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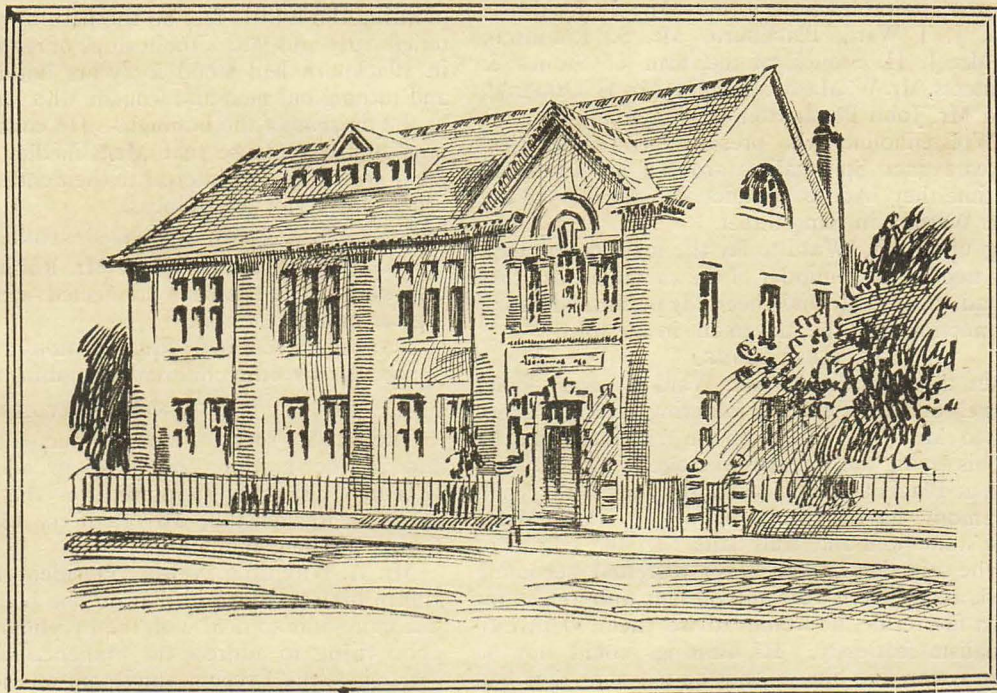
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[ENTERED AT  
STATIONERS HALL] ONE PENNY.

Laying the Lyceum Stone in the New Spiritual  
Temple, Blackburn.

A NOTABLE LANCASHIRE FUNCTION.



NEW SPIRITUALIST'S HALL, BLACKBURN.

**S**ATURDAY, June 29th, 1901, will stand out as a memorable day for the members of the Spiritualist's body in Blackburn, owing to the foundation stones of a new Temple being laid in St. Peter's Street, on that day. The present building was in former days known as the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, and many a Blackburn lad received therein the education which was to fit him for the battle of life, and it is with pleasure that we

can say that—many of the old boys fill important positions not only in the town which reared them, but in all parts of England. The reader will thus see that a more fitting place to hold communion with discarnate intelligences could not be wished for. However, that is by the way, the rooms, owing to increased numbers, have long been too small to provide the necessary accommodation, and the officials of the society, for a number of years, have worked

quietly yet earnestly with the object to provide a place of their own. That these efforts have been rewarded with success so far was assured by the large crowd of enthusiastic supporters who were present at the ceremony mentioned above.

#### THE TEMPLE.

The architects are Messrs. Stones & Stones, Richmond Terrace, who have designed the handsome building of pleasing appearance, two storeys in height, standing back from the road about eight feet, and fronted by a small garden area, as shown in the illustration, which we are able to present through the courtesy of the *Blackburn Weekly Telegraph*. The rooms on the ground floor will be used for Lyceum purposes, and the upper room for public spiritualistic services. The notable feature in the lower room will be the absence of pillars. Entrance will be effected by a spacious vestibule, and an imposing hall. The dimensions of the school-room and the upper hall are about the same, each room being 63 ft. by 36 ft. The Temple will be built of red brick, with stone facings. The brick will be supplied by Mr. Woods, of Audley Range, Blackburn, who is a very good supporter of the movement. There is to be ample vestry accommodation, and the latest principle for heating and ventilation will be adopted.

#### THE PROCESSION.

The proceedings commenced with a procession of members and friends who numbered over 500, headed by the Blackburn Public Brass Band. The principal streets of the town having been traversed, the whole of the processionists arrived at the new site adjoining the Nurses' Home. Here there were present among others Mr. J. J. Morse, London, Mr. J. T. Ward, Blackburn, Mr. S. Robinson, Blackburn, Mr. J. H. Stones, of the firm of Stones & Stones, Architects, Mr. W. Mason, Burnley, Mr. G. Ormerod, Rishton, and Mr. John Pemberton, Warrington.

Mr. R. Wolstenholme, who presided, said it was just twenty five years since Spiritualism aroused his attention, and at that time they had to conduct the services at the house of Mr. Watson, in King Street.

In calling upon Mr. Ward to lay the first corner stone he said they needed no reminder of the valuable work that gentleman had so willingly and cheerfully performed during his long connection with the movement in the town

#### THE FIRST STONE.

Mr. Stones then handed to Mr. Ward a silver ebony handled trowel, on which was the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. J. T. Ward by the Architects, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the Spiritualists' Temple at Blackburn, on June 29th, 1901."

This ceremony having been performed, Mr. Ward declared the stone well and truly laid. In the course of his remarks he said that he had never regretted becoming a Spiritualist, and if there were any present who longed for evidence of a future life, he would advise them to investigate Spiritualism fearlessly. Its blessings could not be described by a man like himself, but he felt sure that had Spiritualism been more prominent, there would not have in his opinion been any Boer war. Men would not have destroyed each other, but with a kindly spirit have tried to meet difficulties without having to resort to strife. He thought the evidence that was displayed that day spoke well for the future of the Blackburn Spiritualists' Society (applause).

#### THE LYCEUM STONE.

The ceremony of laying the Lyceum stone was performed by Mr. J. J. Morse, in the absence, through illness, of Mr. A. Smedley, of Belper. Mr. Morse, in the name of Spiritualism, and in the names of the children of the Spiritualists of Blackburn, declared the stone well and truly laid. It gave him the utmost pleasure to perform the function he had been called upon to undertake, but he must make an explanation. He wanted them to perform a feat of magic. As they knew, Spiritualists in former times were considered to be professors of magic, and it was asserted that their arts were—well, not quite heavenly (laughter). He wanted them to close their eyes for the fraction of a second, then open them and imagine that he had vanished, and in his place and person there stood an elderly person of genial presence and kindly face, whose voice was sweet and melodious, and whose heart beat true to every thing they held dear. He wanted them to imagine, if they pleased, that he was Mr. Alfred Smedley, of Belper (applause). The Spiritualistic Lyceum stood in the same relation to the Temple as the Sunday schools did to other denominations that were round them. Here they essayed to train the body and mind and the soul, and call out all that was highest, best and noblest in the boys and girls who were to become the citizens of to-morrow. There was no nobler task undertaken by any body of men than the training of the children in the principles their religion professed and stood for. Their Sunday schools were dotted over this land of ours like stars in the murky night of ignorance. Hundreds of men and women spend Sunday after Sunday pointing those little feet on the path of progress, and they toiled early and late without hope of reward. Their school in Blackburn had stood for years building up character, and turning out men and women who were a great credit to the citizens of the borough. He concluded by announcing amidst applause that Mr. Smedley had signified his great sympathy and interest in their endeavours by forwarding a cheque for five guineas.

#### THE MEMBERS' STONE.

The third stone was laid by Mr. Robinson, a good and true worker who has been connected with our Society for a great number of years.

The collections, including donations amounted to nearly £200, the Lyceum children subscribing not less than £50.

#### THE SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Sunday services were conducted by Mr. J. J. Morse, and in the morning he gave an address upon "Our Lyceum." He was supported on the platform by Mrs. Gretton, Rawtenstall, Mr. Redfern, Blackburn, and Mr. Barker Holden, Whitebirk.

Mr. A. Wilkinson, Nelson, President, B.S.L.U., presided, and in his remarks said that no one better than Mr. Morse was more able to deal with the Lyceum cause. Mr. Morse upon rising to address the audience said that it was 38 years since the Lyceum movement was formed by Andrew Jackson Davis. Up to that time there was no such thing as the Spiritualistic Progressive Lyceum.

