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A DERBYSHIRE LADY'S NOBLE EXAMPLE.

IT PROVIDES A LOCAL HABITATION FOR OUR CAUSE.

The Jubilee Hall, Belper.



INTERIOR VIEW.

THE complaint is often made that our more wealthy supporters seldom do very much for the cause during their lives, and rarely leave anything for it out of their means when life's little day is done. Up to the present time there have been many reasons for what at first sight appears to be regrettable indifference. But a careful consideration of all the circumstances will certainly modify any extreme criticism, because, firstly, the number of wealthy friends of the work who care to openly identify themselves with us is not large, while, secondly, hitherto there has not been any certainty that legacies left for either local or

national purposes would be sufficiently safeguarded and properly applied, through the lack of that legal status which is so eminently necessary in such cases. These difficulties will, it is hoped, be overcome for our Societies when the Deed Poll is legalised; and for our Lyceums when the Lyceum Union, also, secures a legal status for itself and the Federated Lyceums on its roll. In the meanwhile it is more than gratifying to record the fact that one lady, at least, has not waited for legal protection, but has, out of her own goodness of heart, provided a meeting place for Societary and Lyceum Work that is a credit and an example to the cause at large. The lady in question is Mrs. Alfred Smedley, of Belper, the warm-hearted and whole-souled wife of the honoured and respected President of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Jubilee Hall, of which we give a representation of the interior, takes rank with the finest and best of the Halls used by the Cause in this country. The story of its inception and present position is, briefly, as follows:—

Early in the year 1887 Mrs. Smedley saw that owing to local circumstances the Belper Spiritualist Society would soon be homeless, and literally have "nowhere to lay its head," a possibility which was appalling to her. To avoid such a state of things she consulted with her good husband, with the result that steps were taken by her to dispose of some property and use the money thereby realised for the purpose of building a hall. Consequently, ground was purchased, and the tastefully decorated and substantially erected Jubilee Hall was built, the cost then amounting to nearly £500. In the month of November, in the above-named year, which was the Queen's Jubilee Year, to which circumstance the hall owes its name, the hall was opened by Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, who, in her opening speech, remarked that, "this hall will prove too small, it will have to be enlarged," which prophecy has literally come true. For during 1899 the building was considerably enlarged, and a beautiful new pipe Organ, by Benson, of Manchester, was added. The cost of the alterations and organ ran up to £480 more, thus making the total cost practically a £1000 pounds. The seating capacity of the hall is about 300.

When it is remembered that this munificent benefaction has come out of one lady's pocket it cannot be denied that her generosity has indeed blessed the cause, while it must be a source of great satisfaction to herself, as well as to the friends of the movement, to see such a little palace devoted to our work.

All honour to her for providing so handsome an habitation for the Lyceum to live and work in, as well as for the noble and unselfish example she has set before those whose means will permit of them following in her footsteps.

It is nearly thirty-six years since Spiritualism first gained a foothold in Belper, and few then thought, when listening to Dr. George Sexton, Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. J. Burns, and others of the earlier workers, that the cause would possess the handsome Tabernacle that has been reared to its use by the good works of the lady herein mentioned,

The BANNER is indebted to Mr. Alfred Smedley for the particulars embodied in the preceding paragraphs, and for the photograph from which the block has been made, and it is felt that this sketch cannot be better closed than by quoting the concluding remarks of our good friends' letter, which are as follows: "We have a steady working Society and a good Lyceum. We have had no quarrels since the Society was first formed, consequently much good has been done by a small band of good and always united workers, among whom I have seen no jealousy or envy, therefore they are happy in their arduous labours."

Golden words, truly, are the above, and they explain the reason of the success attending the work of our cause in Belper, for unity and harmony can have no other issue.

THE LYCEUM MOVEMENT:

A Retrospect and Prospect.

By ALFRED KITSON.

THE Twentieth Century dawns upon us, and as we enter on the new, with all its bright, rosy prospects, our mind turns involuntarily to the old, and what it has brought us.

The last half of the old century has opened up the wonderful spiritual powers of mankind. Groping in darkness and ignorance, stumbling upon all conceivable follies concerning the other world, nay, a general denial of its very existence was steadily gaining ground; the world was fast drifting into the blank, black night of materialistic despair, when lo! tiny raps were heard where no human form was seen, and on being questioned by a little girl, they proved to be the work of a spirit-man! If one spirit-man existed to testify that it survived physical death, others did also, and stranger and grander still, spirit-children existed too. Oh! grand and wonderful discovery, a new world, peopled with all the heroes; the learned and wise souls of the past were there, alive and active, besides our relations and children; the merry-voiced, sparkling-eyed, rosy-cheeked, laughing, light-hearted children were all in that newly discovered and wonderful world, while we parents had been mourning them as dead, or worse, oh! a thousand times worse.

And so we had a new world of spirit-people opened to us; a world more strange and important by far than the one discovered by Columbus of old, because all nations are gathered over there, in the beautiful land, from all the past ages, and the present nations and rising generations will join them; but I have not time, nor has our good Editor space for me to recount one hundredth part of the wonderful and marvellous things this new world has opened up to the people of the

earth, deeply interesting though it be.

Well, it was discovered by our good Andrew Jackson Davis that those children of the Summer-land (what a grand country it must be where it is *always* summer!) had schools, colleges, and beautiful temples of learning, and as the angels (our angel mothers, fathers, etc.), taught us of a God of love, wisdom and justice, of many beautiful homes, mansions, etc., and grand truths concerning man and his duties, and his relationship to God and the angel world; of progress from state to state, and from scenes of glory to others more glorious; of how this life is the seed-time of our sowing, and the spirit-life is the reaping, the harvest-time, and much more that did not agree with the teachings of the Sunday schools, so we decided to form Sunday schools of our own, where those teachings could be given, and so make your lives happy and useful. These schools are the Children's Progressive Lyceums, and were first instituted in America by A. J. Davis as already mentioned. The Spiritualists' Society of Nottingham was the first to recognise its importance in England, then Keighley, and next Sowerby Bridge. The first two lapsed after a time, but the one at Sowerby Bridge has continued ever since, and built a beautiful stone Temple on the hill side, called the Lyceum!

