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## Lyceum Recitation.

WHERE IS HEAVEN?

BELLE V. CUSHMAN.

Where is Heaven? How oft the question  
Stirs the earthly atmosphere—  
Weary souls forever seeking,  
For a heaven afar—or near.  
Keenest bliss of earth's bestowal,  
Fails the earnest heart to fill,  
Where is heaven's fair completeness?  
Aching hearts are asking still.  
Not in some far upper region  
Look ye for this place of rest;  
Heaven makes its habitation  
In the pure and loving breast.  
Fever'd quest of earthly treasure,  
Though success crown'd, loses zest;  
Know ye life's divinest pleasure,  
Love is heaven and love is rest.  
Love that holds as subjects only,  
All the passions born of earth—  
Love that lifts the poor and lonely,  
Love that gives of all its worth.  
Love like this dispels the shadows,  
Turns the midnight into day,  
Lightens even heaviest labour,  
Leads to heaven—the shortest way.

York City.

## THE HOLIDAY VISIT.

BY VIRGO.

CHAPTER II. (*Continued.*)

**N**OT in the least so that you endeavour to live up to the highest possibility of your religion and your nature."

"But, mamma, a man who worships idols cannot go to heaven, can he?"

"If the man who worships an idol conceives that idol to be the image of his creator, it is his highest conception of a God, in this world, and if this draws out his spiritual gifts, and lifts his thoughts upwards, it renders him less selfish, more gentle, charitable, loving and moral, than he

would be without it, it has done its evolutionary work. Nineteen centuries ago our English forefathers—the Britons, worshipped the Mistletoe, as their highest conception of a God, now what is their highest conception?"

"I don't know, unless it be Jesus?"

"Jesus is, according to my idea, the most unselfish man on record; the greatest prophet; the most powerful and yet the simplest preacher, the tenderest and most effective doctor. He lavished his gifts on the poor and yet he was sought out by the rich, but too often on the quiet or by night; an unselfish—especially if a poor—man is always an unpopular one during his life time. This was the lot of Jesus—the natural man will court the rich and powerful, even if his inner self upbraids him for it; the rich have more of the good things of this world, he argues, and their influence may be of value to him some day, and so the lowly Jesus gets few imitators. Mankind generally prefer to worship rather than imitate him, and yet he came to set us an example of how man should live in order to develop the spirit within him to its highest possibilities while on earth. Now I must say good night, or you will be late in the morning."

A hearty good night kiss, and away went Lucy to a peaceful rest. When she knelt down to pray words would not come, but an overpowering peace seemed to lift her up from thoughts of life, and she knew for the first time that this was the mode of converse between spirits, and with this knowledge she lost herself in nature's sweet restorative—sleep.

### CHAPTER III.

The holidays came and with them Bertha,—it was a great treat for Lucy's brothers of which she had 5 and a baby sister, to have an additional play-fellow—Percy, who was 15 years of age, looked forward to some good games of cricket, but as Bertha had no brothers to play with, he found her sadly ignorant of the game, but being quick, and fleet of foot and withal so happy with her new companions, she was willing to learn everything, do anything, or go anywhere the rest wished. The weather, too, was so beautiful and bright, that the girls seemed only alone when in the quite of their own room, and full of the events of the day, to refer to their conversation in reference to the continued care and love of the supposed dead.

One morning a few days before the holidays were over, and the day before Bertha's return home, Lucy woke herself shouting—"Hold the boat Bertha, with both hands, and don't loose,"—finding Bertha in bed beside her and wide awake, she exclaimed, "how glad I am to find it a dream."

I thought I saw you, me, Percy, Papa, Tom, Gus and Mamma in a boat, the scenery all round was beautiful with

hills and trees tipped with sunshine. Papa was singing a duet with mamma, he was holding the oar but not rowing. All was so peaceful and calm, when suddenly I saw sister Ethel and a sweet old lady talking together, they seemed to be with us and yet the scenery was not the same; I heard the lady say "It is my greatest trouble since I left my body on earth to find that my children and friends won't believe that I am alive and able to continue my interest in them, it makes it so hard for me to help them as a ministering angel. I follow them from place to place, hoping I may be able to screen them from this trouble—help them in this difficulty, support them during a coming trial or affliction, but I can make no impression, or if I do they shake it off as superstitious, and fear to act upon the impressions I have given them, dreading they may be laughed at. So I return weary and disappointed time after time. My granddaughter, Bertha, is in danger from drowning and I want you to help me to save her, she is your sister's visitor, if you will impress your sister what to do, it will save my granddaughter suffering from cold, and may be incline her to yield to my desires to help her, when I am permitted to do so in the future."—Ethel gladly consented, and the next thing I remember was hearing myself shouting to you.

A large heavy boat, which contained 4 reckless, thoughtless holiday seekers, about the age of 20, with more strength than brains, were rowing in a direct line for our happy boat, I heard one oarsman say to the other, "Row hard and we'll have a lark with that sleepy cove in yonder boat," I then turned to you who were sitting close to the edge and shouted the words which awoke me, it seemed strangely real, and yet I have not seen the place before."

"Mother says dreams always go by the rule of contrary, I often have horrible dreams, but they are all muddled up, never clear enough to repeat."

"This was very clear, I remember the old lady yet, she wore a large plaid silk dress, with a pinkish shot in it, was rather tall and stout, with a long straight nose and high forehead, quite white hair, she has on a silver brooch and watch chain, and a dark mole on one cheek."

"Why, that is like my grandma, you never saw her, she died before we came to B——, she had a black mole on her right cheek, and she used sometimes to wear a dress like that, but she's been dead 4 years, it's very funny!"

"She cannot die, unless to separate herself from her body is death, she herself is a spirit, and must live on for ever and ever."

### Slaves in Petticoats.

In Germany women do most of the menial out-of-door work.

Switzerland is the only country in Continental Europe where peasant women are not obliged to do all the hard work.

A woman was seen recently in Naples carrying a coffin on her head, chatting gaily with a man who walked empty-handed at her side.

Not unfrequently a woman and cow are seen pulling a coal cart through the streets of a North German city, a man touching them up—gently to be sure—with a whip as he walks beside them,

## OUR BLUEBELLS' PAGE

CONDUCTED BY

**FLORA BELLE.**

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

Ted says I am getting famous! I told him it was not me, it was the Bluebell's page, and he said, "Well, you write that don't you?" Of course I do, but I do not think it is so wonderful as to become famous.