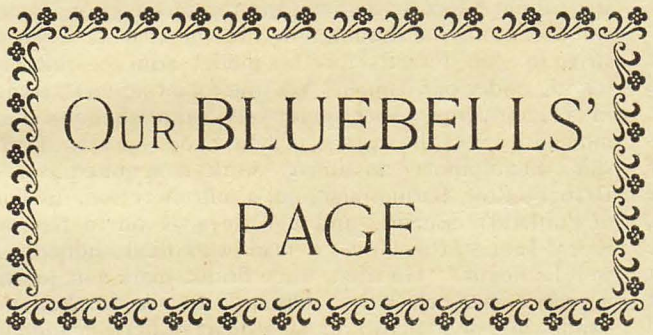
Andrew Jackson Davis was the son of poor parents, yet he was possessed of psychic powers and travelled whilst under spirit influence to the spirit world, and what he saw he made notes and started the same on the material plane. Continuing, Mr. Morse said that the only Lyceum in

England who followed the form for arrangement laid down by Mr. Davis was the Liverpool "John Lamont" Lyceum. In 1890 the Lyceum Union was formed, and to-day they could boast of 7,000 members. Mr. Morse concluded his address by reciting Mrs. Richmond's lines upon "The Lyceum," page 3, *Lyceum Manual*.

In the afternoon and evening Mr. Morse gave splendid philosophical discourses, and his visit to Blackburn was pronounced by all as the most glorious ever known in connection with our Society.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. MORSE.

Mr. Morse has been presented with a beautiful rosewood mallet, with the following inscribed upon a solid silver plate—"Presented to Mr. J. J. Morse by the Spiritualists of Blackburn, as a memento of his laying the Lyceum Foundation Stone on behalf of Mr. Smedley."—JAMES HARGREAVES.



## OUR BLUEBELLS'

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CONDUCTED BY

**FLORA BELLE.**

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

Early in June I received a nice little letter from Nellie Kitson, saying she wished to join our Guild, and she hoped that many more would join it. Nellie is the daughter of Mr. Kitson, the Union Secretary, and I am ever so glad to have her name on my book.

Now, I am not going to say much myself this month. Ted says "that's right; give yourself a rest." I suppose he calls that a joke? I call it silly. What was I saying? Oh! yes; that I am not intending to say much this month. Why? Because some of my friends have sent me things to put in my letter, and if Master Ted will only keep quiet I will copy what has been sent me into this letter. All right, Ted says he is going to keep his bunnies company. Now, let me see? Yes, this is first; it is from Ambrose P. Nield, and first you must read his letter, which explains what he has sent to me:—

May 21st, 1901.

DEAR FLORA BELLE,—I am sending you a short account of a Bluebells' picnic we had from our Lyceum to Harwood and district. Perhaps numbers of other Bluebells in other towns might arrange picnics too? I shall be pleased should this account of our picnic interest you and your other Bluebells to go and do likewise. We have had a very kind offer from our friends at Bury to join them in their demonstration on Whit-Friday, but our picnic having passed off so pleasantly we have arranged to have another one, this time to Worsley and Monton Green. I enclose account of picnic. It took place on Saturday, May 18th.—Trusting this will interest you and Brother Ted, I remain,

BLUEBELL NO. 46.

I hope some more of my Bluebells will have picnics, and write and tell me all about them. Now you must read what Mr. Nield says about

## A BLUEBELL PICNIC.

We met at the hall, about 30 laughing, merry children, all ready and eager to be off. The last straggler had appeared, the word was given, and off we went. Boarding the electric car, we were soon on our way to the green fields, leaving the hot, stuffy town far behind us. We wended our way down Thicketford Lane; on our left we could see Firwood Bleach-works, whilst on our right we had a very pleasant view of the Tonge Valley. After clambering up the brow from the Thicketford Bridge we rambled on into Red Bridge Lane, leading to Harwood Church. By this time several of the children had gathered bunches of May-flowers and Bluebells. Arrived at the church, we made a tour of inspection inside and out. Harwood Church is built of rough stone in the Romanesque style, with tower and small spire. There are some rich specimens of antique oak carvings in different parts of the edifice. The pulpit formerly stood in the Chapel Royal, St. James's, and from it was preached the first sermon delivered before Charles II. after the Restoration, and the last sermon heard in public by the late King William IV. was preached to him out of this pulpit. The church is very pleasantly situated on rising ground; the graveyard is kept very neat.

Leaving the church, we branched off down a narrow waggon road leading to Dawson's Farm. Here we made a halt for tea. Opening the luncheon bags and baskets, the array of good things provided disappeared as if by magic, washed down by copious supplies of fresh milk. We gathered up the fragments (of which there were few), and after a short stay (during which the shippens and stables were inspected) we made our way through the meadows by a small footpath to the main road leading to Bradshaw. The fields on either hand seemed to be full of daisies and May-flower, and the children vied with each other in trying to obtain the nicest bunch. We pursued the main road until we reached Ruins Lane; here we separated, some keeping to the road, the rest going by Ruins Lane and field paths back to Thicketford Lane. Leaving Ruins Lane we went to Bradshaw. Here the old church attracted our attention. The doors were locked, so we were unable to get inside, but in the churchyard there stands an old tower, built about 1560. The tower is perpendicular and almost square, being part of the ancient edifice, and was designedly left by the old churchwardens. Some of the gravestones bear dates of the seventeenth century, thus forming an interesting link with the past. On to the tram terminus, where we took the car for town, arriving at the hall about half an hour before the other party, which soon burst in with happy faces and tired feet, with hands full of blue bells, May-flowers, marshmallows, and buttercups. A wash and brush up soon made us ready to join in the games already in progress. An hour's play, then we separated, feeling that our afternoon had been spent most enjoyably.

My! how tired you must all have been after such a long ramble. I am afraid it would be too much for me, though I can walk quite a long way, too. But you must have had a jolly time? After copying the above I turned to my desk, and the next letter I found was from Miss Burton, one of my Bury Bluebells, and what she says made me open my eyes, for at the end of her letter I found twenty-one more names for the Guild, from the Lyceum at the Spiritual Church, Salford. Fancy! There are just 121 names on the roll now, and the Guild is not six months old yet, but I want 500 names for the first year. Well, I declare, I am forgetting what I was about. I think I will head the letter

## A BURY BLUEBELL AT SALFORD.

DEAR FLORA BELLE,—You will no doubt be very pleased to hear from one of the members of your Guild, and especially

when that member is sending you a very nice present from a number of girls and boys who wish to become members. Now I can just imagine you wondering what the present is. Well, it is this: On Sunday, June 16th, I visited the Salford Lyceumists, and they were all very pleased to see me, because they thought I could tell them something about your Guild and you. When the session was over. Oh! but first of all I must tell you that a great many of the Lyceumists wore blue ribbons and sashes in honour of the Guild of which I was a member. Well, the session over, the conductor first gave the bell one ring, and three little girls came out of the ante-room, carrying a beautiful bouquet of blue and white flowers, and on the white ribbon which was attached you will find these words: "Presented to Miss Flora Belle by the Salford Bluebells, June 16th, 1901." The little girls asked me to accept it for you, and convey their love to you, so you will see that, although you had a very great disappointment last month, I am sure it will be a great pleasure this month to know so many little friends both value you and your page so much, and I feel sure you will be as proud of the lovely bouquet as I was.

You will find at the end of this letter a list of names for admission to the Guild, which I am sure you will be pleased to receive.—Your loving Sister, ANNIE BURTON.

I wish I could have been with my dear friend and have seen that bouquet. Never mind, I am just as glad she received it as if it had come to me, but you did not send up the ribbon, and I want it to put among my treasures.

Ted has just come in from his bunnies, and asks me if I will let him write a letter about them for my page. I had to tell him I was awfully sorry, but there was no room left now. He looked a bit disappointed, but he did not say he was. Though I know him, he has what people call a "tell-tale" face. So I just kissed him, and said if he would let me have his letter soon it should go in next month. Then he leaned over and whispered in my ear—Eggs! I wonder what he means? I said "but rabbits." "No, of course not, you goosey girlie," and then he went upstairs. What did he mean? There, I must leave off again, and have only said half of what I wanted to. With my best wishes to you all, your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

### Members of the Bluebells' Guild.

BATLEY CARR.

100 Nellie Kitson

SALFORD (Spiritual Church).