I hope some day to write a history of the Lyceum movement in England, when justice will be done to these early and noble pioneers. For this purpose, I shall be pleased to receive copies of the earliest records of the three above named Lyceums. For the present it must suffice to say that in the spring of 1882, Keighley and Sowerby Bridge were the only Lyceums in existence.

In the month of May, 1882, a third made its appearance at Batley Carr, in a small and insignificant meeting room, with no conveniences such as ante-rooms, etc. The writer was anxious for the children and determined to do what little he could to awaken Spiritualists to a sense of their duties to the young. To this end he made known the mode of procedure by sending week by week, detailed reports of the sessions to "The Medium and Daybreak," so that Societies would be encouraged to start in the same good work. I am pleased to say that it caught on, and the desired results followed.

Those were the days of small things, and much work. We had no "Lyceum Manual" with its splendid collection of silver and golden chain recitations, musical readings, hymns and solos. We had no "Spiritual Songster" with its choice selection of tunes arranged in both notations. We had no "Outlines of Spiritualism," containing the beautiful, soul inspiring spirit teachings. Oh! no, if we wanted silver chain recitations we had to use the hymns in the hymn books. If we desired a golden chain recitation we had to memorise one from the American "Lyceum Guide." It was the same with musical readings, unless we composed them ourselves. If we wished to sing a quartett, we had to transcribe the separate parts from the "Spiritual Harp" and practice them from the slips of paper until we had mastered their separate parts, and then try the words. Only those who laboured thus realise what a boon the "Lyceum Manual" and

"Spiritual Songster" was to the cause. But to return to my retrospective narrative.

Friends wrote me from far and near for information on the Lyceum work. What was I to do? Having no printed matter to send them, I decided to transcribe the constitution from the "Lyceum Guide," (first edition), one or two golden chain recitations, and musical readings, and explain how we used the hymn books. Also to arrange the Hall for the Lyceum session, give an outline of the marching, and the first series of calisthenics. This was tedious work, repeated over and over again as applications arrived. I never wearied in my self-imposed task, I was working for the children. Ultimately I prevailed on the Editor of the "Medium and Daybreak" to print the marching and calisthenics in his paper, so that I might refer inquirers to the issues containing the same. These appeared in the months of May, July, September and October, 1885.

The following is a brief list of Societies I furnished with information: Rawtenstall, per Mr. J. Barnes; Exeter, per Mr. Thos. H. Dares; Hetton-le-Hole, per Mr. James Murrey; Middlesboro', per Mr. A. McSkimming; Liverpool per Mr. J. Lamont; Openshaw, per Mr. G. T. Page; Halifax, per Mr. A. E. Brook; Jersey, per Mr. T. Bennett; Bacup, per Mr. Jesse Venables; Coventry, per Mr. John Cox; Sunderland, per Mr. C. L. Gee; and Peckham, per Mr. W. T. Coleman. Bradford (Walton St. Church), Keighley, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Belper I visited and pleaded for the children's cause, to the best of my ability.

After visiting Newcastle in September, 1886, a wonderful change took place in the movement. I prevailed upon my esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. H. A. Kersey, to publish the "Lyceum Manual." The cause now made rapid progress, and Lyceums sprang up in all directions. It rapidly sold out, and each succeeding edition contained fresh additions to the various sections. A detailed programme was inserted, and also the Lyceum Constitution.

Mr. James Burns reprinted the articles on the Physical Exercises in pamphlet form, which met with a rapid sale.

Then followed the "Spiritual Songster," and also a text book entitled, "Spiritualism for the Young," now published by the Lyceum Union under the new title of "Outlines of Spiritualism."

It was deemed advisable to gather our scattered forces together in a Federal Union, and hold an annual Conference, in order to take concerted action in all that affected the welfare of the movement. The first Conference was held at Leeds in 1887, Mr. H. A. Kersey being elected president, and the writer was honoured with the post of secretary when the Spiritualists' Lyceum Union was formed. Its first Constitution was adopted in 1890 at Oldham. Since then the term "British" has been prefixed to its title.

In the month of November in the year 1890 the Cause was further assisted in its work by the appearance of our LYCEUM BANNER, which met a long felt want. It is the only magazine in the world specially devoted to the Lyceum movement. Its importance and usefulness was recognised by the Conference held

the year following, when it was adopted as the Official organ of the B.S.L.U. Its size and usefulness has kept steady pace with the growth and needs of the movement, and has ever formed a ready medium for the ventilation of ideas and suggestions for the welfare of the cause. During its entire existence its Editors have ever striven to uphold the honour and integrity of the Lyceum movement in general, and the Union in particular.

A Publishing Fund Committee was formed in 1892 at the Liverpool Conference to raise sufficient money to enable the Union to ultimately publish its own books, etc. One hundred pounds were raised in four years. The Union then entered into an agreement with Mr. Kersey to act as the sole agent for the "Manual" and "Songster" to the English Lyceums.

The Conference decided to mark its appreciation of the splendid efforts shown by the Lyceums in collecting the Fund, by supplying them with those books at special prices, and also that all Lyceums who joined the Union should share the same benefits so long as they remained financial members of the Union. These generous terms have been widely appreciated, for out of 126 only 15 are non-Federated.

Lyceums have been arranged into districts and District Visitors appointed to visit the same to help and encourage the faltering, and aid in the formation of new Lyceums, free of all cost. Several of these Districts have graduated into District Councils, with power to elect their own D. V., and superintend the cause in their own districts.

New movements, like children, have their stumblings and bruises ere they learn to walk properly. These have been caused by being over presumptuous, in some instances, and in others by the lack of wisdom and tact on the part of the elders. But both are growing wiser, and learning that reciprocity is the course that leads to success.

And what are the prospects of the future? Bright, almost radiantly so. Now that the Lyceums are united, with a responsible head, elected annually amongst the members, people are being inspired with confidence, and those who desire and have the means to help, feel that their munificence will be respected for the purpose it is given or entrusted. And so the Lyceum children have promise of a Lyceum Home at Blackpool, where they can go to recuperate their health in the bracing sea air. Other kind friends will contribute funds to help to defray the expenses of boarding them, etc.

