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[ENTERED AT STATIONERS HALL] ONE PENNY.

DEEDS.

BY JOHN M. STUART YOUNG.

WRITTEN IMPROMPTU.

SOME years ago when a boy at school,
When I worked beneath the iron rule
Of despot-master, I took a tool,
And wrote upon a tree
My name, the year, and the day of Grace. . . .
After wandering for years I returned to the place
Last week, and looked at the rugged face
Of the sapling that used to be.

The place where I studied in days gone by
Had changed, but the tree beneath the sky
Still threw its branches and foliage high
Though many years had flown ;
And the tree had grown with the passing years,
Nurtured by Love and by Heaven's tears,
Till mighty it stood, and, listen my dears,
The letters too had grown.

And thus with our deeds. Be they sown in youth
They grow with the years, and confront us, forsooth !
When the day is far spent, and shew us that truth
Can ne'er be hidden from sight ;
For all that our childhood deeds have wrought,
And all that the baby mind has thought—
All the sweet joys that the soul has caught
The future will bring to light !

LITTLE LOST ELSA

A TRUE STORY FROM THE TYROL.

BY MADAME D'ESPERANCE.

PART I.—Continued from May.

THERE were seven little kids that she had not seen,
for they had been born at the Alm. They were
such funny little things, jumping and frolicking

about and playing such funny tricks with each other. Then there were the new lambs, too, that she had not seen, such weak kneed, staggering, bleating creatures, not nearly so funny as the little goats, but just as dear to Elsa's tender little heart from their very helplessness. There was one whose mother did not seem to care much for ; she had twins, and the other was so much stronger that the one poor little creature got left behind bleating plaintively.

Elsa gathered it up in her arms and carried it to the Alm, where Borgl gave her a bottle with a leather teat, filled with milk, and showed Elsa how to feed the little deserted creature. This was a great delight, and the two became inseparable, Elsa and the lamb.

It soon grew stronger, and could run about and frisk after Elsa's little wooden shoes almost as funnily as the kids, and was not nearly so rough as they were, for many a time their frolics were anything but fun to Elsa, whose little legs had many a black mark to show when she had ventured on a game of fun with the kids.

The mother had been very wise when she had sent the little one up to the mountain, for after a very few weeks the pale face had grown plump and rosy and brown with the sun. The little thin white hands were now brown and dimpled, and the small feet that had been so tired in making the ascent to the Alm had grown strong and sturdy with running over the short stubbly herbage, and climbing the rough pathways round about the Alm.

As the weeks passed the Sennerin had more and more work to do with the cheese, and had less time to look after and keep the little one company. "But that didn't matter," said Elsa, for now she could skip about as cleverly as the kids and find her way everywhere ; so she and the lamb spent all the long days out on the mountain, and were only under the roof when the stars were shining.

Sometimes, on Sundays, the father came up to the Alm, and then they had a good time. Sometimes Hansl came too, and then it was nicest of all, for he would tell her of all the great things he had done, of the shooting matches at the Keller, when he had scored the highest number with his fine rifle with the double barrels.

Or he would tell of how they had heard of Martin, the poacher, and were going to catch him very soon, and how he (Hansl) intended to take him himself, and not share the glory with anyone.

Hansl was so big and strong, and looked so handsome in the beautiful hunting suit he wore so bravely. One day when he came he told them he would be coming to sleep at the Alm that night, so they must keep a light burning in the window if he was not in before dusk. Elsa thought no little girl in the world ever had such a splendid brother as hers.

"Elsali, you must gather plenty of flowers, for the mother and father and several others are coming to-morrow," Hansl had said, and Elsa had nodded, and had set to work at once, bringing armsful of dewy blossoms to Râsl and Borgl, who deftly wove them into wreaths and garlands to decorate the doorways and the crucifix outside the door. They could not have the place too fine to welcome the father, mother, and friends who were coming. They would have a real feast. Borgl had her zither, and Râsl could sing, then they would all dance the schuplattl.

Elsa could nearly do that herself; Borgl had taught her on rainy days when she had to stay in the Alm.

Yes, indeed! They would have a fine time, and what would the motherling say when she saw her Elsali's rounded sun-burned face, and saw how stout and strong she had grown?

Elsa watched the twining of garlands, keeping the busy workers supplied with flowers. "If we had a big bunch of Alp-roses now to put in this corner, I think it would be complete," said one of the maids, "but it must wait, here come the cows to be milked," and she rose, shaking the stray leaves from her apron as she spoke.

Elsa watched her turn away. It was a great pity not to get finished, for she knew when the milking was done it would be bedtime. She remembered all at once where she had seen a large patch covered with the rosy bloom only a day or two before. If she had only known then, but what was to hinder her going and getting them now? That was a good idea, she would go and bring her apron full while the girls were busy milking.

"Come, lambie, come, lambie," she called to her little comrade, who came frisking after her.

"Don't go far, Elsali," cried the Zennerin.

"No! no! I'll not go far. Come, my lambie. Come, come, come," and away they ran up the steep tracks; sometimes the lamb led the way, sometimes Elsa. It was great fun, for when the lamb went first he would stand still and look down at her as much as to say, "For all you're bigger than I you can't climb as quick;" then he would stamp with his tiny hoofs and toss his head and frisk round as if inviting her to dance the schuplattl.

They found the Alp-roses, and Elsa picked and picked till it grew dusk, and was not easy to see which were blossoms and which were leaves. The lamb had got tired long ago, and bleated till Elsa was obliged to scold him for being so impatient. "You greedy little thing, you want milk, do you? You are always thinking about what you want yourself; you drink so much you're getting fat and lazy, four bottles full to-day you've had."