101 Alice Everard	108 Ada Tattersall	115 Emma Skidmore
102 Isabella Rowe	109 Louie Pearson	116 Florrie Ellis
103 Polly Harris	110 Annie Beesley	117 Jessie Charles
104 Nellie Barlow	111 Edith Barlow	118 Edith Everard
105 George O'Neill	112 Winnie Plant	119 Nellie Sharp
106 Lily Beesley	113 Elsie Pearson	120 Harold O'Nield
107 Ellen Ellis	114 Jas E. Beesley	121 Arthur H. Roeke

A. E. S., Cardiff.—Sorry not to be able to use the poem you send. It is too long, and the versification is very faulty.

A CORRECTION.—In the descriptive report of the Conference in last month's BANNER the name of Mr. J. M. Stuart-Young was inadvertently given as 'Mr. Ernest Young,' which we much regret. The little error has resulted in Mr. Young being numbered among our friendly helpers.

## Our Total Abstainers' Department.

EDITED BY ERNEST.

The Editor informs me that my contribution in last month's BANNER has caused him to receive several notices from his readers. Particularly from the Band of Hope at the Bury Lyceum. I need scarcely say I am glad to know this is the case. I thank the friends who have written, and hope to further justify their good opinion as time goes by.

A TRULY FEARFUL INSTANCE.

What are called "fearful examples" are too often overdone, and, while serving to impress the evil of intemperance, frequently shadow the advantage of sobriety by leaving only the disgusting effects of drink on the mind of the thoughtless. Truly the curse of drink is bad enough, and should never be slighted, but the blessing of a sober and abstaining life should always be the keynote when we strive to gain recruits for the model army of reformers serving under our banner. Yet, the following facts, printed in a Lancashire paper, may well claim attention for a moment. Says the writer, 'if there is one spot in Derbyshire where pioneer missionary work is required it is at Barber's Row, Barlborough, not a mile away from the Duke of Portland's domain,' and then he goes on to tell of a recent Inquest there, over a man who died suddenly, as well he might! He tried, while drunk, mark you, to drink a quart of neat whiskey! Think of it! A drunken man swallowing, or trying to do so, a quart of fiery, maddening soul destroying poison! Nature rebelled, no wonder! The man died, what else could be expected? It was self-murder, and the disgrace of it is that it was possible for him to so wickedly and wantonly do away with his life in a fit of, no doubt, drunken bravado! But worse is to come! The report I am quoting from says that the nephew was helplessly drunk up stairs, his brother was drunk in the street, and his sister was drunk in a neighbour's house! Which facts made the Coroner remark that it was the most drunken household he had ever met! How can we deal with the men of Barber's Row? They are colliers and ironworkers, their houses are 'grossly overcrowded' and in nearly every house there is an almost total lack of sanitary accommodation. What provision is made to attract these men to anything better? The 'pub' is, possibly, all there is; no reading room, though at present it would probably remain unused if there was one! But think of the ghastly fact mentioned above as occurring in the pleasant land of Dales and Vales! Who will go to carry the light of Temperance reform to such places? Surely the spirits of J. B. Gough, of Father Matthew, of the men of Preston, to mention no others, will not rest content until all such spots as Barber's Row are changed in character, and their degraded inhabitants lifted out of the mire of drunkenness and debauchery and placed on the firm ground of total abstinence, the most sound foundation of clean living on earth.

SAVE THE CHILDREN.

A Manchester friend and sympathiser sends me the following cutting from the *Manchester Guardian*, "and it shows that the trend of popular opinion is inclining towards

a most necessary enactment. No doubt in many cases of intemperance the evil dates from "fetching father's supper beer," while of tender years. Habits grow silently and unnoticed. Presently we find they master us, hold us in a relentless grip, and many have not the moral courage to rise and break the thralls that bind them. This is the contents of the cutting mentioned!

"The deep interest taken in the bill for prohibiting the sale of liquor to children is shown by the report of the Select Committee on Public Petitions. From this it appears that up to the 7th of this month 107 petitions have been presented to the House of Commons against the bill. These adverse petitions had 244,865 signatures. Two only of the petitions were signed officially or under seal. The petitions in favour of the bill number 4,442, and have 392,422 signatures. The number of official petitions from school boards, local authorities, churches, temperance societies, and other organisations is 1,784. A memorial to Mr. Balfour from Manchester has received 100,000 signatures."

Sign the petitions in favour of the Bill for Keeping Children out of the way of Temptation, for that is what it should be called. You will sleep easier at night for thinking you may have saved some poor child going down to the end of its life broken, disgraced, and passing on before the time at which its end should be.

"TO KILL THE INSECTS."

"Amongst many popular fallacies, none, perhaps, is more pernicious or more tenaciously held than that the addition of spirits to water 'kills the insects in it.' While some doubt is entertained as to the character of plain water, yet all risk of swallowing germs is supposed to be avoided by drinking the water plus an addition of whiskey or other spirit. In other words, the whiskey is assumed to sterilise the water and to make it germ-free. It does nothing of the kind." So says the *Lancel*, and to those who do not take their water neat the information ought to be of interest, says the *Westminster Gazette*, from which the above is taken. But let us 'kill the insects' of passion, profanity, laziness, poverty, crime and wickedness that poison the waters of life, let us purify those waters with education, recreation, spiritualisation, and last, and of equal importance with any of the foregoing, that powerful purifier total abstinence from all intoxicants. Spiritualists! awake! The enemy is insidious, his friends are many and strong. Wisely, lovingly, but unshrinkingly, let us promote the sobriety of our land, and make our cause march hand in hand with those whose motto might well be "Sobriety means Health, and Health means Wealth in mind, soul and body."

ERNEST.

HERBERT STAIR,—We hope to use your interesting contribution in our next issue. We are unexpectedly crowded his month.

The BANNER is indebted to Mr. Brian Hodgson for the Notes on Re-embodiment published this month. Miss Rudder, who took the Notes, has done her work well.

See next month's BANNER for full official announcements regarding the Interim Conference at Burnley. It will be a busy time, as much is calling for the attention of the Delegates.

## LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No. LXXXVIII.

By ALFRED KITSON.

THE Temperance question is one that should receive the support of all lovers of the children, and I am pleased to notice that a department for it has been formed in the LYCEUM BANNER, which I trust will receive the recognition and support it so richly deserves, and may we have a Band of Hope attached to every Lyceum.

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The thought occurs to me while writing, can we not do something towards checking the vices of smoking, gambling, and swearing, or using profane language? If this suggestion meets with the approval of the Editor of this new department I shall be pleased to supply him with a copy of a four-fold pledge.

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It will be seen by the Secretary's Report to the E.C. that several Lyceums are closing. I am very sorry this is so, as no doubt it means the children are drifting back to orthodoxy, where they will be taught that they are sinful creatures, and as such 'deserve eternal misery,' the only way of escape being by believing that Jesus died to take away their sins, and all the sins they themselves are guilty of. The angels say this is wrong; that each child is divine in its nature, and that as we sow so shall we reap. Thence we plead for the children to be saved from imbibing these misleading doctrines.

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The Spiritualists of New Shildon, Co. Durham, are contemplating opening a Lyceum. I shall be pleased to learn of a favourable decision. In the early days of the Lyceum movement Shildon and Hetton-le-Hole could boast a Lyceum.

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A revised list of District Councils, with the names and addresses of their Secretaries and District Visitors will be published in the August issue. All corrections for the same should be sent to me as early as possible to ensure insertion.

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Burnley friends are quite active preparing for the Interim Conference. All Delegates should secure their credentials as early as possible to prevent disappointment, and also inform Mr. T. E. Chadwick whether they will require accommodation for more than Saturday night. See announcement in this month's BANNER.

TO SECRETARIES.—Our secretaries will avoid delay, and save us trouble, by sending all corrections for the List to Mr. Kitson direct. Please see line to that effect at foot of the List page.

## Topics for Advanced Students.

### A STUDY IN RE-EMBODIMENT.

BEING notes of two lectures on the hypothesis of "Reincarnation," given to the Liberty Group of the Bloomsbury Birmingham Lyceum, by Miss H. Hustler and Mr. H. M. Chaplin, of the Birmingham Lodge of the Theosophical Society, on Saturdays, May 11th and 25th, the notes being taken

By MISS M. A. RUDDER.

LECTURE I.: MEANING OF TERM.—To incarnate over again—*i.e.*, to take on flesh over again. Each *soul* lives many times in many bodies, each new body corresponding to the mind he has gained.

