened in Tweedmouth and an addition made to St Mary's, Berwick. It would cost the Guardians about £30 pa. to thus educate the pauper children, a little more than a third of the current cost, leading to a saving of £45 pa. to the ratepayers of the Union as well as to the public funds of the country. They also considered it would be advantageous to the children, preventing a familiarisation with pauperism and encouraging exertion on their own behalf. The small and uncertain number of indoor pauper children does not warrant the continuance of the Workhouse Schools and St Mary's School is next door to the Workhouse.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. There are at present 30 lunatics chargeable to this Union in the various Asylums at an annual cost of upwards of £1000. From Dr Brown's report of his annual visit to the County Asylum and other enquiries at least eight of these could be adequately treated in the Workhouse if additional attendance and accommodation is provided. The treatment of epileptic and other cases of lunacy currently in the Workhouse do</li> </ol>	
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			<p>not have the facilities the Medical Officer would wish and he is of the opinion that if they could be better looked after fewer would require admission to an asylum.</p> <p>4. The Committee is satisfied that their suggestion would provide ample room. The Guardians already occupy a considerable amount of land for occupation and recreation and on the expiry of the lease in November there will be the opportunity of securing adjoining land.</p> <p>5. Expenditure of about £100 pa. should provide proper medical and other attendance and that shortly the £1000 currently spent could be reduced.</p> <p>6. The Lunacy Acts Amendment Act 1862 would seem to allow arrangements of this nature. Subject to the approval of the Poor Law Board and the Lunacy Commissioners, the reception and care of a limited number of chronic lunatics in the workhouse is allowed and the Lunacy Act 1863 explains that this refers not only to lunatics chargeable to the Union but to any others who are in the asylum for the district.</p> <p>7. They conclude that this must be sanctioned by the Poor Law Board and that it will be necessary to provide them with plans of the buildings, proposed alterations and estimates of cost which the Committee think should not be much. They would not wish to proceed further until the Guardians have had full discussion and in particular of the proposal to dispense with the Schools. If they do not approve they should refer the matter back to the Committee with such further instruction as they deem necessary.</p> <p>A motion proposed by Rev Thomas Procter, seconded by Rev J G Rowe, that the report be received, entered in the Minutes and deferred for consideration until the first meeting of the Board for the ensuing year on 20 April, was passed.</p> <p>The Board considered the application of Thomas A White of Norham to be relieved of paying £10 pa. towards the maintenance of his aunt, Maria Hall in the County Asylum. They had a report from Mr Scott, Relieving Officer, and had interviewed White. Agreed to his application.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/26-36	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 April 1868.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Brown; John Marshall; John Brown; Charles Stewart; Alexander Smith (Norham); Richard Makins; George Storey; James Gilroy; Robert Brown; Thomas Black; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Alexander Smith (Letham).</p>	6 April 1868

			<p>Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.  Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith (butcher); George Lamb (plumber); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Edward Gregson and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Adam Winlaw (boot &amp; shoemaker); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Rutherford (cooper); James Jeffrey (blacksmith); Robert Henderson (spirit merchant); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Margaret Dixon (dressmaker); Robert Dickson (slater &amp; plasterer); George Douglas (farmer); Henry Bell (basket maker); Knight &amp; Co (vaccination books and forms, officers' books), John Husband, Collector of Rates Berwick, (poor rate on Register Office, garden, workhouse); G F Steven (advertising and printing); Elizabeth Wear (stationery); E Willoby (Justice Clerk's fees, postage); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (postage); John Crosby [John Crosbie, Relieving Officer] (postage, removing lunatics and other paupers); T H Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse (petty charges of the workhouse).  Lunatics Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (a quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic).  Nuisance Removal Expenses: P S McIntyre (disinfecting fluid for use at Scremerston); Alexander Davidson, 18 days salary as inspector.</p> <p>Collector's poundage: Samuel Boak, Collector of Rates, Duddo.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, schoolmaster; Mary Ann Daniel, matron of workhouse; Mary Harle, nurse; Thomas</p>	
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			<p>money.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be applied to the medical contract of Dr Turnbull and to the contracts for the supply of bread and meat for the workhouse.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board requiring a certificate of proficiency in vaccination from Dr Paxton of Lowick, before he entered into a vaccination contract. Dr Paxton has now provided this.</p> <p>Notice received from the Crichton Asylum, Dumfries, for removal of Ann Alexander, a lunatic pauper, before the 1st May. Arrangements to be made for her to be transferred to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Report received from James Wilson, MD, prepared at the request of the Nuisance Removal Committee of the Board. He had made a 'minute inspection' of the houses in Scremerston where fever was present or in proximity or direct communication. Borewell: 6 houses and 27 people. It is clean and well kept and all conveniences are provided. There have been no cases of fever. Red houses: 2 houses and 10 people. Cottages are dry and clean; the situation airy. The ash heaps are dry and regularly removed; the piggery in good order. No cases. Pringles Lodge [?] 2 houses and 12 people. One has 3 cases of fever. No ash pit and no privy, consequently the surroundings are far from being tidy. Tile Works House: 1 house and 6 people. 3 cases, 1 fatal. House is dry and airy and the disease was undoubtedly brought from the immediate neighbourhood. Richardsons Stead: 23 houses in the square and 113 people. 46 cases, 1 death. Ventilation of the place seems perfect, drainage good, all kept clean. Conveniences and most of the piggeries are at a suitable distance. As a rule the houses and place are clean and wholesome. Middle Scremerston: 11 houses and 52 people. 1 case, a girl who, with the rest of the family, was at school at the Stead, took ill a fortnight ago. The children are forbidden from attending school, and outworkers from a distance are forbidden from assembling in the house. There is an offensive drain in front of the house, which is the course for the whole row and has its outlet a few yards from the gable end of this, the eastmost house. The flow seems to infiltrate the ground having no proper outlet. When first seen it was choked but has been partially opened up. Due to the</p>	
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			<p>natural dip of the land it could easily be rendered efficient.</p> <p>Old Hill: 22 houses and 125 people. 6 cases, all children who have been to school. In many parts of the place there are considerable accumulations of filth. Ash pits are provided, but few are used. Most refuse is thrown in front of the doors. No privies and no receptacle for the removal of liquid offal.</p> <p>Deputy Row: 10 houses and 60 people approx. 9 cases. Well drained in front of the houses and the cross drain has been cleaned out and repaired.</p> <p>Oxford: This row is much cleaner just now than usual. The drain would be improved by being deepened towards the west.</p> <p>Scremerston Town: 17 houses and 80 people. No cases at present. The drain leading past the houses could be improved at small expense; as at Middle Scremerston it should be carried past the end of the row.</p> <p>Scremerston Hill: 8 houses and 30 people. Dry and airy and all conveniences are provided.</p> <p>Greenwich Colliery, The Old Engine and one or two other places: There have been a few cases not noted in this return. In all, the system of drainage with the exception named seems tolerably perfect.</p> <p>The state of the public well at Richardsons Stead was brought to his notice but considering the nature of the ground and the borings, he discounts this. It is only used by the Stead and Deputy Row. Whilst certain nuisance noticed in some of the places visited may tend to foster the disease, they cannot account for the origin. From his many enquiries he concludes that it was imported into the district from a distance initially. From the information he has received he believes that it can be traced to the neighbourhood of the Tyne where fever raged severely some time ago. The course of it can be followed in a circle round the neighbourhood at such places as the Coast Lime Works, Scremerston Town, Oxford, Berry Burn and Allerdean. It also extends further west in the direction of Grindon and Cornhill. This applies for nearly four years during which outbreaks have occurred at various places. He attributes this partly to the practice of families moving at the agricultural Terms. Where a family convalescent from fever move to a different place they take the disease with them. He is concerned at the coming May Term and recommends that every possible means of cleansing and disinfecting is used. Many families are contracted to move. He also suggested that the Board consider closing the school at present.</p> <p>He considered the Colliery District, through Mr Johnston, the Lessee [?], had done everything possible to alleviate the distress and met the views of the Inspectors in</p>	
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			<p>every instance. The Board agreed that the managers of the school at Scremerston be told of Dr Wilson's recommendation and asked to close it at present. Dr Wilson was empowered to act on his other recommendations, that he endeavour to get the cooperation of the Colliery Lessees and that the Inspector of Nuisances act under his directions.</p> <p>Contributions from the Overseers of the various parishes were ordered to be paid when due.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given by the Board to Andrew Thompson for his efficiency and able manner as Chairman over the past year.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/37-47	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 April 1868. First meeting of the year 1868/9.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith jnr; William Middlemiss; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); James R Black [James Black]; James Hogg; Charles Stewart; Robert Cairens; Richard Makins; Robert Brown; John Marshall; George Storey; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; George Peel; William Moor. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Adam Darling took the Chair until a new Chairman for the year was elected. It was then taken by Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk then gave the return of Guardians elected for the ensuing year: Ancroft – George Storey, farmer of Ancroft North Farm; William Middlemiss, farmer of Scremerston. Berwick upon Tweed. These Guardians qualified to act in a parish where no Guardians have been elected. – Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith junior; George Weatherhead; John Henderson; Robert Cairens; Joseph Willis Ruddock [Joseph Ruddock]; Robert Brown; John Brown Cornhill – John Logan, farmer and miller of Cornhill Mill. Duddo – Thomas Friar, gentleman of Grindon Ridge. Felkington – Adam Darling, merchant of Governor's Yard, Berwick. Grindon – James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer of Grindon.</p>	20 April 1868

			<p>Holy Island – John Embleton, farmer of Broomhouse.  Horncliffe – John Brown, farmer of Horncliffe.  Kylloe – James Hogg, farmer of Buckton.  Loanend – Charles Stewart, farmer of Loanend.  Longridge – William Moor, farmer of Longridge.  Norham – Alexander Smith, farmer of Norham.  Norham Mains – William Cleghorn, farmer of Norham East Mains.  Shoreswood – George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer of Shoreswood.  Thornton – James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson, farmer of Thornton.  Tweedmouth – John Marshall, farmer of Tweedmouth; Richard Makins, farmer of Murton; Robert Dickson, farmer of Ord Mains; James Gilroy, farmer of Springhill; George Peel, fish curer of Spittal.  Twizel – William Grey, farmer of Tindal House.</p> <p>The nomination papers were shown to the Guardians and returned to the Clerk for safe custody.</p> <p>Andrew Thompson, nominated by Alexander Smith junior, seconded by Richard Makins was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board and took the Chair.</p> <p>Alexander Smith junior and Richard Makins, nominated by Adam Darling, seconded by Robert Brown, were re-elected Vice Chairmen.</p> <p>The following Committees were appointed:  Assessment Committee: Elected Guardians – Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith junior (Letham); Adam Darling; Matthew Young; James Hogg. Ex officio Guardians – Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.  Nuisance Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshires: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); James R Black [James Black]; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Richard Makins; John Embleton; Thomas Friar; William Middlemiss; Rev Thomas Procter; Robert Crossman.  Workhouse and Finance Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairens; Matthew Young; John Henderson; Alexander Smith junior; John Marshall; Adam Darling; James Gilroy; J W Ruddock [Joseph Ruddock]; Dr Richardson (ex officio).  School Committee: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; John Henderson; ex officio</p>	
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			<p>members: Dr Richardson; Rev T Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Lunatic Asylum Committee: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairens; John Henderson; Dr Richardson (ex officio).</p> <p>First meeting dates were fixed for the Workhouse, School and Assessment Committees.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Clerk to the Board of Guardians - Edward Willoby. Relieving Officers – John Crosby (also Collector to the Guardians); Joseph Scott. Treasurer – John A Woods. Medical Officers – Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; James Wilson; George Wilson; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]. Master of the Workhouse – Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell]. Collectors of Rates – Joseph Scott (Cornhill); Robert L Yetts (Holy Island); George Dick (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Payment of £10 was made to E Willoby, Clerk to the Union, for his trouble and expenses in organising the election of Guardians.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Robert Rutherford (draper); E &amp;W Paxton (drapers); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey wine merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith (butcher); Johnson &amp;Co (brewers); Thomas Landreth (farmer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Wear (binding Poor Law Board letters); John Douglas (old rope); Edward Grey (old rope).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum, a quarter's maintenance for 26</p>	
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			<p>pauper lunatics and for part quarter for 3 others.  Robert Fluker, Medical Officer a Certificate of Lunacy.  Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).  Vaccination fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick; James Wilson, Tweedmouth; Matthew Turnbull, West Norhamshire; George Turner, Registrar's Fees and expenses, Berwick.  Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams – Ancroft, Kyoel; John Husband – Berwick; John Gilchrist – Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1lb sago, pint port wine;  Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Rankin, Walkergate Lane, cough, necessaries;  Mrs Pringle, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1lb sago, pint port wine;  Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Rankin, Walkergate Lane, cough, necessaries;  Margaret Nicol, Walkergate Lane, sickness, a few days, necessaries;  Richard Straughan, Ancroft, fever, convalescent, beef, ale.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>The Board considered the recommendations of the report, presented on 23 March, concerning the treatment of chronic and other cases of lunacy  First proposal to discontinue the present schools in the Workhouse: Robert Brown proposed and John Brown, Gainslaw seconded, that this should be adopted. Rev Thomas Procter expressed his dissent but did not propose an amendment. The</p>	
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			<p>motion therefore was carried and the Clerk was asked to contact the Poor Law Board for their approval and their authority to dispense, after notice, with the services of the Master, Mistress and assistant in the schools.</p> <p>Second proposal to convert the buildings into the required accommodation for the care and treatment of certain cases of lunacy: Agreed that the Special Committee be reappointed (with the substitution of James R Black for David Tait who was no longer a member of the Board) to follow the suggestions of the report to obtain plans of the buildings and proposed alterations with estimates,. These were to be presented to the Board for approval.</p> <p>As requested at the last meeting, the Workhouse and Finance Committee reported back on the money held by George Dick, Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth. After he had paid money to the Treasurer he now held less than £6. The Board was satisfied with the situation.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee's recommendation that E Willoby, Clerk to the Board, should receive £25 remuneration for his services to that Committee for the past year was agreed and the Clerk was asked to inform the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board concerning the employment of by Poor Law Medical officers of unqualified persons to assist them in their duties.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that, as directed, he had contacted the Rev Evans, a manager of the National School, Scremerston, concerning the opinion of Dr Wilson and the Board that the school should be closed during the present prevalence of fever in the that district. Evans had written that the school was now closed but submitted reasons why it should be reopened again.</p> <p>Evans to be informed that the Board consider it can be left to him to act as he deems fit.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/48-54	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 May 1868.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; William Middlemiss; John Brown; James Gilroy; Alexander Smith junior; Matthew Young; George Storey; Robert Brown; Charles Stewart.</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [William</p>	4 May 1868

			<p>Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Reported that the Poor Law Board had agreed remuneration of £25 to E Willoby in respect of his services to the Assessment Committee.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Dunlop (draper); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); Johnson &amp; Company (brewers); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); James D Purves (auctioneer); George Douglas (farmer); James B Landreth (grocer); James Johnson (old rope). Lunatics Account: T H Mitchell (removing a pauper lunatic to the County Asylum and enquiring into settlement of a pauper lunatic); Medical fees: Extra medical fees to Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer. Vaccination registration fees: George A Turnbull Islandshire District. Registration accounts were presented by Messrs Scott Norhamshire District, and George A Turnbull Islandshire District.</p> <p>The School Committee had passed the accounts from the following teachers for the education of out door pauper children: William Jackson, Spittal; Septimus Wharton, Scremerston; John Brown, Duddo; Robert Hardy, Cornhill; Thomas Phillips, Shoreswood; Margaret Brown, Norham; George A Turnbull, Ancroft; Thomas Moody, Harperidge; George Davidson, Thornton; George Thompson, East Ord; Miss McLaren, Norham; William Bell, Holy Island; Richard Forsyth, Norham; John Cowans, Beal; John Patrick, Fenwick; Henry Keir, Horncliffe; George Douglas, Old Bewick.</p>	
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			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Pringle, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1 lb sago, pint port wine;  Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Rankin, Walkergate Lane, sickness;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1 lb sago, pint port wine;  Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were received for the following parishes: Ancroft,; Berwick; Cornhill; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Norham; Norham Mains; Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointments and salaries of Drs Turnbull and William Albert Paxton until 25 March 1869.  To reply that the Guardians had proposed that the appointment of Dr Turnbull should be for three years.  The Common Seal to be affixed to Dr Paxton's contact.</p> <p>Application from the Southampton Union that the Board accept chargeability and grant non resident relief to Sarah Curry Smith was considered. Agreed after a report from Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, that she had legal settlement in the parish of Berwick upon Tweed.</p> <p>Circular received from the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire into the assessment and collection of Poor Rates and Taxes in England and Wales. It consisted of a number of questions to be answered, which were likely</p>	
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			<p>to require the assistance of local officers within the borough. Agreed that the Assistant Overseers of Berwick and Tweedmouth parishes be sent copies to complete.</p> <p>Notification received from E H Wodehouse, an H M Inspector of Workhouse Schools planned to inspect the schools on 13 May.</p> <p>Letter of resignation received from Ellen Dagleish, Eastern Lane, from her post of stipendiary monitor to the Workhouse School in one month. Accepted.</p> <p>Rev J G Rowe, Vicar of Berwick, wished to resign as an ex officio guardian on the Assessment Committee. Accepted and agreed that Robert Crossman be appointed in his place.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for Berwick upon Tweed parish was presented.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/55-60	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 May 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Marshall; Robert Dickson; Richard Makins; William Middlemiss; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Letham). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson. Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector, was also present. In the absence of the Clerk, Edward Willoby, his son and partner, William Willoby, acted in his place.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Russell (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith</p>	18 May 1869



			<p>(butcher); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas Spaven (iron monger); Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); John Bishop (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).  Registration Expenses: George Gibson, Belford, half year's rent of office on Quay Walls, used as Register Office); Stephen M Cook, Rate Collector, (local Board of Health Rate in respect of above).</p> <p>The School Committee had passed the account from Henry Ford of Cheswick for the education of 5 outdoor relief pauper children.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment by 23 May of the General County Rate from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Catherine Noon, Golden Square, childbirth, necessaries;  Michael Noon, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Bridget Swinney, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street [sic], sickness, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 1lb sago, pint port wine;  Mrs Hearty's son Thomas, Chapel Street, scald head, necessaries;  Margaret Limburn, Golden Square, sickness, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 1lb sago, pint port wine;  John McNab, Golden Square, ulcers and general debility, pot of brandy;  John Williamson, Chapel Street, syphilis, necessaries;  Elizabeth Thompson, Emerick, pulmonary phthisis, incurable, wholly.  Robert Emery, Old Greenlaw Walls.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>A copy of the substituted valuation list for the parish of Holy Island was presented.</p> <p>An order from the Poor Law Board was presented prescribing certain additional duties to be performed by the medical officer for the Workhouse.</p> <p>The report of Edward H Wodehouse, H M Inspector of Union Schools of his visit on 13 May, written in the Visitor Book, was presented. The children passed a very satisfactory examination. The Inspector greatly regretted the proposed closure of the school. He thought it improbable that they would be better taught in any other school than they had been by Mr and Mrs Nesbit over many years. He was unaware of the reasons for the decision and would like to be informed. Copies of the report of the Special Committee to be sent to him.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/61-66	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 June 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Thomas Friar; Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; James R Black [James Black]; John Embleton; John Marshall; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; William Middlemiss; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Hogg; Robert Brown; James Gilroy. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson; Robert Crossman. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	1 June 1868

			<p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith (butcher); Corporation of Berwick (rent of garden); Scremerston etc Coal Company; James Barclay &amp; others (sundries for gardens and pigs; Stephen M Cook (district rates on workhouse and garden); Thomas Landreth (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Edward Grey (china merchant); Johnson &amp; Company (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Bishop (grocer); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); Patteson &amp; Co (sailmakers); George Douglas (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); John Crosby (removing paupers); Knight &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); Isa Anderson (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay Station); Mark Cockburn (old rope).  Lunatics Account: Dr C Brown (certificate of lunacy of John Bland); John Crosby (removing lunatics to and from asylums); John Keat [?] (removing lunatic from asylum).  Medical fees: Dr R C Fluker (certificate of permanent disability of Jane Ellen Wright).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John McNab, Golden Square, sickness, very ill, pint port wine;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1lb sago, pint port wine;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street [sic], sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1lb sago, pint port wine;  Michael Noon, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Catherine Noon, Golden Square, childbirth, necessaries;  Michael Noon, Chapel Street, fever, convalescent, necessaries;  Catherine Noon, Golden Square, childbirth, necessaries;  James Purves &amp; family, Richardsons Stead, fever, wholly, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Kyloe.</p> <p>Copies of the substituted valuation list for the parishes of Ancroft and Kyloe were presented.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the death of Andrew Nolan and the discharge of Thomas Drummond, both pauper lunatics.</p> <p>Letters from the Poor Law Board: declining, for reasons stated therein, to agree the appointment of Dr Turnbull for longer than one year; enclosing copies of the certificates given to the Master and Mistress of the Workhouse Schools for the year ending 25 March 1869.</p> <p>Report of Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector, written in the Visitors Book was read: he had found the House clean and regular. The men's vagrant ward required some additional ventilation. He attended the Meeting of Guardians.</p> <p>William Atkinson, tailor of Wooler, appeared to apply for Hugh Dobbins, 14 years a poor orphan boy of Berwick Union, to be apprenticed to him. The Guardians agreed to the apprenticeship, for a period of five years, on the usual conditions of a £5 premium payable in two instalments and two suits of clothing. As the master lived in Glendale Union, by law notice to be given to that Union prior to the indenture being executed.</p> <p>The Special Committee appointed at the meeting on 20 April re the provision of accommodation in the Workhouse for cases of harmless lunacy, reported. They had engaged Mr Grey, architect, to draw up plans and provide an estimate. The work would not exceed £50. The plans were approved by the Guardians. Copies to be prepared and sent to the Poor Law Board with a request that they agree the proposed expenditure.</p> <p>Meetings for the annual examination of paupers residing in the Berwick district to be held as follows:  Parish of Berwick - 8 June 10am in the Board Room;  Parish of Tweedmouth – Tweedmouth 9 June 10am, Tweedmouth vestry; - Spittal 9</p>	
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			June 2pm Spittal vestry.	
Item	GBR 49/67-72	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 June 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Alexander Smith (Letham); Matthew Young; George Peel; John Brown (Horncliffe); Robert Dickson; William Middlemiss; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Brown; William Cleghorn; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Henderson. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Thomas Landreth (farmer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Hamilton (carter); George Douglas (farmer); William Lamb (manufacturer); Thomas H Pattison (painter).</p> <p>Ninth instalment, £41 16s 9d, of loan of £950 repaid to Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, rheumatism, necessaries. Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1lb sago, pint port wine.</p>	15 June 1868