Other munificent offers are being made which will be shortly made public, and so the cause will be gradually built up, and strengthened, until it can own an office and a depot of its own where all Lyceum regalia, as well as books, can be readily obtained, and some person or persons, will be permanently engaged to look after the interests of the Lyceums. All Spiritualists' Societies will recognise their duties to the children during the present century, and our children will be educated and trained in the light of the spiritual dispensation that is now awakening mankind from its long spiritual slumbers, which have been oppressed with the hideous nightmare of frightful superstitions.



OUR BLUEBELLS' PAGE

CONDUCTED BY

FLORA BELLE.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

Yesterday was New Year's day, and we had a party at our house. Nearly all who came belonged to my Lyceum, and I noticed that brother Ted paid a lot of attention to the leader of his group. Sisters do not count for much sometimes, I found out! Mother has just seen that sentence and she says I must not be jealous, as sometime I may like somebody else's brother better than I like Ted, but I don't think I ever shall, for Ted is a dear boy, after all. The party was very nice, though, and all of them seemed to enjoy it very much. It did not seem half long enough for me, though I was very tired after it was over. However, I am quite well to-day.

As father was at home to night I asked him if he would help me, (Ted said 'us') over the rules for The Bluebells' Guild, as he promised? He said he would, so we all three set to work, father, Ted, and me. We used a lot of paper over it, but at last we got it all clearly written out, and I will now tell you our Rules.

RULE 1.

The name of this body shall be "The Bluebells' Guild."

RULE 2.

All Spiritualists' boys and girls may become members.

RULE 3.

The object of the Guild is to promote Gentleness, Kindness, and Good Behaviour.

RULE 4.

A card of Membership to be given to all members, free of charge, on joining.

RULE 5.

That there be no subscriptions or any payment made by the members.

Father wrote it all out on a large sheet of paper, and as he writes a beautiful hand it did look nice when he had finished it. He put the capital letters in red ink, and the Rule 1, and so on, each in blue ink, and then he made a lovely border of Bluebells all round the sheet. Ted at

once said it must be framed, at which father laughed, but mother looked ever so pleased.

Now, who will be the first Bluebell to have a card, and see their name printed in this page? All you need do is to send me a post card to the care of the Editor of the BANNER, saying you wish to become a Bluebell, and then a card will be sent you with your name upon it. Do you know I am half afraid that Ted won't join us! He said just now that boys can't always be gentle and kind and well behaved, which is true, I think, at least sometimes, don't you? But father said "well, boys will be boys," and Ted was rather more gentle than many boys he had known. That is true, too, for when I was dreadfully ill one time Ted did look after me nicely, and he was ever so gentle and kind all the time. Now he wants me to scratch that out, but I will not, because it is true, so there, Master Ted!

There is a dear little spirit friend who comes to our house, whose name is 'Wild Flower,' and she has promised to send us some nice little communications for the Bluebell page, and I hope next month to give you the first one. I do think it is nice to have such dear friends about us, and to know that they are always protecting us, and trying to lead us into the right paths for us to follow, so that we can lead good and happy lives on earth. Then we shall be so happy when we go to the Summerland and meet those who love us over there!

Ted says if I go on writing as good as that I shall soon be A 1 contributor to the BANNER, but I don't think so, for I have not written half so well as I should like to. But I mean to keep on and try to do better every month.

Before I close I must say that several letters enquiring about the Bluebells and their proposed Guild reached me since my letter appeared last month. One young lady said, "I am so glad you are writing the Bluebell page, it is so interesting; and I am sure, Flora, you must be a real dear thing. As soon as the Guild is formed I shall join it."

Then a dear friend, who must be quite old, wrote, saying: "I do not know who you are, my dear, and as I am too old to travel about I am afraid I shall not see you on this side of Spirit life, but whoever you are, and wherever we meet, I shall always feel that I know you, and father and Ted, too. I shall look for your letters every month, for I am a regular reader of the BANNER, and have been ever since it was started."

But there, I must not put anything more in from the letters now, for Ted says folks will think I am getting proud already, which is nonsense, I think.

I have just received another letter; it is from the Editor of the BANNER, and in it there was an ever so pretty New Year Card. Thank you very much Mr. Editor, I am ever so much obliged to you for thinking of me.

Oh! what does he say? "Please send me your letter as soon as you can, and kindly do not send too much this time, as we are cramped for room to get all into the paper we desire. With best love,—the Editor."

Well, then, I suppose I had better stop now, and send this off at once. Dear me! I declare I haven't got a stamp for it! What must I do!

Ah! Ted says that he will sell me one, so I hope the letter will reach the Editor safely.

With good wishes to all, I am, your ever loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

THE HOLIDAY VISIT.

BY VIRGO.

CHAPTER II.

BOOTH these girls were gifted and clever, Lucy's parents were blessed with progressive minds, free as air, and capable of reasoning on almost any subject, no matter how uncommon, without either prejudice or haste. Bertha's parents, on the contrary, were Baptists, who dearly loved their minister, and looked up to him as a good and clever man, sent by God to teach them the way to heaven, and they considered him quite capable of thinking for them on all matters of religion, thereby saving them an endless amount of anxiety,—not realizing that real religion was independent of both church and chapel ministers and was a private matter between each individual and his God.

Bertha had won but a very reluctant consent to pay this visit, but, being an only child, her wishes were not often opposed, and as Lucy was the first girl in the school and would be leaving at Christmas, they argued that no harm could be done by this visit, especially if they made Bertha thoroughly understand at every opportunity how completely opposed they were to all notions not supported by the heads of the churches and chapels,—they did not know that this opposition would eventually cause their beloved and tenderly affectionate daughter many a struggle between affection and reason, and that their prejudice against subjects of which they knew nothing, and for fear of offending their minister, dreaded to enquire into, was destined to raise a barrier between them and their thinking daughter, who soon realised that those thoughts, most precious to her, were not understood by her parents; and as the mention of them met with no sympathy, but struck discordant chords in their otherwise happy home, she learned to keep silent on all religious topics altogether. But she grew strangely interested in her friend's free, generous and noble notions, both on religious theories, and conduct generally; and was constantly drawing her out to express her own views whenever they could get a few minutes together,—hardly knowing whether she was right in so doing, half-believing that she ought to believe as her mother and her grandfather had believed for generations.