PROOFS.—Reincarnation cannot be generally demonstrated, but it may be taken as a reasonable hypothesis, because :—

1. Many great people remembered former existences—*e.g.*, Buddha, Pythagoras, Confucius, and Lao-tse.
2. It explains evolution.
3. It explains the rise and fall of nations.

SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF MAN—PRINCIPLE, STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

- \*1. Physical body.
- \*2. Vitality—*i.e.*, Life or Energy.
- \*3. Etheric Body. Same form as physical ; dies shortly after physical body ; useful for transmitting thought.
- \*4. Desire body ; emotional nature.
- \*The four lower principles which we possess in common with the animals.
- †5. Manas, or mind body ; highest vesture of the soul. This is the body the soul uses in heaven.
- †6. Spiritual Soul, or Buddhi.
- †7. Universal life, or Atma.

†Higher Triad.

LECTURE II.—The Universal Life, or, as it is called in Sanskrit, Atma-Buddhi gradually evolves the various forms which make up our world by its own manifestations. It is the "mainspring of all evolution ; the impelling force at the root of all things."

By a very slow and gradual change the physical form of man was produced. In this physical form was stored up all the knowledge man had gained during his evolution through the animal kingdom, and it is, therefore, called man's animal nature. It contains all that man has in common with animals, *viz.*:—(1) Physical Body ; (2) Vitality ; (3) Etheric Double ; (4) Passional, desire body.

Now, man differs from animals in that he possesses not only this lower animal nature, but also a higher spiritual nature (Atma-Buddhi), which broods over the animal nature, ever seeking to draw it onwards and upwards ; to make it a fit temple for the God within.

Manas, the "Thinker," (Sanskrit, man, to think) is the connecting link between the higher and lower parts of our natures ; the individual soul ; the agent through whom the animal is to be made Divine ; who is to sublime matter into Spirit ; who is to lead the Life back to its true home.

This Manas is what reincarnates life after life in order to gain the experience which is to produce the Perfect Man, who is God. In it are stored the faculties known as reason, judgment, memory, will, etc.

Manas did not enter into the animal until the perfect human form had been evolved. Then, when the vehicles were ready, the Sons of Mind, who had been travelling along a line of intellectual development, came down from other planets, and incarnated in men that they might further their own development.

The Ego, the true "I" in each of us, is one of these Sons of Mind. He has a sublime task before Him, and He has many lessons to learn before He can fulfil it. He, therefore, comes to school, as it were, on this earth of ours, putting on, life after life, the body of flesh which is to aid him in gaining experience here.

The four lower Principles do not incarnate ; when death comes they gradually disperse. The physical body is first thrown off, while the passional and nature, called Kama, remains with the Ego sometimes a very long time after death. When that has lived out its life on the astral plane *that* also dies, and the Manas or mind body is ready to pass on to the angelic state called Devachan. The physical vitality and the etheric double do not exist long after death. In fact, the physical vitality withdraws into the atoms of corruption, which, no longer held together by the individual, disintegrate, and each returns to the elements.

M.A.R

### LYCEUM RECITATION

#### THE BIRTH OF THE FLOWERS.

Written Impromptu for a Child.

Wallflower, lilac, violet,  
Pansy, mimosa, mignonette,  
Coronella, tulip, broom,  
Thyme and roses sweetly bloom.  
O'er the old wall in the sun,  
Tiny lizards bask and run,  
For this is sure the fairest time,  
In the fairest land and fairest clime.  
"How were the flowers born?" you say,  
In the brightest garden on brightest day ;  
When the world was young, one sunny morn  
Fresh and sweet was the violet born ;  
Then the flowers of the jessamine  
Blossomed like stars through the mist-white shine.  
The snow-drop came with the hope of spring,  
Pure as a plume from an Angel's wing.  
The crocus was born,—ruddy gold, and white,  
Then came hepatica and aconite ;  
When the early wind had milder grown  
The sward with daisies was thickly strown ;  
Buttercups came ; near the hedges grew  
Yellow primroses of sunniest hue.  
Closely followed the anemones,  
Then palm-flowers gleamed amid the trees.  
Above the grass so fresh and green  
Stately daffodils now were seen.  
And on the sweetest day in all the year  
A Lily was born—'twas you, my dear.

JOHN M. STUART-YOUNG.

To Lilly, June 1901.

# OUR LEADERS'

## DEPARTMENT.

### Special Lyceum Lessons.

NOTE.—The following excellent idea for helping our Leaders in giving Lyceum Lessons will be continued each month until Mr. Tinker has completed the entire series.—EDITORS.

#### AN ALPHABET OF SPIRITUALISM FOR LYCEUM SCHOLARS,

By J. TINKER.

(Continued from last month.)

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#### CLAIRVOYANCE, CANDOUR, CHARACTER.

**Clairvoyance.**—From Clair-voyant, clear-seeing. "Clairvoyance, or clear-seeing, is a faculty by which some mediums see the forms of deceased persons unknown to them, and describe their peculiarities so minutely that their friends at once recognise them. Other mediums read sealed letters and give appropriate answers, or distant places or people are seen and accurately described." (Manual 141). "Whence cometh the soul; whither goeth? Clairvoyance has given us a clear response. It has led into the mysterious vale of spirit. . . . Sublime beauties unfold to our enraptured vision here on the threshold of the unseen world. . . . The mind rises entirely above the corporeal senses, sees objects at the remotest distance, hears and feels independent of the body, and of all physical organisms." (Philos. of Spirit. pp. 2, 3, and 125).

**Candour.**—Latin, *Candeo*, to be white; openness, sincerity. Men seeking office in ancient Rome wore white togas, and were thus "candidatus." Candour is the "whiteness" of truth. To call insulting rudeness of speech "candour" is an error, for, though what is said may be true, the insult stains it, and blots the "whiteness" with dirty scorn or malice. The word "candle" is also from "candeo," so that the whiteness shines as a light. Be ye candles of God. Speak truth in every word and shine it in every act, according to the Laws of Right." (Manual, 110.)

**Character.**—Latin and Greek; a sign or engraved mark. "Your habits are the signs by which men read you." Habits make marks—graven deep—that can be and are read, whether you wish it or not, here and hereafter." (J.T.). "The men who carry their points do not need to inquire of their constituents what they should say, but are themselves the country which they represent." "Character is moral order seen through the medium of an individual nature. . . . Men of character are the conscience of the society to which they belong." "Character is nature in the highest form." Emerson. (Manual 30.) Outlines of Spiritualism, 102 to 108.

For illustrations, use accounts of clairvoyance, pictures of innocent children and honest adults, portraits of statesmen, warriors and martyrs, with anecdotes, especially of present-day instances. I make a point of proving that the heroism

and nobility of life are with us to-day; not all buried in the ruins on the Plain of Shinar, or Thebes, or in any ancient rag-shop of humanity.

#### CHARITY, CHASTITY, COURAGE.

**Charity.**—French, *Charite*; Latin, *Caritas*, dearness, love. "The Greek word *agape*, translated 'Charity' in the A.V., in 1 Cor., 13ch., is translated 'love' in the Revised Version." "For charity itself fulfils the law, and who can sever love from charity?" (Shakspeare). See also 1 John, 4, 7, and 8v.; Manual 118. Outlines of Sp., 146 and 152.

**Chastity.**—Latin, *Castitas*, purity; purity in thought, speech, and conduct. "We need not impress the necessity of living pure and elevated lives in order to attract the purest angels of the spirit land. We love the spotless soul and the undefiled in heart." (Tuttle's "Philosophy of Spirit," page 66). "My sister's honour is dearer than my own; my own honour is dearer than my life." (J.T.). "Then, Isabel, live chaste, and, brother, die; more than our brother is our chastity." (Measure for Measure.) See Matthew 5, v. 8; Romans 12, 1 and 2 v.) Man 101, 120. Outlines of Sp., 146 and 153.

So dear to Heaven is saintly chastity,  
That when a soul is found sincerely so  
A thousand liveried angels lackey her;  
Driving far off each thing of sin and guilt,  
And in clear dream and solemn vision  
Tell her of things that no gross ear can hear,  
Till oft converse with heavenly habitants  
Begin to cast a beam on the outward shape—  
The unpolluted temple of the mind—  
And turns it by degrees to the soul's essence,  
Till all be made immortal.  
But when lust—by unchaste looks, loose gestures, and  
foul talk,  
But most by lewd and lavish act of sin—  
Lets in defilement to the inward parts,  
The soul grows clotted by contagion,  
Imbodies and imbrutes,  
Till she quite lose the divine property of her first being  
—Milton's "Comus."