			<p>Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries three bottles porter.  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 1lb sago, pint port wine.  Margaret Rankin, Walkergate Lane, spitting of blood, necessaries.  Ann Johnston, Knowe Head, sickness.  Mary Spence, [no address given] asthma, partially recovered.  Robert Thompson, Mattalees [?Mattilees], debility, partially recovered.  Ann Thompson, Mattalees [?Mattilees], inflamed throat, partially recovered.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Duddo, Holy Island, Hornccliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A supplementary valuation list for Tweedmouth parish was tabled.</p> <p>Notification from the County Asylum of the death of Ann Weir, pauper lunatic, chargeable to the Union. [this is written as from the Clerk to the Asylum].</p> <p>Reports of the annual meetings for the examination and inspection of those in receipt of relief:  Berwick parish – Guardians present – Andrew Thompson, John Henderson, Robert Cairns [Robert Cairens], Robert Brown, James Gilroy, Dr Richardson, Dr Fluker. 215 cases were investigated, representing 369 people, 43 of whom were unable to attend.  Tweedmouth parish – Guardians present –Andrew Thompson, Robert Cairns [Robert Cairens], John Marshall, Robert Dickson, Rev Thomas Procter, Dr Richardson, Dr Wilson. 145 cases were investigated, representing 203 people, 28 of whom were unable to appear.  Spittal – Guardians present - Andrew Thompson, John Marshall, Robert Dickson, George Peel, Rev Thomas Procter, Dr Richardson, Drs Wilson, Fluker. 49 cases were investigated, representing 82 people, 13 of whom were unable to appear.  Totals: 409 cases were investigated, representing 654 people. Compared with the previous year this shows a decrease of 40 cases and 27 poor persons.  The examination for Norham and Islandshire District to be fixed at the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>Notice from James Radford, District Auditor, that he will audit the accounts for the half year on 4 July.</p> <p>Reported that the contracts for meat, bread, and outdoor oatmeal expire on 27 June. The Workhouse Committee to get tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk authorised to obtain from the Justices, warrants for removal to Scotland of two paupers, James Wilson and Margaret Crow.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/73-77	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 June 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Alexander Smith jnr; Robert Brown; John Marshall, Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; William Middlemiss; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Embleton; Thomas Friar. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith jnr.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, schoolmistress; Ellen Dagleish, school monitor to 6 June; Mary Ann Daniel, matron of workhouse; Mary Harle, nurse; Thomas Harle, porter; Robert Fair, hairdresser.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith (butcher); James Grey (wine merchant); Thomas Landreth (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); William Alder (wine merchant); John Bishop (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer).</p>	29 June 1868

			<p>Outrelief: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, half year's board, education and clothing of William Purvis, a poor boy of this Union.  Vaccination Expenses; Joseph Scott (registration fees).  General Account: Andrew Ronaldson, Supt of Police (expenses incurred in endeavouring to execute warrant for apprehension of Ninian Blakey for deserting wife and family); John Crosby (removing Scotch pauper).  Nuisance Removal Expenses: Alexander Davidson (salary as inspector from 23 March to 1 June – 28 days).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Thomas Inglis, Chapel Street, sickness, pot brandy 2oz arrowroot;  Margaret Rankin, Walkergate Lane, debility, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Ann Johnston, Tweedmouth, necessaries;  Alexander Robison, Ancroft, debility, porter and beef;  Ann Johnston, Tweedmouth, debility, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back on the tenders received for the provision of meat and bread, which were accepted:  James Dixon - rounds &amp; flanks of beef 8s 6d per stone, houghs of beef 3s 6d per stone, legs of mutton 8d per lb;  Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread 3/4d per 4lb, indoor seconds bread 1/4d per 4lb, outdoor seconds bread 3lb 12oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal 3lb for 6d, outdoor flour 3lb 3oz for 6d.</p> <p>Reply from the Poor Law Board that they were considering the proposed</p>	
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			<p>discontinuance of the Workhouse schools and enclosing a circular concerning the fittings of wards and medical appliances.</p> <p>The meetings for the annual examination of those in receipt of outdoor relief in Norham and Islandshire were fixed:  Islandshire - 7 July, The Cat Inn, Cheswick; Halfway House, Beal.  Norhamshire – 15 July, Collingwood Arms, Cornhill; Victoria Inn, Norham.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/78-87	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 July 1868	<p>Present:  Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairens; Alexander Smith (Letham); William Middlemiss; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Norham).  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Master reported on the balance of the Workhouse Provisions Account and Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account for the past quarter.</p> <p>Payment of salaries for the quarter was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer and Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer and Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown, Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; James Wilson; William A Paxton [William Paxton], John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of Workhouse; Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; George Dick, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Smith (butcher); Scremerston</p>	13 July 1868

			<p>&amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Thomas Landreth &amp; others (sundries for gardens and pigs); Thomas Landreth (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); R Nicholson &amp; Son (plumbers); William Alder (spirit merchant); John Bishop (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John McCall (carpenter); George Douglas (farmer); E Willoby (Justice Clerk's fees, postages and sundry payments); T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell, Master of Workhouse] removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum – quarter's maintenance for 24 pauper lunatics; part quarter's maintenance for 5 lunatics.</p> <p>Royal Edinburgh Asylum – quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic.</p> <p>Dr Wilson – certifying two cases of lunacy.</p> <p>Medical fees: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick); James Wilson (Tweedmouth); John Paxton (East Norhamshire); Matthew Turnbull (West Norhamshire).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick); James Wilson (Tweedmouth); John Paxton (East Norhamshire); Matthew Turnbull (West Norhamshire).</p> <p>Nuisance Removal Expenses: Dr Wilson [James Wilson], investigating and reporting on cause of fever in Scremerston district;</p> <p>Alexander Davidson salary as Inspector of Nuisances (12 days).</p> <p>Collectors' Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe); John Husband (Berwick).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Glendale Union had no objection to Hugh Dobbins being apprenticed to William Atkinson, tailor of Wooler. The formalities were therefore completed and the first part of the premium paid to Atkinson.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  John Williamson, Chapel Street, unfit to work, relief to continue;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 3 bottles porter;  Mary Jane Allan, Castlegate, pain in side, necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>Jane Davidson, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 3 bottles porter;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  James Stuart, Walkergate Lane, diarrhoea;  Agnes Howe, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Reply received from the Poor Law Board to the Guardians' proposal to close the Workhouse Schools. They did not consider it expedient to close the schools. With reference to expense, if there was no school they would still need to provide day rooms for the children and a responsible paid officer to take care of them. Resolved on the motion of Alexander Smith (Letham) that the letter be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board concerning the duties of Workhouse Visiting Committees. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for their perusal and guidance.</p> <p>Returns received from the Registrars of Births and Deaths for Berwick and Northamptonshire of children registered by them and for whom they had not received certificates of successful vaccination during the last half year. Referred to the respective Relieving Officers to make enquiries and report back.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to enter into a contract with Dr Paxton of Lowick for the performance of vaccinations in Islandshire because he had failed to provide a special certificate of proficiency of vaccination as required by the regulations. He had now provided this, saying that it had been among the certificates and testimonials necessary to obtain the Diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.  The Certificate, dated 20 October 1867, signed by J Paxton, LRCP and LRCS, Edinburgh, vaccinator to the Berwick Union for upwards of 25 years, stated that William Albert Paxton, A B &amp; MB of Trinity College, Dublin had been instructed in</p>	
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			<p>vaccination by him, and superintended in successful vaccinations on many occasions. The Clerk to inform the Poor Law Board and seek agreement to the contract with Dr Paxton.</p> <p>Dr Wilson, Tweedmouth, pointed out that during the vacancy in Islandshire he had vaccinated several children from that district. Agreed that he should charge for these in his next quarterly account.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/88-96	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 July 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns [Robert Cairens]; William Middlemiss; John Brown (Gainslaw); Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); Robert Dickson; Richard Makins; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Marshall; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; George Storey; Adam Darling. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gaslight Coy; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (druggist); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Thomas G Turner (grocer); John Bishop (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); John Renwick (old rope); Knight &amp; Coy (printed forms).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo;</p>	27 July 1868

			<p>Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Payment made to Luke Atkinson &amp; Son, tailors, Wooler, the sum agreed for clothing for Hugh Dobbin, apprentice.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  M A Thompkins, Woolmarket, general debility, I believe this woman is not able to maintain herself and family, necessaries;  Mrs Johnson, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessaries;  Michael Burke, Weatherly Square, cough;  Agnes Howe, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Jane Davidson's child, Castlegate, debility, quarter pint port wine;  Theodore Taylor's widow and family, Castlegate, fever, convalescent, bottle port wine;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries three bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries three bottles porter.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>The Board considered the decision from the Poor Law Board concerning the closure of the Workhouse Schools. They unanimously resolved to write to the Poor Law Board regretting their decision that the schools should not close and pointing out that Berwick Union had reached its decision after careful consideration of the needs of the children and of the considerable saving to the ratepayers. They respectfully asked the Poor Law Board for the reasons for their decision.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board concerning the qualifications of Dr Paxton for the post of public vaccinator for Islandshire. They stated that the certificate provided by Paxton did not meet the regulation that the certificate must be provided by one of the public vaccinators named by the Privy Council. The Clerk had informed Paxton</p>	
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			<p>who had replied asking that they keep the post open to enable him to provide the necessary certificate. Agreed that they would do so until the next meeting.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers reported back concerning the cases of unvaccinated children. Legal action was not considered necessary in any case.</p> <p>The District Auditor's report of his recent inspection was received. In two cases new bonds were required. John Thomson had ceased to be a Collector of Rates and was now an Assistant Overseer only. The new bond has been prepared and was about to be executed by the sureties. One of the sureties of Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, had left the country. Mr Scott undertook to provide a new surety before the next meeting.</p> <p>The half yearly return from the Superintendent of the County Asylum, concerning the state of those lunatics chargeable to the Union was received. He also reported the death of one, Margaret Thompson.</p> <p>The annual meetings for the examination and inspection of those receiving outrelief and residing in the country districts were reported.</p> <p>Islandshire District: Meeting held at the Cat Inn, Cheswick on 7 July 1868 – Guardians present – Andrew Thompson; George Storey; John Embleton; Alexander Smith jnr; William Middlemiss; Matthew Young; Dr Wilson. – 36 cases investigated consisting of 66 people, 13 of whom did not attend.</p> <p>Meeting held at Halfway House [same date] – same guardians attended – 14 cases investigated, consisting of 16 people of whom 2 did not attend.</p> <p>Norhamshire District: Meeting held at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill, on 15 July 1868 – Guardians present – Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; William Logan; Dr Richardson and Dr Turnbull, [Medical Officer]. – 13 cases investigated, consisting of 25 people of whom 8 did not attend.</p> <p>Meeting held at the Victoria Inn, Norham, [same date] – Guardians present – Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith; George Storey; William Middlemiss; James R Black [James Black]; Dr Richardson and Dr Paxton [Medical Officer] – 63 cases investigated, consisting of 111 people of whom 29 did not attend.</p> <p>Meeting held at the Fishers Arms, Horncliffe, [same date] – Guardians present – James R Black [James Black]; George Storey; John Brown; William Middlemiss;</p>	
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			<p>Robert Brown. – 14 cases investigated, consisting of 22 people of whom 7 did not attend.</p> <p>Summary;</p> <p>Cheswick – 36 cases investigated – representing 66 people  Beal – 14 cases investigated – representing 16 people  Cornhill – 13 cases investigated – representing 25 people  Norham – 63 cases investigated – representing 111 people  Horncliffe – 14 cases investigated – representing 22 people  Total – 140 cases investigated – representing 240 people.</p> <p>Compared with the previous year, this was a decrease of 15 cases and 9 people. The investigations throughout the Union led to an increase of relief in 13 cases, amounting to 7s 6d a week and a decrease of relief in 6 cases amounting to 17s 6d a week.</p> <p>Five or six cases were referred to the Relieving Officers.</p> <p>Requests received from the Belford Union in respect of Mary Ann Newman, single woman aged 16 and from Morpeth Union in respect of George Purves, 71, and his wife Margaret, 77, asking that they be accepted without orders of removal. After considering the reports of officers the Board it was agreed that they were settled within Berwick Union and the requests duly agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were authorised to seek tenders for the supply of six bags of oatmeal.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/97-102	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 August 1868.	<p>Present:  Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns [Robert Cairens]; Matthew Young.  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Rev Thomas Procter.  Medical Officers: Drs; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required</p>	10 Aug. 1868

			<p>for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John Husband (poor rate on workhouse and the garden).  Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District Registrar; George A Turnbull, Islandshire Registrar.  Registration accounts were presented by Messrs Scott and Turnbull for Norham and Islandshire Districts.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Isabella Young, aged 18, Walkergate Lane, cardiac disease, 1 ½ lb beef;  Isabella Young, aged 18, Walkergate Lane, cardiac disease, 1 ½ lb beef;  Hannah Preston, Chapel Street, ulcer leg, necessaries (this persons husband is absent get relief paid until his return);  Hannah Preston, Chapel Street, ulcer leg, necessaries;  Michael Burke, Weatherly Square, haemptysis, necessaries;  Mrs Johnson, Walkergate Lane, childbirth, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  William Yule, Dark Entry, sickness, wholly, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Berwick; Duddo; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoeloe; Norham; Norham Mains.</p> <p>On recommendation from the Workhouse Committee that the tender by John Clay &amp; Son to supply six sacks of oatmeal was accepted.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk had received a certificate signed by Dr William Husband of Edinburgh, who was authorised by the Privy Council, certifying the proficiency in vaccination of Dr W A Paxton of Lowick. His contract as public vaccinator for the Islandshire District was therefore confirmed.</p> <p>Return received from the Registrar for Islandshire reporting the names of children whom he had registered in respect of whom he had not received a certificate of successful vaccination. After considering the report of Mr Scott they considered it was not necessary to start legal proceedings at present.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of an Order of Removal from Camberwell Union in respect of Margaret Atkinson, widow, aged 75, to the parish of Berwick upon Tweed which was alleged to be her last place of legal settlement. On the report of Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, it was agreed not to contest the Order of Removal.</p> <p>Mr Scott, Relieving Officer, named Thomas Young Greet of Morris Hall as his surety in place of W A Douglas, who had gone abroad. Approved.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply for a warrant for removal for Bridget McCertin [?] and her infant child to Ireland. They were now in the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/103-108	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 August 1868.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; John Brown; Alexander Smith jnr; Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	24 Aug. 1868

			<p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Dixon (butcher); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); John Bishop (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Thomas G Turner (grocer); E Willoby [Clerk to the Union] (payments in connection with annual examination of paupers).  Vaccination Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).  Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District).  Collectors Poundage: James Paxton, Hornclyffe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Walter Moor, 48 years, Tweed Street, ulcers of leg, this person requires relief until the next meeting, necessaries;  Margaret Henderson, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Agnes Howe, Chapel Street, carbuncle, necessaries;  Isabella Young, Walkergate Lane, cardiac disease, 1 ½ lb beef;  Isabella Young, Walkergate Lane, sickness, 1 ½ lb beef;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Thomas Ingles, Walkergate Lane, paralysis, pint port wine;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Margaret Clarke, Ancroft, sickness, wholly, necessaries wine &amp; beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Reply received from the Poor Law Board to the Union's request for their reasons not to sanction closure of the Workhouse School. First was that the Inspector reported</p>	
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			<p>the school was thoroughly well conducted. Also the children were now more under the control of the Guardians than would be possible if they attended school outwith the workhouse. If in the future the number of children increased it would be necessary to employ a resident teacher.</p> <p>However the Poor Law Board wishes to avoid disagreement on the subject and therefore will consider the plans showing the proposed alterations to provide accommodation for certain cases of lunacy and then reply.</p> <p>The Clerk read a statement of the calls made upon the parishes for the current quarter, the sums paid on account and the sums still due.</p> <p>He presented the calculations for the contribution orders for the ensuing half year. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee to consider and settle.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he and the Collector to the Guardians, Mr Crosby, had made repeated requests to the South Shields Union for the sums due in respect of relief given to paupers while under order of removal and for the chargeability of a lunatic pauper, John Bland, but had received no response to their letters. The Clerk was authorised to communicate the above to the Chairman of the South Shields Union, which their Clerk had not heeded.</p> <p>Dr Richardson gave notice that at the next meeting he would present a motion that an annual subscription of £20 (more or less) be granted to the Edinburgh Infirmary in consideration of the benefits delivered to the poor of the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/109-114	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 September 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Alexander Smith jnr; Robert Brown; William Grey; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Brown (Horncliffe); John Embleton; Richard Makins; William Middlemiss; John Marshall; John Henderson; Charles Stewart; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith jnr.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the</p>	7 Sept. 1868

			<p>general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: John Clay &amp; Son (corn merchants); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewer); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); William Alder (spirit merchant); John Bishop (grocer); Thomas G Turner (grocer); John Fleming (water cask); William Hamilton (carter); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James B Landreth (grocer); Thomas H Mitchell (removing pauper to Ireland).  Outrelief Account: Guardians of Belford Union (repayment of relief given under suspended order of removal); Guardians of Camberwell Union (repayment of relief given under suspended order of removal).  The Clerk reported that the Nuisance Removal Committee for Norham and Islandshire had examined the books of Alexander Davidson, Inspector of Nuisances, and were satisfied that he was due payment for 26 days at 5s 6d per day. Payment authorised.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Barbara Aitchison, Castlegate, general debility, altogether, necessaries;  Agnes Howe, Chapel Street, carbuncle, necessaries;  Isabella Young, Walkergate Lane, cardiac disease, 1 ½ lb beef;  Isabella Young, Walkergate Lane, cardiac disease, 1 ½ lb beef;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown;</p>	
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			<p>Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Ancroft, Cornhill, Duddo, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Dr Richardson, as notified at the last meeting, proposed that in consideration of the benefit derived by the poor of the Union from Edinburgh Infirmary an annual subscription of £20 (more or less) be granted towards their funds. Seconded by Rev Thomas Procter.</p> <p>An amendment was moved by Robert Brown, seconded by John Brown (Gainslaw) that the motion be not adopted.</p> <p>There were 4 votes for the motion and 10 votes for the amendment. The motion was therefore lost.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they agreed with the Clerk's calculations of the sums required from the parishes for the ensuing half year's expenditure. The sums were read and approved.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the lease for the portion of the Greenses Garden, occupied by the Union, ended in November. The whole Greenses Garden is the property of the Corporation of Berwick and is advertised to be let on lease at the Council Meeting on 16 September.</p> <p>Agreed that it would be highly desirable for the Board to lease the whole Garden for the use of the inmates of the Workhouse. A special committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Board [Alexander Thompson]; Alexander Smith jnr, Robert Brown, John Brown (Gainslaw), John Marshall, Dr Richardson were asked to inspect the Garden and make arrangements to submit a bid.</p> <p>Application from Newcastle upon Tyne Union that Mary Smith and her illegitimate child be accepted without order of removal. The Board had ascertained that Mary Smith had been legally removed in August 1865 from a parish in the Newcastle Union to Holy Island which was still her place of settlement. The application was therefore accepted.</p> <p>Supplemental Valuation Lists for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains were laid before the Board.</p>	
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Item	GBR 49/115-122	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 September 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; John Henderson; Alexander Smith jnr; John Brown (Horncliffe). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter, Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James Dixon (butcher); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); William Alder (spirit merchant); William Grey (china merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John Renwick (old rope); Thomas H Mitchell (removing pauper). Collectors Poundage: Samuel Boak, Duddo.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 21 September from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Rosanna Flannigan, Walkergate Lane, catarrh with pain, necessaries;</p>	21 Sept. 1868
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Item	GBR 49/123-130	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 October 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Storey; Charles Stewart; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; John Brown (Gainslaw); Adam Darling; Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Coy; Robert Winter and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Margaret Cowe (grocer); R Nicholson &amp; Son (plumber); William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); M Gray &amp; Sons (masons); Robert Cockburn (blacksmith); Thomas G Turner (grocer); John Bishop (grocer); John Brown (plasterer); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Davidson &amp; Son (rope maker); Knight &amp; Coy (books and forms); George Macaskie (printer); Phoenix Fire Office (insurance premium); Henry Plenderleith (stationer); E Willoby [Clerk to the Board] (Justice Clerk's fees, quarter's postage and other payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] quarter's postage and other payments); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] quarter's postage and other payments); T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse] (petty charges). Lunatics Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic). Nuisance Removal Expenses: Alexander Davidson (remuneration as Inspector of</p>	5 Oct. 1868