But, really, it is a surprise to me after all. For quite a lot of things have come to me since I wrote my last letter.

First came a gift from Mr. J. Knight, late of Bolton, and now of Bury, in the form of five shillings toward the cost of our pretty cards of membership, so the first lot are all paid for, which relieves me of a lot of worry, for though I had the other five shillings, that only paid half the cost, and I was worrying how to get the rest of the money.

Then came a list of four names from Bury, and a nice little message from "Lillah," a dear little spirit friend, wishing the Bluebell's Guild every success, which was very nice of her, wasn't it?

Next came five cards from Patricroft, all who sent promising to keep our Rules. Then came a card from Hillsboro,' near Sheffield, and a nice letter from the Attercliffe Lyceum in the last named town, and it contained fifteen names!

While on the following day I got two real surprises, which was the cause of Ted making the remark at the top of my letter! The surprises were two letters, one from Bolton, and the other from Hollinwood. The first letter had nineteen names in it, and the second one had twenty-four names!

When I reckoned up all the names and found that we had now seventy members in the Guild I could not help dancing all round the room, I felt so pleased. Ted looked at me in what is called mock astonishment, and said, "Well, I never!" But he was a great deal more excited once when his team won a football match, but he was as much pleased over our list of names as I was, though like a boy he pretended he was not.

Well, I won't scold the dear boy any more, this time, for he has just brought me a very pretty story which he found in an old number of "The Banner of Light," and as I like it very much I think all other Bluebells will also. I asked father what he thought, and after reading it he said, "Yes, put it in your letter, dear," so I will. Father also said, "Tell your young friends that I hope they will learn a lesson from this incident, and just now, before the habit becomes fixed, resolve that you will tell nothing but

what you know to be true, and that what you do tell, you will tell exactly as you heard it, and not tell anything to injure another, even if it is true."

#### HOW THE STORY GREW.

As Kitty Coleman and Maggie Weir were going to school one morning, Kitty said: "I was over to Uncle Fred's last Saturday, and came near staying too late. We had such fun that I did not notice how near the sun was to setting, and I was very much afraid I might meet a tramp."

"Did you meet one?" inquired Maggie.

"No one but Johnnie Gates. He was coming down the hill, whistling, and with a big watermelon under his arm. I was scared at first, but when I saw who it was I got over it."

At recess Maggie said to Mary Ford:

"Kitty told me that she saw Johnnie Gates carrying a great big watermelon on Saturday evening. Wonder where he got it, and what he is going to do with it?"

Before school Mary whispered to Sallie Bates:

"Johnnie Gates was seen carrying a great big watermelon on Saturday evening. I wonder if he got it honestly?"

"Mr. Hart's melon patch was robbed about that time; maybe that's where it came from," answered Sallie.

At noon Sallie told Susan and Jennie;

"I know something, and I'll tell you if you won't breathe it to a soul."

"Oh! no, we won't," cried both girls in one breath; what is it?"

"Why, Johnnie Gates robbed Mr. Hart's melon patch one night last week."

"Oh, dear isn't that awful!" exclaimed Susie.

"I always thought that Johnnie was not so much better than the rest of us, for all he made believe he was so honest," said Jennie.

"He could n't have done it alone," Sallie said.

Whereupon Jennie hastened to a group of schoolgirls who were in the house, and told them:

"Johnnie Gates and a lot of other boys robbed Mr. Hart's melon patch and destroyed all they could not carry away."

Just at that moment Johnnie himself came in whistling, and looked like anything but a thief.

"Oh! girls, get together quick; I've got something for you, and it's most school time."

The girls looked at each other, and with little movements of disgust turned away. "Why, what's the matter with you all? Hurry up, as the bell will ring!" cried Johnnie.

"We know what you've got, Johnnie Gates," spoke up Sallie, "and we don't want any of your stolen melon, and I think you should be ashamed of yourself."

"Who says I stole the melon?" cried Johnnie, in an excited tone. I guess he'd better not tell me so. I was over at Uncle Henry's on Saturday night, and he gave me a splendid one, and I saved it on purpose to give you all some; but if that is the way you are talking about me you may do without."

"Well," said one of the girls, "that is what I heard, anyway."

"Who told you? I'd like to know."

Then all began to talk at once, and became so excited that they did not notice that their teacher was in the room until she spoke to Johnnie, asking him to explain the cause of the confusion. Then she carefully examined into the matter until she found that it all came from Kitty Coleman saying she had met Johnnie with a melon.

The children that had taken part in the story felt somewhat ashamed of themselves when they saw how much the story had grown in their hands.

My! gracious, what a lot of room that has taken! I am afraid the Editor will not let me say any more this time, so I will leave off at once. With my best wishes to you all, I am your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

### Members of the Guild.

BURY—		HOLLINWOOD—	
4 Lena Burton	23 Elizabeth Pool	47 Alice Snape	
5 Lewis Burton	24 Ethel Pool	48 Ethel Snape	
6 Minnie Burton	25 Lizzie Wilks	49 Lily Snape	
7 Annie Burton	26 Stephen Fullwood	50 Thos Denison	
	27 William Martin	51 Harry Denison	
	28 Geo N Worboys	52 Harry Taylor	
PATRICROFT—		53 Race Taylor	
8 Annie Leigh		54 Flora Richards	
9 John Leigh	BOLTON—	55 John Jones	
10 Edith Adams	29 Miss E Jackson	56 Leonard Jones	
11 Eveline Jones	30 Florrie Nield	57 Clara Greenlees	
12 Alice Adams	31 Ethel Nield	58 Emma Wilkinson	
	32 Lilly Nield	59 Annie Porteous	
	33 Olive Spittle	60 Sarah Preston	
HILLSBORO—		61 Dorothy Preston	
13 Stanley Haywood	34 Ada Bridge	62 Frank Law	
	35 Annie Bridge	63 Ernest Law	
	36 Emily Bridge	64 Willie Law	
	37 Lilly Brayshaw	65 Willie Jagger	
ATTERCLIFFE—		66 Frank Carr	
14 Lizzie Marsh	38 Beatrice Brayshaw	67 Ernest Snape	
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16 Edith Appleby	40 Elizabeth Rostron	69 Willie Fitton	
17 Eleanor Appleby	41 Mr J Knight	70 Mary Fitton	
18 Sabina Rayner	42 Fred Jackson		
19 Florence Smith	43 Herbert Jackson		
20 Mary Ann Martin	44 George Brayshaw		
21 Beatrice Gardener	45 Fred Bridge		
22 Jennie Jackson	46 A P Nield		

## LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No. LXXXV.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

IT is always pleasing to watch the beautiful evolutions that can be effected during marching; the ever-changing forms and relationship, coupled with the sweet inspiring strains of music, are apt to induce the officers to devote too much time to this exercise, so that the lessons in the groups, or classes, are greatly curtailed, if not entirely dispensed with. It should be ever kept in mind that the physical exercises, including marching and calisthenics, are a means to an end. They are intended

to afford the children an opportunity of throwing off the listless feeling which makes them restless when confined too long to the forms. Ten or fifteen minutes devoted to marching, and one or two series of calisthenics, are all that are needed to effect the desired result. After this groups or classes should be formed. But what can we teach them? We have no books except the "Lyceum Manual," are remarks we occasionally hear. For those leaders or teachers who are not gifted with the happy "knack" of drawing forth ideas and thoughts of their groups on some sentence contained in song, musical reading, silver or golden chain recitation, or in starting some interesting topic, there is "Outlines of Spiritualism," which was specially written to help all such leaders. It deals with the origin of Modern Spiritualism, the naturalness of spirit communion, spiritual gifts, spirit phenomena, the spirit spheres; children in spirit life, their homes, etc., the origin of the Lyceum Movement, etc., etc. "With this book," says Mr. Hudson Tuttle, "no Lyceum Leader need be at a loss what to teach the children." It is published by the Lyceum Union, and can be obtained from the Union's Secretary.

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A Lyceum has been opened at Castle Street, Leeds. There is plenty of room for expansion in this city. It is far behind Bradford both in Societary and Lyceum work. May other Lyceums be shortly opened.

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Blyth and Morecambe are contemplating opening Lyceums at an early date. Barrow-in-Furness, I am pleased to learn, is improving again; they have promised their returns.

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Parkside, Bradford; Middleton, near Manchester; New Ardwick, Manchester; Castle Street, Leeds, and Todmorden Lyceums have applied for charters of Membership, which have been granted. The few remaining outside the Union are cordially invited to come into into the ranks.

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I learn that the Normanton road Lyceum, Derby, is moving to more commodious rooms. May their numbers, and usefulness, increase accordingly.

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I learn, with deep regret, of the passing on of Mr. Thos. Geo. Dexter, of Nottingham, and Mrs. George, of Smethwick. Our deep sympathies go out to the bereaved families.

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#### THE SPIRITUAL SONGSTER.

Will secretaries please note that these splendid books are out of print, and no orders can be filled.

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#### THE RETURNS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

Not one half of the returns and contributions have been received, will all Secretaries and Conductors please see to them being forwarded at once, together with the names of delegates to the Lyceum Conference?

THE

## LIBERTY GROUP

[Under the above heading it is proposed to publish each month a special article or essay for the use of the Liberty Groups in Lyceums. Original articles are invited. It is hoped our young men and young women will contribute to the Group, or participate in any discussion that may arise out of articles published in it.—EDITOR.]

### A Novel Phase of Lyceum Work.

INTRODUCTORY.—At the end of last year the Editor of the BANNER was the invited guest of the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum Guild, on which occasion he spent a very enjoyable evening with the workers therein. So much was he impressed with the utility and value of such an organisation that he invited the lady President, Miss M Thorpe, to send him an account of the rise, scope, and results of the work of the Guild, so that the information might be published for the guidance of Lyceums all over the country, and it is hoped inspire them to establish similar guilds in other places. Thinking the subject of great importance to our young men and women, the Editor introduces the following narrative as a fitting subject for the Liberty Group, and he hopes those Groups will take it up and see if they cannot do something in their various Lyceums on somewhat similar lines—EDITORS

DEAR EDITORS,—You invite me to give you some information regarding the formation and working of our "Guild" at Sowerby Bridge. In response I will try to state, as briefly as possible, what will, I think, be of interest to your readers concerning our new venture in connection with our Lyceum.

Some nine months ago, Mr. T. H. Wright and Mr. E. Law called a meeting of Lyceum members to consider the advisability of forming a club, or institute, for week evening meetings for young people. It had been suggested that meeting together oftener than on Sundays only, would result in a better understanding and closer fellowship with each other. The question was discussed pro and con, with the result that a motion was carried to the effect that a "Guild" be formed which should be self-supporting, financially, the income to be derived from members' subscriptions, (the same to be 4/- per year) and the proceeds derived from social evenings, for admission to which a small charge was to be made. The objects of the "Guild" were to be first and foremost, to provide meetings for profit and pleasure under pure conditions, and to provide rambles, literature, classes for debate, lectures, social evenings, a gymnasium, games, and opportunities for investigating the phenomena of Spiritualism. The officers of the "Guild" to be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and auditor, and six other members for committee, along with the officers.

Now, Mr. Editor, I suppose at this point you are mentally saying, So far so good, its quite easy to make rules, but how have you kept them?

Well, on June 9th, of last year, Mr. Peter Lee, of Rochdale, came and formally opened the Guild, and our President of the Society, Mr. Lees, presided over the meeting. Mr. Lee complimented the founders of the movement, and spoke of the usefulness of such a Guild as we had set out to make. He hoped our efforts would succeed as they deserved. Mr. Lees

also gave us good cheer in speaking of our objects as being worthy of our best endeavours.

As good children we felt we had the blessing of our fathers, and were glad for the start. What result followed? We formed a reading room, supplied with monthly, weekly, and daily papers, among which were *Light*, *Banner of Light*, *Two Worlds*, *Spiritual Review*, *Lyceum Banner*, *Great Thoughts*, *Review of Reviews*, *Clarion*, *Strand*, *Royal*, the local papers, etc. A well furnished library provided other reading matter. Amusements were catered for in games, draughts, dominos, etc.; Physical exercises by dumb bells, single sticks, boxing gloves—the latter often providing amusement for those who preferred to look on. During summer three rambles were arranged to places of local interest, our first ramble, with Mr. Walter Howell as guest, being most enjoyable—weather favourable, nature at her best, and the various members of the Guild bent upon enjoyment. Before leaving for home we formed a group and were photographed.