#### ERRATA IN JUNE ISSUE.

**Aspiration.**—Lat., *Aspiratio*, to breathe to (*not* break to).  
**Ability.**—There is a plentiful supply of fledglings and flutterers (*not* flatterers).  
**Art.**—Skill in joining (*not* joinery).  
**Bravery.**—From the idea of breaking forth (*not* folk).

#### BLACKBURN!

June 29th, 1901.

A most memorable day.

The procession was big, the enthusiasm immense.

The Blackburn Spiritualists nobly contributed to the building fund.

The absence of Mr. Alfred Smedley was a great disappointment, and that it was through illness evoked much sympathy.

It led to the Lyceum stone being laid by the BANNER man, and a copy of THE LYCEUM BANNER was placed in the cavity under the stone.

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**THE LYCEUM BANNER**

JULY, 1901.

**OUR MONTHLY CHAT.**

**The Blackburn Lyceumists.** The Lyceumists of the Blackburn Spiritualist Society have done nobly towards the new Temple that is now in process of construction in the above town. To raise £50, with the promise of more to come, is, indeed, a substantial evidence of devotion, that deserves more than a passing recognition. The members of the Lyceum made a splendid showing in numbers and appearance in the procession which preceded the stone laying, and their bright eyes and smiling faces made a beautiful contrast to the sterner looks of their elders. The excellent report which Mr. James Hargreaves supplies us with, gives all the particulars of the memorable events associated with the laying of the three foundation stones, and in due time the Blackburn Society's Lyceum will have one of the finest and best halls for their use. Owing to the departure to the Higher Life of some of the earlier workers in the town, the Editor of the BANNER was about the only one present who had a personal knowledge of what was done in the days before the cause was established in Blackburn, over thirty years ago

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**That Mallet.** The laying of the Lyceum Stone fell to the lot of the Editor of the BANNER, as illness prevented Mr. Alfred Smedley from being present. The usual silver trowel was presented to our dear friend, through the hands of Mr. Morse, and the Lyceumists, to testify their appreciation of the latter gentleman's services, decided to present him with a handsome rosewood mallet, to which a solid silver plate is attached, bearing a suitable inscription.

**The Present Number.**

The present number of the BANNER contains more matter than any previous issue sold at the usual price. The illustration of the new Temple on the front page is presented to our readers through the courtesy of the *Blackburn Weekly Telegraph*, the report has already been referred to. The various contributions—Flora Belle, Ernest, Aunt Editha, the several lessons, Mr. J. M. Stuart-Young's pretty poem, and the many other items, will fully sustain the reputation of the paper to its regular readers, and also commend it to new readers, of whom we have lately had a considerable increase.

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**Boys, Look Out!**

Just a whisper in the ears of our boy readers—big ones and little ones, too. We have received the manuscript of a capital story for you! It is written by a literary friend of our work, who knows just what boys like! The story will probably commence in our September number, and next month you shall learn what the title is to be!

**OFFICIAL NOTICES.****British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.****INTERIM CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.**

The INTERIM CONFERENCE will be held at **The Spiritual Church, North Street, Burnley,** On SATURDAY and SUNDAY, Aug. 17th and 18th, Commencing on the Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m.

PRESIDENT: MR. ALBERT WILKINSON, NELSON.

Tea, with meat, on the Saturday, at the Reform Club, at 4-30 p.m., 9d. each; Dinner, at the same place, on Sunday, 9d., with extras 1s.; Tea 9d.

**A MASS MEETING.**

The Sunday evening Mass Meeting will be held in the Hammerton Street Hall (off Manchester Road) at the usual time.

Delegates who arrive at the Manchester Road Station, and are unacquainted with the town, should go by tram to Duke Bar (1d. stage), which is about three minutes' walk from North Street.

All Lyceum secretaries should send in to me the names of their delegates to obtain credentials for the same.

All those who require accommodation for the Saturday or Sunday night should write Mr. Thomas E. Chadwick, 104, Cleaver Street, Burnley, enclosing addressed and stamped envelope or post-card for reply. *Any applications made after July 31st cannot be guaranteed accommodation.*

ALFRED KITSON, Secy., B.S.L.U.

Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton,  
Near Dewsbury.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### THE E.C. AT HUDDERSFIELD.

The E.C. of the above Union paid a visit to the Brook St. Lyceum, Huddersfield, on June 15 and 16. The Saturday evening was devoted to the business connected with the Union. Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Mr. A. Smedley, Mr. S. S. Chiswell and Mr. J. Clarke.

The Secretary, on behalf of the E.C., extended a hearty welcome to the new President, Mr. Albert Wilkinson, Nelson, and congratulated him on his election to the highest office the Union could confer; and also the distinguished honour of being the first President elected in the new century. The Secretary was sure all the members of the E.C. would accord him all the help in their power to discharge the duties devolving on him during his term of office. He then referred to the singular record of donations made by generous friends since the dawn of the twentieth century, which he looked upon as a good augury for its prosperity and increased usefulness in the future. He hoped that during the President's term of office the Lyceum work would be greatly extended, and their ranks consolidated and rendered more efficient for active service to bless the children, both in this and other lands. The President thanked the E.C. for their good wishes and kind sentiments expressed, and assured it that he would do all he could to realise the same.

The Secretary's quarterly report gave a summary of matters affecting the cause, the following being the chief items: The Interim conference was arranged to be held at North Street Spiritual Hall, Burnley, on August 17th and 18th, to commence at 6 p.m. first day, and 10 a.m. the second.

The negotiations with Mr. H. A. Kersey, re the transfer of the *Lyceum Manual* and *Spiritual Songster* were still proceeding. Charters of membership have been issued to two Lyceums.

The Lyceums at Bradford and Harpurhey, Manchester, were closed. Those meeting at Patricroft and Milton Place, Pendleton, were nearly closed. While he learned with regret that the Central Hall, Bradford (Yorkshire), was about to close, as this would cause their Lyceum to close.

Two over-due accounts were dealt with, and the Secretary was instructed to supply for *cash only* in future. The Secretary reported a donation of 7,000 copies of *Sage Churchianity*, by Mr. A. Smedley, for free distribution. He had sent a packet of them to each Lyceum.

He had also received 2,000 copies of short poems, on folding cards, composed and donated to the Union, by Mrs. Kate Taylor Robinson, to be sold for propaganda work at 1d. each.

Attention was again drawn to the many complaints about the non-delivery of the morocco bound copies of the *Lyceum Manual*. The Secretary was again instructed to draw the printer's attention to the matter.

THE SALES were reported as follows:—The *Lyceum Manual*, No. 1 binding, 670 copies; No. 3 binding, 129 copies; No. 5 binding 25 copies; and No. 6 binding 49. Total 873 copies. *Outlines of Spiritualism*, (cloth), 76 copies; (gilt), 14. Total 90. *Physical Exercises* (paper),

303, (cloth) 41. Total 344 copies. *Jubilee Medals* 16, medal cases 3. *Is the Bible opposed to Spiritualism?* 24 copies. And *Reminiscences* 355 copies. Receipts for goods £68 8s. 11d.

### SUNDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The open session was well attended and orderly throughout. All were bright and cheerful, and harmony prevailed. The recitations were well emphasised. The marching was sprightly and exhilarating. The calisthenics need attention. The old series, with portions omitted, are far from being up-to-date, besides being a puzzle to visitors. The members of the E.C. had a hearty greeting as they were invited, along with Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, to address the Lyceum, by Mr. J. Briggs, the genial Conductor.

The afternoon attendance was more select than numerous. The addresses were brief, bright and to the point. A large gathering in the evening lent new inspiration to the service. The speakers were glad to have the assistance of Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, whose control struck a happy vein of thought touching the occult side of life, and the psychological influence of parents on their children. The President delivered a rousing speech, followed by Mr. Venables who related how he had been led to a knowledge of Spiritualism by the death of his child. In vain they appealed to their minister for comfort in their bereavement. They searched into Spiritualism, and through its phenomena they got tidings of their child; and ultimately were able to converse with it.

The President thanked the Lyceum and Society for their kind reception, the lady organist for her services throughout the day, and Miss Lizzie Entwistle for the splendid vocal solos she had entertained them with.

ALFRED KITSON, Secretary.