			<p>Nuisances, 17 days).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbitt, Schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress; Mary Ann Daniel, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Thomas Harle, Porter; Robert Fair, Hairdresser; all employed in the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Master produced his accounts for the previous quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing. The Clerk was ordered to transfer £51 4s 3 ¼ d from the Inmaintenance Account to the Clothing Account.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Michael Butler, Chapel Street, catarrh, necessaries;  Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, sickness, necessaries 1½ lb beef;  Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, rheumatism shoulder blade, necessaries 1½ lb beef;  John Toll, Wallace Green, fever, pint port wine;  John Toll, Wallace Green, fever, necessaries;  Margaret Limburn, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries 1 ½ lb beef ;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles porter;  Catherine Givens, Coxons Lane, childbirth, pint port wine;  Rosanna Flannigan, Walkergate Lane, sickness, improving, necessaries;  Robert Armstrong, labourer, sickness, wholly, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Duddo, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham Mains, Norham, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for providing</p>	
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			<p>the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. Ordered that these be accepted.</p> <p>Contribution orders were signed requiring the Overseers of the parishes to pay the agreed contributions in two equal instalments on 24 October and 16 January.</p> <p>Letter received from William Moor, Tweedmouth, one of the sureties for George Dick, giving notice that he wished to withdraw from this. Dick to be asked to provide the name of a replacement surety.</p> <p>Reply from the Poor Law Board, agreeing to the lease of the Greenses Gardens by the Guardians. The Master of the Workhouse reported that several people had applied for the tenancy of the house and appurtenances in the Garden and a respectable person had offered a rent of £10 pa. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to negotiate tenancies for the house and appurtenances and Rope Walks in the Greenses Garden.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/131-137	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 October 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Robert Cairens; Robert Brown; James Gilroy; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Henderson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); William Middlemiss; John Brown; Richard Makins. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving</p>	19 Oct. 1868

			<p>Officer and Collector of Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer and Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; James Wilson; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island; George Dick, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum, quarter's maintenance for 25 pauper lunatics; Andrew Thompson, expenses of Committee and Dr Brown visiting County Asylum; Colville Brown, fee for visiting Asylum and preparing report.  Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker], Berwick District; James Wilson, Tweedmouth District.  Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker, Berwick; James Wilson, Tweedmouth.  Vaccination Expenses: George A Turnbull, Registrar's fees, Islandshire.  Collector's Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick; John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment towards the Police Rate for general and local expenditure from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John Tole [Toll?], Wallace Green, fever, pint port wine;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 3 bottles porter;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries, 3 bottles porter;  Agnes Allan, Coxon's Lane, abscess, necessaries, 1 ½ lb beef;  Agnes Allan, Coxon's Lane, abscess, necessaries, 1 ½ lb beef;  Catherine Givens, Coxon's Lane, childbirth, pint port wine;  Catherine Givens, Coxon's Lane, childbirth, debility, pint port wine;  William Brady, Weatherly Square, debility and destitution having newly come out of</p>	
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Item	GBR 49/138-149	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 November 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Marshall; John Henderson; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Thomas Friar; Robert Brown; Robert Cairns; James Hogg; William Middlemiss; William Cleghorn; Alexander Smith (Letham). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.</p>	2 Nov. 1868

			<p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]; J Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: E &amp; N Paxton (drapers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); James Russell (drapers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Morrison &amp; Marshall (drapers); Robert Rutherford (drapers); John Davidson (grocer); James Smith (butcher); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); E Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (farmer); John Blakey (grocer); John Renwick (old rope). Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic from County Asylum). Extra Medical fees: John Paxton, East Norhamshire; M J Turnbull, West Norhamshire. Vaccination fees: John Paxton, East Norhamshire. Nuisance Removal Expenses: John Paxton (visiting and reporting on certain nuisances in Norham).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: John Paxton [Medical Officer].</p> <p>The School Committee reported that they had verified the accounts from the following for the education of outdoor pauper children: William Jackson, Spittal; John Brown, Duddo; Henry Ford, Cheswick; Septimus Wharton, Scremerston; Thomas Phillips, Shoreswood; James Thompson, East Ord; Robert Hardy, Cornhill; George A Turnbull, Ancroft, Thomas Moody Harperidge; Richard Forsythe, Norham; Margaret Brown, Norham; William Bell, Holy Island; Mary Ann McLaren, Norham; George Davidson, Thornton; George Douglas, Old Bewick; John Cowans, Beal; John Patrick, Fenwick; Adam Bell, Ord Moor.</p>	
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			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mrs Taylor, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles of bottles [sic];  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries 3 bottles of bottles [sic];  John Toll, Wallace Green, fever, 1 ½ lb beef;  John Toll, Wallace Green, fever, 1 ½ lb beef;  Margaret Mitchell, tramp, debility, bread, tea &amp; sugar, she will proceed to Dunbar;  Bridget Conolly, Castlegate, dyspepsia, necessaries;  Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, debility from abscess, necessaries, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, debility from abscess, necessaries, 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>As requested at the last meeting, Dr Paxton of Norham attended the meeting. The Clerk read a letter from Dr Paxton: it stated that in the past half year ending on 30 September he had he had attended 47 cases of sickness, occurring in 40 paupers. He had prescribed and given medicine on 144 occasions and granted 36 orders for nourishment etc. Three had been cases of severe and protracted chronic disease continuing during the whole time. One required daily operations for the removal of urine for a considerable period. Dr Paxton said that he had not realised that the Board required fortnightly sheets and he could not now provide these. If the Board needed them in the future he would endeavour to do so. The Clerk reported that Dr Paxton had now sent in his quarterly accounts and lunatics return. Resolved to accept his explanation, order payment of the salary due to him and request that he be more careful in the future to provide regular returns.</p> <p>Dr Paxton of Lowick did not attend the meeting nor provide any explanation as</p>	
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			<p>requested.  Resolved on the motion of Alexander Smith that Dr W A Paxton of Lowick be hereby suspended until further notice from the performance of the duties of Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for Islandshire District. The Clerk to be directed to notify him of his suspension and to report this and the circumstances to the Poor Law Board.  It was resolved that Dr Wilson of Tweedmouth be employed in the meantime to cover the Islandshire District.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on their negotiations concerning the Greenses Gardens which had been requested at the meeting on 5 October. They had inspected the Garden and held interviews with those wishing to become sub-tenants of the house etc and rope walks. The Committee recommended the following to be sub-let:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 A rope walk on the south side of the Greenses Garden.</li> <li>2 A rope walk on the north side of the same garden.</li> <li>3 The house and byre on the north side of the garden together with the ground adjoining and included in a line to be drawn from the north east wall of the garden to the first hedge on the west and estimated to contain not quite 1/6 of an acre; this ground to be fenced off with a wooden paling. It is expected that this house and byre will be put in tenantable repair by the Corporation or outgoing tenant.</li> </ol> <p>First lot: Robert Davidson of Castlegate offered a rent of £3 pa. He is assessed and will pay all tenants rates.  Second lot: John Mace of Greens offered a rent of £2 pa, the Guardians paying all rates and taxes.  Third lot: Alexander Dippie of Greens offered a rent of £8 pa, he is assessed and will pay all tenants rates.  The Committee recommended that the above offers be accepted on the following conditions:  That the tenancies shall be from year to year.  The tenancies for the rope walks shall start on 11 November and that of the house and appurtenances from 12 May next. This will allow the premises to put in a state of repair and Mr Dippie to vacate his present premises.  The rents to be paid half yearly.  The above depends on the Guardians getting permission to sub-let.  Resolved that the above be accepted and the necessary steps taken to carry it into</p>	
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			<p>effect. The form of consent to the Poor Law Board concerning the Guardians hiring the Greenses Gardens, signed by 16 Guardians at the last meeting, was then signed by 6 other Guardians now present. The consent of the required majority was now obtained. To be returned to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Reply received from the Poor Law Board to the Guardians' letter of 20 October concerning the alterations to the Workhouse to provide accommodation for certain lunatics. They have been considering the plans and sent them to their architect. However they wish to consult the Commissioners in Lunacy concerning the proposal to accommodate certain lunatics now in asylums and were awaiting their reply. On its receipt they will communicate further.</p> <p>Dr Brown reported on the annual inspection of the pauper lunatics chargeable to the Union, made by him, the Chairman and the Vicar of Tweedmouth to the County Asylum on 9 October 1868. As on previous occasions he found them as comfortable and well cared for as could be desired. Total number was 25, 8 male and 17 female. One female, Alice Cameron, has since been discharged on trial as they had recommended. Of the 8 males only one, John Bland, is likely to make a complete recovery. Most of the others are quiet, orderly and generally well behaved. Five of the women may make a complete recovery. Jane Hislop, though she has not improved in the past year, because of her youth and recent attack is a hopeful case. Elizabeth Trainer is decidedly better in the last year. Isabella Lough is much the same but hopeful. Ann Tobin, though querulous, is improving. Isabella Mace is quiet, orderly, works well, placable and hopeful – to be mentioned later. The other 12 cases from longstanding disease, epilepsy, idiocy and imbecility afford little hope of a return to sanity. He then went on to discuss the transfer of some patients to the Workhouse, should they be able to provide suitable accommodation. In the Board's discussions of this issue he had made it clear that the nature of the accommodation determined the numbers they could transfer. Four of the eight males could easily be kept in the Workhouse. William Bertram, quiet, inoffensive, sober and obedient had been 9 years at Morpeth. Charles Macdonald, much the same as Bertram had been 5 years there. James Swinhoe</p>	
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			<p>was an imbecile in good bodily health and of clean habits. James Finharty, an idiot boy of 15, was of filthy habits though he was improving in that respect and in intelligence. There was no hope of him leaving the unfortunate class to which he belongs.</p> <p>Two others might safely be brought from the Asylum. George Todd was mostly quiet and well behaved though sometimes sullen and excited. John Octon was deaf and dumb and epileptic. Though he was excited after a fit, he was not worse in that respect than others who have been in the Workhouse for most of the year and who Brown considers were as well managed as in the Asylum. Brown's opinion was that the present accommodation in the Workhouse for epileptics and cases of imbecility and chronic mania was quite inadequate. Two current inmates and two previous could with more justice be in the Asylum than those who are. In the Workhouse they have to mix with the other inmates. This is very unsatisfactory and is almost sure in the long run to get the Board into disgrace. He cited John Inglis, filthy in his habits and destructive of his clothing and Ann Alexander who gave more trouble and responsibility to him and other officials than cases of physical disease.</p> <p>Of the other male patients, John Bland who was recovering and Thomas Steven who was sometimes very violent, should remain at the Asylum.</p> <p>Of the 17 females, one of the 5 hopeful of recovery, Isabella Mace, who is quiet, inoffensive, orderly and a good worker could be transferred. Of the other 12, five [sic] could be transferred: Ann Graham an imbecile of dirty habits but quiet; Mary Ann Temple, in the asylum since 1859, quiet of cleanly habit, not dangerous; Maria Hall, quiet not dangerous; Margaret Dryden, though at times excited on the whole well behaved; Jane Smith, quiet well disposed and harmless; Jane Jackson, though noisy and incoherent is harmless though of dirty habit. He recommended that the curable and recent cases remain at the asylum but that cases of imbecility, idiocy, chronic mania, even when of filthy habits could as well be kept at the Workhouse.</p> <p>Correspondence with Mr North, Medical Officer to the York Union Workhouse, indicated that they accommodate a large number of such cases in the Workhouse and that a large proportion can be kept there as well as in an asylum. North recommended, as they had already thought, a separate building so that they did not mix with the other inmates. They have one male and one female attendant. The cost cannot be large, as total pauper inmate cost is something over 3s per head a week. He concluded that with present accommodation he was not justified in accepting responsibility for himself and for putting it on the other officials and in taking such cases as he had recently such as Alexander Pike, Moor and even</p>	
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			<p>Emery. The small insane wards were full and there was no suitable place for any fresh case of lunacy. Resolved that the Clerk acknowledge receipt of the Poor Law Board's letter and enclose a copy of Dr Brown's report, drawing their attention to it and requesting a speedy decision.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices to obtain an order to adjudge the chargeability to the South Shields Union of John Bland, now maintained by Berwick Union in Northumberland County Asylum. He was also to write to the Carlisle Union to accept chargeability without an order of removal of George Richardson and his wife Ellen who are now chargeable to Berwick Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/150-155	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 November 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Robert Cairns [Cairns]; Robert Brown; George Storey; William Middlemiss; Matthew Young; John Brown (Gainslaw). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Rev J G Rowe.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Clay &amp; Son (merchants); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; etc Coal Company; Berwick etc Gas Light Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); Henry Plenderleith (stationer); George Douglas (farmer); T H Mitchell (expenses relating to enquiries into settlements of a pauper lunatic and 2 other paupers); Berwick Local Board of Health (general district rate on Workhouse, special district rate on Workhouse); John Main</p>	16 Nov. 1868

			<p>(cleaning Spittal pay station); Isabella Anderson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District registration fees). Registration Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District)</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Crumlish, Golden Square, sprain ankle, necessaries; Bridget Nolan, High Street, burns, necessaries; Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, childbirth, 2lbs beef; Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, childbirth, 2lbs beef; Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries; Agnes Inglis, Walkergate Lane, asthma, necessaries; Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, abscess, necessaries 1 ½ lb beef; Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, abscess, necessaries 1 ½ lb beef; Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, dropsy, necessaries pint of gin; Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries ½ pint of gin; Mrs Taylor, Castlegate, childbirth, 2 lbs beef; Mrs Taylor, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries; Mrs Taylor, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; J Paxton; Turnbull; James Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Duddo, Holy Island, Kylloe, Norham Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing for the Board's information and observation a letter from Dr Paxton of Lowick in explanation of his proceedings. He said that he had attended every case brought to his notice either by the Relieving Officer or paupers. He admitted to being remiss in not providing the Board of Guardians with his vaccination returns but promised to do so before their next</p>	
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			<p>meeting. These would show he had vaccinated a considerable number. Should the Board overlook his failing he undertook they would have no problems in the future. The Guardians resolved to inform the Poor Law Board that Dr Paxton had only presented one return of cases he had attended. Therefore they were unable to judge the correctness of his first statement. He has not presented any list of vaccinations successfully performed. The Guardians had been credibly informed that he had failed to vaccinate a considerable number of children and he had not inspected afterwards those he had vaccinated. The Guardians therefore are not satisfied with the explanation given by Dr Paxton.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board explaining the religious clauses of the Poor Law Amendment Act 1868.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that George Dick, Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth had applied to the European Assurance Society to act as guarantor for his performance of his duties. They had sent a form to be completed by the Board. Deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Order of Justices received from the parish of St Matthew, Bethnal Green, that the settlement of William Cairns and his wife Isabella was Berwick upon Tweed and that they should be removed to Berwick. On the report by John Crosby, the Guardians decided not to appeal.</p> <p>John Crosby was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Philip Doherty for failing to maintain his wife and family, who have today become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/156-162	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 November 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; Robert Cairens; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith jnr; Robert Brown; John Henderson; Matthew Young. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the</p>	30 Nov. 1868

			<p>general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of Workhouse garden); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); George Douglas and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); Knight &amp; Co (books).  Registration Expenses: George Turner, Berwick District.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Patrick McEwen, Chapel Street, catarrh, necessaries;  Mary Cockburn, Castlegate, erysipelas, necessaries;  Elizabeth McManus, Woolmarket, childbirth, necessaries;  Mrs Taylor, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries, 2 lbs beef on Monday;  Mrs Taylor, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries, 2 lbs beef on Monday;  Fanny Sutherland, Weatherly Square, sickness, gin &amp; necessaries;  Agnes Allan, Coxons Lane, abscess, necessaries, will require no more.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; J Paxton; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Letter received from George Dick, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth, naming Ralph Holmes, fishmonger, Bridge Street, as one of his sureties in place of William Moor. This was approved. It was therefore unnecessary to reply to the European Assurance Society.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on transactions with the parishes for the past quarter.</p>	
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			<p>the Clerk to give notice to Dr Paxton of their intention to end his contract for vaccination at the end of 28 days from the giving of notice pursuant to the clause in the contract.</p> <p>Communication from the Carlisle Union agreeing to the application from Berwick Union to accept George Richardson and his wife without an Order of Removal and Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer was directed to effect the removal within the present week.</p> <p>John Crosby was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against David Robertson, hawker, for neglecting to maintain his wife and family who therefore have become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/163-168	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 December 1868	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Matthew Young; John Embleton; Richard Makins; James R Black [James Black]; William Middlemiss; Robert Brown; John Marshall; Alexander Smith Jnr; William Cleghorn; John Henderson; Robert Dickson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); E &amp; W Paxton ( drapers); Scremerston etc Coal Company; William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); E</p>	14 Dec. 1868

			<p>Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); John Crosby (removing paupers).</p> <p>Cheque issued for £76 7s 7d being instalment and interest due on the loan of £1850 to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> instalment.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 7 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Ann Young, Chapel Street, cough, asthmatic, necessaries;  Mary Ann Young 50 years, Chapel Street, cough, asthmatic, necessaries;  Ann Mullarky 29 years, Chapel Street, childbirth, 2lb beef;  Ann Mullarky 29 years, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Bridget Brannagan, Crawfords' Alley, erysipelas foot, necessaries;  Bridget Brannagan, Crawfords' Alley, erysipelas foot, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; J Paxton; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board from all Collectors of Rates and a statement of sums received for the parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Board considered whether Dr W A Paxton should continue as Medical Officer for the Islandshire District. The Clerk, as decided at the last meeting, had served Dr Paxton with notice to end the vaccination contract and informed him of the position concerning the post of Medical Officer. He had not received any returns or further communication from Dr Paxton. He read the correspondence laid before the last meeting.</p>	
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			<p>They resolved that Dr William Albert Paxton of Lowick was not a fit and proper person to hold the office of Medical Officer for Islandshire District and that the Poor Law Board be asked to take the necessary steps for his removal.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board on vagrancy. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>Order received from the Poor Law Board prescribing the form of Creed Register to be kept in the Workhouse, in conformity with provision of the recent Statute and also a letter of instruction for the Master of the Workhouse. The Clerk had obtained the book and the Guardians informed the Master that his office was a proper place to keep the Creed Register for inspection.</p> <p>Reported that South Shields Union had not appealed against the Justices' Order obtained by Berwick Union judging that John Bland was chargeable to South Shields. The Clerk was ordered to apply to South Shields for payment of £13 18s, the sum ordered by the Justices.</p> <p>Contracts for beef, bread etc are due to expire on 2 January 1869. The Workhouse Committee to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that on Christmas Day that the inmates of the Workhouse, instead of the normal Friday diet, should have beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/169-176	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 December 1868.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Charles Stewart; Matthew Young; William Middlemiss; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Henderson. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson. The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	28 Dec. 1868