"Ba-a-a Ba-a-a."

"In a minute, my lambie; in a minute. Now, then;

we'll go. I wonder what Râsl and Borgl will say to all these beauties. Oh!"

The last was an exclamation of dismay, for a thick cloud had descended and shut out from view the whole of the mountain below her. Above was the clear sky, but below nothing but dense fog.

Elsa had never been alone so late on the mountain before, and had never been in a mist by herself, but she trudged bravely on, followed by the lamb, who kept close to her side, bleating piteously.

"Oh! you poor hungry little lambie; don't cry so. We will soon be home, and you shall have a bottle quite full of milk to drink. Are you so very tired, my lambie? Poor little one; we will rest a little, shall we? It's a long way. I did not know it was so far."

The cloud thinned a little, and Elsa could see through it quite a long way, and there, not far off, something she had never seen before. In a hollow grotto or excavation in the rock was a shrine in which was an image of the Holy Virgin and the infant Jesus. The front was protected by a large plate of glass.

Elsa remembered hearing someone say that such a shrine had been made after an accident in which a mountaineer had lost his life, but she had never known just whereabouts it was. Now, as she saw it her little heart sank with dread, for she knew she had wandered far from the beaten path that led to the Alm, and that she was lost.

To be continued.

WILLY'S DREAM.

A CHILDREN'S STORY.

BY HERBERT STAIR.

In the children's ward of one of the Manchester hospitals lay little Willy, pale and suffering from the effects of a broken arm. It had been caused by a horse running over him. He had been playing in the street with some of his little comrades, enjoying themselves as only boys of their age can do; and so interested were they in their play that they had not noticed a horse and trap being driven down the street. The driver did his best to warn them by shouting, but his efforts were in vain, and not until the horse was too near did Willy realise the danger he was in; but alas! too late! for he was knocked down, and one of the wheels passed over his arm, breaking it in two places. His little comrades were soon far away, as they were so frightened at the sight of their little friend that they ran in all directions. The driver stopped his horse, and came back to see the result of the accident he had done his best to prevent. There was quickly a crowd gathered round, with many willing hands to help raise the fainting body of Willy Gray, as the boy was called. Exclamations of "Poor little boy," and "Is he dead?" were uttered by many. The ambulance was soon at hand, wherein the seemingly lifeless body was laid. When they reached the hospital his arm was bandaged up, and he was placed in a little bed in the children's ward. The pain was

great that the child had to bear, still he seemed to bear it with patience, cheered by the nurse as she attended to his wants.

Now, Nurse Thomas, as the nurse was called, soon became fond of little Willy, so patient, so meek, as he lay in his bed; but there was a far-off look about his blue eyes which seemed to tell that he was not long to remain in this world. When Willy and nurse had been talking one day, he asked her, "Nurse, can you tell me what heaven is like? as I dreamed last night I was in heaven, and mother, who died when I was nine years old, came to me and kissed me as she used when on earth. Then there were other friends there, and oh! the little children I saw were so happy; none did I see with an arm like mine; they were all so strong and well, and the birds, and grass and flowers were so fresh and green, none seemed to fade as they do here. Everything seemed so pleasant that I wished I could have stayed there." The nurse listened to the child talking, thinking all the time of what the doctors had said to her, "That Willy's life could not be saved, as mortification had set in, and he could not get better." At last he ceased talking, and looked for his answer, which came with ready reply. "Willy, your dream sounds very nice, as you tell it to me, but it is not half so beautiful as the heaven prepared for us by our Father there; where all our kind actions and good words have helped to build up a spiritual home far more beautiful than our eyes could imagine; where sorrows are banished by the pleasant surroundings, and all are occupied with doing good things."

The boy lay and listened as the nurse talked to him, his face having a look of contentment and peace, until at last he fell asleep, dreaming of that beautiful land whereon he would soon be greeted by many loved and dear friends.

The morning broke with its bright sunlight over the hospital, the birds twittered in the trees, and all nature seemed gay; but Willy's dream had been fulfilled, as his spirit had passed away to realms where no bodily suffering is known. Many were the tearful faces that bent over his little bed and looked at his face, which showed how calm and peaceful his journey must have been to the better land.

Yorkshire loves a bargain, but wants it good. Bro. Gavin's "Yorkshire Spiritualist" meets both the above points. The second number is larger and better than the first.

Next month we shall give the first of a series of articles on "Science for the Lyceum," by Master Herbert E. Clarke, of Nottingham. The topic will be "Water! Water!" We are determined to make the BANNER better than ever.

The sad fatality to our dear Bradford friends excited a widespread sympathy, and caused the staff of the BANNER to feel an almost personal sorrow, as the Editor had a personal acquaintance with them all. He has privately conveyed his sympathies to Bros. Collins and Whitehead, and all Bannerites will join in the hope that our friends will soon be none the worse of their startling experience.

OUR BLUEBELLS' PAGE

CONDUCTED BY

FLORA BELLE.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—

I hope you won't be vexed with me if my letter this month is a short one? We are all away from home, down in the country; in fact, at a lovely farm house. We are having our holidays ever so much sooner than usual, for father has been quite poorly lately, and the doctor said he must have a good rest. But when father said "Scarborough, Redcar, or Tynemouth?" the doctor shook his head, and said "No, not the seaside this time, you need inland air, and I think you had better not go so far as usual. Try Surrey or Kent," so father took the doctor's advice, and here we are at the farm, with a pretty little river running across one field, and a perfectly lovely wood close to us.