### In Memoriam.

EDITH EMMA ALLSUP, EVERY STREET LYCEUM, NELSON.

June 18th, 1901.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the passing away of one of our Lyceum scholars, after ten weeks' illness, Edith Emma, the eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late William Thomas Allsup, at the age of 15 years. Her mortal remains were interred in the churchyard of St. John's Great Marsden. The funeral service was rendered by our ex-conductor, Mr. E. Hoskyn, in a most impressive manner. The Lyceumists, with some members of the society, sixty-two in all, walked in procession, headed by the ex-conductor, to the grave. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing mother, who feels the loss of her daughter keenly.—HARRY LISTER.

The Blackburn friends are well advised to use the term Temple. It is far more in consonance with our beautiful gospel than the hackneyed word 'church,' which word is associated with so much that we repudiate.

The new Temple will, it is hoped, be finished and opened for use about Christmas time. The Architects, Messrs. Stones and Stones, though they are not Spiritualists, are the sons of the late Mr. J. B. Stones, one of the earliest Spiritualists of the town.

# 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.

## LETTER No. CVIII.

Really it does not seem possible that my last letter to my faithful Groupites appeared in the April number of the BANNER, and that I have not written anything since. But so it is. Please don't scold me for it, for our Editor asked me not to write for the May issue, as the conference announcements took so much room, and last month Auntie was so far from being well that writing was impossible. Auntie has not been so well in health as usual this year, and, dears, she does not get any younger, so far as bodily life is concerned. Still, she has much to be thankful for, and hopes to remain in the body for quite a few years yet.

Master Johnny has made a chum. The other day he sent the following letter to Flora Belle's brother:—

DEAR MASTER EDWARD,—I have just read about your Rabbits in BANNER, and I should like to see them and the house you have built. May I come and look at them? I should like to see you and make your acquaintance. Auntie says she would too, so, hoping to hear from you, I am, Yours Truly, JOHNNY. This was sent to the Editor to forward on, as Johnny had not the least idea where Edward lived; judge then of his and my astonishment when we received an answer with an address in our own town, and not five minutes walk from the house. This is the reply:—

MY DEAR JOHNNY,—Come of course. Father, Mother, and Flora, will all be delighted to see you anytime, and Aunt Editha, too. Fancy we live so close together! Isn't it funny? Oh! I say don't call me 'Master Edward' when you write, just say plain Ted. Hoping to see you soon, I am yours etc.,  
TED.

Johnny says it's like a tale to think that the two families live so near one another and did not know it. I expect he will soon be telling the GROUP about his visit to Teddy, and what they did. Evidently they liked each other at first sight, and became fast friends at once.

I have had three letters waiting to be attended to, and am very sorry that they have waited so long. Let me see, this is the first; yes, it is from

## FLORRIE RICHARDS, HOLLINWOOD.

DEAR AUNT EDITHA,—I sit down to write these few lines to let you know how very pleased I was to receive one of the GOLDEN GROUP Membership Cards. I think they are very nice cards. And I am sure Aunt Editha you will be pleased to know that I am a Lyceumist and a member of the GROUP, will try both now and forever to obey the rules. My Dear Mother has been a Spiritualist a good many years, and I have never gone to any other Sunday School but the Hollinwood Lyceum. I have two sisters who attend the Lyceum, one of them is an officer, and they say they wish you every success in the cause you have so much at heart. I remain your Loving Niece,

FLORRIE RICHARDS.

Write me soon again, Florrie, dear. Try and send me some more names for the Big Book.

The next letter came from a good Nottingham friend of the children and an earnest Lyceum worker, and I am sure you would all like to read it. I will place it here:—

## A LETTER FROM MR. THOS. STUBBS, NOTTINGHAM.

DEAR AUNT EDITHA,—Six years ago my little daughter had the misfortune to be severely burnt; so much, indeed, that we quite expected she would die. However, she got well again, and doesn't appear to be any the worse for her accident, except the scars, of course.

During the forty weeks that she was in bed many kind Spiritualists brought her presents, and one of them was a pretty canary bird. This little creature whistled beautifully, and became a real pet with us all. You know what that means, Auntie, and I think most children do also.

On Sunday, May 5th, I delivered one of a course of lectures on "Natural History" to our Lyceum children, and among my general remarks I said: "Most useful are the uses of insects. A plant grows too luxuriantly and increases too rapidly; the caterpillars, after a while become too destructive, and the ichneumons kill them by myriads. The vegetarian insects, which lead a luxurious and quiet life, tend to increase greatly in number, and yet the carnivorous kinds are ever at hand to keep this prolific race within bounds. Century after century this curious equilibrium, or balance, of nature is maintained.

On Monday morning early I was startled by the cries of our servant: "Oh, Mr. S., the cat's got the bird! the cat's got the bird!" I rushed upstairs, and sure enough our poor little bird was securely held by the cat, who looked very well pleased about it, which rather increased my indignation.

When my daughter came down her grief was very great, but she has got over it, and dickey has had a respectable funeral.

I little thought how quickly my remarks of the preceding day would be brought home to us in such a painful manner, but you see it is another instance of life for life, and it was consistent with pussy's nature. We have to try to forget, and, at any rate, we must forgive.—Yours truly,

THOMAS STUBBS.

Is not that an interesting and pathetic little story, and the beauty of it is that it is quite true.

The third letter was from Mary Ann Hurst, of the Lyceum at Bacup, and Mary sends me eleven new names to enter in the Book. Thank you ever so much, Mary. The Certificates will reach you with the BANNER as usual, and I hope you and the rest will send me a little letter from time to time.

Now, my dears, as I am not quite well yet, I must really leave off now. So with my best of good wishes to you all, I remain ever yours lovingly,

AUNT EDITHA.

## LIST OF MEMBERS FOR JULY.

### BACUP.

1461 Mary Ann Hurst	1467 Annie Kershaw
1462 Eleanor Crowther	1468 Elizabeth Richards
1463 Mary Jane Hartley	1469 Amy Lord
1464 Elizabeth Alice Friend	1470 Watson Ridehalgh.
1465 Jenny Hurst	1471 Wilson Ridehalgh
1466 Margaret A Ridehalgh	

THE  
LIBERTY GROUP

*Our Calendar of Saints.*

CONCLUDED FROM LAST MONTH.  
SAINTS OF ART.

**Phidias.**—488-329 B.C. Greatest of antique sculptors, who has never been excelled in expressing the ideal majesty of the human form.

**Titian.**—1480-1576. Chief of Venetian school.

**Raphael.**—1483-1520. Prince of painters. His works represent a purity and refinement of feeling and power unattained before, and unequalled since.

SAINTS OF MUSIC.

**Beethoven.**—1770-1828. Greatest of musicians. In music he expressed all the emotions of the human soul.

**Handel.**—1685-1759. Composer of the grandest Oratorio, "The Messiah." Handel was buried in Westminster Abbey.

**Mozart.**—1756-1791.—Gave artistic form to opera, composed at five, died at thirty-six, leaving over 800 works.

SAINTS OF SCIENCE.

**Archimedes.**—287-212 B.C. Founder of physics; great inventor, mathematician and engineer.

**Newton.**—1642-1727. Born at Woolsthorpe, died at Kensington. Newton discovered the law of gravitation.

The speaker here addressed the Lyceumists at some length, explaining what is meant by the law of gravitation.

**Darwen.**—The founder of the Darwinian theory of evolution—viz., that man sprang from the lower animals.

**Wallace.**—Professor Alfred Russell Wallace, great naturalist; past president of the British Association. Professor Wallace is an avowed Spiritualist.

SAINTS OF MECHANICAL INVENTIONS.

**Watt.**—James Watt, 1781-1848. Inventor of the steam engine that revolutionised the industrial world.

**Stephenson.**—1781-1848. Inventor of railway locomotive and the modern railway. In 1814 he constructed the first locomotive, travelling at the rate of six miles per hour, and in 1825 the Stockton and Darlington railway was opened for passengers.

**Arkwright.**—1732-1792. Inventor of the spinning frame and the manufacture of cotton by machinery.

**Edison.**—Thomas Alva Edison, born Ohio, 1847; started life as a newsboy on the railway, then a telegraph operator, and then became an inventor. His inventions number over 300, including the telephone, phonograph, and others.

WOMEN SAINTS AND MARTYRS.