			<p>Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, schoolmistress; Mary Ann Daniel, matron of Workhouse; Mary Harle, nurse; Thomas Harle, porter; Robert Fair, hairdresser.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); William Alder (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (farmer); Knight &amp; Coy (books);  Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb for a half year's board, education and clothing for William Purves, a poor boy.  Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing James MacDonald a pauper lunatic to the County Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Ann Young, Chapel Street, cough, necessaries;  Mary Ann Ritchie, Church Street, childbirth, 2lbs beef;  Elspeth McManus, Woolmarket, childbirth, necessaries;  Elspeth McManus, Woolmarket, catarrh, necessaries;  Margaret Doyle, Chapel Street, lumbago, necessaries;  Margaret Doyle, Chapel Street, lumbago, necessaries;  Ann Brannan, Donaldson's Lodge, pneumonia, wholly disabled, wine and beef tea.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; J Paxton; Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the tenders received for meat, bread etc:  James Dixon, rounds and flanks of beef - 8s 6d per stone, houghs of beef - 4s 8d per stone, legs of mutton 8d per lb;</p>	
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			<p>system. About 3000 vagrants are relieved in the Workhouse in a year; the cost is little more than £20 per annum. It does not justify any expensive measures for the suppression of vagrancy. Their opinion was that the system in place in the Union is reasonably applied and answers the objectives of the circular. The Board approved the report; a copy to be sent to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board concerning the workhouse dietary.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board, enclosing a copy of the letter sent by them on 26 December to Dr W A Paxton of Lowick. It referred him to their letter of 28 November, concerning his suspension from the post of Medical Officer for Islandshire and enclosed extracts from the Minutes of the Guardians' Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> instant [sic]. As he had failed to provide proper returns of all cases attended by him as Medical Officer and all cases successfully vaccinated, the Board required him to provide the Guardians with his immediate resignation. Resolved that it be placed in the Minutes and considered at the next meeting. Dr Wilson of Tweedmouth was to be requested to continue with the duties of Medical Officer in the meantime. He was also authorised to inspect and provide the Registrar with proper certificates of successful vaccination in those cases which he found Dr Paxton had vaccinated but not inspected or certified.</p> <p>A substitute valuation list for Berwick parish was tabled.</p> <p>The small balance, held by the Treasurer, and also the large sum due from Tweedmouth parish was reported. The Clerk to apply to the Overseers for immediate payment of the sum due.</p> <p>John Crosby, [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against David Glasgow, cabinet maker, late of Berwick for neglecting to maintain his wife and family who had become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Chairman, with the permission of the Board, would as before treat the inmates of the Workhouse on New Year's Day to a dinner of beef and plum pudding. The Board accepted this and also an offer from Ralph Dodds to treat the inmates to tea and cake on the last night of the year.</p>	
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Item	GBR 49/177-183	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 January 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Middlemiss; John Brown (Gainslaw Hill); John Henderson; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith jnr; Robert Cairens; Robert Brown; John Marshall; Matthew Young; Adam Darling. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); R Nicholson &amp; Son (plumbers); M Gray &amp; Son (masons); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); John Richardson (shoemaker); E Whitehead (milk seller); John Brown (slater); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Miss Spence (dressmaker); Robert Cockburn (blacksmith). Outrelief: Parish of Bethnal Green (repayment of relief given to William Cairens and wife whilst under order of removal). Lunatics Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, a pauper lunatic).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced the balance of workhouse provisions account, the Necessaries and Miscellaneous Account and his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	11 Jan. 1869
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Ann Allan, Castlegate, childbirth, necessaries;  Margaret Finlay, Greens, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret Calder, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Margaret Doyle, Chapel Street, lumbago, improving, a week, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; J Paxton; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel.</p> <p>Letter of resignation from the post of Medical Officer for Islandshire District from Dr W A Paxton, Lowick. Agreed to accept the resignation and at the next meeting to consider the terms for appointment of a successor.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the death on Friday [8<sup>th</sup> January] Thomas Harle, porter of the Workhouse. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to consider the duties of the post, whether it would be better to appoint a journeyman tailor or shoemaker and the salary.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Lease of the Greenses Gardens, executed by the Corporation. The Common Seal of the Board was applied. Once approved and registered by the Poor Law Board the Clerk was to apply to the Corporation for sanction to the Guardians subletting two rope walks and Garden House.</p> <p>The Registrars for Births and Deaths for Berwick and Norham and Islandshire produced returns of those children whose births had been registered during the past six months but for whom a certificate of successful vaccination had not been received. The Relieving Officers for those districts were asked to make enquiries into those cases and report back.</p> <p>A circular from the Poor Law Board on the administration of outdoor relief was read and considered by the Board.</p> <p>On a motion of Alexander Smith jnr it was resolved that as it appears to the</p>	
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			<p>Guardians that additional accommodation was required in the Workhouse for the repeated applications to admit idiot paupers, that they write to the Poor Law Board asking them to reply without further delay concerning the alterations to the school and other arrangements which had been proposed. They also asked that copies of any communications sent to the Poor Law Board objecting to the proposals be sent to them.</p> <p>Ordered that the Common Seal be applied to the contracts for supplying bread, meat etc during the current quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 49/184-194	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 January 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Peel; Alexander Smith (Norham); John Brown (Gainslaw); John Henderson; Robert Dickson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Friar; Robert Cairens; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; James Gilroy; Matthew Young; James Hogg; Adam Darling. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer and Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; James Wilson; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; William A Paxton [William Paxton], late Medical Officer – salary for 25 June to 2 November when he was suspended. Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Thomas Harle, late Porter of the Workhouse – salary from 25 December to 8 January, date of his death; Joseph Scott, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; Robert L</p>	25 Jan. 1869

			<p>Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island; George Dick, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: John Renwick (old rope); E Willoby (postage and sundries, Justices' Clerks fees); Proprietor of Berwick Advertiser (advertising account); G F Steven (advertising account).  Medical fees: Robert C Fluker (certifying permanent disability of George Richardson and Berwick District). Colville Brown (Workhouse); James Wilson, (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton, (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull (West Norhamshire District); Dr Brown (Wooler Union).  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 23 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 2 others); Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (certificate of lunacy for James Macdonald); James Wilson [Medical Officer] (certificate of recovery of Alice Cameron, late a pauper lunatic).  Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker, Berwick District; James Wilson, Tweedmouth and Islandshire Districts; John Paxton, East Norhamshire District; Matthew J Turnbull, West Norhamshire District; George Turner, registration fees Berwick District.  Collectors Poundage: Henry John Williams (Ancroft, Kylee); John Husband (Berwick).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the local Police Rate from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Phillis McLean, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Phillis McLean, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Mary Fail, 17 years, Eastern Lane, cough, pint cod liver oil;  Ann Bennett, Church Street, pains in side, necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>duties. On a majority vote the report was adopted with the salary fixed at £20 per annum with apartments and board. To proceed to appointment at the next meeting.</p> <p>Reply, dated 13 January, received from the Poor Law Board concerning the proposal to close the Workhouse School and use that accommodation for certain cases of chronic lunacy.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board stated that the school had been established for several years and is reported by the Inspector of Schools to be well conducted and provides a suitable education for a large number of pauper children. It might not be possible to provide this more satisfactorily or at less cost. They would also need to make arrangements for the accommodation and superintendence of the children now in the Workhouse. The population of the area covered by the Union is 21862 and a much larger number of children may require to be admitted. They do not consider that closure of the school is advisable: the Guardians do not clearly state how the education of the outdoor children attending the school will be provided; how those in the Workhouse will be accommodated and taken care of outwith school hours; how the fair claims, if the school is closed, of the school master and mistress are to be met; they have conducted the school satisfactorily for several years. They suggest that several of the outdoor children attending the school might properly be admitted to the Workhouse.</p> <p>If sufficient accommodation is set apart for the children , the Poor Law Board will not object to further provision being made for the reception and care of harmless lunatics and idiots provided that only those who are quiet, harmless and clean in their habits are admitted. The Board require to know whether the illegal practice of sending lunatic paupers from the Berwick upon Tweed Union to asylums in Scotland has been discontinued.</p> <p>As they were in connection with this matter the Clerk read the following entries from the Workhouse Medical Officer's report book, dated 18 January 1869: Defects in regard to Infirmary: the male and female idiotic [sic] wards insufficient in size, ventilation and security for cases kept therein. These cases are mentally afflicted but not needing to be sent to any asylum. They are noisy at night etc as to render it very improper to be kept among the general sick.</p> <p>Recommendations: An airing yard should be provided for cases of infectious disease. Increased accommodation of a suitable kind should be provided for noisy imbeciles, epileptics and noisy superannuated cases [sic] which do not require to be</p>	
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			<p>sent to an asylum. The letter and report was referred to the Special Committee, previously appointed, to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, as requested at the last meeting reported on those children who did not have Certificates of Successful Vaccination. Further enquiries were needed for some of these. Agreed to refer to the Workhouse Committee to consider and report on what arrangements should be made for carrying out the requirements of the Vaccination Act. . The Registrar for the Islandshire District reported on those children whose birth was registered in the last six months and for whom a Certificate of Successful Vaccination had not been received. . Referred to the Relieving Officer of the district to make enquiries and report back.</p> <p>Received the half yearly report from the Superintendent of the County Asylum on the state of the lunatics chargeable to the Union</p> <p>A substitute valuation list for the parish of Tweed mouth was received.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Catherine Brown and John McGhee, now inmates of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Entry from the Visitor's Book was reported: Robert Hedley, Inspector had visited the Workhouse on 13 January 1869 and found its state satisfactory and the inmates appeared well cared for.</p>	
	GBR 49/195-206	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 February 1869.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; George Peel; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); William Cleghorn; Richard Makins; Charles Stewart; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; James Hogg; Robert Brown; John Marshall; William Moor; George Storey; James R Black [James Black]; John Henderson. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	8 Feb. 1869

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); E &amp; W Paxton (draper); Scremerston etc Coal Company; J &amp; R Thompson &amp; others (outfit for child); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); A R Lowrey (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); T H Mitchell (removing pauper to Scotland).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, sickness, ½ pint brandy; Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, sickness, 1½ lb beef; Ann Bennett, Church Street, sickness, necessaries; Phillis McLean, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries; Gannon's daughter, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries; James Brotherton, Church Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef; James Brotherton, Church Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef, necessaries; Margaret Nichol, Walkergate Lane, catarrh, necessaries; Bridget Robertson, West End, sickness, necessaries; John Kennedy, - , cold, necessaries; Thomas McLeod, Spittal, Pitman, palsy slight, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; J Paxton; Turnbull; Wilson.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors' monthly statements from all the Collectors of Rates were laid before the Board.</p> <p>The Special Committee appointed to consider the closure of the Workhouse School and the provision of accommodation for certain cases of lunacy presented their report.</p> <p>The Committee, set up in March 1868, have now considered the letter of the Poor Law Board of 13 January stating that the closure of the school cannot be advisable. They outline the reasons given in the Poor Law Board's letter and proceed to counter these. The Guardians when submitting their proposals were well aware of how long the school had been established and of the nature of the reports by the school inspectors. The Guardians therefore fully considered the grounds for the change and how the public schools in the town could provide education for pauper children. The Poor Law Board does not seem to have taken these on board as they infer that the children can not be educated elsewhere and at less cost. This is in direct variance to the report sent by the Guardians, which stated that more than three times the present number of pauper children can be educated elsewhere and at about one third of the cost. When the Workhouse School was established there was little provision (other than the Corporation Schools for the children of freemen only) for the education of the poor. Now good and well conducted schools abound; in this respect the town compares with anywhere in the kingdom. The need for the Workhouse School no longer exists; while a fair education is provided, the Committee does not believe that is better or equal to that provided by the National or British Schools.</p> <p>They then consider the education of the outdoor children; the Poor Law Board allege the Guardians have not distinctly stated how those outdoor children now in the Workhouse school will be educated. The Guardians' report clearly showed that they would attend one of the public schools. The Act of 1849 [?] Vict cap 34 provides a mode of payment and for many years the Union has followed this in respect of the country children. They point out that the Union's current practice of educating some of the outdoor children in the Workhouse School is not the usual procedure and only followed by 3 or 4 unions in the whole Northern District. The previous Poor Law Board Inspector, Mr Hurst, had several times objected to the practice. As this is the usual practice in the majority of unions in England, surely it is acceptable?</p>	
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			<p>With reference to the indoor children, the Poor Law Board raise that it would be necessary to provide care when they are not in school and that their number may increase. The experience of the Guardians over ten years or more is that the tendency is a decrease in numbers. From experience it is found that the Workhouse is the very worst place for children to develop a regard for moral training and habits of industry. The Guardians consider that the practice successfully adopted in Scotland and now advocated by many in England, of boarding out poor children in the families of respectable working people has much to recommend it. The children grow up with less vice in their disposition and have a knowledge of the common things of life, which is unattainable in the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Committee has ascertained that the indoor children could be educated at the Berwick National School at 1d per week for the younger children and 2d per week for the older.</p> <p>Finding suitable accommodation in the Workhouse for 10 or 12 children should not be a problem as it is capable of holding upwards of 200 people and has considerably fewer than 100. The Guardians have submitted one plan for their accommodation which can be altered if desired. The care of the children largely devolves on to the Master and Matron. That provided by the School Master and Mistress is very small: occasional visits to their rooms to hear them say their prayers and now and then taking them for outdoor exercise. An extra officer would certainly not be required. Any small matters can easily be provided for under direction of the Master or Matron as currently happens during the vacations of 8 weeks a year.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board's final ground is that the Guardians have not dealt with how they would meet the claims of the School Master and Mistress if the school is closed.</p> <p>The Committee stated that at the time of appointment there were no superannuation allowances to union officers nor had they any right to expect compensation for loss of their jobs. Throughout their service their remuneration has been large and sufficient for them to have amassed an adequate sum for the future. They do not consider the Guardians are legally or morally liable to compensate them for loss of services for which they have been amply remunerated and at a time when they are not prevented by age or otherwise from finding alternative employment.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board had suggested that several of the outdoor children be brought into the Workhouse. For reasons given above, the Committee cannot recommend this. The circumstances of the outdoor children do not warrant this; it would be a</p>	
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			<p>great social disadvantage to them and would be an additional expense to the ratepayers with no gain to the children.</p> <p>The offer of the Poor Law Board to assent to further provision for the reception and care of harmless lunatics and idiots in the Workhouse should be considered in conjunction with the remarks of the Workhouse Medical Officer:</p> <p>Defects in regard to Infirmary: the male and female idiotic [sic] wards insufficient in size, ventilation and security for cases kept therein. These cases are mentally afflicted but not needing to be sent to any asylum. They are noisy at night etc as to render it very improper to be kept among the general sick.</p> <p>Recommendations: An airing yard should be provided for cases of infectious disease. Increased accommodation of a suitable kind should be provided for noisy imbeciles, epileptics and noisy superannuated cases which do not require to be sent to an asylum.</p> <p>The Committee cannot suggest a solution to providing the accommodation suggested by the Poor Law Board or for adopting the recommendations of the Medical Officer as long as the Poor Law Board refuse to accept the Guardians' proposal to close the Workhouse School. At least one third of the buildings and grounds of the Workhouse is used by the children and the school.</p> <p>Finally the Poor Law Board asked whether the illegal practice of sending lunatics from the Union to asylums in Scotland had been discontinued.</p> <p>The Committee can see no connection between this and the subject under consideration. Some time ago the Poor Law Board made a similar enquiry and was informed of the exceptional circumstances by which two lunatics were sent to Dumfries Asylum. They raised no objections. The annual returns sent to the Poor Law Board will show that the practice has been long discontinued. The arrangements made with Northumberland County Asylum render it unnecessary.</p> <p>The Committee trust that further consideration and the arguments provided will lead the Poor Law Board to reconsider their decision on the closure of the School. In any event the Committee consider that the Guardians cannot overlook the recommendations of the Medical Officer. The only way of making extra accommodation would be to cease outdoor children attending the Workhouse School and to limit the rooms set aside for indoor children, the school and its officers. These arrangements would not be nearly as satisfactory as the one already proposed. The additional accommodation would be limited in extent and inconvenient in detail. The anomaly of a well paid school master and mistress to educate less than a dozen children would continue.</p>	
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			<p>Signed: Andrew Thompson, Chairman; Adam Darling; James R Black [James Black]; M Young [Matthew Young]; James Hogg. Unanimously approved. To be sent to the Poor Law Board in response to their letter of 13 January 1869.</p> <p>Extract from the Minutes of the Workhouse Committee on 1 February was read. Consideration of the arrangements necessary to carry out the provisions of the Vaccination Act 1867 sec 27. The Clerk read sections 27, 28 and 31 and the extract from the letter from the Privy Council to the Poor Law Board of 7 December 1867. They recommended that John Crosby [Relieving Officer] should be appointed for the Berwick District, his remuneration for the first year should be £5, that the year should commence on 24 June 1868 when he first began to enquire into defaulting cases.</p> <p>Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] should be appointed for the Norham and Islandshire District. His remuneration for the first year should be £2 10s, commencing on 24 June 1868 for the same reasons.</p> <p>They were asked to check their returns back to that date to ensure the cases were properly vaccinated or otherwise disposed of.</p> <p>These proposals were accepted and Crosby and Scott were appointed to prosecute persons charged with offences under the Act, to require compliance with and enforce its provisions. They would provide a monthly report to the Guardians.</p> <p>Appointment of Porter of the Workhouse in place of Thomas Harle deceased. Applications and testimonials were received from 9 people, five of whom were interviewed by the Board. List of applicants: James Bannister, 50, iron founder, Berwick. Andrew Gray, 26, shoemaker, Scremerston. James Kirton, 47, schoolmaster, Berwick. John Carse, 56, temporary porter, Berwick. James Renton, 23, late police officer, Berwick. James L Hogg, 45, farmer, Berwick. John McDonall, 62, book canvasser, Berwick. James Jackson, 40, lawyer, Tweedmouth. John Gray, 60, mariner, Berwick. James Jackson was considered the most suitable. However he had a wife and three children residing with him. They doubted that the Poor Law Board would approve so</p>	
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			<p>deferred the decision to the next meeting to seek their advice.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board inquiring what arrangements had been made for treatment of the sick in Islandshire District until Ladyday.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to ask the Hartlepool Union to accept responsibility for Alice Hunter and her two children who were that day admitted to the Workhouse.</p>	
	GBR 49/207-213	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 February 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; George Peel; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Thomas Friar; John Marshall; James Hogg, Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; Charles Stewart; Matthew Young; George Storey. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Brown [Colville Brown]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Coy; William Lamb &amp; others {sundries for garden &amp; pigs}; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); E Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); T H Mitchell (removing Scotch pauper).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p>	22 Feb. 1869

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, cough &amp; debility, pot of extract of beef;  Isabella Armstrong, West End, sickness, necessaries;  William Brewis, 24 years, Fenwick, sickness, wine, beef.</p> <p>Appointment of Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for Islandshire District from 25 March was considered. Agreed to advertise in the local papers, <i>The Scotsman</i> and a Newcastle paper, the appointment to be made on 22 March on the same terms as before.</p> <p>Appointment of Porter for the Workhouse.  Reply from the Poor Law Board. It states that it is undesirable to appoint a Porter who has a wife and children. They agree with the Guardians that they should not appoint permanently the inmate who is acting temporarily. They say that ex non commissioned officers are well suited to the job and suggest they write to the Army and Navy Pensioners Employment Society, 44 Charing Cross, London for possible candidates.  Agreed to defer appointment for a fortnight and follow the above suggestion.</p> <p>Agreed to discuss at the next meeting the terms for appointment of Medical Officer for West Norhamshire District to be made from 25 March.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a statement of the calls made on the parishes for the current quarter, the sums paid and outstanding. He then gave his calculations for the parishes' contributions for the next six months' expenditure. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board had returned the lease for the Greenses' Gardens which had been registered. The Town Clerk had submitted the account for preparation of the lease and counterpart. One half, £2 17s was due from the Guardians. To apply to the Poor Law Board for their agreement to it being paid.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no payment had been received from the South Shields</p>	
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			<p>Union despite repeated application to the Clerk. The Justices had made an order on 4 November 1868 stating that John Bland, pauper lunatic was chargeable to South Shields and that they repay £13 18s for his care.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk write once more to the Clerk of South Shields Union with a copy to the Chairman of Guardians before an order of proceedings is taken for enforcement.</p> <p>Communication from Dr Brown [Colville Brown, Medical Officer] concerning the admission of James Trotter, a pauper lunatic, to the Workhouse for safe custody whilst under Order of Removal to the County Asylum. The Chairman, who was the magistrate who had made the Order and was a member of the Lunatic Asylum Committee, explained the peculiar circumstances of the case and the directions given by him and the Committee. The Board decided no further action was necessary.</p>	
	GBR 49/214-221	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 March 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Marshall; Adam Darling; John Henderson; Robert Brown; George Storey; Matthew Young; John Brown (Gainslaw). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter, Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Brown [Colville Brown]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gaslight Company; James Dixon (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Douglas (milk seller); John Dixon (carter); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); Henry Bell (basket maker); John Husband (poor rate on</p>	8 March 1869