At first Ted was inclined to grumble. "A farmhouse," he said, "why there is no fun there, no sands, or bathing, or niggers, or pier; it's too bad for the doctor to send us into the country." Then he caught sight of dear father's face, which looked so drawn and tired, that he suddenly said, "Well, it's for dad's good, so—well, let's begin to pack up," and then he walked softly out of the room.

Later I asked him, "What about the bunnies, Ted?" "Oh!" he replied, "I am going to ask Master Johnnie to look after them for me while we are away, and I am sure he will do so for me," for the two boys have met, as you will already know, so it was arranged that way.

During the next three or four days we were as busy as bees, for, as mother was going as well, the house had to be put right first, things put away, and furniture covered up, boxes to pack, and everything to be made tidy before we started. I saw Ted with a little box which seemed to give him a lot of trouble, but he would not let anyone touch it, and it was not until we had been here a couple of days that I found out what it was. But as Ted asks me not to tell this month I will keep it until next time, when I will also tell you about our stay here. But, my dear Bluebells, I am not in the mood for writing just now. It is so nice to lay on the ferns in the wood and be quiet that I really can't do any writing! Ted says, "You lazy sis, I'm ashamed of you," but as he has done nothing all day but read a book I do not think he need lecture me, do you?

Just as I was looking in my desk for an envelope I

found I had a lovely little letter from Mr. T. Stubbs, of Nottingham, and he says if I like it he will send me some more. Well, I do like it, so I hope my good friend will send me some more. The pretty story he sends me is entitled the

DEATH OF THE VIOLET.

"Good-bye," said a bluebell to a violet, one of a small number who had escaped the notice of the flower-gatherers, and who was ready to die at the time the bluebell was still very young, "it is not my lot to see much of you, because you are generally preparing for the long sleep before I have reached my prime, but if you are as good as I hear the boys and girls say you are when they come and collect my companions, yours must be a life of beautiful example."

"I cannot understand this," said the violet, "because I live in obscurity, and generally in the shade of the hedge-row."

"That may be so," answered the bluebell "but there is more real good in living your quiet and modest life, with its influence for good, than living for show alone. Why! they tell me that the poppy is a wonderfully gay flower, and instead of a modest nature it shows itself as much as possible, but the children say that their scent gives them the headache, and if they are gathered at all it is to be made bad use of, while your relations are gathered to cheer the sick and sorrowing, and because they love them so."

"Oh!" replied the violet, "if that is true I can die happy, for there is no better consolation to one dying than to know that they have lived a life of usefulness, and I wonder how many boys and girls who love the flowers so much try to make each other happy?"

"Good-bye, bluebell," said the violet, as she drooped and died.

Just as I was closing my letter the postman came, and there was one for me from Miss Burton, of Bury, in which she says:—

DEAR FLORA,—Will you please accept the enclosed names for the Bluebells' Guild from Hyde, where I was visiting on Sunday last. I wish to do my best to help you get the numbers you ask for in your last letter to the BANNER. With much love from the new Bluebells, in which I join, I am, yours truly, A. BURTON.

There now, I must close, or I am sure I shall fall asleep, for it is so warm in the house this afternoon. So, with much love to you all, good-bye dears until next month, your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

Members of the Bluebells' Guild.

AUGUST LIST.

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Our Temperance Department.

EDITED BY ERNEST.

FROM a number of letters which have reached me during the past month it is a pleasure to discover that my efforts in this column have created wide-spread interest and much cordial approval. It would be mere affectation to say I do not feel gratified, because I do, but not on my own personal account. I am glad for the sake of Temperance, for the sake of the welfare of our children, and because it shows that there are numbers of Lyceumists who are on the side we Temperance reformers are working for.

I have received a very welcome letter from Mr. Alfred Kitson, the Secretary of the Lyceum Union, in which he expresses his entire sympathy with the work of this column, and he sends me a copy of his four-fold "Children's Progressive Lyceum Reform Pledge," which I like very much, for it covers the four important matters of abstinence from "Intoxicating Drinks," "Tobacco," "Gambling," and "Profane Language," though I think the last pledge might include Vulgar, as well as Profane, language? The Pledge is arranged in four sections, so that if the signer does not wish to sign all four he or she can sign on at one time, another later on, and so on until all four have been signed. Spaces are left after each pledge for the date on which it was signed, so the duplicate and original can all show when each pledge was taken up. I have consulted with the Editor as to the issuing of books of 25 pledges, and he has promised to let me know what the cost will be in time for me to tell you in the September issue of the BANNER. I hope that these Pledge Books will find their way into every Lyceum in the Land, and become, under the blessing of our spirit friends, a means of rescuing or saving many of our young people from the four dreaded vices they refer to.

But I do think that the disgusting use of tobacco, either smoking or the dirty habit of chewing, call for attention. Drink and smoke are twin (d)evils, who often work in couples, taking mind and body captive, and entailing diseases that often end in the madhouse and the grave. I have seen, and oh! the pity of it, Lyceum officers pull out their pipes and cigarettes right in the meeting room just as soon as the Lyceum was adjourned, and I have wondered what the influence of such an example could be on the children? To taint God's pure air with the vile reek, to spit on the floor, where, but a few moments before, the dear children were marching and clasping hands in the chain, shows an utter disregard of all Lyceum teaching, and sets a most shocking example to young and old in the Lyceum. Cast out these twin (d)evils from our Lyceum so that their evil influences shall no longer corrupt our little ones.