**Joan of Arc.**—Burnt to death as a witch because of her clairvoyant visions.

**Florence Nightingale.**—Whose magnificent work on the battlefields has won a world-wide reputation.

**Grace Darling.**—For her bravery in going out to rescue shipwrecked crews on the ocean.

LEEDS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATISTICAL RETURNS, YEAR ENDING MAY, 1901.

FIRST QUARTER.

No.	Names of Lyceumists.	On Register.			On Register.		
		Officers.	Members.	Total.	Officers.	Members.	Total
1	Armley	7	61	68	5	26	31
2	Batley Carr	8	30	38	6	25	31
3	Dewsbury	11	64	75	6	24	30
4	Heckmondwike	4	34	38	3	13	16
5	Leeds, Psycho	11	67	78	8	43	51
6	Morley	6	25	31	4	14	18
7	Wakefield						
8	Rothwell						
Totals.....		47	281	328	32	145	177

SECOND QUARTER.

1	Armley	13	63	76	9	34	43
2	Batley Carr	8	24	32	5	19	24
3	Dewsbury	12	51	63	8	33	41
4	Heckmondwike	4	27	31	3	20	23
5	Leeds, Psycho						
6	Morley	6	21	27	4	13	17
7	Wakefield	9	34	43	6	18	24
8	Rothwell	4	35	37	2	21	23
Totals.....		56	253	309	37	158	195

THIRD QUARTER.

1	Armley	14	56	70	10	41	51
2	Batley Carr	6	24	30	5	22	27
3	Dewsbury	10	57	67	8	32	40
4	Heckmondwike	4	30	34	3	6	9
5	Leeds, Psycho	10	62	72	5	33	38
6	Morley	5	21	26	3	13	16
7	Wakefield	8	36	44	6	30	36
8	Rothwell	4	40	44	2	15	17
Totals.....		61	326	387	42	192	234

FOURTH QUARTER.

1	Armley						
2	Batley Carr						
3	Dewsbury	12	41	53	8	30	38
4	Heckmondwike	5	37	42	4	25	29
5	Leeds, Psycho	10	52	62	7	40	47
6	Morley						
7	Wakefield	8	36	44	7	30	37
8	Rothwell	4	38	42	1	31	42
Totals.....		39	204	243	27	156	183

ESAU ROBINSON, Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31st., 1901.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year	...	...	0 16 11
.. Council Meeting Teas	...	...	1 18 9
.. Fines	...	...	0 3 6
.. Contributions	...	...	0 2 6
			<u>£3 0 11</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To District Visitor's Expenses	...	...	0 15 8
.. Three Deputations	...	...	0 9 2
.. Postages	...	...	0 6 11
.. Visiting Plans	...	...	0 2 7
.. Officers attending meetings	...	...	0 1 9
.. Fines in Arrears	...	...	0 0 6
By Balance in hands of Treasurer and Secretary	...	...	1 4 3
			<u>£3 0 11</u>

ESAU ROBINSON, Secretary.

## What Our Lyceums Are Doing.

### 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*

### Accrington—China Street.

Sunday, June 9th, was devoted to the assistance of the James Swindlehurst Memorial Fund. A Service of Song entitled, "The life of a noble worker—a sketch of the life of James Swindlehurst," was presented at the afternoon and evening meetings. The reading portion was arranged by Mr. W. Fish, and our Conductor, Mr. J. Holmes, was responsible for the musical sections. The Lyceum Choir, ably assisted by the lyceumists, excelled themselves, and a string band rendered creditable service. A solo by Miss Tomlinson, "When dearest friends from each must part," was very nicely sung. The connecting readings in the sketch were given by Mr. Z. Newall, of Burnley. Mr. Fish presided at each meeting. Our efforts realised £3 for the Fund.—W. FISH.

### Bootle.

Mr. Bibbings being absent, by special request, to conduct Belper Anniversary Services, on Sunday evening the 23rd of June, our Lyceum held an open session in place of the Parent Society's ordinary service. Mr. J. J. Parr was conductor. There was a numerous attendance; our programme took the following order:—Opening hymn, invocation by Miss E. F. Norton, silver chain recitation No. 9, solo Miss E. F. Norton, musical reading No. 242, readers Miss J. Fry, Master J. Evans and Miss C. Hollinrake. Golden chain recitation, solo, Miss M. Clarke; short addresses by Messrs. Parr and Norton; closing hymn and benediction. The members of the Lyceum were most orderly and attentive, rendering the singing and reading harmoniously and in complete unison. We are holding our annual pic-nic, Wednesday 10th July, going to Rufford, a distance of 16 miles; the "John Laymont" Lyceum, conducted by Mr. S. S. Chiswell, is joining with us and we hope to spend a very enjoyable day.—E. F. NORTON.

### Castleford.

Spiritualists' Lyceum.—As announced in our columns last week, says the Pontefract and Castleford *Express*, of the 8th ulto., the Spiritualists worshipping at Britten Hall, Jessop Street, formally opened a Lyceum in connection with their movement on Sunday. Miss Thornes and Mr. A. Kitson, of Dewsbury (who take a lively interest in Lyceum work) presided over and conducted the function. Lyceums occupy the same position with regard to the Spiritualistic movement as do the Sunday Schools to other

places of worship, as a training institution, from which in due course the scholars are drafted to the adult church. We have had an opportunity of perusing their "Manual," and certainly the rules of moral action therein laid down cannot fail to so impress the juvenile mind, as will tend to make the scholars in after life better men and women. No well-wisher of his fellows can take exception to the moral lessons taught in the "Manual." Last Sunday's proceedings were greatly aided by a strong and willing contingent of Lyceumists from Normanton. The Lyceum "Curriculum" embraces not only the inculcation of the physical frame, to which end a series of pretty and well-devised marches were gone through. These afforded much pleasure to the onlookers, and spoke highly of the artistic skill of their designer. Then there were calisthenics, which served to bring into action nearly every muscle in the body. Recitations and singing were interspersed, and a handsome collection was the result.

### Heaton and Byker.

The above-named Lyceum held its first Anniversary on Sunday, June 9th, in the Assembly Rooms, Byker Bridge End, when a thoroughly enjoyable programme was provided by the various members of the Lyceum. Recitations, solos, duets, and pianoforte selections, were admirably rendered. Between the services a tea was provided, which the Lyceum members partook of gratis. A pleasing feature of the evening was the beautiful decorations, which included a number of silk banners, handsomely painted by our good friend Mrs. H. A. Kersey; likewise the white silk banner for Guardian of Groups, worked in gold, by Miss F. A. Westgarth, and the floral decorations kindly sent by members of the society. Great credit is due to the untiring efforts of Messrs. Edmund Riccalton (treasurer), who has been acting as conductor for the past twelve months; Geo. W. Dobeson, the secretary, and all our leaders for the progress that has been made since the birth of the Lyceum twelve months ago. The musical portion of the programme was rendered under the able guidance of Messrs. Hetherington and Chapman.—F. V. PINKNEY.

### Heywood.

I am pleased to send my first report for the Bury Lyceum. We joined in the Whitsuntide festivities on Whit-Tuesday, when 250 Lyceumists and members of the Society took part in the procession. We were headed by the Walkden Prize Band, and our banner, which was inscribed "Excelsior" on one side, and "There is no death" on the other. We paraded the principal streets of the town, and to see the children dressed in their neat white dresses, and their faces beaming with happiness, was a sight not to be forgotten. It was indeed worthy a remark that was made by several of the bystanders, that the Spiritualists looked as well as any other school. We proceeded to the Fairground, where marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. H. Jackson; then to the school, where refreshments were served, consisting of buns, pies, and coffee. In the afternoon we went to a field in Wellington Road, where games of various kinds were indulged in. Refreshments were served at teatime, and soon after the party dispersed, after having spent a most enjoyable day. On Sunday, June 23rd, we held our half-yearly open session. The conductor was Mr. J. R. Charnley; leader of calisthenics, Mr. H. Jackson; musical director, Miss M. E. Clough; clair-

voyance was given by Miss H. Chadwick and Mr. H. Fowler. During the day a splendid programme was gone through, consisting of silver and golden chain recitations, musical readings, marching and calisthenics, solos, recitations, and short addresses, which were ably given by the members of the Lyceum. In the afternoon Miss Chadwick, one of our Lyceumists, performed the ceremony of naming a baby, and it was the more interesting because it was the first that had been named in our Lyceum. We had good audiences, who took great interest in the work done. A most successful day was spent.—THOS. CARTER, Secretary.