			<p>Workhouse); Robert Douglas (preparation of garden lease and counterpart); Thomas H Mitchell (removing pauper); proprietor of Scotsman (advertising). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing three lunatics to County Asylum).  Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (registration fees – Norhamshire District); George A Turnbull (registration fees – (Islandshire District).</p> <p>Registration accounts were presented by George Turner (Berwick); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire) George A Turnbull (Islandshire).</p> <p>Twelfth instalment and interest (£104 17s 2d) paid to Exchequer Loan Commission. Loan £2450.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 1 March from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Agnes Inglis, 35 years, Hatters Lane, asthmatic cough, necessaries;  Agnes Inglis, 35 years, Hatters Lane, asthmatic cough, necessaries;  George A Huntly, 50 years, agricultural labourer, Castlegate, catarrh, necessaries;  Jane Crawford, Chapel Street, pregnancy, necessaries, in her present state she requires a little relief;  Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, cough etc, 1 ½ lb beef;  Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, cough etc, 1 ½ lb beef;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board from all Collectors of</p>	
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			<p>Rates within the Union.</p> <p>Appointment of Porter of the Workhouse: The Clerk reported that the Army and Navy Pensioners Employment Society had replied that they had many pensioners qualified and willing to accept the post, but they were not able to attend for interview at their own cost. The Clerk had received five further applications, one from a pensioner, Alexander Rutherford of Prestonpans, Agreed that he should be asked to provide testimonials to be considered by the Workhouse Committee. At their discretion he should be asked to attend for interview at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>They discussed the terms on which a Medical Officer for the West Norhamshire District should be appointed from 25 March. As before the District should consist of the parish of Cornhill, comprising 4430 acres and a population of 853. The salary was £8 per annum, exclusive of the fees prescribed by the Consolidated Order of the Poor Law Board. To make an appointment at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed the sums calculated by the Workhouse Committee to be paid by each parish for the next half year.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board concerning arrangements for public vaccination. There was also a circular and new order amending the form of certificate to be signed by the Visiting Committee in the Workhouse Account Books.</p> <p>Received copy of minutes of the Vestry Meeting of 4 March for Holy Island. It proposed that the salary of Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates should be raised from £15 to £25 per annum. To be considered at the next meeting, along with those of the Collectors for Berwick and Tweedmouth parishes which only had Poor Law Board sanction to 25 March.</p> <p>Reported that the contracts for provisions and clothing expire on 27 March. The Workhouse Committee to advertise for tenders.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John Crawford and George Storey, both shoemakers late of Berwick, for failing to maintain their wives and families who have become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
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	GBR 49/222-228	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 March 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; William Moor; John Marshall; William Cleghorn; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Adam Darling; John Brown (Horncliffe); George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Brown (Gainslaw); Richard Makins; Alexander Smith (Norham); J W Ruddock [John Ruddock]; Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Letham); James R Black [James Black]; James Hogg; Charles Stewart; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; James Gilroy; Thomas Friar. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Clarke. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Allan Brothers and others (sundry accounts garden and pigs); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Husband (poor rates on garden); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller). Registration Expenses: Thomas H Pattison (painting and lettering board for Register Office).</p> <p>Collectors poundage for the parishes of: Duddo (Samuel Boak); Horncliffe (James Paxton).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	22 March 1869
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Susan McNamee, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities;  Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, cough etc, 1 ½ lb beef;  Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, cough etc, 1 ½ lb beef;  Bridget Footman, Weatherly Square, childbirth &amp; dropsy, 1 ½ lb beef, bread, ½ pint English gin;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Appointment of Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Islandshire District: Applications had been received from Dr James Wilson, Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District and Mr Thomas Davidson of Berwick; the latter with his diplomas and testimonials. On the motion of James Hogg, seconded by J W Ruddock, Thomas Davidson was unanimously appointed as Medical Officer at a salary of £25 per annum. He was also appointed as Public Vaccinator with the fees as before; the Workhouse Committee to consider arrangements for stations and attendance. Dr Davidson accepted the post.</p> <p>Appointment of Medical Officer for the West Norhamshire District from 25 March: On the motion of the Chairman Dr Matthew James Turnbull of Coldstream was appointed at a salary of £8 per annum.</p> <p>As they could not procure the services of fully qualified medical men resident in the Islandshire and West Norhamshire Districts, they informed the Poor Law Board and requested sanction to the appointments, although they lived outwith their districts, for a period of one year from 25 March.</p> <p>Resolved to pay Dr Wilson of Tweedmouth £10 for his temporary service as Medical Officer for Islandshire District from 2 November 1868 to date, with the sanction of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Appointment of Porter for the Workhouse in place of Thomas Harle deceased: As agreed they had received testimonials for Abraham Rutherford which were satisfactory. They then interviewed him and considered further testimonials. On the motion of Alexander Smith (Norham), he was unanimously appointed from 25 March at a salary of £20 per annum with apartments in the workhouse and rations as previously.</p>	
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	GBR 49/229-241 [pages incorrectly numbered 233-234 and 239-240	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 April 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; George Peel; Alexander Smith (Norham); Adam Darling; Richard Makins; Robert Brown; George Storey; Alexander Smith (Letham); Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	5 April 1869



	missed]		<p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); James Renton (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); Robert Cockburn (blacksmith); George Douglas (farmer); R Nicholson &amp; Son (plumber); George Brown (undertaker); John Brown (slater and plasterer); George Macaskie (printer); Henry Plenderleith (stationer); Knight &amp; Coy (books and forms); E Willoby (Justice's Clerks fees, ½ years postage &amp; other payments); John Crosby (½ years postage &amp; other payments); Joseph Scott (½ years postage &amp; other payments); T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse] petty charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott (removal of lunatic to asylum).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, schoolmistress; Mary Ann Daniel, matron; Mary Harle, nurse; Robert Fair, hairdresser; (all employed in the Workhouse).</p> <p>The Master [Thomas Mitchell] produced his balance of the value of Workhouse provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous account and clothing for the quarter ended on Ladyday.  The Clerk was ordered to make up the clothing account by transferring the money from the Inmaintenance Account.</p> <p>The Garden Account was debited with the value of the slops given to the pigs in the last half year.</p>	
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			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Jane Atkinson, High Street, childbirth, is in a great state of destitution and requires extras, necessaries;  Mary Fail, Eastern Lane, cough etc, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Archibold Scott, Chapel Street, scalded foot, necessaries;  Mary Armstrong, 22 years, servant, The Quay, sickness, wholly, necessaries;  William C Brewis, Fenwick, 1 bottle wine weekly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Davidson; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements from all Collectors were laid before the Board.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the remuneration to the Collectors of Poor Rates for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth as requested:  Berwick Parish - In the year from his appointment from January 1868, Mr Husband was paid £84 11s 2d, his poundage 6d in the £ on rates collected. The number of people assessed was 2386 and 2464 respectively. The rates. The rate now being collected contains only 1283 assessments but the amount assessed has increased from £1771 to £2314 and of the latter Husband has collected £1961 in this quarter the poundage of which will be £49. Therefore and assuming the amount in the coming year will be similar, the Committee recommend that he be paid a poundage of 4d in the £ on money collected after 25 April. They estimate this will realise about £75 in one year and adding this to the amount collected in the present quarter should provide a salary of about £80 a year.  Tweedmouth Parish – the number of ratepayers has decreased by about 500 but recently there has been a large increase in the amount collected. The Collector is satisfied to continue at his present salary of £35. The Committee recommend that no change is made.  As changes are likely in the numbers to be assessed and the mode of collecting rates in the small tenements the committee recommend that these be until 25 April</p>	
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			<p>1870.  Agreed that, with the sanction of the Poor Law Board, the recommendations be accepted with the remuneration as follows: Berwick Parish - poundage of 4d in the £ on all sums collected and accounted for; Tweedmouth Parish – salary of £35 for the year.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that Miss M A Daniel, Matron of the Workhouse, had sent them her resignation; they referred this to the Board and had told Miss Daniel and had informed her that her resignation could only be accepted at a Board Meeting. Letter from Miss Daniel tabled, dated 5 April, resigning from one month from that date as she could not “submit to be Under Matron”. They interviewed Miss Daniel about the nature of her allegation as they considered they could not accept her resignation without investigating her complaint. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to investigate and report to the next meeting. Miss Daniel ultimately consented to this.</p> <p>Forms of contracts for appointment of Medical Officer: Dr Turnbull had completed his. Dr Davidson, before signing his had stated that the fee of 10s usually given for attendance at childbirth was not sufficient for the Islandshire District. The Board were not prepared to pay more than in the other districts and 10s was inserted in the contract, which Dr Davidson signed.</p> <p>The Common Seal was applied to both contracts and also to the contracts to supply the Workhouse with bread and meat for the current quarter.</p> <p>The Board approved Dr Turnbull’s nomination of his partner, Dr Brown, as his deputy. Dr Davidson said he would shortly name his deputy.</p> <p>Dr James Wilson, Public Vaccinator for Tweedmouth District, asked that the Board approve the New Inn Cheswick as a vaccination station. The Board decided that as there were vaccination stations at Scremerston Colliery and Ancroft this station was unnecessary.</p> <p>Agreed to hold an Adjournment Meeting on 14 April to consider contribution orders on the parishes.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices for a warrant to remove Catherine Dunnagan and her infant child to Scotland.</p>	
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			The Board moved a vote of thanks to Andrew Thompson for his able and efficient manner as Chairman in the past year.	
	GBR 49/242-243	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians adjourned meeting held on 14 April 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; Alexander Smith jnr; Robert Cairns [Robert Cairens]; Adam Darling; John Henderson. Ex-officio Guardians: none present Medical Officers: none present Chairman: Alexander Smith junior.</p> <p>Contribution Orders for the next half year, to be paid in two equal instalments on 1 May and 17 July, were signed by the Overseers for the parishes in the Union.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that E Willoby, Clerk, be paid £30 for his services during the past year. Agreed; the Poor Law Board to be informed.</p>	14 April 1869
	GBR 49/244-254	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 April 1869. This was the first meeting of the year.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Rowe; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; Robert Brown; Robert Dickson; Robert Cairens; William Cleghorn; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Henderson; Thomas Black; Matthew Young; John Tait junior; Thomas Sanderson; John Marshall; James Hogg; John Dunbar; John Brown (Horncliffe). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Adam Darling took the Chair until the election of the new Chairman. On election, Andrew Thompson took the Chair.</p> <p>The Clerk then gave the return of Guardians elected for the ensuing year: Ancroft – James White Smith [James Smith], farmer, Ancroft; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings. Berwick upon Tweed. – Andrew Thompson, ironmonger, High Street; Alexander Smith, farmer, Letham; Matthew Young, oil cake manufacturer, Palace Street;</p>	19 April 1869

			<p>Robert Cairns, hosier, Church Street; John Henderson, corn merchant, Ravensdowne; Robert Brown, farmer, Sanson Seal; John Brown, farmer, Gainslaw Hill; Thomas Sanderson, farmer, Cocklaw; Matthew Crossman, corn merchant, Ravensdowne.</p> <p>Cornhill – Thomas Black, farmer and miller, Castle Heaton.</p> <p>Duddo – Thomas Friar, gentleman of Grindon Ridge.</p> <p>Felkington – Adam Darling, merchant of Governor’s Yard, Berwick.</p> <p>Grindon – James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer.</p> <p>Holy Island – John Embleton, farmer, Broomhouse.</p> <p>Horncliffe – John Brown, farmer.</p> <p>Kyloe – James Hogg, farmer of Buckton.</p> <p>Loanend – John Dunbar, farmer of Bankhead.</p> <p>Longridge – William Moor, farmer.</p> <p>Norham – Alexander Smith, farmer of Galagate House.</p> <p>Norham Mains – William Cleghorn, farmer of Norham East Mains.</p> <p>Shoreswood – George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer.</p> <p>Thornton – James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], farmer.</p> <p>Tweedmouth – Guardians qualified to act where no elections were held - John Marshall; Richard Makins; Robert Dickson; James Gilroy; George Peel;</p> <p>Twizel – John Tait junior, farmer of Riffington.</p> <p>The nomination papers were handed to the Clerk for safe keeping.</p> <p>On the motion of Adam Darling, seconded by Matthew Young, Alexander Thompson was unanimously elected Chairman.</p> <p>On the motion of John Henderson, seconded by James Black, Alexander Smith jnr and Richard Makins were unanimously re elected Vice Chairman, Smith to have the preference.</p> <p>The following Committees were then appointed:  Assessment Committee – Elected Guardians - Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); Adam Darling; Matthew Young; James Hogg; Thomas Black; John Henderson. Ex officio Guardians – Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson; Watson Askew.  Workhouse and Finance Committee – Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Matthew Young; John Henderson; Dr Richardson; Matthew Crossman; Alexander Smith jnr; John Marshall; Adam Darling; James Gilroy; Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson.</p>	
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			<p>(farmer). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 23 pauper lunatics and part quarter's maintenance for 5 others); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson, pauper lunatic); Guardians of Tynemouth Union (maintenance and costs for Mary Shanks as per order of Justices); Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (two certificates of lunacy); Robert C Fluker [Medical Officer] (one certificate of lunacy); Allan Jamieson (one certificate of lunacy).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick district); James Wilson (Tweedmouth district); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire district); M J Turnbull (West Norhamshire district).</p> <p>Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker (Berwick district); James Wilson (Tweedmouth district); M J Turnbull (West Norhamshire district); George Turner (registration fees, Berwick district); Catherine Pringle (rent of Ancroft vaccination station).</p> <p>Collector's Poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry I Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe).</p> <p>Payments for education of outdoor pauper children passed by School Committee: William Jackson (Spittal); John Brown (Duddo); Henry Ford (Cheswick); Thomas Phillips (Shoreswood); Richard Forsythe (Norham); Thomas Moody (Harperidge); James Thompson (East Ord); John Dobbie (Horncliffe); William Bell (Holy Island); William L Reed (Mindrum); John Cowans (Beal); George Douglas (Old Bewick); George Davidson (Thornton). [These are the names of the teachers].</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Christian Jackson, Coxons Lane, ulcer, erysipelas, necessaries; John Milne, Bankhill, bilious, necessaries; Jane Crawford, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries; M Carley, 30 years, pitman, Scremerston Old Engine, rheumatism, wholly,</p>	
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			<p>necessaries; George Smith, labourer, West End, sickness, wholly, necessaries; Alice Yule, 25 years, Norham, childbirth, wholly since 17 April, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Report, as requested, from the Workhouse Committee into the issues raised by the Matron, Mary Ann Daniel, in her letter of resignation. They had met on 14 April and taken statements from Miss Daniel and the Master. Both statements agreed that Miss Daniel had been annoyed by the improper conduct of and position occupied by Phillis Atkinson a pauper inmate, who had for some time been employed in and about the apartments of the Master, and that the arrangements for the charge of the stores in the Master's absence and for the conveyance of instructions from the Master to the Matron have not been satisfactory. The Committee considered that a change be made at once in the employment of Phillis Atkinson and have given instructions to the Master which will secure better arrangements for the future in the other matters. Miss Daniels is not prepared to withdraw her resignation and therefore they recommend that the post is advertised.</p> <p>The report was accepted as was Miss Daniel's resignation. They will appoint a Matron at the next meeting and the Clerk was ordered to place advertisements in the Scotsman, the Newcastle Daily Journal and the local newspapers; the salary to be the same as at present, £20 a year with rations and apartments.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board approving the salaries for the present year for the Collectors of Poor rates for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth. They also approved the employment for one year of Thomas Davidson as Medical Officer for the Islandshire district. Dr Davidson, who was present, informed the Guardians that he was unable to comply with article 200 of the consolidated order as he had been unable to find a legally qualified medical practitioner to be his deputy. Those asked were all unwilling to attend paupers who might be resident in such an awkward place as Holy Island. To be reported to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>A supplementary valuation list for the township of Felkington was laid before the Board.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk read the report written in the visitors' book, dated 8 April, by Edmund H Wodehouse, HM Inspector of Union Schools. It stated that he had posted notice of his intended visit to the Clerk, but the Workhouse were not aware of it, and many of the older children were absent attending races in the locality. Those children he did see passed a satisfactory examination.</p> <p>The Clerk explained the circumstances under which the notice was overlooked.</p>	
	GBR 49/255-261	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 May 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; George Bone; John Dunbar; Robert Dickson; Alexander Smith (Norham); John Brown (Gainslaw); Robert Cairens; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson; John Henderson; James Gilroy. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke; Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Clay &amp; Sons (corn merchant); James Smith (butcher); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Elias Pearson (baker); William Purves (boot &amp; shoemaker); James Barclay and others (sundries for garden and pigs); Bogue &amp; Ingles and others (paupers outfits); James Renton (milk seller); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Hannah Wight (china merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Thomas H Mitchell [Master of Workhouse] (removing Scotch pauper, removing English Pauper). Lunatics Account: Guardians of Tynemouth Union (9 days maintenance of Mary Shanks in County Asylum). Extra medical fees: John Paxton East Norhamshire District. Vaccination fees: John Paxton East Norhamshire District.</p>	3 May 1869

			<p>Outdoor Medical Stores: James Grey (wine merchant).</p> <p>Collector's Poundage: John Gilchrist Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Poor Law Board had sanctioned that he be paid £30 for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee for the past year.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John Spellmoor, Walkergate Lane, cough, necessaries;  Thomas Gibbons, 24 years, Chapel Street, injury to leg, necessaries;  Martha Johnston, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Christian Jackson, Hatters Lane, ulcer, improving, necessaries;  Christian Jackson, Hatters Lane, ulcer, necessaries;  Margaret Finlay, Greens, childbirth, necessaries;  Margaret Finlay, Greens, childbirth, necessaries;  George Smith, West End, sickness, wholly, necessaries;  George Smith, West End, sickness, wholly, necessaries;  James Callam, West End, injury to finger, wholly, necessaries;  William Brewis, Fenwick, caries of sacrum, wholly, 2 lbs mutton weekly, 3 glasses of wine per diem.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Duddo, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Appointment of Matron of the Workhouse in place of Mary Ann Daniels. Agreed the Workhouse Committee to provide necessary furniture for the Matron's room. Applications and testimonials had been received from the following:  Miss Margaret Shaw, 19 Grange Road, Edinburgh;  Mrs Agnes McLeod, 3 Bristo Place, Edinburgh;</p>	
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			<p>Catherine Grieve, 43 George Street, Edinburgh;  Mary Ann Thomson, 21 Brougham Street, Edinburgh;  Mrs McIntyre, 17 Fettes Row, Edinburgh.  Mrs McLeod was the only one present and after interview she was unanimously appointed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Rev Thomas Procter, to be paid £20 per annum with rations and furnished apartments in the Workhouse; to commence on 17 May, the day when the present Matron's resignation takes effect.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing copies of the certificates granted to the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Workhouse for the present year. It also sanctioned the employment of the Relieving Officers until 24 June next to enforce the provisions of the Vaccination Act 1867.</p> <p>Letter from the Guardians of the Newcastle upon Tyne Union requesting the Board to accept without an order of removal the chargeability of Isabella Richardson and her two children. Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, reported that the family were very recently residing in and receiving relief from this Union which was without doubt their place of settlement. They agreed to the request under their Common Seal.</p> <p>Request from the Morpeth Union for repayment of relief alleged to be paid to Mary Addison, pauper, belonging to Tweedmouth under suspended order. A similar request had been made twice previously when they had replied that the Guardians were not empowered by law to accede and that was still the case. The Clerk to reply accordingly.</p> <p>Letter from Thomas Davidson, Medical Officer for Islandshire District, nominating Dr Hunt of Belford as his deputy and asking for the Board's approval.  The Clerk was ordered to reply that as Dr Hunt does not reside within the Union he cannot be accepted as deputy.</p> <p>The Clerk to point out to the Poor Law Board that they were still awaiting a decision on the request made in February last concerning the closure of the Workhouse School and provision of accommodation for idiots and certain lunatics and asking for a reply.</p>	
	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	17 May1869

	49/262-269	Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 May 1869	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Richard Makins; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; Robert Cairens; John Marshall; John Dunbar; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Gilroy.  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter.  Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); William Alder (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); T H Mitchell [Master of Workhouse] (removing Scotch pauper).  School Fees: Robert Walker (Scremerston); Robert Hardy Cornhill); M A McLaren (Norham); George A Turnbull (Ancroft); Adam Bell (Ord Moor).  Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Robert Peffers to County Asylum).  Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District Registrar's fees).  Registration Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees); George A Turnbull (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); E Willoby [Clerk to the Guardians] (1 year's allowance for use of office, coals, gas and sundries).  Garden Account: Corporation of Berwick (1/2 year's rent, due 12 May); M Gray &amp; Sons (mason work at stables in garden); Robert Dickson (slater work as above); John McCall (carpenter work as above).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General Police Rate by 15 May and payment of the General County Rate by 24</p>	
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			<p>May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Mary Ann Daniel Matron of Workhouse for period from 25 March until date of her resignation.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Alexander Robertson, 30 years, Eastern Lane, scarlatina, necessities.  Mary Dane, 20 years, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities.  Margaret Finlay, Greens, childbirth, necessities.  Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, ulcer, necessities.  James Callum, moulder, West End, bruise of finger, wholly, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick; Horncliffe.</p> <p>Correspondence from the Clerk of the Alnwick Union asking that Berwick Union should accept chargeability of William Maule, late coachmaker, Berwick, who appeared to be sent from Alnwick Union to the County Asylum as a pauper lunatic. Under the circumstances the Guardians did not accept this without an order of chargeability and directed the Clerk to inform Alnwick Union.</p> <p>Reply from the Poor Law Board to their letter of 20 April concerning Thomas Davidson's inability to find a deputy Medical Officer to act in his absence from home or illness in accordance with Article 200 of the General Consolidated Order. They expressed their regret at the situation and referred the Guardians to Article 215 (No 3). This allowed the Relieving Officer, in any case requiring medical attendance, to procure this either by giving an order on the District Medical Officer or by other</p>	
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			<p>means as the urgency of the case should require. They recommended that the Guardians ask Davidson to inform the Relieving Officer, who would then be responsible for calling medical assistance, of any absence or illness. Davidson should also ensure that in his absence anyone seeking assistance at his house should be immediately referred to the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>After discussion with Dr Davidson the Guardians asked the Clerk to reply to the Poor Law Board pointing out that the Relieving Officer for Islandshire lived 5 miles from Dr Davidson and in a different direction. The Relieving Officer for Berwick lives in the same place as Dr Davidson, but the Guardians doubted that he could resolve the problem as all the medical men living in Berwick had declined to act as deputy. The Guardians also asked who would pay a doctor employed in a case of urgency. They also informed the Poor Law Board that Dr Hunt of Belford was prepared to act as deputy. Though living in a different Union, Dr Hunt lives 5 miles nearer to Islandshire than Dr Davidson. Davidson proposed that he would inform Dr Hunt by telegram in case of his inability to provide the service.</p> <p>The Contract of Vaccination with Dr Davidson was discussed, agreed and signed.</p> <p>The officers appointed under the Vaccination Act 1867 reported that they had investigated those cases where it appeared that a certificate of successful vaccination had not been obtained, and that it was not necessary at present to take proceedings before the Justices in respect of any child.</p>	
	GBR 49/270-279	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 May 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Bone; Richard Makins; George Peel; Matthew Young; John Dunbar; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Marshall; John Embleton; Adam Darling; Alexander Smith (Norham). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	31 May 1869