Alas! there seems but little prospect of the Government doing any good work for our cause during the remainder of the present session. The Children's Bill will be of little real use if passed in the form it has been metamorphosed into, but what can be expected when the big Brewers and Distillers are as one against making the Bill truly effective? The Barons of the Barrel and the Squires of the Still are tireless in the watchfulness with

which they attend to their interests! Legislation can only be wrung from the House, and it is only accorded when the exigencies of politics rather than the welfare of the people, demand. But we can make every Lyceum into a Temperance constituency, and all our Lyceum workers and members into a Temperance House of Commons, if we will put before the children the beauty, necessity, and physical, moral and spiritual advantages of entirely abstaining from the use of all intoxicating drinks, and also the avoidance of the other three deadly evils Mr. Kitson's admirable Pledges refer to.

Next month I shall have a word to say on the spiritual results of inebriety. I think what I shall then say to you will more than ever determine you to be up and doing in the great fight for sobriety, virtue, and goodness, which is what Total Abstinence stands for and leads to, all the world over.

THE
LIBERTY GROUP
SMETHWICK LYCEUM GUILD.

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR SIX MONTHS—JAN. 3: JUNE 27.

BY HAROLD KNIBB.

Setting sail in our new craft known as "The Guild" was perhaps a venturesome undertaking, more so under the cloudy condition of sky above us, and the froth-tipped waves of the element through which we must needs travel. But our skipper, otherwise known as the President, gave us a good start off, and with the loyal service of an enthusiastic crew was enabled to steer us safely to the point at which we are now to be found, resting on our oars under serener skies, contemplating the six months' journeying on, as the poet would say.

We have bright recollections of the lesson we received as we were pushing off; how others (of other denominations) had sailed their craft before us on these same waters, and how we might sail our vessel under similar methods.

Then I believe we went considering and a sort of casting lots among ourselves who should take up some of this water and analyze it, that we might begin to feast and feel the benefits of our sailing.

We had brought with us the fruits which others have gained, fruits which they have put between two covers and called the "Manual." We broke in on this treasure trove, and found, to our first gaze, a hard nut to crack, "Does Spiritualism prove man's immortality and the existence of a Spiritual universe?" We believed that we had somewhere the wherewithal to crack this nut, the knowledge that would answer the query relative to man's *eternal* life, but we must needs explore the elements through which we sail, and this would lay, we thought, somewhat ahead, and it would be better for us to explore as we went along. So we placed this item, after some bombardment, on one side for future effort, and considered the lighter social beauty dwelling in the "Religion of Use."

This proved easier of understanding, and gave us lessons on living as conscientious and spiritual beings.

We next went to explore something round us, and two of our members found a fine topic to pull to pieces. Discussion waxed quite furious in their efforts to dissect "The truth and origin of Spiritualism," and their experiments in this direction, we all remember, covered three nights.

The next phase came in the form of authors' works. This was most palatable, and the extracts from their works were thoroughly relished.

Still keeping up our retrospect, though we are getting nearer to where we now are, we remember our talks on "Happiness" and on "Self-Reliance."

Then some one who, though not sailing in "The Guild," took a kindly interest in our welfare, gave us of the fruit of his own considerations on "What constitutes a Christian." The effect of our own meditations on this subject should be serious, and we are indebted very much to our friend for his help.

Then we had a lesson on the art of elocution; how we should cultivate the habit of correct speech both for the sake of it being proper and for the great benefit it may confer on us in our efforts in this great brotherhood of the world. Remember, a mastery of this art has thrilled multitudes for good and for evil. A rugged honesty leaves an impression, but where does the educated refinement, deep with a pure earnestness, not make itself felt? I would not like to say that we haven't a Mrs. Chant, a Mrs. Besant, some old world orator, or a Gladstone of the 19th century, in embryo in our ranks in Lyceum and Guild. There is nothing like aiming high with a good hope. We have never-ending paths of progression to travel; then let us step out manfully and seek to develop all our gifts to the fullest that in us lies, then shall we in our onward march help to bring the world one step nearer the realisation of the brotherhood of man.

Then our vice-president, or, to keep up the nautical strain we should give her a nautical appellation, and call her the "first mate," gave us, in two nice chats, a lesson on "Physiognomy."

"Music" has also come in for a fair share of handling, and the member has no need to look with askance on the thoughts provoked that evening by her effort.

After this we let ourselves lapse about 2,000 years to consider a little of "Buddha and "Buddhism," but were quickly recalled to the present day by thoughts on "Commercial life in its connections with religion," after which we again fell in contemplation some hundreds of years to further our knowledge of "Mohamed and his teachings," and here we find ourselves once more in this 20th century.

Further comment, I think, is needless, for our ideas are known to be mutual, and are so familiar to each of us that it becomes only repetition to dilate upon this work accomplished, nevertheless we can take pride in our achievements, for I am sure that each of us have done our best, speakers and audience alike; those who have demonstrated and those who have evinced their interest by remaining silent orators.

Let us endeavour to retain the harmony and the earnestness hitherto so prominent, and let each member give of their best and spare no effort, keeping always before them the golden words which shall guide "our Guild" in all its noblest aspirations, "Each for all and all for each." Let us do this, and nought but success can attend these our highest aspirations.

LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

No. LXXXIX.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

The paragraph appearing in "The Two Worlds," under the title "Save the Children," has awakened deep interest in the children's cause, for which I am deeply thankful. As a result, letters of enquiry have been received from Shipley, Clitheroe, London, and New Sheldin, co. Durham, where a Lyceum has been opened. One has also been opened at Burton-on-Trent.

