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tlement in favour of Mrs Christie's children before the marriage with their mother.

The Chain Bridge over the Tweed, at New Waterford.—Among the gentlemen present at the opening was Professor Leslie, and several of his scientific friends, who admired very much this curious specimen of the arts, so nicely adjusted in all its parts, while at the same time they considered it, in a national point of view, of much importance. This Bridge is only to cost L.5000; a stone bridge at the same place would have cost upwards of L.20,000, and it possesses this superiority over a stone bridge, that, having no pillars or support in the middle of the water, it will not be liable to be swept away by floods. To this quarter the advantages of the present bridge are incalculable; in particular, it will save to an extensive district of country seven or eight miles in going for their coal and lime, and will render these articles accessible to them at all times of the year, and in all states of the river. The extreme length of the suspending chains, from the point of junction on each side of the Tweed, is 390 feet; from the stone abutments, or towers, 432. The platform, or roadway, is 360. The height of the bridge, above the surface of the river, is 27 feet. The weight of the chains, platform, &c. is about 160 tons, but the bridge is calculated to support 360 tons, a greater weight than ever, in any probability, it can be subjected to.