The syllabus for the winter months included three lectures, thirteen essays (discussion to follow), members' experience meetings, socials, and receptions to the Editors of the *Banner* and *Two Worlds*, and also to Mr. G. H. Bibbings. The essays have been thoughtful and instructive papers on subjects as varied as possible, and have occasioned much discussion, in fact the Guild has met a long felt want in this direction, in providing topics for discussion and endeavouring to make the meetings such as to promote friendly expression of opinion.

When we started, our arrangements were to meet every night, but we found many were unable to attend so often, so we now meet three nights a week.

It would be interesting to know if there are any other 'Guilds' connected with Lyceums. If so, we should be glad to know their methods of working, and thus benefit by the experience of an older Guild. To Lyceums that have not yet formed a Guild, I would earnestly recommend them to do so; it fits Lyceumists for the duties of members of the Society, which, in my opinion, ought to be the outcome of Lyceum Training.—Trusting I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space, I remain, yours fraternally,  
M. THORPE, President S.B. Guild.

THE BRITTEN MEMORIAL.—The annual meeting of the Trustees was held at the Tweedale Restaurant, Manchester, on Tuesday the 19th ulto. Mr. A. W. Orr, the Hon. Sec. presented the Secretary's Report, and the Balance Sheet showed a sum of £100 in hand. Several Lyceums have contributed to the funds.

NELSON, Every Street.—Our annual tea party and prize distribution was held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. There was an attendance of over one hundred persons. The prizes, 33 in number, were distributed by Mr. E. Hoskyn, the ex-conductor, who made some appropriate and interesting observations as he handed the prizes to the recipients. Some songs and recitations were contributed during the evening, and the event terminated with dancing.—F. Allsup.

## The "Lyceum Banner" Letter Box.

A CHATTY LETTER FROM E. A. KEELING.

DEAR EDITORS,—It strikes me as being an opportune time to write you a line or two giving a few particulars of my visits to Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Although I cross the Western Ocean regularly, and am in Boston once a month, circumstances do not always permit of my going ashore for a sufficient length of time to do any visiting. It may interest your readers to know that the greatest amount of sympathy was extended towards this country by all, or nearly all, classes of people in the United States, in its recent great bereavement. In a number of churches, Memorial services were held, and it was my privilege to be present at the largest of these.

It took place in Tremont Temple, a large Baptist chapel capable of accommodating some three or four thousand people. At the morning service so many hundreds of people could not gain admission that the service was repeated in the evening.

A magnificent oration was delivered by the Rev. Geo. C. Lorimer, D. D., in the course of which he paid great homage to the late Queen, saying among other things, that the Queen was no longer Queen of England, only, but was now Queen of the whole civilized world, and that Americans might call her their Queen without being in any way disloyal to their own country. She would always be looked upon as a model wife, mother, and Queen; her greatness lying principally in her having been a true woman, true to herself, her family, her country, her people and her God.

It was also my most especial privilege to pay a short visit to that great father of Lyceums—Andrew Jackson Davis.

During a brief but interesting conversation, he told me many things of interest to our movement. One thing in particular it seems strange that he should have mentioned, and that is, the Paid secretary for the B. S. L. U. He told me that he was surprised that the Union had not made any move in the matter hitherto. He considers our work greatly hampered through not having such an officer, and more in a similar strain. I told him that a movement was on foot to obtain sufficient funds to appoint a Paid Secretary and he was very pleased, saying he hoped it would meet with the greatest success.

He wished me to convey his best wishes to all workers in the cause of the Children, which I do with the greatest possible pleasure.

I enclose herewith P.O. 5/- towards Permanent Secretary Fund, and trust that I shall soon hear of his installation.—With kindest regards to all, I am, fraternally yours,  
ERNEST A. KEELING.

47, Upper Hope Place, Liverpool.

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# THE LYCEUM BANNER

MARCH, 1901.

## OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

### Mark This.

If our readers will turn to the next page they will see that once more the Lyceum cause is indebted for a further manifestation of the generous sentiments animating Mrs. Smedley in what concerns the work of our movement. This month it is the Home and Permanent Secretary Funds that are to benefit, and it can but be hoped that such kindnesses may be the means of inspiring other well-to-do friends of our work to follow on the same lines and help us out of their abundance. Mrs. Smedley deserves the warmest thanks of every Lyceumist in the land, and without doubt the BANNER voices the common sentiment when it says—We all thank you most heartily, for your kindness and generosity towards us!

### The May Conference.

ONLY two months separate us from the Conference, so it is to be hoped the friends concerned with the arrangements are making due progress with their plans? But there is one most important portion of the work that we feel we must say one word upon, and that is the returns and statistics. For years our Union Secretary has been compelled to present an incomplete statement to Conference concerning these matters. Not through any remissness on his part, but because Lyceum Secretaries are too careless, or too indifferent, about filling in the forms sent to them for the purpose of ascertaining their strength and progress from year to year. Let this year

inaugurate an improvement in the matter, and for once, at least, let the Union Secretary have full and complete returns from every Lyceum in the Union, as a duty due to that body. The unaffiliated Lyceums will, no doubt, see the wisdom of making the returns, also.

### An Additional Requirement.

AN additional requirement of Lyceum working is a supplement to the 'Physical Exercises' in the form of a work giving instructions and information as to Marches and Marching. So far as we know there is no such handbook in existence, and it is time there was one produced. If any Leader of Calisthenics and Marching cares to send us particulars of any marches specially used in their Lyceums, we will gladly print the same in the BANNER for the benefit of Lyceums in general. But a work on the subject is badly needed in many cases, we know.

## ITEMETTES.

How to spell Generosity—S-m-e-d-l-e-y.

The "Spiritual Songster" is out of print!

A new Edition is now on order, let us have it soon, please.

A.P.N., Bolton, kindly sends us 1s. 2d. towards our Sustentation Fund.

The Parkside Road Lyceum, Bradford, lately formed, is doing well, and is taking this journal.

B. Holden.—We are unable to attend to your notice as your letter has no address, nor does it say which Lyceum you write for.

Indications point to more Charters being issued since last Conference than in any previous Lyceum year.

The Nelson Lyceum now meets in Every Street in that town! What a Lyceum it must be! "No!" says the secretary, "not in every street, but in Every Street," just so!

The Lyceum of the Birmingham Spiritualist Union, owing to its rapid growth, has removed to larger and more suitable rooms in the Bristol Street Board Schools; good for the Hardware capital.

Our Founder again has our thanks for a United States bill for \$1. 00. Truly, "every little helps."

The Belper Lyceum has our best thanks, for their vote of thanks for the copies of the picture of the Hall, which the Editors presented to them.