Lucy, on the other hand, was often puzzled and hurt by remarks made by Bertha in these dialogues, but would not intentionally wound her friend by showing how hurt she felt, besides Lucy was trying to be like Jesus, and never spoke an angry or impatient word,—on this occasion her whole nature burned with resentment against Bertha's mother for saying that all mediums were wicked people, when she did not know a single one.

(To be continued.)

Miss Hodge, of Liverpool, has our sincere thanks for her kind donation of 4/6 towards our work, as also has Mr. Jno. Ainsworth of Blackpool, for a donation of 1/- to like end, who says in his letter that the price of the BANNER is too little!

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OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

Some New Things.

AMONG the new things at this time are the New Century, the New Year, the newest month in the year, and not to be behind, we give our readers a new LYCEUM BANNER. Important changes have been made, and some improvements introduced, all of which we hope will secure new friends, and draw old ones closer to us than ever. We enter upon our Eleventh annual voyage full of encouragement from friends all over the country, for many Lyceums are increasing their patronage, and all send us hearty good wishes and promises of continued support during the present year. Several features we have contemplated introducing for the past year are this month included in the contents of the paper, and others, for which there is not room this month, will be introduced as soon as opportunity permits. It is our intention to maintain, and if possible exceed the standard previously reached, and to offer a paper unique in its purpose—the ministering to the ever growing needs of the Lyceum Movement, and the members and officers connected therewith. With grateful thanks to all who have in any way helped us to secure for the BANNER the position it is proud to occupy, and a sincere promise to do our best to continue to merit such help in the future, the Editors wish their several thousands of readers in all parts of the world A Happy and Prosperous New Year, added to which is the hope that the present year may indeed be blessed with good results for the Lyceum work wherever it is established.

The Lyceum Union.

THE British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union is the only Federal Lyceum body in existence, and from small beginnings has grown to an important and influential body. Like all public bodies it has its friends and—well, its critics—but as it lives in the fierce light of publicity it is not likely to err to any great extent without being sharply reminded of its shortcomings at the Annual Conference, for instance, though 'rear guard' attacks are not quite unknown in its history! The BANNER is personally acquainted with the existing Executive, whom it has ever found upright and honourable people, bound to each other and their work by every sentiment of mutual loyalty and confidence. They have no 'axes to grind' and their sole desires in their official capacities are to do their best for the work for which they were elected. It is true the BANNER is 'the official organ' of the Union, and to some the above remarks may suggest the thought that we are indulging in a little special pleading, but we honestly and entirely disclaim any such interpretation of our observations. The Union has not bought either the BANNER or the Editor, for neither have ever been for sale! We have consistently supported the Union, not for its advertising patronage, but because we have always honestly believed the Union to be an absolute necessity. We have given it loyal support at all times, and shall continue to do so, whether we retain the position of its accredited organ or not. Hitherto the tie that unites the BANNER and the Union has been made up of mutual confidence, esteem, and the single desire of doing the best possible for our children. We only ask all Lyceums to be loyal to the Union, sustain it, uphold it with their sympathy, and in all things recognise that it is their own national body elected and controlled by themselves, through their National conference. Let us have union in our work, 'united we stand, divided we fall,' is as true now as ever in the history of the world.

Greetings and Goodwill to All!

To the unselfish band of workers—our Conductors, Guardians, Leaders, Secretaries, Musical Directors, Guards, Librarians, all other officers, and the great army of Lyceum members everywhere, the BANNER sends loving and fraternal greetings and good-will with this, the first issue of the New Year, and the beginning of the New Century. Your labours may at times be arduous, vexations may dog your path, troubles and disappointments may cloud your hearts, but bear it all for the sake of the good you are doing. Cast aside all unkind thoughts; rise above narrow and jealous feelings; devote your strength as freely in the future as in the past to the glorious work of the Lyceum, and be sure in the darkest hours, as well as in the brightest, that the Angels are with you all the time, and helping you in your work. God bless you all, and may the unseen workers bless and guide you also, so that you may sing the old song with a new spirit:

Let us then be up and doing
With a hand for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

IN MEMORIAM.

TRANSITION OF A WELL-KNOWN
BELPER WORKER.



MR. ALFRED BODELL.

1855—1900.

WHEN, far back in the early Seventies, the Editor of the BANNER paid frequent visits to the cosy little township of Belper he was frequently the guest of the elder Mr. Bodell, now some time since translated to the Higher Life, and among the family was Alfred, then nearing manhood, a bright and intelligent youth, much esteemed by all who knew him, and giving promise of a successful career in the coming years. Belper had no Lyceum then, but our friend and brother was an active worker in the society, and when the Lyceum was formed he immediately entered heart and soul into the good work, in which he continued down to the time when he was so suddenly, and startlingly, removed from earth life.

On the 29th of the present month he would celebrate his 20th year of wedded life, and though not in the form he will doubtless mark the coming of that day with the same feelings that would have had their expression in his home, had he been physically present with his wife and two children.

Prior to our friend's labours for the Lyceum he was an ardent worker in the Total Abstinence cause, his labours in the local Band of Hope being most praiseworthy and devoted. He remained an abstainer down to his end, having embraced that principle some thirty years ago. In the Lyceum he was also a diligent teacher of the same principles, and his excellent and consistent example in this direction made him a powerful and successful worker in the Total Abstinence cause, alike in the Lyceum and out-

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ITEMETTES.

OUR ELEVENTH YEAR!

Knowsley Street, Bolton, reports continued success.

A Few bound copies of last year's BANNER can be had price 2/6, post free.

St. Pauls, Laisterdyke, Bradford, will have a "great Tea and Mass Meeting," on Febuary 9th.

The Halifax and Huddersfield District Council will hold their annual demonstration at Halifax on Whit-Monday.

Mr. A. Wilkinson gives his celebrated lantern lectures at Heywood on the last Saturday and Sunday of this month.