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Coy; Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Tait (chaff); George Douglas (farmer); William Lamb (whiting manufacturer); Isabella Anderson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).  Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. These included from Berwick Grangeburn Mill rent.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Agnes Moor, 49 years, Tweed Street, debility, necessaries, 1 ½ lb beef;  Agnes How, 50 years, Chapel Street, erysipelas, necessaries;  Alexander Robertson, Eastern Lane, scarlatina, improving, necessaries, 1 lb sago, 1 ½ lb beef;  Margaret Johnson, Greens, sickness, necessaries;  Elizabeth Smith, West End, childbirth, wholly, necessaries;  Elizabeth Smith, West End, childbirth, wholly, necessaries;  Elizabeth Smith, West End, childbirth, wholly, necessaries;  James Callum, moulder, injury to hand, wholly, necessaries;  James Callum, moulder, injury to hand, wholly, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Replies received from the Poor Law Board, to their letter of 9 February, concerning the proposal to close the school and provide care and treatment of certain cases of lunacy in the Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>The first refers to the proposal to close the Workhouse School to which the Poor Law Board reluctantly agree because of the strength of feeling of the Guardians. They state that the present arrangement has worked satisfactorily and in some respects of an exceptional character, compared to those of other Unions. The Guardians must make satisfactory arrangements with the managers of one or more of the public schools mentioned in the report for the continued education of the children under the provisions of 18 and 19 Vict cap 34 and inform the Board when a definite settlement is made. They also state that suitable rooms must be provided for the children in the Workhouse and shown on the plans. They remind the Guardians that placing them in the same wards as adult inmates is contrary to regulations and undesirable. They advise that there is considerable legal doubt as to whether the School Master and Mistress, being permanent officers, should continue in post when the school closes. Therefore the Guardians should if possible come to an equitable arrangement for their resignations after a reasonable period to allow them to find other employment. They will discuss in a separate letter the other proposal but point out that any harmless lunatics in an Asylum can only be moved with the agreement of the Visiting Justices of the Asylum.</p> <p>The second letter addresses the alteration of the present children's wards to provide accommodation for harmless insane inmates. It lists the dimensions of the proposed accommodation according to the plans.</p> <p>Ground Floor:  Male day room 24ft(length) X 20ft (width) = 4800 cubic contents;  Staircase 7 ½ x 16;  Workshop 27 x 16 = 3783;  Female day room 17 x 16 ½ = 2800;  Staircase ( WC under) 6 ½ x 16 ½;  Padded room 9 x 7;  First Floor:  Female dormitory 13 x 16 ½ = 2496;  Bath room &amp; lavatory 6 x 12 ½ ;  Stairs 3 ½ x 13;  Attendants bedroom 6 ½ x 12 ½ ;  Attendants room 13 x 12 ½ ;  Passage 33 x 3 ½ ;  Female dormitory 13 x 16 ½ = 1213;  Female dormitory 13 x 16 ½ =2167 [sic];</p>	
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			<p>Female dormitory 19 x 16 ½ (less WC within) 9 x 4 = 2513; Male dormitory 23 ½ x 16 = 4669; WC stairs &amp; landing 8 ½ x 16; Attendant's room 11 ½ x 15; Attendant's bedroom 11 x 15; Passage 23 x 4; Water Closet 4 x 11 ½ ; Bath and lavatory 10 x 11 ½ ; Passage 15 x 4; Male dormitory 35 x 16 = 4426;</p> <p>They state that the proposals for day room accommodation is inadequate compared with the sleeping accommodation. The Commissioners in Lunacy require cubic space of 400ft by day and 500ft by night. Therefore the male day room is only suitable for 12 inmates and the female for 7 while the sleeping quarters are suitable for 17 males and 16 females. Therefore more day rooms should be provided or some of the sleeping rooms made use of as day rooms.</p> <p>The water closet for females on the chamber floor is unsuitable on sanitary grounds. Instead of being in the building and opening directly into the dormitory, it should be projected out and entered through an intervening lobby and the closet should have windows on the opposite sides for through ventilation. The "padded room" requires efficient ventilation and a means of lighting should be provided which can be diminished or increased as the medical officer may direct.</p> <p>The plans do not show where the children will be accommodated and the Poor Law Board requires this information. They request that the suggested alterations are made to the plans and returned to them.</p> <p>Agreed that these letters be minuted and considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment and salary of Mrs Agnes McLeod as Matron of the Workhouse and approving the rations to be given to her and the Porter. The table of weekly rations for the officers as amended and approved by the Poor Law Board is as follows: Master - meat 4 lbs, bread 7 lbs, potatoes 7 lbs, flour 2 lbs, oatmeal 2 lbs, cheese 1 lb, milk 2 pints, butter ½ lb, tea 2 oz, coffee 2 oz, sugar 12 oz, barley 4 oz, rice 4 oz; Master's daughter – meat 1 ¾ lbs, bread 4 lbs, potatoes 3 lbs, flour 2 lbs [?], oatmeal 1 ½ lbs, cheese 1 lb, milk 3 ½ pints, butter ¼ lb, tea 1 oz, coffee 1 oz [?],</p>	
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	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	14 June 1869

	49/280-285	Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 June 1869	<p>Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James R Black [James Black]; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; George Peel; John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Matthew Young; George Bone; James Hogg; Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Adam Darling.</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker];</p> <p>Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, E Willoby, his son and partner William Willoby was appointed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); H R Thompson &amp; others (clothing etc for three pauper outfits); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; Elias Pearson (baker); Stephen Cook &amp; others (rates and other accounts due from garden); James Renton (farmer); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Payment of £40 10s 7d made to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners being the 10<sup>th</sup> instalment of a loan of £950.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Agnes Williams, Church Street, bilious, necessaries;  William Bryce, Weatherly Square, it would be better to get this young lad sent home as soon as possible, 1 lb sago, ½ pint sherry wine;</p>	
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			<p>been sent to the County Asylum and then discharged.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on the sums required from the parishes and the amounts received during the Quarter. As nothing had been received from the townships of Shoreswood and Twizel, he was directed to write to the Overseers to ask for payment.</p> <p>Dates for the Annual Meetings to examine the paupers were fixed as follows: Berwick – 21 June in the Board Room; Tweedmouth – 22 June in Tweedmouth Vestry; Spittal – 22 June in Spittal Vestry. Dates for the country districts to be fixed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Contracts for bread, meat, etc expire on 26 June. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to get tenders and report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists were tabled for the parishes of Ancroft, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Agreed to contribute 2s 6d per week towards the maintenance in the Royal Victoria Asylum for the Blind, Newcastle upon Tyne, of James Weatherburn Knox, a poor blind boy, aged 11, son of Henry Knox, labourer, Tweedmouth.</p>	
	GBR 49/286-292	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 June 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); George Peel; Thomas Black; George Bone; John Embleton; Robert Dickson; Adam Darling; James Gilroy; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; John Tait jnr; James Hogg; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; John Marshall; John Dunbar; Alexander Smith (Letham); John Brown (Gainslaw). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	28 June 1869

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Berwick Local Board of Health (rates on Workhouse); Knight &amp; Co (books and forms).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, Schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress; Agnes McLeod, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Abraham Rutherford, Porter; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs Williams, Church Street, bilious, necessaries; Mary Ann Oliver, 35 years, Old Greenlawalls, totally unable to gain a livelihood owing to general debility; Jane Rutherford, 45 years, Mount Pleasant, varicose veins etc, partially; Agnes Dunn, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>As requested at the last meeting, the Workhouse Committee presented the following tenders for approval: James Smith – rounds and flanks of beef 9s 10d per stone, houghs of beef 5s per stone, legs of mutton 9d [?] per lb; Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread 6d per 4lbs, indoor seconds bread 5 ½ d per 4 lbs, outdoor seconds bread 4 lbs 4oz for 6d, outdoor flour 4 lbs for 6d, outdoors oatmeal 3 lbs for 6d.</p>	
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			<p>These were accepted.</p> <p>As requested on 31 May, the Workhouse Committee reported back on the arrangements for admission and discharge of able-bodied paupers. After considering the statements of John Crosby, Relieving Officer, and the Master of the Workhouse, they decided to seek information from Newcastle, Morpeth and Alnwick Unions on their practice. Replies were received from Newcastle and Morpeth relative to the rules adopted for the admission to the Workhouse of "prostitutes and other bad characters." In Newcastle, if such paupers discharged themselves from the Workhouse they are not again admitted till they appear before the Board or Relief Committee to get a fresh order. In Morpeth they keep them in the Vagrant Ward for a day or two and then put them into a bath. The Committee found that giving more than one order to the same person in the same day was rare but that there were a few paupers who make a practice of applying shortly after leaving the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Committee suggested that if such persons apply for an order of admission in the morning or afternoon the Relieving Officer should make inquiries, and if they have discharged themselves on the same day he is to refuse admission, as not then being destitute, telling them that if they want to apply again they must do so before 9pm. After that hour Orders will only be given for the Vagrant Ward. The Master will also be instructed in ordinary cases of able-bodied paupers applying to be admitted after 9pm, to place them in the Vagrant Ward.</p> <p>Resolved that this be accepted and that John Crosby, Relieving Officer and the Master put them into effect.</p> <p>Reports of the Annual Meetings to examine and inspect poor persons in receipt of relief in Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal were presented.</p> <p>Berwick. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson, Chairman; Dr. Richardson; Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; James Gilroy; Robert Dickson. 237 cases investigated, representing 408 poor persons, 33 of whom were unable to attend.</p> <p>Tweedmouth. Guardians present: Dr. Richardson, Chairman; Rev Thomas Procter; Robert Cairns; Robert Dickson; John Marshall; Dr Wilson. 136 cases investigated, representing 186 poor persons, 30 of whom were unable to attend.</p> <p>Spittal. Guardians present: Dr. Richardson Chairman; Rev Thomas Procter; Robert Cairns; Robert Dickson; John Marshall; George Peel; Dr Wilson. 47 cases investigated, representing 76 poor persons, 9 of whom were unable to attend.</p>	
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			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John Dumble, 17 years, Church Street, diarrhoea, necessaries, 1lb sago;  Alexander Robertson, Eastern Lane, debility after scarlatina, necessaries;  Sarah Lockie, widow, Grindon, debility, partially disabled by disease and debility;  Sarah Lockie's daughter, sickness, bedridden, wholly from incipient phthisis;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Davidson; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board.</p> <p>A new valuation list for the township of Loanend was tabled.</p> <p>The Common Seal was affixed to the contracts for bread, meat etc.</p> <p>The Auditor's annual report on the bonds of the officers of the Union was presented.</p> <p>The half yearly return from the Superintendent of the Northumberland County Asylum concerning the state and condition of the pauper lunatics was presented.</p> <p>Reports of the Annual Meetings to examine and inspect poor persons in receipt of relief in the country districts were presented.</p> <p>Islandshire District held at the Cat Inn, Cheswick, on 5 July. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; John Embleton; George Bone; Dr Richardson; Dr Wilson. 36 cases investigated representing 64 persons of whom 6 did not appear.</p> <p>At the Plough Inn, Beal. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson; John Embleton; George Bone; James Hogg; Dr Richardson; Dr Wilson. 15 cases investigated representing 16 persons of whom 5 did not appear.</p> <p>Norhamshire District. Held at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill, on 8 July. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson, Robert Brown, Dr Turnbull. 11 cases were investigated representing 18 persons, of whom 4 did not attend.</p> <p>At the Victoria Inn, Norham. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson, John Tait;</p>	
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			<p>Alexander Smith; Dr Paxton. 55 cases were investigated representing 89 persons, of whom 13 did not attend.</p> <p>At the Fishers' Arms, Horncliffe. Guardians present: Andrew Thompson, John Brown. 14 cases were investigated representing 18 persons, of whom 2 did not attend.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Cheswick 36 cases representing 64 people  Beal 15 cases representing 16 people  Cornhill 11 cases representing 18 people  Norham 55 cases representing 89 people  Horncliffe 14 cases representing 18 people  Total 131 205.</p> <p>The Registrars of Births and Deaths for the two country districts presented their returns up to 1 July of the names of those children whom they had registered but not received a certificate of successful vaccination. The Clerk reminded the Guardians that the Poor Law Board in a letter dated 28 April, only agreed to the Relieving Officers carrying out the provisions of the Vaccination Act until 24 June. They were concerned that this duty would impede the Relieving Officers in giving the whole of their time to their duties in the administration of relief to the poor. After discussion with the Relieving Officers they resolved to inform the Poor Law Board that the Relieving Officers had performed their duties under the Vaccination Act with complete success. Their normal duties were not so arduous that small extra duties under the Vaccination Act interfered; also they did not take them out of their districts. One of the Relieving Officers, Mr Scott, was also Registrar for part of his district. For many years the Relieving Officer for Berwick was also Registrar, though this was no longer so. The duties under the Vaccination Act in no way compare. The Guardians therefore asked that the Poor Law Board agree to the Relieving Officers continuing to carry out the provisions of the Vaccination Act of 1867 under the same terms: John Crosby, Berwick, £5 pa and Joseph Scott, Norham and Islandshire £2 10s.</p> <p>They referred the Registrars' reports not received to Joseph Scott for examination and report.</p> <p>Circular from the Poor Law Board. The half yearly report of the Workhouse Medical Officer should in future be given to the Guardians rather than the Poor Law Board.</p>	
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			<p>School should go to the School's trip to Norham.</p> <p>Reported that Thomas Hamilton, a native of Belford, and now in the workhouse, when he had applied for indoor relief in Ayton, had been given 6d by the Inspector and directed to go to Berwick. The Clerk to write to the Inspector to check whether this was correct and seek an explanation.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Vincent Lambert of Tweedmouth, licensed victualler, for failing to maintain his wife, who had become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
	GBR 49/306-313	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 July 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Peel; Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Robert Dickson; James R Black [James Black]; John Dunbar; John Brown (Gainslaw); Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; George Bone; John Marshall; Richard Makins; John Tait jr; Adam Darling; John Henderson; Alexander Smith junr; Thomas Black. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [?John Paxton]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Thomas Strother (cabinet maker); Elias Pearson (baker); E &amp; W Paxton (draper); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); J Moor &amp; Co (ironmongers); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); George Macaskie (advertising). Extra medical fees: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); M J Turnbull (West</p>	26 July 1869

			<p>Norhamshire District).  Vaccination Expenses: Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); George Turner (Berwick District – Registrar’s fees); John Crosby (1 year’s salary as Vaccination Officer to 24 June); Joseph Scott (1 year’s salary as Vaccination Officer to 24 June);</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  James Porteous, Church Street, abscess of thumb, 1 lb linseed meal, necessities;  Thomas Foy, 30 years, Chapel Street, disease of heart, this man is not in a fit state to work and has been ill with his present complaint for more than a year;  Alexander Robertson, Eastern Lane, debility from scarlatina, improving, necessities, 3 bottles of porter;  Eleanor Lockie, 17 years, Grindon, tubercaloni[sic], wholly, 2 lbs mutton weekly;  Jane Wood, Mount Pleasant, Loanend, debility and varicose veins of leg, wholly, 2lbs mutton, cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>The Board considered the Report of the Special Committee into the closure of the Workhouse School and rearrangement of accommodation, tabled at the last meeting.  They read out the report and also an entry in the Visitors Book by John Forster, Commissioner in Lunacy, dated 13 July. He visited the imbecile inmates whom he found treated with evident kindness by the Master and Matron. He commented on the many disadvantages from the structural defects and was glad to note that a remedy was planned. One woman recently admitted, Agnes Howe, required treatment in an asylum as soon as possible. He was sure the Medical Officer would concur. All were well clothed and as far as he saw the house was in good order. After considering the above, they resolved unanimously to accept the proceedings and Report of the Special Committee. They adopted the proposal that from 29 September, the education of the children of the outdoor poor should be outwith the</p>	
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			<p>workhouse. Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, was instructed to provide a list of the children who can attend school and the schools to which, with the consent of the parents, they could be sent.</p> <p>They asked the Special Committee to continue with the proposed rearrangement of the wards and drew their attention to the comments of the Poor Law Board (letter of 25 May), the Medical Officer (in his half yearly statement) and the Commissioner in Lunacy.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to inform the Medical Officer of the Workhouse of the Commissioner in Lunacy's remarks concerning Agnes Howe for his attention.</p> <p>As advised at the last meeting, Alexander Smith, Letham, proposed that it was desirable, as far as practicable that children at present in the Workhouse, or to be admitted, should be removed from the workhouse influence by being boarded out in respectable families of the working class and that the Guardians take the necessary steps. Seconded by Rev Thomas Procter, Vicar of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>John Dunbar moved that no change be made but there was no seconder and Mr Smith's motion was carried. This was referred to a Committee to consider and advise the Board in putting it into effect. Members: Alexander Robertson; Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Dr Richardson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Matthew Young; James Hogg; Thomas Black.</p> <p>The half yearly return of the Registrar of Births and Deaths for Berwick of those babies, whose births were registered but no certificate of satisfactory vaccination was received, was tabled. Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer to investigate and report.</p> <p>Reply from Thomas Thompson, Inspector of Poor, Ayton, re Thomas Hamilton was received. He had given Hamilton 6d to pay for a night's lodging and not to pay his train fare to Berwick. Hamilton had left the Union and no longer chargeable and therefore no further action.</p> <p>John Crosby Relieving Officer was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against James Cameron of Tweedmouth, moulder, to obtain an order to contribute towards the maintenance of his wife and children</p> <p>Joseph Scott Relieving Officer was authorised to take proceedings before the</p>	
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			Justices against John Waddell late of Ancroft, quarryman, for failing to maintain his wife, who had become chargeable to the Union.	
	GBR 49/314-321	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 August 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); John Brown (Horncliffe); John Brown (Gainslaw); Adam Darling; Robert Cairens; George Bone; John Dunbar; Robert Brown; Thomas Black. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewer); Margaret Cairns (hosier); Frances Patterson (confectioner); George Brown (undertaker); T Strother &amp; A Paton (furniture); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocer); John Husband (poor rate on garden and Workhouse due to parish of Berwick). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Jane Nicholson, a lunatic pauper, to the County Asylum); Dr Davidson (certificate of lunacy for Jane Nicholson). Registration Expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees). Vaccination Expenses: George A Turnbull (Islandshire District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight:</p>	9 Aug. 1869

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief.  John Dumble, Church Street, debility, sago 1 ½ lbs beef pint of cod liver oil.  John Dumble, Church Street, debility, sago 1 ½ lbs beef.  Ellen Elliott, Ancroft North Farm, heart disease, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes of the Union except Tweedmouth. The Overseers of Tweedmouth reported that they had been compelled to delay making a new rate in June until the present time as George Dick, Collector of Rates, had not collected the outstanding arrears. It therefore appeared to the Guardians that they had to consider whether the infirmities of old age had rendered Mr Dick unable to perform his duties. Resolved to discuss this at the next meeting and meanwhile inform Mr Dick and the Overseers of the parish.</p> <p>Reply from the Poor Law Board, sanctioning the Relieving Officers as Vaccination Officers in their districts.  Joseph Scott sought instructions concerning certain children in the Islandshire District whose parents allege they have been vaccinated but for whom there is no certificate of successful vaccination. Scott was authorised to employ Dr Davidson, public vaccinator for the district, to inspect these children to certify if they have been vaccinated and if not vaccinate them.</p> <p>Request from Rothbury Union to accept Elizabeth Todd, 79 years, who they allege was settled in Tweedmouth, without order of removal. After John Crosby's report it was agreed they accepted that she was settled within and removable to the Union.</p> <p>As requested at the last meeting John Crosby reported on the children of the outdoor poor who can attend schools, the schools to which the parents consent and those which he could recommend. He gave a summary:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Infant School, College Place</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Infant School, National</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National School, girls</td> <td>28</td> </tr> </table>	Infant School, College Place	3	Infant School, National	13	National School, girls	28	
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	GBR 49/322-333	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 August 1869	Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Bone; Matthew Young; James Hogg; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; John Dunbar.	23 Aug. 1869