The N. E. Lancashire Lyceum District Council will hold its next meeting at Rishton, on Saturday March 16th, proceedings to commence at 5 p. m. prompt.

The Bluebell's page is evidently already a favourite! We congratulate Flora Belle on the fine List of names she has for her Bluebell's Guild. Aunt Editha is doing well this month, also. There will soon be a healthy rivalry between the Golden Group and the Bluebells' Guild!

From a printed programme, sent us by the secretary, we learn that the Bury Lyceum held their open sessions on Sunday, January 27th. The Conductor was Mr. E. J. Barnes; the Asst. Conductor, Mr. H. Jackson; and the Musical Directors, Miss M. E. Clough and Mr. J. H. Swarbrick. At the evening service Song 333, "Lyceum Manual," was introduced as an In Memoriam of the passing on of the Queen. As the secretary did not comply with our request for particulars we are unable to say who took part, and what nature the attendances were.

Read the Liberty Group article. Miss Thorpe tells you something that should interest you all. One of the silent workers is Miss Thorpe, but, she speaks through her actions.

Todmorden has received great assistance through the help of Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, who has attended their meetings a number of times to aid them in their efforts to establish a Lyceum on firm ground. This has been successfully accomplished. Our esteemed Union secretary has also done his share in the matter.

The resumption of the "Lesson Outlines" has given much satisfaction in many places. What with the 'Outlines' and the "Liberty Group" there is now much material offered in the BANNER for lesson work, while Mr. Kitson's "Outlines of Spiritualism," is a mine of wealth to the intelligent Conductor, or Leader.

On Sunday the 17th ulto., the Editor attended a session of the Bootle Lyceum, at which there was also a large visiting contingent from the "John Lamont Lyceum," Liverpool. A splendid session was held, and a more than cordial welcome was extended the BANNER man. Something like 120 were present. The collection taken up was handed over for the National Fund of Benevolence, the sum realised being twenty-one shillings. Altogether a most inspiring and harmonious meeting.

### Two Handsome Donations to the B.S.L.U.

DEAR EDITORS.—Will you kindly accord me a little of your valuable space in which to acknowledge the receipt of £10 in aid of the Lyceum Home, Blackpool, and also £10 towards establishing a Permanent Secretary Fund for the B.S.L.U. from Mrs. Selina Smedley, the esteemed wife of Mr. Alfred Smedley, Belper, President of the Union. I beg to tender her my grateful thanks on behalf of the poor children who are in great need of the benefits to be derived from one or two weeks' stay at the Lyceum Home; and also, on behalf of my Executive Committee, for her very generous response to their appeal for funds.

All friends and lovers of the children are cordially invited to contribute to the above funds, as they are urgently needed.—Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours fraternally,

Bromley-road, ALFRED KITSON, Sec  
Hanging Heaton, nr. Dewsbury.

### The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

#### TWO PROPAGANDA MEETINGS

will be held in the

JUBILEE HALL, BELPER,

on Sunday, April 8th, 1901, at 2 and 6-30 p.m., when the following Members of the Executive Committee are expected to address the meetings:—

Mr. Alfred Smedley, President, Belper.

Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, Hebden Bridge.

Mr. A. Wilkinson, Nelson.

Mr. John Venables, Walsall.

Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Liverpool.

Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe, Treasurer, Sowerby Bridge.

Mr. A. Kitson, Sec., Dewsbury..

**Special collections in aid of the Union.**

#### AN OPEN SESSION.

The Lyceum will hold an open Session at 10-30 a.m. The members of the E.C. will be present.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend and bring their children.

Bromley-road,

ALFRED KITSON, Sec.

Hanging Heaton, nr. Dewsbury.

#### THE CHILD CONFUCIUS.

Nearly three thousand years ago, in far-off China, lived a little boy who became a man so learned and good, that the story of his life and teachings has come down through the ages.

When this Confucius was only four years old, he was so eager for knowledge, so fond of teaching others, and so wise in all his behavior, that every one was amazed.

One day, when he was only six, the little Confucius was sitting in the garden alone with his book and his pet kitten. Just the other side of a low hedge, which grew between the family garden and that of the servants, he saw the little child of the gardener kicking up its heels in the middle of the grass-plat, where its mother had left it. The little Confucius watched the pretty child a few minutes, then returned to his book. But all at once, as he glanced toward the baby again, he saw it making, with all of its tiny speed, for a huge china basin full of water, which was always kept there from which to water the flowers. In the space of a moment the little one crept to the very edge, spied its own face in the water, and popped heels over head into the basin before Confucius had time to realize the danger.

He sprang over the low hedge, screaming for help. The little head was still above water, but in an instant sank, and only a tiny arm and the light dress were to be seen. The boy, still screaming, ran around and around the basin, bending as far as he could over the top, trying in vain to catch the little hand. Then he stretched out both arms toward the setting sun, as if asking help, and suddenly a thought came to him, as if in answer. Gathering up some big stones lying beside the path, he dashed them with all his might against the china basin, which broke at once into pieces, like so much glass. The water ran out in streams, and in a moment the child was safe, crying, to be sure, but only from fright.

# 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.

*Rules.*—I. That I will endeavour to be kind and loving to all human beings, and every living thing. II. That I will try to be temperate in all things, and strive to abstain from using intoxicants and tobacco. III. That I will not use profane or vulgar language.

*Certificates.*—A Certificate of membership will be issued free of charge to all who join. Give your name to the Conductor, or Secretary, of your Lyceum and request that it be sent to AUNT EDITHA, c/o Editor of the "Lyceum Banner," and you will be duly enrolled a member, and the certificate sent you in the next month's Banner sent to your Lyceum. All names of members will be published in the Lyceum Banner every month.

## OUR MARCH ASSEMBLY.—No. CVI.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES,

Our March Assembly was largely taken up with the question of: "How can we best celebrate the fifty-third Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism?" Master Johnny suggested a Social and Concert, but Amy Lovechild said that was very well for the elder members of the Assembly, but what about the little ones? For her part she thought that if there was a separate evening for the tots it would be far better. Her idea was warmly welcomed, so it was decided that there should be two gatherings, one for the youngest, and the other for the elder ones, of the Assembly. A committee on arrangements was then nominated, with Alfred Reed, G.D.M.C. as chairman. As these meetings will be held before the next number of the BANNER is issued you will see a full account in the April issue.