It is pleasing to learn that the Lyceum at Broadstreet, Pendleton, is still in existence. I trust it will grow into a strong and robust member of the Union.

I referred in my last notes to the closing of the Central Society, Bradford. I am now pleased to announce that the members of the Lyceum held there have been saved from going back to orthodox Sunday schools by a decision to move the Lyceum to Little Horton Lane, Bradford, where they will continue to meet and hold sessions. A Lyceum was formerly attached to this society. I trust this new venture will prove successful and lasting.

A Lyceum has been opened at 4, West Crown Street, Regent Road, Salford. I wish it hearty success.

It appears from certain reports that the Society at Gurney Villa has re-opened their Lyceum, and also the Society at Northampton. I shall be glad to have the above confirmed.

There are hopeful signs of the Lyceum being re-opened at Traffic Street, Derby. The outlook is quite promising for the Lyceum cause. I hope the indications will be fully realised in the near future.

There are about 60 Lyceums in America and Canada. Can any friend inform me how many there are in Australia?

Walsall Lyceum has sent 10s. in aid of the Lyceum Home Fund. Will those who have money for that fund please send it to me as early as possible.

Belper Lyceum has sold 4s. 6d. worth of cards containing poetry by Mrs. Kate Taylor-Robinson. This amount has been sent to help the Union's funds by Mr. Alfred Smedley. I shall be pleased to send quantities to Lyceums, carriage paid, who will undertake to sell them for the benefit of the Union.

Only three Lyceums have sent in the ½d. per member contribution towards the General Fund

Deficit, as decided upon at the May Conference. Will officers please note that the same is now due?

It is with deep regret that I learn of the fatal lightning accident to the Bradford friends. All must deplore the verdict of the inquest, that it was a "visitation of God." Such a verdict is a libel on God, and an insult to the bereaved, to whom we extend all our heart-felt sympathy, and also to the friends who were injured. I look upon the verdict as being the outcome of Christian bias, and when the heart or mind is biased reason and justice plead in vain for admittance.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Hodgson are not the only lightning fatalities. Some children went to ring the church bells in the belief that they would thus avert the lightning. The belfry was struck, four of the children were killed, and four others and a woman were seriously injured. A builder was killed at Budweis, and a farmer at Briliz. At Salmau, in Moravia, a girl was killed while milking a cow, and a labourer was killed in an open field at Tsinless, in Bohemia. In the same country the lightning set fire to twenty houses, a church, an infirmary, and a school. This list could be greatly extended were it necessary, but it is quite long enough to show that lightning is governed by law, and all have to suffer who chance to be in its pathway, whether they be infirmaries, schools, houses, churches, men, or milkmaids, children in a belfry, or Spiritualists journeying to outdoor meetings. Each and all are God's children, and as such are loved by Him and the angels. We hope to hear of no more verdicts of "died by the visitation of God."

ITEMETTES.

Burnley!

Saturday and Sunday!

Let us hope for a good Constitution!

North Street will do the honours handsomely.

Hammerton Street will no doubt be packed full on Sunday evening.

The first appearance of our new President in his official capacity as presiding at a Conference.

President Albert Wilkinson takes an active as well as an intelligent interest in his position and its duties. His year of office will be fruitful of good to the working of the Union.

It will be a pleasant reunion on Sunday night when we are all on the platform. The vim of Bro. Chiswell, the sincerity of friend Smedley, the geniality of Bro. Venables, the warmth of Bro. Clarke, the devotion of "our Alfred," and the—well, judge for yourselves—of the Editor of the BANNER, will all go to the making of a series of addresses that will be witty, wise, pregnant of good things, inspiring and informing, and brief, oh! yes, brief, please.

The report last month ascribed to "Heywood" should have been headed Bury. We are sorry, and hope our friends will now "bury" any scoldings they felt like sending the BANNER-man!

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.)

C.

CHARITY, CHASTITY, COURAGE.

Courage.—Latin, *cor*, the heart. "That quality of mind which enables us to encounter danger with firmness." "Courage that is from the constitution often forsakes a man when he has occasion for it; courage which arises from a sense of duty acts in a uniform manner." (Addison). "The courage that defies defeat, though the cheeks blanch, is braver than reckless daring." (J. T.). "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Proverbs xxi, 32). "Though dangers in thy pathway lie, pursue thine heaven-appointed way with courage high." (Doten, Manual 3). "The characteristic of heroism is its persistency. All men have wandering impulses, fits and starts of generosity. But when you have chosen your part, abide by it, and do not weakly try to reconcile yourself with the world." (Emerson). See Man. 3, 9, 30, 82, 83, 125, 213, 226.

For illustrations give the endurance of wives and mothers in everyday life, nurses in war and plague, priests and the lepers, the foxes and their Quaker friend, all instances of the steadfast strife to overcome the woes and trials of life, not to display the frenzy of slaughter.

D.

DREAMS, DUTY, DECISION.

Dreams.—Probably from the Germanic "draugms" and "dreug," meaning "to deceive," an illusion. For dreams "two distinct causes may be mentioned. . . (1) Dreams resulting from psychical or physical derangement. (2) Dreams which are spiritual impressions. . . (1) In a state of perfect sleep dreams never occur. (2) Many are highly impressible while asleep who are not so when awake. Hence the hours of slumber are employed by guardian angels to impress ideas. . . These take the form of dreams, and are generally prophetic. . . Laugh at the fantasies of a fevered brain or the visions produced by a gorged stomach; but the dreams of the clear head and pure heart are of angel visitants, and should be observed and treasured." (Phil. of Spirit, p. 60-64).

