

four column small demy between 22 April 1871 and 11 May 1872 while maintaining the new title banner. Word space between 'Nelson' and 'Examiner' in the title banner, which was twenty-four millimetres when Elliott returned to the demy folio on 22 April 1871, was closed up slightly to about ten millimetres in subsequent issues, apparently for appearance: evidence which suggests that Elliott had cut part of the banner if it was in brass. He returned again to a six column format on 15 May 1872. On 2 July 1873, Elliott introduced a one penny daily newspaper: the *Nelson Daily Examiner* in a six column format which he maintained until the paper died on 15 January 1874. Close examination and comparison of the title banner of several issues of the one penny daily reveal that Elliott opened up the banner to interpolate the word 'Daily' which was cut in the same size but slightly cruder style.

Aside from the *Illustrated Examiner Summary for England* (July 1869–November 1869) which is a sixteen-page, four-column, closely printed illustrated magazine, the design of the other two offshoots of the *Nelson Examiner*, the *Wakamarina Intelligencer* (28 May 1864–18 June 1864?) and the *Nelson Weekly Examiner*, later the *Nelson Weekly Examiner and Gold-fields Advertiser* (5 July 1873–22 November 1873?), is similar to that of the parent paper.

The *Nelson Examiner* was printed under three different types of management: sole proprietorship, dual partnership, and as a joint stock limited liability company. The paper was launched as a sole enterprise on 12 March 1842, and remained so until 13 May 1854²⁰ when James Elliott became a joint proprietor, a partnership which was dissolved on 31 December 1861 by mutual consent as a result of James Elliott's protracted illness.²¹

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given, that the PARTNERSHIP subsisting between CHARLES ELLIOTT and JAMES ELLIOTT, of the City of Nelson, New Zealand, as Printers and Stationers, was DISSOLVED, by mutual consent, on and from the 1st day of January last: And NOTICE is hereby further given, that all DEBTS owing to the said Partnership, up to the 31st day of December now last inclusive, are requested to be paid to Mr ROBERT POWELL, at the *Nelson Examiner* Office, who is duly authorised to receive the same, and to whom, also, the particulars of all Debts due by the said Firm, up to the last-mentioned date, are requested to be forwarded. And NOTICE, also, is hereby given, that the said Business, since the 1st day of January last, has been carried on solely on account of, and will for the future be carried on by, the said CHARLES ELLIOTT, who will also pay all Debts owing by the said late Partnership up to the said 31st day of December last.

As witness our hands, this Seventeenth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two.

CHARLES ELLIOTT,
JAMES ELLIOTT.

Signed in the presence of
DONALD SINCLAIR, Solicitor, Nelson.
JNO. W. WIGZELL, his Clerk.²²