			<p>Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Richardson.  Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker];  Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector.  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Coy; George Brown (undertaker); William Alder (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); James Unthank (tailor); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr &amp; Son (druggists); E Willoby [Clerk to the Board] (payments at District Meetings); Elizabeth Wear [?] (advertising account); Andrew Ronaldson (expenses attending apprehension of David Robertson).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: James Paxton, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  James Porteous, Church Street, whitlow, necessaries. Still very tender, can do very little work, requires assistance.  James Porteous, Church Street, whitlow, necessaries.  John Dumble, Church Street, debility, beef and cornflour;  John Dumble, Church Street, sickness, necessaries 1 ½ lb beef;  James Halliday, pitman, Ancroft, consumption, wholly. This man has been ill about a year and a half , would require a liberal allowance, has been ordered some beef;</p>	
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			<p>Eleanor Lockie, Grindon, 2lbs mutton weekly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>The Board then considered the position of George Dick, [Collector of Rates] referred from the last meeting.</p> <p>Reply received from George Turner, Assistant Overseer. The matter had been discussed at a meeting of the Churchwardens of Tweedmouth parish. The Overseers had frequently impressed on Dick that he should complete the collection more quickly and had spoken strongly to him. Because of his long service, (since the formation of the Union) and his wife, the Overseers strongly recommended that the Guardians grant him a retiring allowance or allow him to continue until he is entitled to a pension. Dick had had great difficulty in collecting the two last rates because of the uncertainty concerning the liability of certain people. This was now resolved, he should manage to complete the collection in a few weeks. Dick had explained that he had not completed his monthly statement because he had wanted to have the Rate closed and he could not do this until he had the consent of the Overseers with regard to what was unrecoverable.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Dick's monthly statement for July, now received, showed that recoverable arrears were reduced to £68 14s 1 ½ d and since the end of July, Dick had paid in £51 and the Overseers had been able to make a new rate.</p> <p>Dick appeared before the Board. He promised to be more diligent in his collecting and in providing his monthly statements.</p> <p>The Board resolved that that for the present he should continue in office.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tender of Messrs Clay and Son to supply the Workhouse with 12 sacks of oatmeal at 47s per sack. Agreed.</p> <p>The committee, appointed at the last meeting to inspect the broken machinery (spindle and wheels) at Grangeburn Mill, reported. Members present at the Meeting at the Mill on 9 August: Andrew Thompson: Robert Brown; Alexander Smith (Letham).</p> <p>When they visited the Mill the tenant, Mr Young Hattle was at home. They inspected the machinery and found the spindle had split in two, caused by a flaw in the metal</p>	
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			<p>which could be seen from the broken parts. The lease with Hattle contained a covenant on his part to keep in repair the machinery during his lease. Therefore the Committee asked the Clerk to write to Hattle, informing him of the meeting, reminding him of the terms of the lease and asking him to comply with it. When the repairs were done and the cost known, if Hattle, relying on the cause of the breakdown, thought it proper, he can make application to the Guardians and the Committee will make a recommendation.</p> <p>The Clerk had written to Hattle who was arranging the repair.</p> <p>Reply received from the Poor Law Board concerning the arrangements for vaccination in the Islandshire District. It enclosed a copy of a letter from the Lords of Her Majesty's Council. They also returned the contract with Dr Davidson for reconsideration with respect to the attendance for vaccination.</p> <p>The letter from the Medical Department of the Privy Council Office was signed by Edward G Seaton and dated 7 August. They concur with the Poor Law Board that medical attendance in that district should be at half yearly rather than quarterly intervals. The Guardians in requiring quarterly attendance had said this was necessary to ensure children could be presented for vaccination within the period prescribed by law. However in the view of their Lordships this did not take into account Sec 12 of the Vaccination Act 1867, which stated that in certain districts the period could be extended. Their Lordships considered this applied to the district. They apologised for the delay in replying. They had hoped that the Inspector of Vaccination could have visited to explain the decision to the Guardians but this was not possible.</p> <p>Dr MJ Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], Public Vaccinator for West Norhamshire District, had written requesting a similar change in his district.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to comply with the suggestion of the Poor Law Board and Privy Council and the request of Dr Turnbull.</p> <p>They amended the contracts of the Islandshire and West Norhamshire districts.</p> <p>Islandshire: attendance at the stations on the mainland – first and second Wednesdays in the months of April and October each year for vaccination and the second and third Wednesdays in the same months for inspection. West Norhamshire: in both stations the first and second Mondays of the same months for vaccination and second and third Mondays for inspection.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing the report from the Commissioners in</p>	
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			<p>Lunacy of the visit made to the Workhouse by Mr Forster, Commissioner, on 13 July. They also asked whether the insane pauper Agnes Howe had been moved to an asylum as recommended by Forster.</p> <p>He had visited the imbecile lunatics, total 12, 5 male, 7 female. They were treated with evident kindness by the Master and Matron, though under many disadvantages from the structural defects of the building, which he was glad to hear were shortly to be remedied. He considered that Agnes Howe who had been admitted recently should be moved to an asylum as soon as possible and was confident the Medical Officer would agree. All were well clothed with a very satisfactory appearance and the house as far as he could see was in good order. He was unable to see the plans for the proposed changes. He said it was of the last [sic] importance that airing courts should be provided. It would be hard to find anything worse than the existing yards. There were only two solid meat dinners in the ordinary diet, one that day which he thought very good. All the imbeciles have additional bread or ale or some other extras. Two, Elspeth Oliver and Agnes Howe, have meat daily. He reported the practice of sending patients to asylums in Scotland, the subject of recent correspondence, had been discontinued. Thirty Berwick patients are at present in Morpeth.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Board that the recommendation concerning Agnes Howe had been passed to Dr Brown. Dr Brown gave his reasons for not concurring and agreed to put this in writing for the Clerk to send to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers reported on those children who had been registered but for whom no certificates of successful vaccination had been received. This was partly considered and referred to the Vaccination Officers for further inquiry.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted his quarterly statement of the calls made on the parishes, showing the sums paid and due. He also gave the estimates of the amount required to meet the expenditure of the parishes to the half year ending on Ladyday 1870. Referred to the Finance Committee.</p>	
	GBR 49/334-338	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 September 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; Alexander Smith (Norham); John Marshall; John Brown (Gainslaw); Robert Brown; John Henderson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe.</p>	6 Sept. 1869

			<p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson. In the absence of the Clerk, Edward Willoby, his son and partner, William Willoby, acted for him.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Renton (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocer); James Unthank (tailor); George Douglas (farmer). Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (expenses re removal of Andrew Marshall to the County Asylum); Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew Thompson] (certificate of lunacy). Registration Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Duddo, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they were satisfied with the Clerk's calculations of the sums required from the parishes for the expenditure for the next half year. Approved.</p>	
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			<p>Approved that [Andrew Thompson] Chairman, Rev Thomas Procter and Dr Brown visit Northumberland County Asylum to report on the state and condition of the lunatics maintained there by the Board.</p> <p>The Special Committee appointed to consider the boarding out of certain of the indoor children were to meet to consider the applications made to the Relieving Officers of those who offered to take them.</p> <p>To consider at the next meeting reprinting the printed list of paupers as the present list was incomplete.</p> <p>Dr Fluker and Mr Crosby reported that the common yards in the Lanes of the town were filthy and there was an increasing prevalence and severity of fever in these localities. The clerk to communicate to the Clerk of the Local Board of Health requesting that they are cleansed and disinfected.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Edward Bell, tailor, Berwick, and Thomas Beattie, shoemaker, late of Berwick, for failing to maintain their wives and families who have become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
	GBR 49/339-346	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 September 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Norham); Adam Darling; Matthew Young; John Henderson; Thomas Black; George Bone. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson. In the absence from home of the Clerk, Edward Willoby, his son and partner, William Willoby, acted for him.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	20 Sept. 1869

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: John Clay &amp; Sons (merchants); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Johnson &amp; Coy (brewers); John Renwick (dealer); William Alder (spirit merchant); George Brown (undertaker); James Unthank (tailor); George Douglas (farmer).  Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing Agnes Jane How to County Asylum).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 20 September from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John Dumble, Church Street, debility, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef corn flour;  John Dumble, Church Street, sickness, bottle port, pot of jam;  Eliza Gannon, Chapel Street, sore throat, necessaries;  Hannah Wastle, Hatter's Lane, childbirth, necessaries;  Hannah Wastle, Hatter's Lane, childbirth, necessaries;  Thomas Rutherford, Pier Road, skin disease, necessaries;  Johnson Henderby, Greens, debility from spitting blood, necessaries;  Isabella Syme, West End, sickness, wholly, necessaries;  Helen Kelly, Norham, bottle port.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p>	
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GBR 49/347-357	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 October 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Peel; John Dunbar; John Marshall; George Bone; Robert Cairens; Alexander Smith (Norham); Alexander Smith (Letham); John Brown (Gainslaw); John Brown (Horncliffe); Adam Darling; John Henderson; Robert Brown. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, Schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress; Agnes McLeod, Matron; Abraham Rutherford, Porter; Mary Harle, Nurse; Robert Fair, Hairdresser.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Thomas Mitchell, Master of Workhouse, (petty charges); James Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company;</p>	4 Oct. 1869	

			<p>Margaret Cowe (grocer); Margaret Cairns (hosier); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); George Archbold (plumber); James Renton (milk seller); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Purves (boot &amp; shoemaker); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); William Patterson (plasterer); George Douglas (farmer); James Unthank (tailor); James Dunlop (draper); J Landreth &amp; others (garden accounts); John Davidson (grocer); David Mills (printer); Alexander Paton (bookseller); H R Thompson (fire insurance premium); E Willoby [Clerk to the Board] (justice clerk's fees, quarter's postage and payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage, removing Scotch pauper); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Thomas Mitchell [Master] (inquiring into pauper settlement).</p> <p>Outrelief Account: Northern Counties Deaf &amp; Dumb Institution (Quarter's maintenance and clothing for William Purves).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Royal Edinburgh Asylum [<u>underlined or crossed out</u>] (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson pauper lunatic); Andrew Thompson [Chairman] expenses of annual visit of Committee to County Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The amounts shown used by the Provisions, Necessaries and Miscellaneous and Clothing Accounts, by the paupers and the officers were reported.</p> <p>The Garden Account was debited of the value of the Workhouse slops given to the pigs – given to the General Account.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  David Menkie, Chapel Street, catarrh, necessaries;  David Menkie, Chapel Street, catarrh, necessaries;  John Conolly [sic], Hatters Lane, erysipelas, necessaries;  Mary Cock, Letham Shank, diarrhoea, necessaries;  Johnson Henderby, Greens, sickness, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef;  Johnson Henderby, Greens, sickness, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef;  Catherine Gannon, Chapel Street, sore throat, necessaries;  Hannah Wastle, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>John Dumble, Church Street, sickness, bottle port wine, jam; Margaret Sinclair, West End, childbirth, wholly, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kylee, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the tenders received for provisions and clothing. Agreed.</p> <p>Contribution orders required from the Overseers of the parishes for the next half year were agreed. To be paid in two equal instalments.</p> <p>Dr Brown reported on his visit with the Committee to the Northumberland County Asylum on 16 September. He reported that the bodily condition of the 31 inmates supported by the Union was satisfactory. As he had done previously, he raised the propriety of maintaining some lunatics less expensively and relieving the ratepayers of a heavy burden. They could be maintained in the Workhouse or boarded with people of similar condition of life under the supervision of the parochial medical officer and the relieving officer. He considered the state of the patient would improve rather than deteriorate. Public asylums are hospitals for the insane, but unlike other hospitals, do not discharge incurables. They are therefore filled with mindless cases kept at an expensive rate with costly appliances which are not of benefit to them. This does not happen with patients maintained by their friends. If after two or three years there is no improvement, the majority are removed. If the purpose of placement – to be cured – cannot be met and if they can be kept safely elsewhere more cheaply, this is surely preferable. The chances of longevity and the remote hope of recovery are improved. He argued that they would be as safe as the returns of accidents in asylums show they are no safer than workhouses. He then quoted from the Report of the Scotch Commissioners for 1869 in support of his views. There were 7 female and 4 male patients who had been in the Asylum since 1859 or 1860 and therefore a cure was very unlikely. He considered it better in common</p>	
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			<p>humanity, as well as being cheaper, to give them a trial under more domestic conditions. Several others had been there for four to six years, many of whom could be safely moved. However he thought it likely that he would only be able to move Ann Graham, Jane Jackson and James Finharty without objection. Recent admissions were Mary Shanks, Jane Nicholson, Isabella Emery, Elizabeth Burgon, Agnes J Howe, Andrew Marshall, Robert Peffers, Joseph Spowart, James Trotter and James McDonald. Of these Mary Shanks, Jane Nicholson, perhaps Agnes Howe, Andrew Marshall, James McDonald and Joseph Spowart were likely to recover soon. The others would in all probability "sink into ordinary asylum cases". Referred to the Special Committee looking at proposed accommodation in the Workhouse for lunatics.</p> <p>The Board considered the additional burdens being placed on the rates by men who left their wives and families to look for work but neglected to return or send means of support, their dependents thereby becoming chargeable. There was also considerable delay in locating them.</p> <p>Agreed that John Crosby, Relieving Officer, prepare a list with descriptions of these men and, where he had not done so, obtain warrants for their apprehension. The Clerk would organise handbills and advertise £1[?] reward for their apprehension. When apprehended, proceedings before the Justices for failing to maintain their dependents would be taken.</p> <p>John Crosby [Relieving Officer] was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Peter Cassidy, out pensioner resident in Ireland, for failing to maintain his son, Henry Cassidy.</p>	
	GBR 49/358-363	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 October 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; Adam Darling; John Marshall; Robert Cairens, Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Davidson; Thomas Sanderson. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving</p>	18 Oct. 1869

			<p>Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer; John A Woods, Treasurer; Medical Officers: Colville Brown; Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]; James Wilson; John Paxton; Thomas Davidson; M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse; Collectors of Rates: Joseph Scott, Cornhill; Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; George Dick, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: John Renwick (old rope).  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (Quarter's maintenance for 28 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 4); Dr Brown [Colville Brown] (fee for annual visit to Asylum and report]  Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).  Vaccination fees: Robert Fluker (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); Matthew Turnbull (West Norhamshire District); George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee; John Husband, Berwick; John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  William Limburn, Chapel Street, catarrh, necessaries;</p>	
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	GBR 49/364-379	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 November 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; Thomas Sanderson; Richard Makins; Robert Dickson; John Tait junior; Thomas Black; George Peel; John Marshall; John Henderson; Adam Darling; Thomas Friar; John Dunbar. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Margaret Cairens (hosier); E &amp; W Paxton (drapers); James Russell (draper); Morrison &amp; Marshall (drapers); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Rutherford (draper); Border Brewing Company; G &amp; I Young (drapers); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); William Lamb (whiting dealer); Knight &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); Andrew Ronaldson (removing pauper etc[?] to Ireland); John Renwick (old rope). Extra medical fees: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District). Vaccination expenses: John Paxton (East Northhamshire District);</p> <p>The School Committee had passed the accounts for the education of the outdoor children for the half year ending at Michaelmas and payment ordered to the following teachers: William Jackson (Spittal); Robert Walker (Scremerston); Henry Ford (Cheswick); John Brown (Duddo); Robert Hardy (Cornhill); Thomas Phillips (Shoreswood); Richard Forsyth (Norham); James Thompson (East Ord); Mary A McLaren (Norham); William Reed (Mindrum Mill); William Bell (Holy Island);</p>	1 Nov. 1869

			<p>Thomas Moody (Harperidge); George A Turnbull (Ancroft); John Dobbie (Horncliffe); John Cowens (Beal); Adam Bell (Ord Moor); John Blyth (Bewick); Thomas Rogerson (Bewick).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General Police Rate and Local Police Rate by 25 October from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p> <p>Ellen Coleman, Wallace Green, This woman has been poorly but is now convalescent. Husband is a shoemaker, has plenty of work but is drinking. If the Board have power he ought to be proceeded against;</p> <p>Thomas Whittaker, Wallace Green, diarrhoea, necessaries;</p> <p>Thomas Whittaker, Wallace Green, diarrhoea, necessaries;</p> <p>George A Huntly, Castlegate, catarrh, partially, necessaries;</p> <p>David Menkie, Chapel Street, debility, necessaries;</p> <p>John Connolly, Hatter's Lane, ulcer on leg after erysipelas, necessaries;</p> <p>John Connolly, Hatter's Lane, ulcer, necessaries;</p> <p>Mary Cock, Low Letham, debility from diarrhoea, improving – will resume work on Monday, to have relief till then;</p> <p>Johnson Henderby, Greens, cough, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Johnson Henderby, Greens, cough etc, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Bridget Yourson [sic ? Yourston], Hatter's Lane, sickness, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Mrs Lambert, Church Street, ulcer, necessaries;</p> <p>Mrs Lambert, Church Street, ulcer on foot, wholly, necessaries;</p> <p>Catherine Fee, Chapel Street, sickness, tea &amp; sugar;</p> <p>Mrs Yourson [sic], Hatter's Lane, cough etc, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef;</p> <p>Edward Sim, West End, sickness, necessaries.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick; Horncliffe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Special Committee appointed to prepare plans for the accommodation and treatment in the Workhouse for idiots and certain cases of lunacy presented their report.</p> <p>It detailed the history of negotiations with the Poor Law Board who had returned the original plans, submitted in June 1868, in May 1869.</p> <p>On 2 August the Committee, Dr Brown, Medical Officer for the Workhouse and Mr Gray, architect, met. They considered moving the hospital wards from their present site to the wards on the east and north sides presently occupied by old and young women. This suggestion did not prove practicable. The plans now presented slightly increase the number of wards and accommodation in the hospital by adding for use as fever wards the present male and female insane wards. They also rectify the excessive and unnecessary accommodation for aged women and children. They differ considerably from those submitted to the Poor Law Board and show more extensive alterations. The rearrangement of the wards on the north and west side provide less but ample and more suitable accommodation for old women and children. The wards for young women can now separate those of dissolute and abandoned habits. The suggestions of the Poor Law Board have been met by providing suitable and sufficient wards for children and remedying the defects pointed out in the intended lunatic wards including the water closet. They also provide separate and additional accommodation for both males and females of the superannuated or noisy class.</p> <p>Summary of rooms apportioned in the amended plans:</p> <p>Lunatic Paupers</p> <p>Male Department: day room for ordinary cases; 2 dormitories; day room and dormitory for superannuated and noisy cases; 4 water closets and lavatory; 2 yards (now old women's yard).</p> <p>Female Department: day room for ordinary cases; 2 dormitories; day room and dormitory for superannuated and noisy cases; 3 water closets and lavatory; 2 yards (part of girls' and women's yards).</p> <p>For use of both departments: bath room and padded room entered from common</p>	
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			<p>the school be placed elsewhere.</p> <p>The Guardians consider they have offered reasonable terms to Mr and Mrs Nesbit, but the latter do not accept these. Their proposals are not reasonable and from their having not replied to the last letter sent to them, it must be assumed that they refuse to come to any equitable arrangement.</p> <p>The Guardians therefore ask the Poor Law Board to communicate with these officers and insist on their resignation or take other steps they consider expedient to enable the plans to go forward.</p> <p>The letter was signed by members of the Committee: Andrew Thompson, Chairman; Alexander Smith, Vice Chairman; Robert Cairens; Matthew Young; George Bone.</p> <p>The Committee appointed re the damage to the machinery at Grangeburn Mill reported. The tenant Mr Young Hattle had arranged for the machinery to be properly repaired and he presented Mr Fender's account of £20 9s 4d. On the application of Mr Hattle and considering the cause of the damage as previously ascertained, the Committee recommended that Hattle should settle Mr Fender's account and that his next half year's rent should be abated by one half of the amount of the account. Agreed.</p> <p>The requests from Glendale and Morpeth Unions, raised at the last meeting, were considered. As Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, had been unable to get satisfactory information on either case it was agreed not to accept responsibility without Orders of Removal.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Clerk to the Local Board of Health concerning the nuisance at Middle Third, Tweedmouth. From the Tweedmouth valuation list it appeared to be within the Local Board's district, but was found not to be, and the alleged nuisance continued. Agreed that Dr Wilson would investigate and report to the Clerk, who was authorised to contact the owner of the property to try to deal with the nuisance without resorting to compulsory proceedings.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove James Flood, who had that day become chargeable to the Union, to Scotland.</p>	
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			Agreed that John Young, mason of Spittal, could take charge of Robina Phillips, a deserted child aged 10, on the usual terms and conditions.	
	GBR 49/380-385	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 November 1869.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; Adam Darling; George Bone; John Henderson; James Hogg; James Gilroy; Robert Cairns; John Marshall; Richard Makins; Matthew Young; Robert Dickson. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Robert Hedley, Poor Law Inspector, Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); James Dunlop (draper); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Sons (grocers); John Veitch (grocer); Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of garden); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Scotch pauper); Isabella Anderson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay Station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station). Registration Expenses:: George A Turnbull, Islandshire District; Joseph Scott, Northamshire District; George Turner, Berwick District. Vaccination Expenses: George A Turnbull, Islandshire District, registrar's fees.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	15 Nov. 1869



			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Cockburn, Castlegate, erysipelas leg, necessaries;  Thomas Whittaker, Wallace Green, diarrhoea, necessaries, 1 lb sago;  Johnson Henderby, fisherman, Greens, cough etc, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Mary Ann Cook, 28 years, Castlegate, catarrh, necessaries;  Mary Cockburn, Greens, erysipelas, necessaries;  Ellen Daley, 17 years, Narrow Lane, catarrh, necessaries;  William Limburn, labourer, Chapel Street, dropsy, convalescent, 2 lbs beef;  Michael Butler, Chapel Street, ophthalmia injury to eye, necessaries;  Johnson Henderby, fisherman, Greens, cough etc, necessaries, 1 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they considered the report of the Special Committee and the plans for proposed alterations to the accommodation. Approved on the motion of John Marshall, seconded by Robert Dickson. The Clerk to forward the plans and Report to the Poor Law Board and request their approval and authority to spend the necessary money to undertake the alterations.</p> <p>The report by Dr Wilson into the nuisance at Middle Third was presented. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the owner who had done the necessary work. Dr Wilson had since inspected the property and reported that the nuisance had been satisfactorily removed.</p> <p>Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] presented a list of the vaccination stations in Norham and Islandshire and asked that the Guardians fix the sum to be paid to the occupiers for the use of their property. Agreed that the sum of 10s per annum be paid to each, starting with the current year.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against John Inglis, late of Berwick, book canvasser, for failing to maintain</p>	
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			his wife and four children, who have become chargeable on the union.	
	GBR 49/386-392	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 November 1869.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; George Peel; James Gilroy; John Dunbar; Alexander Smith (Letham); George Bone; Matthew Young; Robert Brown; John Brown (Gainslaw). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs. Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Adam Winlaw (boot &amp; shoemaker); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; Margaret Cowe (grocer); T &amp; R Thompson (drapers); Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); W G Carr &amp; Son (druggist); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); George Douglas (farmer); John Elliott (druggist); Young &amp; Son (grocers); T H Mitchell [master of the Workhouse] (removing pauper etc). Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott (Norham District registrar's fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 6 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	29 Nov. 1869