The Grand Conductor then rose and said she had received three very interesting letters since the previous meeting, and she now handed them to Eva Justlove, G.S., to read to the Assembly, which was done, the Bolton and Hollinwood letters being received with much cheering, while Dorothy Preston's letter brought tears to many eyes in the room. We all felt that Dorothy must be a sweet little maid, and every one sent her their most loving sympathy and good wishes. The letters now follow in the order in which they were read, and the splendid list of new names will be put at the foot of this article as usual.

FROM THE KNOWSLEY STREET LYCEUM, BOLTON.

DEAR AUNT EDITHA :—Our esteemed Conductor, Mr. Knight, brought to our notice your GOLDEN GROUP, explaining to us the necessity of banding to-

gether for mutual improvement, and though we meet on Wednesday evening in each week for social enjoyment, if we had some motto like that of the GOLDEN GROUP we should take more interest in our gatherings. "Why not join the GOLDEN GROUP," said Mr. Knight, "I am sure Aunt Editha will be pleased to receive your names as members, then we shall have an interest in similar meetings throughout the country." A show of hands was then called for, the result being that I was authorised to send you the following names, nineteen in all, for membership. Perhaps next month I shall have a few more names. I now conclude, wishing you every success for the future, and remain, Your nephew,  
44, Bullock Street, Bolton. AMBROSE P. NIELD,

The next letter read to the Assembly was

FROM THE BYRON STREET LYCEUM, HOLLINWOOD

DEAR AUNT EDITHA :—I have got the following to give in their names to become members in the GOLDEN GROUP. I shall do my best to get some of them, at least, to send you letters from time to time, and you will, I know, receive one this week from Dorothy Preston, and I expect to soon send you some more names.—Yours truly,  
C. DRIVER,  
2, Union Street, Hollinwood.

The next letter was a most interesting one, nicely written, and full of a quiet pathos that deeply affected us all. It is as follows:

A LETTER FROM DOROTHY PRESTON, HOLLINWOOD

DEAR AUNT EDITHA :—I feel that I should like to be one of your little letter writers, for the LYCEUM BANNER. I think the first thing I will tell you of is about my life, as far as it is spent. I was nine years of age on the second of February 1901, and when I was three years of age, I was left without father and mother, and my eldest sister was left to provide for five of us, which she did as long as she could. Then came the breaking up of our little home, two of my brothers and I were to go to the workhouse, but God provided a new home for me with a lady, whom I now call mother. When I first came to my new home I was much pleased with it, for my new found father and mother was very kind, my new father did all he could to make me happy, and we got along so well, until he was taken ill and passed into Summer Land two years ago, so it left mother and I alone. Mother takes a great interest in the cause of Spiritualism, and I go to the Lyceum, and I have had a prize each year, and a special one for reciting. I love to go to the Lyceum, and I always do my best in trying to make all things bright for the rest, and by the help of God I shall always do so. Now I must conclude, and at some other time I will tell you more about myself and our Lyceum.—From your little friend,

135, Drury Lane, DOROTHY PRESTON (1436)  
Hollinwood.

We were all delighted to receive these nice letters and the new members were warmly welcomed, the hope being expressed that next month would provide as many more new members! It was ordered that the names be entered on the Roll and that certificates

be issued to each of our new cousins. The Meeting closed in the usual way. With much love to you all as ever,—Affectionately yours,  
AUNT EDITHA.

### Members Elected at the March Assembly.

BOLTON, (Knowsley Street.)

1406 Miss E. Jackson	1407 Florrie Nield
1408 Ethel Nield	1409 Lilly Nield
1410 Olive Spittle	1411 Ada Bridge
1412 Annie Bridge	1413 Emily Bridge
1414 Lilly Brayshaw	1415 Beatrice Brayshaw
1416 Gertrude Brayshaw	1417 Elizabeth Rostron
1418 Mr. J. Knight	1419 Fred Jackson
1420 Herbert Jackson	1421 George Brayshaw
1422 Percy Brayshaw	1423 Fred. Bridge
1424 A. P. Niel.	

HOLLINWOOD.

1422 Alice Snape	1423 Ethel Snape
1424 Lily Snape	1425 Thos. Denison
1426 Harry Denison	1427 Harry Taylor
1428 Race Taylor	1429 Flora Richards
1430 John Jones	1431 Leonard Jones
1432 Clara Greenlees	1433 Emma Wilkinson
1434 Annie Porteous	1435 Sarah Preston
1436 Dorothy Preston	1437 Frank Law
1438 Ernest Law	1439 Willie Law
1440 Willie Sagger	1441 Frank Carr
1442 Ernest Snape	1443 Frank Driver
1444 Willie Fitton	1445 Mary Fitton

### DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

BACUP.—Dec. 30th, 1900. Visited Princess Street and found nice attendance. Singing, reciting, and marching very satisfactory.

MIDDLETON.—Visited on Jan. 6th. A newly started but well organised Lyceum, and a good attendance, 53 present; exercises well done and order excellent.

ROCHDALE.—Jan. 20th, visited Summer Street. Very satisfactory progress, considering the short time they have been open. Reading and responses very well rendered.

BOLTON.—Feb. 3rd, visited Bradford Street. Found a very nice room, and a very able young lady as Conductor. There ought to be more as regards numbers, and I think with care and attention this can be made one of the best Lyceums in the district.

DEARNLEY.—Feb. 10th. I was very well pleased with the conduct of this Lyceum. Marching and Calisthenics creditable. One Lyceumist gave an excellent Essay on "Education," which was well received.

MANCHESTER, Higher Broughton.—Feb. 24th, visited Hilton Street. Found a moderate attendance, but good order. Singing and reciting very good. Marching and Calisthenics creditable.—L. B. OGDEN, D. V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

HECKMONDWIKE.—The numbers of this Lyceum continue small, though the conduct in general is good.

BATLEY CARR.—The numbers do not increase as I should like to see them. Otherwise the interest in the group lessons continue good.

ARMLEY.—Improving in numbers very nicely. Less time devoted to the marching evolutions, and more time devoted to group lessons is highly desirable.

ROTHWELL.—Continues to do its best. It lacks the stimulating presence of more adults; who unfortunately take little interest in the children's welfare.

MORLEY.—The attendance continues poor. I should like to see more enthusiasm manifested here.

JAMES KITSON, D. V.

### OUR LEADERS' DEPARTMENT.

#### Outline Scheme for Lyceum Lessons.

Compiled by the Editor.