All Lyceums should order the "Spiritual Review." The Liberty group, and our conductors, will find many useful articles therein.

The BANNER is now printed by a Spiritualist! and by a Union firm. The same firm are the printers of the "Spiritual Review," as well.

Our illustrations look well. Belper Lyceum has every reason to be proud of Alfred Bodell. His record is an excellent one. While Jubilee hall is a standing monument to the gracious generosity of a warm-hearted lady, who is a whole-souled Spiritualist as well.

The John Lamont Lyceum, Liverpool, has our sincere thanks for the resolution they unanimously passed at the Session of the 9th ulto., endorsing the BANNER as the official organ of the B.S.L.U., and declining to recognise any other publication as such.

Upwards of Eighty Secretaries in remitting their December accounts, sent us hearty greetings and good wishes for the new year, some sending cards, as well. Heartiest thanks, dear friends all, for your valued remembrances.

The "Evening Leader," Newcastle-on-Tyne, for 26th ulto., contained a long article devoted to one of its "Ten minute Interviews," the subject of the sketch being our old friend, Mr. W. H. Robinson, of the above-named City.

The article deals with our friend in his capacity as a noted Bookseller in Newcastle, and it is headed with a portrait of the subject of the interview, who is correctly described as "one of the most amiable and genial of men." Mr. Robinson is a Spiritualist, a speaker and writer of ability, depth, and power, well known in the north.

We are asked by the Publisher of 'Psyche' to state, in response to several inquiries, that the change in the editorial department of that Magazine is due to the collapse of the old publishing committee and to the fact that it has felt to be necessary that the editor should reside in London so as to be in touch with the Publisher.

LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No. LXXXIII.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

THE New Year dawns with brightest signs of increased usefulness, interest, and activity for all things concerning the Lyceum movement. It is radiant with promises of a glorious future. New Lyceums are being opened with the Year. Generous-hearted friends who are imbued with a deep, genuine, and abiding love for the Lyceum Cause, are contemplating munificent gifts to the Union, for they know that in unity there is strength; that in such unity there is method and system, with a responsible head to carry out the obligations their gifts may entail; whereas, when unity and method is lacking, the various units are like a rope of sand, there is no cohesion of the body, no responsible head to receive and dispense any benefits they may feel disposed to bestow. I would like to see every Lyceum in England federated with the Union at an early date in the New Year, so that we may present an united front to the world, and take united counsel once a year on the needs and requirements of our beloved cause.

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HERE these lines appear in print the forms for the Annual Statistics will have been issued to all Lyceums. Those who filled up and returned them last year will find the returns then made placed on this year's forms, to enable them to compare their present numbers with the past. I would beg that those Lyceums who did not send in their numbers last year will do so this, so that we may have the pleasure of placing them on next year's forms. To those Lyceums who have commenced during the past year, no matter how brief the time, I also beg of them to send in their numbers with the rest, that we may know how many Lyceums there are, and what is our total strength.

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I MAKE this appeal feeling sure that our numbers will be found to be on the increase, and not decreasing, like the orthodox Sunday Schools. We learn that the Church of England scholars "have fallen off by 7,000. The Baptists report a decrease of 7,000; the Calvinistic Methodists of 4,200; the Presbyterians of 1,200; the United Methodist Free Church of 3,000; the Free Church of Scotland of 4,300, and other denominations complain of similar losses" (*Church Gazette*).

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THE Pendleton and Manchester Lyceums are combining to make the New Century Lyceum Conference a

big success. Arrangements are already taking definite shape. The Pendleton Town Hall has been engaged for the occasion. Refreshments will be served in the Cobden Hall, which is close by. The facilities for reaching Manchester from Yorkshire on Sunday mornings are excellent. The L. and N. W. Ry. Co. run an early train from Leeds, stopping at all intermediate stations, and the L. & Y. Ry. Co. run one from Bradford stopping at all stations. Both of these reach Manchester in time to enable the delegates to walk on to Pendleton in time for the morning session, so that we naturally anticipate a full representative gathering from Yorkshire Lyceums.

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It is intended to organize a great demonstration for the Saturday, to assemble in Albert Square, Manchester, go through the exercises on the Infirmary front and then march through the main streets to Pendleton, headed by the Britten Memorial Brass Band, finishing up at the Town Hall, Pendleton, where a substantial tea will be provided, followed by an entertainment. These preliminary announcements are made now as an indication of what is in store for the delegates to the first Lyceum Conference to be held in the New Century.

ALFRED BODELL.—*Continued.*

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side thereof. For many years he acted as Secretary to the Lyceum, and his attention, punctuality and the assiduous performance of his duties endeared him to all with whom he came into contact.

His departure from this life was due to an accident which happened to him in the course of his business, on November the 20th, of last year, from which he only survived some twelve hours. Prior to his passing away his spiritual eyes were opened and he saw his dear ones on the other side who had gathered to welcome him to them when life was done.

The interment, and the subsequent Memorial Service in the Jubilee Hall, were both conducted by Mr. W. Phillips, of Manchester, assisted by Mr. Alfred Smedley, President B.S.L.U., and gave full satisfaction to the relatives, fellow workers and friends who assembled on each occasion. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smedley conducted the musical portions of the two ceremonies, needless to say in a most effective manner.

THE LYCEUM BANNER lays its offering of affectionate sympathy to the memory of one who laboured so nobly for the cause of the children, and, no doubt, the Union will send a proper token of respectful sympathy to the family regarding the life and work of so distinguished a labourer for the Presidential Lyceum of the present year.

We are indebted to our President, Mr. Alfred Smedley, for the photograph from which illustration at the head of this article has been made, and as it is the only portrait of our brother that has appeared, no doubt Lyceumists will be pleased that the kindness of our President has enabled us to offer them this memento of the life and labours of a true-hearted, modest, faithful servant of the Children's cause and the Angel world.

THE GOLDEN GROUP

FOUNDED 1890.

CONDUCTED BY AUNT EDITHA.

MOTTO :—LOVE, TEMPERANCE, PURITY.

Membership.—Membership in the Golden Group is open to all who belong to a Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum.

