

or lowering the screw does not take long, but is a very noisy one especially if done in the middle of the night, as it requires much shouting & running about. A strong rope attached to the donkey engine which passing through a block below the ^{main} top gives the necessary hoisting power - When lowered it is fixed in the shaft of the well by uprights & by a pin, so ^{that} the connection with the driving shaft cannot slip.

Gulbins & I have continued allies & as a third in the trio Leather has joined us. He kept apart for several days, by no means laying himself open to other people's advances: but one day Gulbins & I came on him studying Shakespeare, which led to converse - a proper of which he told us his position &

ambitions, & we three have become very intimate. He is a nice ⁵⁷ young fellow, very good looking, perhaps too good looking for a man, tho' just the thing for Romeo, which he hopes to make a success: musical with a good baritone voice, about 23 yrs old, & soon on the stage under Bandmann's wing. Of course it was a little while before he talked to us of everything, but he is wonderfully hot on his profession at present, & would admit it to be anything but a glory to any man. So he had not the slightest objection to his real name Donaldson being known. Son of the famous Greek scholar, master of Burg St Edmund's school. He has been out in the colonies before 2 1/2 in Otago, with the Maitlands who are his cousins. Formerly still he spent last winter in Edinburgh, attending classes, & as he used to go to