For Sundays Mar. 10, 17, 24 and 31, and April 7, 1901.

The Educational importance of Lyceum teaching is a matter of serious concern with all Conductors and leaders. One of the needs is lessons that can be used by the lyceum, to be introduced by the Conductor, who shall invite the opinions and ideas of all the members, commencing with the youngest groups. The following outlines of topics are presented with the hope that they may prove helpful, and at the end of each outline will be found the numbers of appropriate selections from the *Lyceum Manual*, as indicated by the figures appended, which selections are to be used in the usual order of the session. Invocations for opening the lesson, are also introduced. Sufficient matter is presented to last until after the next issue of the BANNER, so that conductors can study the lessons a week in advance of their use. Suggestions will be welcomed from all Conductors and leaders of Groups—ED.

#### FIRST SUNDAY.

INVOCATION.—Dear Immortals we salute you to-day, we welcome your coming through the gates of mediumship. It is the ever open door through which the glory of a higher life passes on its way to make bright our lives and to comfort our anxious souls. Come, then, we pray you, and enlighten us as to the laws of mediumship, as to its blessings and uses. Speak words of cheer to us through human lips, admonish us if we are seeming to depart from the ways of righteousness, instruct us in all that will keep our feet in wisdom's path. Strengthen our faith in the All Good, in our fellows and ourselves, and lead us gently towards a realisation of all the divinity within ourselves that we may honour thee by the clean hearts and unsullied thoughts with which we strive to welcome thee this day. Amen.

SUBJECT—Mediumship. OUTLINE—Mediumship is a natural constitutional possibility of man's nature—It is not a "gift" any more than any other faculty of our being—It is the evidence of latent Spiritual powers possessed by us all—Its cultivation should be twofold—First as a means of enabling the spirits to communicate with us—Secondly to aid us in having personal relation to the spirit side of nature—Like all other things it is dangerous if unwisely used or cultivated—Clean bodies, pure living, clean thinking are powerful safeguards against all mediumistic dangers—Through the aid of mediums spirits can talk to us, materialize to us.—Spiritualists should cultivate mediumship and carefully watch over mediums. (S.C., 13. G.C., 140. M.R., 214.)

#### SECOND SUNDAY.

INVOCATION—Oh! thou who art all intelligence, all life and light, we ask thy presence at this hour and the presence of thine angel ministrants. Teach us more of thee and thy laws, and may we become more spiritual in the companionship of thine immortal children from realms beyond. May we learn to live in harmony with all, looking with charity upon the failings of others, and helping those below us in the path of progress to climb to the heights where we stand, while we clasp the hands of those above us who

are seeking to draw us upward to them. May the sorrowing be comforted; may the down-trodden be uplifted; may those who sit in darkness receive light from on high; and may we all learn that we are not placed here to live for ourselves alone, but for each other. This we ask in thy name, oh! Father, believing that thou wilt bestow upon us what our spirits require. Amen.

**SUBJECT**—How to Live. **OUTLINE**—To live without purpose is a waste of living—If at school let your purpose be to learn all you possibly can—If you take up a trade, business or profession let your purpose be to achieve the highest possible success—Live to do all the good you can—‘He liveth long who liveth well’—Live for principle, truth and honour—Live that the world may be made the better for your life and doings—Live that you may ever be near to the spiritual in life and being—Live that you may be respected, honoured and loved for your deeds, for such make a man or a woman, and not the external advantages of rank or fortune.

### THIRD SUNDAY.

**INVOCATION**—Oh! thou divine Spirit, how beautiful it is for spirit and mortal to exchange thoughts. How greatly are we assisted through true spiritual union! In seeking wisdom, knowledge and truth, we obtain strength and blessings in the struggle, for without work there is nothing. We appreciate what we earn and search for; that which comes readily and easily we rarely enjoy.

How often do we picture in our mind the joy in meeting our friends who are over there, but still how much more blessed it is to realize that they visit us and we can visit them, that we are brothers, sisters and friends in soul and in body. It is beautiful to think we live in the memories of others even if they are not clothed with the physical form. We thank thee for all things. Amen.

**SUBJECT**—Child Life Hereafter. **OUTLINE**—Children continue to live after the ‘change’ just as do adults—Children seldom fear the change—Children on entering Spirit life are as when on earth as to unfoldment of mind, consciousness and personality—They expand in form, grow in mind and understanding—They have their schools—‘Lyceums’—and are taught and educated therein—Loving spirits mother them, shepherd the waifs and strays who pass from earth—The unloved and abused child of earth finds love and sympathy in the Spheres—In the Summerland is fully realised what our Founder meant in saying that ‘A child is the Repository of Infinite possibilities.’

### FOURTH SUNDAY.

**INVOCATION**—Spirit Divine, all Ruling Power, we beseech thee this morning to give us a new baptism, quicken the spirit within us. Let us realize thy mighty strength when the mortal is weak; let us feel thy power in our hearts, that our good works may be seen. We see thy beauty everywhere as thy great spirit expresses it through matter. We see thy power working through the human agencies to distribute thought and scatter seeds of knowledge in the byways and the highways. We see thy handiwork as the light of progress penetrates through the dark clouds of superstition and destroys all fear. We do not approach thee this morning as a child would approach an

angry parent, but as one that would seek what thou knowest best, knowing that love and kindness is the only source of power. Amen.

**SUBJECT**—Saints **OUTLINE**—What makes a Saint?—Are only those who are honoured by the religious entitled to be called Saints?—Should not all good, true and honourable men and women be called saints, if not—why not?—Virtuousness, self-sacrifice, fraternity, sobriety, truthfulness are all saintly sentiments—All who live for the welfare of their fellows are saints whose lives entitle them to the honour of their fellows.

### FIFTH SUNDAY.

**INVOCATION**—We ask thy blessing on all concerned this morning; whatever work we find to do, let us do it with a will, let us do it with a heart. We know that thy vineyard is ripe, and we realise the labourers are few. Thy message of love returns to the earth-life and sheds abroad the true continuation of life, and the comfort that we shall know each other again makes us still more anxious for the uplifting of thy kingdom. Bless us while we are here; give to all according to their needs the strength to perform their duties well; may each one be received in thankfulness and appreciation for the work that they have been trying to do. Guide us this morning and thy name shall have the praise now and forever. Amen.