"Have patience," I replied, "ourselves are full
Of social wrong; and maybe wildest dreams
Are but the needful preludes of the truth.
For me, the genial day, the happy crowd,
The sport, half-science, fill me with a faith
This fine old world of ours is but a child

Yet in the go-cart. Patience! Give it time
To learn its limbs. There is a hand that guides."

—Tennyson's "The Princess."

See "Outlines of Spiritualism," p. 55, the dreams of Jacob and Joseph, and Solomon (1 Kings, 3c., 5-15v.). Morpheus was "The Son of Sleep and God of Dreams." There was a universal worship in Greece of deceased heroes, native gods, who exerted their influence only in the neighbourhood of their abode, generally by appearing in significant dreams to those who slept over it (*incubatio*), and revealing either future events or the proper remedies for sickness. These heroes were generally the reputed ancestors of the families worshipping them. (Dent's Temple Primer of Mythology).

Duty.—Old Fr, *Deu*; Ital., *Devuto*; that which is owed or due; what should be done. "Do noble things, not dream them all day long." "My present duty is my whole concern." (Goethe).

"Lend an ear to Plato when he says
That men, like soldiers, may not quit the post
Allotted by the gods."

—Tennyson.

"The Brahminical code declares that before all ceremonial observances are the moral duties." "We are trying as much as we can to establish God's kingdom on earth. . . Will you, dear children, help to hasten this glorious happy time by doing your duty day by day? Help others, speak the truth, and love one another." (Outlines of Sp., page 62).

Porteus: My duty will I boast of, nothing else.

Silvia: And duty never yet did want its meed.

—Shakespeare.

Orl: Oh, good old man; how well in thee appears

The constant service of the antique world,
When service sweat for duty, not for meed.

Thou art not for the fashion of these times,

When none will sweat but for promotion.

—"As You Like It."

"Do not swerve from duty."—Upanishad.

See also duties to God and neighbour in Church Catechism. Manual 109, 110, 114, 127, 144.

X TO ALL FRIENDS OF OUR CHILDREN. X

Should you be among those to whom one thousand copies of this issue is being gratuitously distributed the Editors respectfully ask you to carefully peruse the contents of the present number of the only journal in the world devoted to the interests of the Children of Spiritualists, and the promotion of the welfare of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. If you are pleased with the paper and are desirous of supporting the publisher in his effort to present healthy and attractive literature to our young folks, send the small sum of 1/6 to this office, and the BANNER will be sent you post free for one year. Or, if you have a Lyceum at your meeting place, give the Secretary of it your order, and he will supply it to you at one penny per month. Remember the BANNER is now nearly eleven years old; it is not "here to-day and gone to-morrow," but a substantial journal that has long and faithfully served the Children, their Lyceums, and their National Union. Give the paper your support friends, everywhere.

THE EDITOR.

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OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

Wanted, a Remedy. The Lyceum movement, like the orthodox Sunday school movement, is subject to a difficulty common to both. It is not too difficult to secure and maintain the interest of the juniors, and from say, three years of age, up to twelve or fourteen, the child attends with gratifying regularity. But the difficulty above suggested commences when the boy or girl turns the corner at about from sixteen to twenty years of age. Outside attractions commence to exert their influence, the feeling of being now too big for Sunday school asserts itself, and in our case the time has come at the above-named period when the pressure of outside prejudice begins to exercise its influence. Undoubtedly at the age mentioned we lose many of our members, and if the Lyceum cannot retain them—and it does not do so—it is time we set about finding out what can be done to retain the interest and attendance of our members in what is certainly a critical period of their lives. Now let us look dispassionately at the case. There is the Liberty Group, often a library, an anniversary, a picnic, possibly a tea party at Christmas time; these make up the average of the attractions offered to our young men and women. Are they enough? we make bold to say no! The social element needs more cultivation, cricket and football clubs for the boys, tennis and cycling clubs for both sexes, weekly rambling parties in the summer season. For the winter why not more Guilds of the admirable pattern of Sowerby Bridge and Smethwick? Such can include Discussion, Reading, Elocution, and other Classes, Games of various sorts, amateur theatricals, concerts, little lectures, and a fortnightly or monthly dance. Let us remember that we were young once, and so realise that human nature has not changed since then; therefore, we

must give our young men and maidens the sort of food that will minister to their needs, and through the social sentiments attract them to continue in fellowship with the Lyceum, otherwise they will continue to drift into the liberal churches, where provision is made to meet the needs of young folk on the lines above suggested. We must avoid thinking that the Lyceum is only for Sunday, and its purpose only teaching; that will but make us priggish and pernicious. Friends, tackle the question, and in the coming winter you may find the remedy needed for the state of things all Lyceum officers have to face, in the few suggestions made above.

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Is this the 20th Century?