### Northampton.

On Sunday, June 16th we held a Flower Service, our speaker being Mr. T. Timson, of Leicester. Our friend named four children, and distributed prizes for the floral decorations. The Lyceum sang appropriate hymns under the able conductorship of Mr. Coles. On June 30th, Mrs. Roseblade was our speaker. Our attendance is well maintained and we are progressing very satisfactorily.—F.S.

### Nottingham—Cobden Hall.

On Sunday, June 23rd, we held our Anniversary Services, holding three sessions. In the morning the children rendered a Service of Song entitled "Mollie's Roses," the connecting readings being given by Mr. Fraser Hewes. Solos were rendered by Miss Barwick and Miss Clarke, and the Misses Coppack and Dexter contributed a duet, Mr. Fryer officiating at the organ. In the afternoon Mr. Thomas Stubbs, the conductor, gave a lecture upon Pneumatics, with numerous illustrations, for which he received afterwards the hearty congratulations of many friends. Miss Clarke again sang, and Miss J. Jeans presented a solo. In the evening the Service of Song was repeated, when Mr. Jonah Clarke gave the connecting readings in the place of Mr. Hewes who was unexpectedly called away to London on important business. One pleasing feature in connection with the anniversary was the presence of the Gladstone Hall Lyceum Leaders and children with us, a compliment which we hope to repay on July 7th, when they hold their anniversary. The foregoing reports gives the correct names, etc., of our very enjoyable anniversary services.—S.

### Oldham—Bartlam Place.

At the close of our morning session on Sunday, June 30th, we elected our officers for the new term:—Miss Entwistle, conductor; Miss Monks and Messrs. Shaw and Spencer, assistant conductors; three guardians and eight guards, and several teachers. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers for their services during the past year. A very enjoyable morning, 84 present. The subscriber was elected secretary.—HIRAM MONKS.

### Rishton.

Spiritualists and their children.—The Anniversary Services in connection with the Rishton Spiritualists' Lyceum took place on Sunday, when Mr. A. Kitson, of Dewsbury, secretary of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, was the speaker throughout the day. A Lyceum Session was held in the morning, and after the children had gone through their calisthenics and marching, Mr. Kitson gave a short address, which was mingled with words

of encouragement. In the afternoon, remarks the Rishton *Times*, Mr. Kitson based his remarks upon "the advantages of Lyceum work." The modes of working and the lessons taught in the Spiritualists' Lyceum, remarked the speaker, were quite different to the teachings of the orthodox Sunday-Schools, because, on the Christian side, was the word "Faith," and boldly standing out on the Spiritualists' side was "Fact." In the Lyceum the children were taught that it was possible for a man to travel about in spirit, whilst the body is asleep. Again they were taught that every little babe born into the world was spiritually divine, and that it was divinity within which the true Spiritualists were trying to unfold. The doctrine of personal responsibility and "as a child sows so shall it reap," was the most important teachings that they instilled into children's minds. . . . In concluding a most earnest address, Mr. Kitson incidentally remarked that to-day, after only nineteen years' existence, the number of names enrolled on the books of the Lyceums in England was over 7,000, and the movement was still growing. He urged upon all parents to help and support the Lyceum movement, and if they did this they could rest assured that the angel world would assist them. Mr. Barker Holden (Whitebirk), presided, and said that the Spiritualists' movement generally was much indebted to Mr. Kitson for his unceasing labours in propagating the children's cause, and the least they could do was to help him all they could in the grand work.—In the evening, Mr. Kitson discoursed upon "The attainment of truth." Large audiences assembled throughout the day. Mr. Whittaker, of Acerrington, gave clairvoyance after each service.

## PROPAGANDA MEETINGS.

### The Union E.C. at Huddersfield.

On Sunday, June 16th, the Executive of the B.S.L.U. visited Brook Street Lyceum, Huddersfield. The following gentlemen were present at the open session in the morning:—Mr. A. Wilkinson, president; Mr. A. Kitson, secretary; Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe, treasurer; and Mr. John Venables. The absence of Mr. Morse, who departed early on Sunday morning to fulfil an engagement at Bootle, and of Messrs. Smedley, Chiswell, and Clark, was much regretted. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, of Hebden Bridge, were also present as visitors. The following Lyceumists took part in the proceedings:—Recitations, Miss P. Rastall, Miss E. Rastall; Readings, Miss Jessop, Mr. H. Westerby; and a piano solo by Miss Smith.

The marching and calisthenics were gone through, after which the four gentlemen and Mrs. Jessy Greenwood addressed the Lyceumists, and urged them to continue in the good work they were engaged in. A most enjoyable session was spent.

In the afternoon and evening the same gentlemen conducted the services, and gave bright and inspiring addresses, advocating the cause of the children. The solos, "A Dream of Paradise" and "Abide With Me," were tastefully rendered by Miss Entwistle, in the afternoon and evening respectively.

The President, Mr. Albert Wilkinson, made reference to Mr. Jos. Briggs, our conductor, who has done yeoman service in bringing our Lyceum up to its present standard of efficiency. He paid a high tribute to his valuable services. Thanks were accorded to all who had assisted in any way towards the success of the meetings, and to Miss Smith, our organist. The attendance was good, and we hope that it will not be long before the Executive of the B.S.L.U. again visit Huddersfield.—HARRY L. WESTERBY.

## The "Lyceum Banner" Letter-Box,

### "What is the position of a Lyceum?"

*To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.*

DEAR SIR—Your note on the above head in last month's BANNER calls for comment on the part of the advocates of the establishment of the true Lyceum. The purport of the note tends to utterly obscure and pervert the issue; and since I found by private conversation with delegates at the Conference, a great deal of misunderstanding as to the intent of the Bloomsbury motion, I submit to your readers the following more detailed explanation. You say, "The BANNER is of opinion that to destroy the Spiritualistic character of our Lyceum would be a fatal blunder." With this I heartily concur. The object of the Bloomsbury motion is to impress more deeply the Spiritualistic character upon the Lyceum." But what is the Spiritualistic character? Is not Spiritualism fundamentally a protest against sectarian creeds and "chosen peoples?" Does it not throw the gateways of "Spirit" open to all, and most particularly to those who are under the superstitious thralldom of fossilised ideas? I have listened with approval to expositions to this effect from a Chinese philosopher of the name of Tien, and have based my adherence to the cause on this ground. Now it is manifest that such views of the nature of the human spirit, being different from the views of other religionists must receive a distinctive name. The name is Spiritualism. The societies in which they work are rightly called Spiritualistic Societies. But when after advocating these advanced and beautiful principles the societies combine, and flying in the face of their own deepest teaching put a "denominational," "creedal," "chosen people" adjective upon their first and greatest endeavour, thus debarring any other sect that has any personal pride in it from participation in its benefits, I think it is time they were brought to think on the point and this is the object of the Bloomsbury motion.

The problem of the education and development of the child within us all, into manhood, is totally distinct from the peculiar problems dealt with by Spiritualism as a militant denomination, and the terms of the problem require the very freedom that Spiritualism advocates. If one reads Andrew Jackson Davis, one cannot but commend the wisdom of the

title he has proposed—"The Children's Progressive Lyceum"—and the principle he has drawn up in his excellent manual which does not contain the word Spiritualism. I submit that a Lyceum with a denominational adjective attached is not a Lyceum at all, but a Sunday School of that denomination, and as such should be described.

I may say that the new administrative policy of the Bloomsbury Lyceum has the heartiest concurrence of the Spiritualists of the Society; it has drawn Theosophists, Socialists, Secularists, and Phrenologists into active co-operation in the work of ascertaining the lines of spiritual development of the child, and the Lyceum has given a bound forward that abundantly justifies our persistence in a motion that we cannot but think will have the same beneficial effect on all.

BRIAN HODGSON.

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A NEW SPIRITUALIST NEWSPAPER.—The county of Yorkshire contains in the town of Keighley virtually the birth place of Modern Spiritualism. For a number of years it has also been the home of a successful organisation, known as the Yorkshire Union of Spiritualists, which body has done much and useful public work among the societies in the county. Now, there is to be shortly issued a newspaper, to be called "The Yorkshire Spiritualist," devoted in the main to the concerns of Yorkshire. The price of the journal is small, one halfpenny per month, and one of its objects is to report the proceedings and give the announcement of the seventy odd societies into the county, and generally to further their work and the purposes. Further particulars can be obtained from the Editor of the projected publication, who may be addressed at 150, Folkestone Street, Bradford. We wish the new venture success and long life.

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