**SUBJECT**—Brotherhood. **OUTLINE**—Is universal brotherhood a possibility;—If so, shall the level be the highest man or the lowest man?—Is it an Ideal to work for, or a chimera that the infinite variety of human nature and its interests will ever prevent?—What relation has Altruism to the facts of man’s nature?—Is Egoism a permanent principle of human progress—What is Egoism?—Does Spiritualism stand for the masses or the classes—Will its teachings help to establish the Brotherhood of man amongst all mankind?

**NOTE**—The Editors thank Mr. Wm. Mason, of Burnley, for some very useful cuttings supplied for this Department. All our readers are invited to send us anything they think would be of service for this section.—EDS.

**TODMORDEN**—The Society at Todmorden has at last established a Lyceum, which opened with the New Year. Already over 45 members are enrolled, and every Sunday, so far, there have been new scholars seeking admission. The room is too small for the proper working of a Lyceum and so they have taken larger premises, which will entail a considerable outlay, so that the friends are heavily handicapped. They are enthusiastic over their latest development, and the Lyceum is bound to go because the parents attend and take part in the session. Mr. A. Kitson has visited them, leading the session and giving great help in the calisthenics; also Mr. Mason, the D.V. We hope he will try to visit them often. Miss Thorpe, too, was welcomed by Mr. Law, who spoke of the effect her words (when under control many years ago in that town) had on him, they were indelibly fixed in his mind. The Lyceum is well officered, and though labouring under disadvantages will become a help and a tie between old and young in the society.—J.G.

# 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 insertion in the ensuing number. Short reports have preference*

*Announcements of forthcoming events will be inserted free in the Itemettes column, but if specially displayed or containing detailed particulars, 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*

BLACKBURN, Freckleton Street.—Under the auspices of this Lyceum Mr. G. H. Bibbings, of Bootle, addressed crowded services on Sunday, February 9th. Speaking at the morning service on "A child as the storehouse of infinite possibilities," Mr. Bibbings claimed to be a hearty supporter of Lyceum work, in perhaps a superlative degree. He found absolute harmony in the Lyceums throughout the country if that could not be found in some of the societies. He commended the Lyceum to the young and old. He believed that he could intelligently show that Spiritualists who sent their children anywhere than the Lyceum were traitors to the cause. He could challenge the world to produce a better book than that the children in the Lyceum were instructed from—"The Lyceum Manual." If they would give the children the benefit of their enthusiasm, those children would stand by them in the future.—Mr. Edwards, our esteemed conductor, presided throughout the day, and many people were unable to gain admission at the evening service, when Mr. Bibbings discoursed on "Following Christ: what does it mean for a Spiritualist."

BOOTLE.—Annual social and prize distribution on Feb. 11th, the audience numbering 200. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Chiswell, and a number of the leaders and members of the John Lamont C.P.L. Tea was served by Mesdames Owen, Short, and Norton, assisted by the Misses G. F. Twemlow, A. Owen, P. Bradshaw, and B. Jones. An excellent concert was given by our Lyceum Members, mostly Juvenile. Mr. S. Thomsom presided. The items all showed study and training. The members responsible for the various parts were the Misses C. Hollinrake, M. and J. Clarke, H. and J. Irvine, P. Elbourn, J. Fry, C. Norton, E. Parr, N. Snowden, M. and A. Oakes, J. Williams, F. and L. Ballan, and Masters T. and B. Owen, F. and B. Norton, H. Youds and H. Parr. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Bibbings. Oranges and toys, donated respectively by our good friends Mrs. Carter and the John Lamont Lyceum,

were afterwards distributed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing. A vote of thanks was passed to all concerned.—E. F. Norton.

BURNLEY.—This Lyceum recently secured the services of Mr. A. Wilkinson, lanternist. The reproduction, by aid of the cinematograph, of the Lyceumists going through the calisthenics, was received with exceptional enthusiasm. Much credit is due to Mr. Wilkinson for the hearty manner in which he worked to make it such a splendid success.—E. Hall, sec. [Do not send reports to Mr. Kitson, but send them direct to the BANNER Office, and so avoid delay.—Eds.]

DARWEN.—Annual tea and distribution of prizes on Saturday, Feb. 16th, Mr. Holgate presiding. The prizes were presented by Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Hyde. Some very pretty tableaux vivants were presented, two of which were made from "Outlines of Spiritualism." We also had a fine rendering of the gipsy chorus from "Bohemian Girl." It was one of our most successful evenings.—B.H.

HEYWOOD.—On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26 and 27, we had a cinematograph entertainment provided by Mr. Wilkinson, of Nelson. His subject for Saturday was "Through Paris," followed by various other slides from the cinematograph. "Little Minnie" was the pictorial subject for the Sunday service, the reader being Miss M. Duckworth. The new calisthenics were shown by the cinematograph. Illustrated songs and recitations were given by the scholars. Miss Pollitt acted as accompanist on both occasions.—L. D.

KEIGHLEY.—As we seldom see anything about our Lyceum in the BANNER, [We have not received any Reports for many months from Keighley.—Eds.] I thought I would send you a short account of our entertainment and prize distribution which took place on Shrove Tuesday. We had a cantata, "The Little Gipsy," conducted by Miss Whitaker, after which the prizes were distributed. The entertainment was provided by the Misses Roebottom, Teal, Whitaker and Longbottom, Messrs M. Whitaker, B. Shackleton, E. and S. Hudson, and W. Whitaker. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Sunderland, and about two hundred persons attended.—H. Foulds.

LONDON (Battersea, Henley Street.)—The Lyceum and Band of Hope children paid their annual visit to the Shakspeare Theatre on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26th, to witness the pantomime, "Puss in Boots." By an arrangement with the manager we were admitted by an early door to the front seats of the pit at a very reasonable rate. There is a very noticeable instance to record. At the same performance a number of aged men and women from the local Union Infirmary were present by the kind invitation of the management—here we had the extremes meeting, young and old, both intent on enjoyment, both laughing at the same fun, both delighted. Truly, the body gets aged and worn, but the spirit is as young as ever. After the performance the children returned to Henley Hall,

and very quickly despatched the scones and hot coffee provided. The affair was very successful.—J. Imson, sec.

MANCHESTER, Tipping Street.—On Saturday, Feb. 9th, we had a party and concert for the benefit of the Lyceum fund, kindly arranged by our late conductor, assisted by his son, Mr. Bert Braham, also Mr. and Miss Ashford, Mr. Roughsedge, and Mr. Wright. A very pleasant evening, which increased our funds considerably.—G. Vernon, sec.

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