One may well ask the question—is this the 20th Century? Why? Well, if you will read Mr. Kitson's Notes in this issue you will see. He tells you that a coroner's jury has said that the painfully sudden removal to the Summerland of our esteemed friend Mr. Alfred Marshall, of Huddersfield, and his companion, Mr. Frank Hodgson, by a flash of lightning, near Kirkheaton, on Sunday, the 21st ulto., was "a visitation of God!" As if everything was not a part of the work of the Omnipotent Power? But to assert that, or imply that, this particular incident shows that the Almighty singled out two men on the King's highway, and (for so will the verdict be interpreted), because they were going to a Spiritualist meeting, He sent a flash of lightning to destroy them, is such shocking blasphemy or utter silliness in this age, that one rubs their eyes in sheer amazement at it all. But the effrontery of it shows conspicuously when it is noted that the rest of the little party escaped the result of that flash, and were only partially injured. If two only were to die why harm uselessly the other four? If all were to have died how came it that the four escaped? But, there, as Mr. Kitson says, such an allegation as the verdict involves is a libel on the All Wise, for absolute law reigns everywhere, and it does not matter who comes in the path of the electric fluid, for in all cases the result of such conditions as prevailed in the above case would be the same. Another lesson is this to teach a holier gospel in our Lyceums than is presented in many an orthodox Sunday school to-day. The BANNER cordially and sincerely sympathises with the families of the bereaved and of the survivors also, and congratulates the two friends on their continuance on this plane of life, being sure, in the case of Bros. Collins and Whitehead, that they will never relax their efforts to serve the angels and their fellows as long as they remain on earth.

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The Interim Conference.

In a week from now the Interim Conference will meet at Burnley. Ample time will be available to consider all matters pertaining to the revision of the Constitution. No doubt all who will be present have given most careful consideration to all the points in the old document; the revised one issued by the Executive, and the various motions and amendments as printed in the BANNER this month? But, as the Union is growing in importance, possessions, and influence every year, no doubt some one will raise the questions of trustees, and the legal registration of our constitution? Hitherto neither of these points appear to have received attention.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

THE Interim Conference

WILL BE HELD AT

The Spiritual Church, North Street,
BURNLEY,

On Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18, 1901

The Conference will assemble at 6 p.m. on the Saturday,
and at 10 a.m. on the Sunday.

ALBERT WILKINSON, Esq., President, Nelson,
will preside at each meeting.

REFRESHMENTS.

TEA will be provided in the Reform Club on Saturday,
at 4-30 p.m., and at the adjournment of the Conference on
Sunday afternoon at the same place. Price 9d. DINNER
will also be supplied at the same place on Sunday. Price 1s

A MASS MEETING

WILL BE HELD

ON SUNDAY EVENING

IN THE

Hammerton Street Spiritual Hall,

AT THE USUAL HOUR,

When the following gentlemen are expected to deliver

SPECIAL ADDRESSES.

Mr. A. Wilkinson, President,

and the following members of the Executive:—

Mr. A. Smedley, Past President;

Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe, Treasurer;

Mr. Alfred Kitson, Secretary;

Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Liverpool;

Mr. J. Clarke, Nottingham;

Mr. J. J. Morse, London; and

Mr. Jno. Venables, Walsall.

Collections will be taken at all the meetings, in aid of
the General Funds of the Union.

Motions and Amendments.

MOTIONS

BY THE BLOOMSBURY LYCEUM, BIRMINGHAM:

That the Conference is of opinion that the Lyceum of
Andrew Jackson Davis is an undenominational organ-
isation, and that the title of B.S.L.U. should be revised
accordingly.

BRIAN HODGSON, Organiser
T. BROWNE, Pro. Sec.

AMENDMENTS.

BY THE NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT
COUNCIL:

That Article 11, District Visitors, in the Bye-Laws, Sec.
I, read as follows:—"The Secretary shall present to every
Annual Conference for its consideration a list of District
Councils and Lyceums grouped in districts, and the Con-
ference shall, after deciding on any suggestions the
Executive Council have to offer on the same, proceed to
elect a District Visitor to each grouped district, but where
District Councils exist, they shall have power to elect their
own District Visitor, &c., subject to the approval of the
Conference, &c.

Article 11, Bye-Laws, Sec. 5:—"That where District
Councils exist, such District Councils shall have power to
enrol associate members. Such membership shall entitle
them to attend and take part in all council meetings.

REUBEN LATHAM, Hon. Sec.

BY THE BLOOMSBURY LYCEUM, BIRMINGHAM:

1—Art. I. That the title of the Union be revised
omitting any word calculated to represent the Lyceum as
a denominational school.

2—Art. II. That the "Objects" of the Union be
stated as follows instead of present wording:—

The object of the Lyceum Union shall be to promote
the higher spiritual development of all humanity.

3—(a) By organising schools in which the spirit of all
may have a maximum of freedom to express natural
spiritual powers progressively.

4—(b) To draw delegates from such schools, who may
impart in Conference the teaching of their experience.

5—(c) To promote the realisation of experience by
organised propaganda with competent speakers.

6—(d) To ascertain some higher mode of work-a-day life,
in which the ideals of the spiritual life may be better
lived than is at present possible.

7—Art. IV. That the paragraph commencing "The
Conference, etc.," be omitted, the matter of it being met
by amendment 14.

8—Art. V. That the words "at following Annual Con-
ference" be added to end of first paragraph, the sentence
to read "The retiring members to be eligible for re-elec-
tion at following Annual Conference."

9. That the paragraph commencing "That the Officers of the Union, etc.," shall be as follows:—

That the officers of the Union shall consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer, (who shall be ex-officio members of all committees); a committee of six; a body of honorary guides and delegates.

10. That the words "or they may perform the duties themselves," be omitted from the end of the article.

11. That the following be here inserted to be entitled "Duties of Officers."

12. The amendments proposed by the Executive in the circulated new constitution proposals entitled "Article XI, Duties of Officers." The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary be supported.

13. That the members of the Executive forming the "Committee of six," be chosen with a view to their capacity for public speaking and exposition of Lyceum principles to the public.