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Jane Allan, Castlegate, catarrh, necessaries;  John Crawford, 43 years, shoemaker, Chapel Street, injuries to face from a fall, necessaries;  Mary Menkie, Chapel Street, pregnancy – requires relief during the time her husband is in hospital, necessaries;  Michael Butler, Chapel Street, injury to eye, necessaries;  Johnson Henderby fisherman, Greens, cough etc, necessaries, ½ [?] lb beef;  William Limburn, Chapel Street, dropsy, convalescent, 2 lbs beef;  John Crawford, shoemaker, Chapel Street, injury to face, necessaries;  William Dawson, Walkergate Lane, sore throat, necessaries;  Joseph Patterson, blacksmith, Knowehead, sickness, wholly, necessaries;  Alice Anderson, West End, childbirth, wholly, necessaries;  William Limburn, labourer, Chapel Street, debility from dropsy, 2 lbs beef;  Johnson Henderby, fisherman, Greens, cough etc, necessaries 1 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>A copy supplemental valuation list for Berwick parish was presented.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board to all overseers of parishes re the Poor Law Assessment and Collection Act 1869.</p> <p>Notice of chargeability and accompanying order of the Justices received from Morpeth Union for the removal of Mary Rutter. Execution of the order was suspended on the grounds of old age and sickness. The circumstances had already been investigated and there appear insufficient grounds for appeal.</p> <p>Letter received from Brigham and Bickerton, Tweed Implement Works. It stated that they planned to build a dwelling house at some future time on that part of their property near the main entrance gate and immediately in front of the workhouse. They were aware that after the lapse of a certain period of time the Guardians would be able to prevent this. They ask for a written guarantee to the effect that</p>	
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			<p>should the building not be built before the expiry of the period, they should be allowed to proceed at their pleasure. Otherwise they would take the necessary precaution to protect their rights by erecting a temporary wall at once on the site. Resolved that the Clerk should reply undertaking that any rights which Messrs Brigham and Bickerton may now possess to erect buildings should not, as far as the Guardians are concerned, be barred by the lapse of time.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against James Dickinson of Berwick for neglecting to maintain his wife and children who had become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted his quarterly statement of the calls made on the parishes, the amounts paid and the amounts outstanding.</p>	
	GBR 49/393-398	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 December 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; George Peel; John Brown (Horncliffe); Richard Makins; George Bone; Robert Brown; Matthew Young; Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; Thomas Sanderson; James Gilroy; John Henderson. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Paxton [John Paxton]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Mather Sanderson and others (sundries for gardens and pigs); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Thomas Strother (auctioneer);</p>	13 Dec. 1869

			<p><i>The Scotsman</i> (advertising) <i>Newcastle Chronicle</i> (advertising). Northern Counties Deaf and Dumb Institution ( ½ years board and education of William Purvis).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Ann Young, Chapel Street, cough etc, necessaries; William Lynch, 35 years, Church Street, catarrh, necessaries; Terence Daley, Chapel Street, abscess in hand, necessaries; Mary Ann Thompkins, Woolmarket, sickness &amp; debility, necessaries; Mary Ann Thompkins, Woolmarket, sickness &amp; debility, necessaries; Mary Ann Young, Chapel Street, cough etc, necessaries; William Limburn, Chapel Street, debility after dropsy, 2 lbs beef; Michael Butler, Chapel Street, injury to eye, necessaries; John Crawford, Chapel Street, injury to face from a fall, necessaries; William Dawson, Walkergate Lane, shoemaker, sore throat &amp; debility, pint cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Letter received from Arthur Peel, Secretary to the Poor Law Board. Mr Hedley, Poor Law Inspector, had reported on the practice of boarding out children by Berwick Union, which appears to be the only Union in his district to have adopted the system. One of the cases referred to by Hedley, concerned Catherine and Margaret Givens aged 9 and 7. They were placed with a widow who occupies a single room in a court and also has a grown up daughter and 2 sons aged 16 and 14 living with her and all sharing the same room.</p> <p>It stated that these arrangements were wholly insufficient and unsatisfactory. If the</p>	
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	GBR 49/399-404	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 December 1869	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Cairns; John Henderson; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Marshall; Robert Brown; Thomas Black; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; George Bone; Thomas Sanderson; George Peel; Alexander Smith (Letham). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	27 Dec. 1869

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit, schoolmaster; Isabella Nesbit, schoolmistress; Agnes McLeod, matron; Mary Harle, nurse; Abraham Rutherford, porter; Robert Fair, hairdresser; all employed at the workhouse.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; James Renton (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Strother (auctioneer); J Moor &amp; Coy (ironmonger); Margaret Cowe grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John Veitch (grocer).  Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatic to County Asylum).  Berwick Local Board of Health (payment of general district and special rates).  Payment of £73 16s 8d, instalment and interest on loan of £1850 from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> instalment.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  David Menkie, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Patrick Kennon, Weatherley Square, asthma, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Robert Burns, 43 years, Wallace Green, partially disabled from debility, a little relief until next meeting of the Board should any more be wanted;  Isabella McDonald, 30 years, Chapel Street, diarrhoea, necessaries;  David Menkie and wife, rag gatherer, Chapel Street, sickness and pregnancy, necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Turnbull; Wilson.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the tenders and recommended acceptance of the following:  James Dixon (rounds &amp; hanks of beef 10s 6d per stone, houghs of beef 5s per stone, legs of mutton 9d per lb);  Elias Pearson (indoor fine bread 6d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread 5d per 4lbs, outdoors seconds bread 4lbs 7oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal 3lbs 9oz for 6d, outdoor flour 3lbs 9oz for 6d);  Thomas Grahame 20 sacks of oatmeal 38s per sack.  Agreed.</p> <p>Circular received from the Poor Law Board concerning the administration of relief to sick paupers. The Guardians agreed the information to be given in reply.</p> <p>A notice of chargeability and order of Justices had been received from the Alnwick Union concerning Edward Westle, his wife and 5 children who are alleged to have settlement in the parish of Ancroft. Referred to Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] for investigation.</p> <p>No reply had been received from the Poor Law Board to the letters of 25<sup>th</sup> October and 15<sup>th</sup> November concerning the discontinuance of the Workhouse School and alterations to the Workhouse. Agreed that the Clerk write to the Poor Law Board requesting a reply.</p> <p>Offers from Ralph Dodds to give the inmates of the Workhouse a tea on Old Year's night and by the Border Brewery Company to give them ale on New Year's Day were gratefully accepted.</p>	
	GBR 49/405-413	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 January 1870.	<p>Present:  Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; Matthew Young; John Marshall; Thomas Sanderson; Alexander Smith (Letham); Alexander Smith (Norham); George Peel; George Bone; Robert Brown; John Dunbar; Thomas Black; Adam Darling.  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe.</p>	10 Jan. 1870



			<p>Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk; John Crosby, Relieving Officer and Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer and Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker], James Wilson, Thomas Davidson, John Paxton, Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], all Medical Officers; Thomas H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse]; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island; George Dick, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Thomas Graham (mealseller); James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Border Brewery Company; William Weatherhead (sundries for garden and pigs); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); George Archbold (plumber); William Wilson (boot and shoemaker); Alexander Dippie (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Veitch (grocer); Adam Winlaw (boot &amp; shoemaker); James Wilson (fees for sanitary reports); E Willoby [Edward Willoby] (Justice Clerk's fees, postage and other payments); Knight &amp; Co (forms); William Dickson (Justice Clerk's fees). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (Quarter's maintenance for 30 lunatics and for 2 for part quarter); Royal Edinburgh Asylum (quarter's maintenance for Hannah Jamieson); Colville Brown (certificate of lunacy of James Emery). Extra medical fees: Colville Brown (Workhouse); Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull</p>	
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			<p>[Matthew Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).  Vaccination expenses: Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District); James Wilson (Tweedmouth District); Thomas Davidson (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (West Norhamshire District).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: John Husband (Berwick); Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master's accounts of Workhouse provisions etc and necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter were presented.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  David Menkie's wife, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Phillip Higgins, Weatherly Square, asthma, piles etc, necessaries;  Robert Burns, shoemaker, Wallace Green, dyspepsia, necessaries;  Robert Burns, shoemaker, Wallace Green, dyspepsia improving, necessaries;  Phillip Higgins, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Collector's monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>The Common Seal to be affixed to the contracts for provisions for the current quarter.</p> <p>Reply received from the Poor Law Board concerning the discontinuance of the Workhouse school. They are considering the position of the school master and mistress with reference to certain legal questions which have arisen.</p> <p>Joseph Scott reported on the case of Edward Westle and family. It was decided not to appeal against the Order of removal from the Alnwick Union.</p>	
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	GBR 49/414-419	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24	Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; James Gilroy; James Hogg; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; George Bone; John Brown (Gainslaw); Robert Brown; John	24 Jan. 1870

		<p>January 1870.</p>	<p>Marshall; John Henderson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Richard Makins; Thomas Black; John Brown (Horncliffe).  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe.  Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>They ordered payment of the accounts for the education of pauper children from the following schools which the School Committee had examined and passed: Berwick Boy's National School 28 children; Berwick Girl's National School 30 children; Berwick Infant National School 11 children; St Mary's National School 8 children; Berwick Boy's British School 14 children; Berwick Girl's British School 20 children; Berwick Infant British School 3 children; St Cuthbert's Catholic School 9 children; Tweedmouth Boy's National School 10 children; Tweedmouth Girl's National School 7 children; Tweedmouth Presbyterian School 8 children; Tweedmouth Mr Wood's School 1 child; Spittal British School 27 children; East Ord School 3 children; Ord Moor School 1 child; John Blyth, Old Bewick 1 child; Elizabeth Dods, Etal 3 children. Total children 184. Total cost £24 6s 8d.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Parish of Berwick (poor rate for garden and Workhouse); Berwick Advertizer [sic] (advertising account); George Macaskie (advertising account); G F Steven (advertising account).  Vaccination Expenses: George Turner (Berwick District Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the local police rate by 29 January from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham;</p>	
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			<p>Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Robert Burns, shoemaker, Wallace Green, debility, necessities;  Phillip Higgins, Weatherly Square, asthmatic cough, necessities;  William Summerville, 30 years, shoemaker, Chapel Street, catarrh, necessities;  William Hennessy, Chapel Street, scalded foot, necessities;  Hugh Close, tinsmith, Walkergate Lane, cough etc, necessities;  Phillip Higgins, Weatherly Square, asthmatic cough, necessities;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>At Robert Brown's request and with the agreement of the Board his motion concerning the hour of the meetings was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick [Rev J G Rowe] pursuant to notice proposed that the rates paid for the pauper children at the different schools be referred to a committee for examination with the purpose of establishing a fair uniform rate. Adam Darling moved the previous question; only the latter was seconded. Therefore the proposal fell.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the balance sheet of accounts for the Board for the first quarter.</p> <p>The Registrars for the Berwick and Islandshire Districts reported on those children whose birth had been registered and for whom no certificate of vaccination had been received. The Registration Officers were asked to investigate.</p> <p>Half yearly return from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the state and condition of the pauper lunatics maintained by the Union was received. Ann Graham, senior, applied to be permitted to take charge of her daughter, Ann Graham. Dr Brown having recommended removal, the Guardians agreed and asked</p>	
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			<p>the Clerk to contact the Superintendent.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to the placement of two deserted children, Catherine Givens, 10 years, and Margaret Givens, 9 years, with Henry Ford, schoolmaster, Cheswick, on the usual terms and conditions.</p> <p>Proposal made to the Guardians that Joseph Atkinson, a poor boy aged 13, should be apprenticed to James Scott, baker of Crookham. The Chairman was authorised to interview Mr Scott and arrange the terms. The Clerk was directed to give notice to the Glendale Union, in which area Scott resides.</p>	
	GBR 49/420-426	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 February 1870.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; John Marshall; Matthew Young; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Henderson; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Brown (Horncliffe); Robert Cairens; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Brown; Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; Thomas Sanderson; John Dunbar. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); Border Brewery Company; George Brown (undertaker); John Cairens (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); James Unthank (tailor); Young &amp; Son (grocers); William G Carr &amp; Son (chemists).</p>	7 Feb. 1870

			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Margaret Morrison and family, Spittal, sickness, wholly, necessaries;  Jane Ann McElwee, 16 years, Golden Square, childbirth, necessaries;  Christian Jackson, 20 years, Coxon's Lane, fever, necessaries;  Daniel McFarlane, 27 years, hawker, Chapel Street, piles, necessaries;  Margaret McLamand [?], Hatters Lane, cough etc, I find this woman's husband is employed away from home, she requires some extra nourishment if you can give it, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Sarah McAllister, Chapel Street, debility, Her husband is in Edinburgh Infirmary at present and she will need a little relief for a time, necessaries;  Phillip Higgins Weatherly Square, asthma, necessaries;  Phillip Higgins Weatherly Square, asthma, necessaries;  Widow Johnston, Greens, neuralgia, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Robert Skelly, Tweedmouth, necessaries;  Robert Skelly, Tweedmouth, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker; Wilson.</p> <p>Monthly statements from all Collectors of poor rates were laid before the Board.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, Robert Brown, seconded by George Bone, moved that the time of the meeting should be moved from 11 to 12 30.  Adam Darling, seconded by Richard Makins, moved an amendment that the meeting should start, as previously, at 12. The amendment was passed and the meetings will now start at 12.</p> <p>Reply received from the Poor Law Board to the letter of 25 October 1869 concerning the plan to discontinue the Workhouse School and dispense with the services of the school master and mistress. They had received a legal opinion from Sir R T Collier, Attorney General, concerning the latter. This was that it was competent for them to remove Mr and Mrs Nesbit from their posts. The Board</p>	
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			<p>therefore advised that if the Guardians made the same offer of compensation as before, or a reasonable offer of a similar kind, in consideration of them resigning their posts and these were declined they could remove them from their posts. After consideration the Guardians decided to renew their offer to Mr and Mrs Nesbit of compensation £123 to resign their posts from 25 March next. The Clerk was to inform them and ask for their resignation in time for the next meeting.</p> <p>Instructions were given for completion of a Return to the Poor Law Inspector concerning the average earnings of agricultural labourers during the last quarter.</p> <p>Reply received from the Superintendent of the County Asylum concerning the application to place Ann Graham under the charge of her mother. He was in agreement and will place this before the Visiting Committee.</p> <p>Circular from the Bangor Union enclosing a petition to the House of Commons for a more equal distribution of the burden of the poor rates. The Guardians were in agreement and asked that the Clerk prepare a similar one for approval.</p> <p>Mr Crosby, as Vaccination Officer gave his report into the cases reported by the Registrar. This was referred back to him for further enquiry.</p> <p>Rev Thomas Procter moved that the rule concerning payment for the education of outdoor children "not to pay a fee to the teachers for any week where the child's attendance was not equal to four days" be rescinded. In future teachers, in accordance with the practice of charges to parents, should be paid in full for each week in any part of which the child attended. Agreed.</p>	
	GBR 49/427-434	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 February 1870.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; John Henderson; Thomas Sanderson; John Marshall; Alexander Smith (Letham); Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; William Moor; Robert Brown. Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p>	21 Feb. 1870



			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Dorothy Bond (broker); James Renton (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Brown (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); W G Carr &amp; Son (druggists); Young &amp; Son (grocers).  Vaccination Expenses: George A Turnbull, Islandshire District, (Registrars fees);  Registration Expenses: George Turner, Berwick District; George A Turnbull, Islandshire District; Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: James Paxton, Township of Horncliffe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John Kane, Chapel Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Peter Johnston, chimney sweep, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  William Rennie, 55 years, Wales Lodging, Chapel Street, debility, this man requires a little relief;  Michael Kelly, Wales Lodging [?], Chapel Street, diarrhoea, necessaries;  Jane Hudson, Greens, childbirth, necessaries;  Catherine Gannon, 20 years, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  M Anderson's child, Chapel Street, the mother requires to remain at home with the child, necessaries;  M Anderson's child, Chapel Street, the mother requires to remain at home with the child, ½ pint sherry;</p>	
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			<p>Taxation, grants from the Consolidated Fund to the Poor Law Unions towards their expenditure would to a great extent relieve the injustice.</p> <p>The principle of funding from the Consolidated Fund is already established: to the Counties in respect of the police force and the prosecution of felons; and the Poor Law Unions in respect of the salaries of Medical Officers and School Teachers.</p> <p>They suggested that this could be extended especially for items of expenditure which are fixed by Acts of Parliament or subject to the control of the Poor Law Board and Justices of the Peace, such as Officers' salaries, Registration and Vaccination fees and costs of maintenance of lunatics and of vagrants.</p> <p>Agreed that this be sent to Lord Bury for presentation.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his quarterly statement of calls made upon the parishes, the sums paid and those outstanding.</p> <p>Joseph Atkinson, a poor boy aged 13, who it was proposed should be apprenticed to James Scott, baker of Crookham, appeared before the Board. The necessary enquiries were made of him and Dr Brown certified he was of sound health and fit to be bound. His mother, Phillis Atkinson, attended and agreed to the binding. The Chairman had interviewed Mr Scott who appeared a proper person and was willing to take Joseph Atkinson on the usual conditions – the term of 5 years, premium of £5 and two suits of clothing. Agreed to the apprenticeship and, provided no objection is received from Glendale Union by 24 February, the Clerk was ordered to prepare the indentures and send to the Master for execution before the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the various parishes to meet the expenditure of the ensuing half year. Referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>Consideration of the terms of appointment of the Medical Officers for Islandshire and West Norhamshire from March 25<sup>th</sup> was continued to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick was thanked for the present of books made through him, from the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, for the use of inmates in the Workhouse.</p>	
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	GBR 49/435-441	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 March 1870.	<p>Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; Robert Brown; James Gilroy; Thomas Sanderson; Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; John Dunbar; Robert Cairns; George Peel; John Marshal; Alexander Smith (Letham); George Bone; Richard Makins; John Brown (Gainslaw); John Brown (Horncliffe). Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gaslight Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Cairns (farmer); Dorothy Bond (broker); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers). Royal Victoria Asylum for the Blind, Newcastle (quarter year's maintenance of James H Knox). Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott Northhamshire District Registrar's fees.</p> <p>Payment of £101 4s 11d was authorised, being the thirteenth instalment and interest due on a loan of £2450 from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 2 March from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p>	7 March 1870
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	GBR 49/442-448	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21	Present: Guardians: Andrew Thompson; George Peel; Robert Cairns; John Dunbar; Thomas Sanderson; George Bone; John Henderson; Richard Makins; Robert	21 March 1870

		<p>March 1870</p>	<p>Brown; John Brown; John Marshall; Thomas Friar; James Hogg.  Ex-officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe.  Medical Officers: Drs Davidson [Thomas Davidson]; .Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Dixon (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Border Brewery Company; James Renton (farmer); George Brown (undertaker); Robert Rutherford (draper); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Veitch (grocer).  Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic from asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Catherine Fee, Chapel Street, erysipelas, necessaries;  Mrs Glasgow, Hide Hill, childbirth, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Phillip Higgins, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries;  Phillip Higgins, Weatherly Square, sickness, necessaries;  Hugh Close, Chapel Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Hugh Close, Chapel Street, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;  John Kane, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries;  Margaret McNamara, 31 years, Hatters Lane, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Christian Jackson, Coxon's Lane, sickness, necessaries;  James C McDonald, Ravensdowne, sickness, necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>of fully qualified medical gentlemen resident in the Districts of West Norhamshire and Islandshire. The two appointed, though qualified in other respects, are not resident in their Districts; therefore their appointments are limited to one year.</p> <p>Dr Davidson named Dr Hunt of Belford to act as his deputy under the same arrangements as at present.</p> <p>They then considered the salaries for the Collectors of Poor Rates for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth from 25 March. Circumstances were much the same as they were the previous year. Agreed that the Poor Law Board be asked to sanction the following:  Berwick - a poundage of 4d in the £ on all sums collected and accounted for;  Tweedmouth – salary of £35 for the year.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board had conditionally approved the plans for the alterations to the Workhouse with a few small alterations and sanctioned the proposed outlay. Referred to the Special Committee to consider and discuss with the architect and to report to the next meeting with their recommendations.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the tenders received for provisions and clothing for the Workhouse and bread and oatmeal for the outdoor poor. Agreed that these be accepted.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled a return of the attendance of Guardians at the Board and Committee Meetings for the past year.</p> <p>He also tabled a supplemental valuation list for the township of Thornton.</p> <p>The Guardians instructed John Crosby, Relieving Officer, and the Master of the Workhouse to provide the boarded out children with some necessary clothing and also to organise the provision of education and clothing for the indoor pauper children after 25 March. Those registered as belonging to the Established Church to be sent to the Berwick National School and those registered as Protestant Dissenters to the British School.</p>	
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