Special Notices—Aunt Editha will be glad to receive short letters from members of the Golden Group upon anything they think would interest the Group.

OUR JANUARY ASSEMBLY—No. CIV.

MY DEAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS ;

A Happy New Year to you All, and Auntie hopes you will make it so, not only for yourselves, but that you will each do your utmost to make the year happy and bright for everyone you can. Quite a number of our Groupites made Auntie very glad indeed to find, by their many Christmas and New year cards, that she was not forgotten! It is very nice of you all, and as the number sent reaches over a hundred, Auntie takes this opportunity of thanking you and wishing you a full measure of all the good wishes you sent her. May the dear Angel friends watch over you, to cheer, bless, and guide you during the coming months, is my very sincere prayer for you all.

Well, here we are in the Twentieth Century! What a wonderful century the past one has been! What improvements there are now,—Bicycles, Motor Cars, Telephones, Electric cars, Spiritual meetings and Children's Progressive Lyceums, and what-not besides! It is wonderful is it not? Johnny says I have forgotten to include the Golden Group! Well, no not quite, but as I created it I felt a trifle modest over it, and did not like to trumpet abroad my own good works! But nevertheless, there is as Johnny says, the GOLDEN GROUP, and its Grand assembly, meeting once a month in the columns of our good little BANNER, which I hope will long continue to wave for us and our cause. But, there, I am running away from my work, so I had better come to it at once, and tell you about our

FIRST GRAND ASSEMBLY IN THE
TWENTIETH. CENTURY.

Promptly to time the Assembly was called to order, and the Grand Conductor occupied the Chair. Our meeting room looked quite handsome, as it had been beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe, various evergreens, mottoes, flags, shields, ribbons, and various other aids to decorative effect. The portrait of our honoured Founder, Andrew Jackson Davis, was beautifully adorned with drapery, ribbons and flowers, a laurel wreath being placed upon the top of the frame. The other portraits gracing our meeting place were also nicely dressed. While a beautiful wreath, made up of holly, mistletoe and various flowers, all bound

together with ribbons of red, white and blue, with lengthy streaming ends in the same hues, (the Lyceum colours,) was placed on the Conductor's table, with a card attached to it bearing the words: From all the Group, to Aunt Editha, with love and best wishes for a Happy New Year, January, 1901.

Upon Grand Conductor rising to open the Assembly she was greeted with loud cheers, and cries of, "A Happy New Year," rose from all parts of the room. Silence being at last restored, the opening song and invocation were rendered, and the business of the meeting commenced. The main matter of the session was the Annual Election of officers, and, with the exception of three officers, who were re-elected, a new staff was chosen for the present year. The re-elected were, Grand Conductor, Aunt Editha; Grand Secretary, Eva Justlove; Grand Keeper of the Keys, Master Johnny; and the new officers are, Grand Director of Music and Ceremonies, Alfred Reed; Grand Guardian, Annie Hudson; Grand Treasurer, Ion Box; Grand Guard, Alfred Watch; Grand Stewards, Willie Watson, Charles Help, Mamie White and Ebenezer Faithful.

At this point Master Johnny desired the new Stewards to go with him out of the room, which they did, apparently wondering what for? Presently Master Johnny returned and asked permission to permit the Stewards to enter with the New Year's presents for the Assembly, this being accorded, they entered, each bearing a large tray upon which was a variety of presents, each done up in a neat package, bearing the name of the recipient. Cards, Books, Calendars, Confectionery, etc., indeed, something for each, according to age and tastes, was provided, and many were the expressions of surprise and pleasure as the various packages were opened and inspected. The various packages each contained a card, on which was inscribed: With Aunt Editha's best Love and good wishes for a Happy New Year, January, 1901.

Grand Guardian and Grand Guard then left the room, accompanied by the Stewards, and after ten minutes they returned, and Grand Guardian announced that "all was ready, Grand Conductor," at which announcement the G.C. rose, and invited the Assembly to adjourn for refreshments, at which a buzz of delight broke out. A simple repast, of sandwiches, cake, biscuits, fruit and confectionery, with tea, coffee, milk and minerals, had been provided, and soon every one was enjoying the dainties provided. On returning to the Assembly room we had various vocal, musical and other items, among which was the following recitation by Miss Winnie Nixon, our youngest member. It is from "Little Folks," written by Felix Leigh, and is called—

THAT EXPLAINED IT.

A small and slim new moonlet
Was shining silver bright,
And Effie through the window
Gazed at it with delight.

The hour was scarcely eight o'clock,
The twilight lingered still;
Yet Effie saw that little moon
Sink quickly toward the hill.

"I thought that moons stayed up quite late,"
 Said Effie; "but, oh dear!
 This one is setting even now—
 I call it rather queer."
 She pondered for a moment,
 And then she found her tongue,—
 "It's sent to bed so early
 Because it's very young!"

The meeting shortly afterwards was closed in the usual manner, and so ended our first Assembly for the new century.

Now I have something important to say to my friends. I want to add at least a dozen names a month to our Roll during this year, and to help me to do so I have decided to issue

ALL CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP FREE OF CHARGE

during the present year. But in this case no certificates will be sent you by post as hitherto, they will in all cases be included in the parcel of BANNER'S sent to your Lyceum in the next parcel after your names reach me. Now members of the Group, Conductors, Secretaries, and Leaders of Groups, see to it that you send up as many new names as possible each month.

And further let me again call the attention of all our Groupites to the Prizes I offered in the BANNER for November. That offer still holds good, and I hope you will send me the letters I asked for, and so secure a prize for so doing. Well, my dear friends, I have taken up so much space this time that I must not write any more now, so, with every good wish, believe me, as ever—*Lovingly yours,*
 AUNT EDITHA.

AN INTERESTING BOOK.

MR. ALFRED SMEDLEY, of Belper, has just issued a small work, entitled "Some Reminiscences," which, says *Light*, is an unaffected, straightforward narrative of the principal incidents in the life of the author, with especial reference to his religious experiences and the incidents which transpired in the course of his investigations of Spiritualism, together with a clear presentation of the evidences of the spirit presence, power, and identity which carried conviction to his mind of the actuality of spirit existence and the intercourse between the two states of being. The records of the remarkable experimental seances with Miss Wood, which were held in Belper under stringent test conditions and were reported at the time by Mr. W. P. Adshead, are here reproduced, together with an account of Miss Wood's mediumship by the late T. P. Barkas, F.G.S., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the work is 'illustrated with plans, and portraits of a number of well-known persons who were eye-witnesses of the manifestations.' Mr. Smedley has done good service to Spiritualism by reproducing in this more permanent fashion this testimony to some of the most carefully attested and convincing phenomena which demonstrate the fact that spirits can appear in the physical form under fraud-proof test conditions.

The work can be obtained through the office of this paper.

The Monthly Conference.

NOTE.—As there are many topics concerning the welfare of the Lyceum movement and its work that can be profitably discussed between the workers all over the kingdom, we have acceded to their request to institute a department in the BANNER for that purpose which will be called "The Monthly Conference," as above. It is solely intended for that purpose, and all our readers who may be interested in the matter are at liberty to contribute to the Conference. Short communications will have preference.—EDITORS.

DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THEIR VISITORS.

TO many who have carefully watched the rise of our District Councils it has long been a moot question: Are they of any real service either to the Lyceum Union, or the Lyceums themselves? A monthly or quarterly meeting, which is made up of a short business session and a long tea and entertainment, seems to be most of the results associated with the average District Council's labours. In cases where 'Demonstrations' have been attempted the issue has scarcely been a success, while the Union in delegating part of its work to these Councils has rather weakened than strengthened its influence for guidance and support. Indeed, in not a few cases Lyceums have been quite at a loss to understand what a Council was, and in some cases they have actually been under the impression that the Union and the Councils were all one!

The matter of the District Visitors is, without doubt, a most important one. Yet it cannot be said that the Reports they issue show a very great comprehension of the duties of the office! True, they are earnest and most desirous of doing their best, and deserve all honour for their labours, but are the best persons always appointed? Let the following narration answer the question. At present I withhold the names of the parties concerned, suffice it to say that the events referred to occurred on Sunday, December 16th, in a Lyceum not twenty miles from Manchester. The facts are these: In the unavoidable absence of the Conductor of the Lyceum the Assistant Conductor invited the District Visitor to conduct the session, which invitation was declined, on the ground plea of inability to do so! In addressing the Lyceum the D.V. is reported to have given a very mixed, but happily short, address, on politics and war! And at the end of the session he begged the Lyceum to support the Salvation Army, and requested them "to send their pennies up to London to support the General, to help him to carry on his work!" This, while we have a Propaganda Fund, a Britten Memorial Fund, a Lyceum Home Fund, and a National Fund of Benevolence, all needing every assistance they can get. Now may it not be asked what is a District Council doing by appointing a Visitor that does not know enough of Lyceum work to conduct a session, or who thinks a Lyceum is a good place in which to advocate the claims of the Salvation Army, an institution that would consign all Spiritualists to a climate much warmer than, say, that of India? Whose teachings are in every way opposed to the principles taught in our Lyceums every week. Why, the District Council that appoints such people is doing its best to

undermine and destroy the very work that the Union, and the District Councils, should each do their utmost to maintain and strengthen. In writing this I have only the good of the work at heart, and I hope others will frankly tell their experiences of the value of District Councils and the Visitors they appoint. I am, yours truly,

December 20th, 1900.

A LYCEUM WORKER.

THE MONTHLY RECORD

NOTICES TO SECRETARIES.

Secretaries are cordially invited to supply reports of the doings of their Lyceums for the Monthly Record. The same must reach us NOT LATER than the 28th of each Month to ensure insertoin in the ensuing number. Short reports have preference

Annoucementes of forthcoming events will be inserted free in the Itemettes column, but if specially displayed they will be charged as advertisements

All alterations of orders, or addresses for parcels, must reach us on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month to receive attention. Failure in this matter often causes annoyances and delays that we cannot avoid.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

CONFERENCE, 1901.

ALL notices of motion for the forthcoming Lyceum Conference, to be held at Pendleton, Manchester, on May 12th, 1901, must be sent to the undersigned not later than February 1st, as per Article 6 of the Constitution. Will Lyceum Officers please note, and see that their motions are sent in time, so as to be within rule?—ALFRED KITSON, Secretary, B.S.L.U., Bromley-road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—St. Paul's Lyceum is in a satisfactory financial condition, with a number of good workers.—H.H.

BURY.—A successful entertainment has been given by our minstrel troupe, who appeared in Pierrot costume. Sketches, dances, solos, etc., were given, and the affair was a success both financially and otherwise.—J.S.C.

DARWEN.—A tea and social was held on Saturday, Nov. 24th. We had a capital attendance, and the affair was a great success.—B. Holden. [This report did not arrive until Dec. 21st.—EDS.]

OLDHAM, Bartlam Place.—Sunday, Dec. 2nd, Mr. C. Heaton gave a very instructive reading: "The God of Nature." On the following Sunday we had solos, etc., by Lyceumists, and a few remarks by our old friend Mr. Fitton. The solos, readings, etc., used to be done by children; they are now done by the elders, the children, I am sorry to say, having fallen off altogether.—F. Mellor.

HEYWOOD.—On Christmas Day we held our Annual Tea and Entertainment, a good number of persons being present. An admirable programme was carried out in a most efficient manner. On New Year's Eve a watch-night service was held, and on New Year's morn we had a dance and social. On New Year's Day a tea and social promoted by the 2nd class girls was held, Mrs. Entwistle very ably occupying the chair. The following mottoes: Courage, Wisdom, Hope, Duty, Light, Truth, Love, and Faith, were impersonated by Lyceumists.—D. [We regret that the demands on our space oblige us to curtail this report.—EDS.]

HIGHER BROUGHTON, Salford.—An opportunity of witnessing a wedding after the manner adopted by Spiritualists has been afforded us during the past month by the union of our late leader of marching and calisthenics, Miss Helen Garner, to Mr. John Firth, conductor of the Rochdale Lyceum. The Tipping-street Hall, Manchester, was engaged for the occasion, and the ceremony, which was conducted by Mr. J. B. Tetlow, was watched with interest by a large number of Lyceumists. Before leaving for Blackpool on their honeymoon, a silver watch was presented to Mrs. Firth, by Mrs. Tinker, as a mark of esteem from her fellow Lyceumists. A very enjoyable evening was spent, but the pleasure felt would have been greatly enhanced had the newly-made couple been with us.—H. Searle.

LEICESTER, Queen Street.—On Sunday, Dec. 30th, Mr. J. J. Morse visited this Lyceum, and received a hearty and cordial welcome. In spite of the fearful rain storm that prevailed there was a large muster of Lyceumists and officers. A feature of the proceedings was the presentation to Mr. Moody, one of our earnest workers who is leaving the town, with a book ("Death defeated," by Dr. Peebles) in recognition of his services to the Lyceum. The presentation was made by Miss Amy Marshall. Mr. Morse gave a short address, saying many nice things to us. An enjoyable session, which will long be remembered.

LONGSIGHT AND WEST GORTON.—The annual free tea was held on Christmas Eve, and proved a decided success, old and young alike voting the affair splendid. Mr. Sheppard generously and ably presided at the piano.—P. N. Humphreys.

PATRICROFT, New Lane.—We are making steady progress in numbers, also with our calisthenics and

marching. A social provided by the Lyceum children proved a great success, the dumb-bell drill by six girls being repeatedly encored.—T. Littlehales.

HEATON AND BYKER.—At our half-yearly audit the accounts proved satisfactory. We are still developing good talent, the younger members coming forward with solos, etc., in a very pleasing manner. A minstrel troupe we have started will shortly make its first appearance.—G. W. Dobeson.

NEWCASTLE.—Heaton and Byker Spiritual and Investigation Society.—Sunday, Nov. 18th, our Anniversary Services were held. Mr. J. J. Morse, of London, presided at the afternoon service, and spoke highly of the Lyceum and the parent society. The evening service was well attended, the hall being crowded. Several local speakers took part and gave splendid addresses. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. J. Morse for presiding, and also to all who assisted during the day, and was carried amid great enthusiasm.

CARDIFF.—On Wednesday, January 2nd, we held our tenth annual Christmas Tree and Entertainment, at which our good friend Mr. E. S. Mayo presided and a large gathering assembled. The hall was prettily decorated with evergreens and mottoes. After tea we had the Christmas tree, and a pleasant hour was spent with the children. At 7-30 we commenced the programme, which was very lengthy. At the interval we presented our worthy conductor, Mr. Geo. Harris, with a magnificent inkstand as a token of love and appreciation of the good work he has done amongst us. Our good friend, Mr. Wm. Blackmore, senior, ably disposed, by lot, a "Bride Doll" which was enjoyed by the gathering; the elder ones then danced, while the younger ones enjoyed themselves with parlour games.—W. BLACKMORE, SEC.

MANCHESTER, Pin Mill Brow.—A new Lyceum was formed on Dec. 16th, 1900, in the Temperance Hall (Thompson's Assembly Rooms), Pin Mill Brow, Ardwick, Manchester, with about 35 very energetic workers present. The Lyceum was opened by Mr. O. Pearson, of Ardwick, and after presenting to the Conductor a splendid bell for use in the Lyceum he gave it the name of "New Ardwick Onward" Lyceum, and hoped that they would always follow the motto, "ever onward." It was also pleasing to note that all present put their names down on the register, and at a committee meeting held on Sunday, January 6th, we had the satisfaction to record 41 members on the register. The officers elected were as follows: Conductor, Mr. H. Jones; Assist. Conductors, Mr. O. Pearson and Miss E. Wylie; Guardians, Mr. Bolton and Miss Quigley; Captain of Guards, Mr. E. Britland; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Quigley; Musical Director, Mr. G. Britland; Assist. Musical Director, Miss J. Wylie; Librarian, Miss Wagstaffe; Secretary, Miss Creer. Longsight, Manchester.

DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

I visited Regent Hall Lyceum, Rochdale, on Nov. 18th, and found them making good progress. The

session started promptly, and was nice and orderly throughout.

Bartlam Place, Oldham, gave me a hearty welcome on November 25th. There was a good muster of 90. Marching and calisthenics good; but room for improvement in general conduct, which I pointed out to them.

I visited Royton on Dec. 2nd. I am sorry to say the Lyceum is not up to the mark, there seems to be a lack of interest in the work. I tried to infuse a little encouragement to those present.

I am pleased to report progress in Bury Lyceum. They continue to keep up their reputation for interest in the good work.

I visited Bolton, Knowsley-st., on December 16th, and found moderate attendance, good order, and an excellent session.—L. B. OGDEN, D.V.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

President—

Mr. ALFRED SMEDLEY, Park Mount, Belper.

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The Plans, Purposes and Objects of the Union will, in part, be better understood by the following short extracts from its Constitution—

OBJECTS

The objects of this Lyceum Union are to promote the welfare of the Lyceum Movement, by (a) An Annual Movable Conference; (b) District Assemblages, when and where necessary; (c) Extending the work in new directions; (d) Bringing Lyceums into closer sympathy, and promoting greater uniformity in the manner of working them; (e) Encouraging the publication of suitable literature; and (f) Such other methods as may be found necessary.

UNION

The Union shall be a Federal Union of the Progressive Lyceums of the United Kingdom. Any Progressive Lyceum can join this Union by instructing the Secretary to place its name on the roll; such instruction shall imply assent to this Constitution. The Union charges no fee for entrance. The rate of subscription from each Lyceum enrolled is one penny for every name on the Lyceum register, to be paid in advance. When this is paid the Lyceum is entitled to full benefits.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

The Union offers distinctive advantages to its Members in the form of special cheap terms for books, such as Outlines of Spiritualism; The Spiritual Songster; and The Lyceum Manual,

REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Representatives to the Annual Conference shall be duly appointed by the various Lyceums joining the Union. Those Lyceums which have under 50 members on their register shall be entitled to send one delegate, those over 50 but under 100, shall be entitled to send two delegates; and those who have over 100 shall be entitled to send three delegates; which number shall be the limit of representation allowed to any one Lyceum.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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