14. That the Honorary Guides shall be elected by the Conference from among such supporters of the movement as have held any of the above offices, or from those who have held the office of Conductor in any Lyceum for 12 months; or who are authors of any published book, or editors of any public journals. They shall be proposed and seconded by delegates and must be elected by a clear majority. Upon payment of a registration fee of 2/6 they may be admitted to the Conference with the same power to vote as that possessed by a delegate. Non-registration for one year shall not prevent them registering for any subsequent year. They shall accept the notices as published in the official organ. If the Executive Committee hold their business meeting in a district in which Honorary Guides are registered as living, it shall be within the power of the E.C. to call them into council in the execution of business and in ascertaining the status of the movement in the district. If called upon to attend any meeting they shall have the right to vote thereat.

15. That the following article be added to be entitled "Constitution of Lyceums":—The constitution of each Lyceum shall be such as in the judgement of its promoters shall best fulfil the ideals of the movement for the time being. The Executive Committee shall report by means of its official organ, which principles and practices are the most successful in bringing about a more loving progressive spirit, and shall advise the promoters of new Lyceums upon those lines.

"That this conference is of opinion that the constitution of its administrative body should be built up gradually, clause by clause, and that a certain time each year should be allotted to consideration of such growth, the amending resolutions taking effect immediately they are passed instead of being subjected to the year's delay now required.

NELSON LYCEUM.

That Article 1 of Bye-Laws, Sec. 5, shall be altered to read as follows:—

General Business shall be introduced to the Conference by motions only. Motion of the same shall be in writing and sent to the Secretary not later than twenty-eight clear days before the conference. The Secretary shall cause the same to be published in the official organ. Such publication shall be considered to be due official notice. All motions arising out of the business of the

Conference must be submitted in writing.

HARRY LISTER, Secretary.

BURY LYCEUM.

That an addition be made to article 3 in the new constitution, viz:—That delegates only be eligible for the aforesaid offices.

THOMAS CARTER, Secretary

HYDE LYCEUM.

Article III—Officers (2) In place of "past" substitute the word "vice."

Article XI—Election of Officers and Board, 1st line, page 5.—After "be published in the official organ," in place of "other journals" insert the "Spiritual Press," and erase the words "this method, etc," to end of article.

Article XII.—Duties of Officers. 2nd paragraph, in place of "past president" substitute "vice-president."

BYE-LAWS.

Sec. 2.—In place of "President" substitute the words "delegates assembled."

Sec. 4.—In place of "President" insert the words "Conference assembled."

Sec. 5.—"All motions," etc., to end of section be omitted.

TO BE INSERTED BEFORE ARTICLE XI.

Lyceums grouped into Districts shall have power to form District Councils if deemed advantageous by them. Such District Councils to appoint their own visitors, such appointment to be subject to the sanction of the Conference, and be worked under the following constitution,

SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—TITLE.

The name of this Council shall be the.....
Spiritualists Lyceum District Council.

ARTICLE 2.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this District Council are to promote the welfare of the Lyceum movement by

- (a) A Quarterly Moveable Council Meeting, to be held at various places in the district.
- (b) Extending the work in new directions.
- (c) Bringing Lyceums into closer sympathy, and promoting greater uniformity in the manner of working them.
- (d) Such other methods as may be found necessary.

ARTICLE 3.—COUNCIL.

This District Council shall be composed of representatives from all Lyceums in the District.

The Council shall have power by vote in Quarterly Council Meeting, to strike off its roll any Lyceum which has ceased to be conducted according to the principle and practices of the Progressive Lyceum Movement, as defined by the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Any Progressive Lyceum can join this District Council by instructing its secretary to place its name on the roll; such instruction shall simply assent to this constitution.

Any Lyceum may withdraw from this District Council on sending a notice in writing of such intention to the Secretary, by the 14th day of February, March, August or November; and in paying to the Treasurer what shall be found by the next District Council Meeting to be a fair share of any liabilities incurred on the working of the District Council; and when a Lyceum ceases its membership in the District Council it shall forfeit any share of, or claim to, any funds or property that may have been acquired by the District Council.

ARTICLE 4.—MEMBERSHIP.

Representatives to the Quarterly Meetings of the Council shall be duly appointed annually by the various Lyceums in the District.

That each Lyceum shall be entitled to send two delegates—which number shall be the limit allowed to each Lyceum.

ARTICLE 5.—EXECUTIVE.

There shall be four officers, viz:—A President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected annually at the June meeting of the Council, and the Lyceum Union District Visitors. Their travelling expenses shall be paid out of the District Council Funds.

The four officers named shall be the Committee, with power to add to their number when such policy be found necessary.

The Secretary shall be remunerated for any loss of time in attending the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, or where such has been incurred through attending to the urgent business of the District Council.

Should any vacancy occur during the quarter, the same shall be filled *pro tem* by the remaining officers, appointing an appropriate person, for whom they shall be responsible to the Council; or they may perform the duties themselves.

ARTICLE 6.—BUSINESS.

General business shall be introduced to the District Council by motions only. Notices of the same shall be sent to the Secretary not later than the 7th day of February, May, August, and November, and the Secretary shall procure their publication in the Spiritualist papers, so that all Lyceums in the district may become acquainted with them.

All accounts, reports, and returns from Lyceums, etc., shall be made up to, and including the second Sunday in February, May, August, and November, and sent to the Secretary during the week following, that the same may be duly audited and inserted in the Secretary's report to the Council, and sent to the financial Secretary of the Union.

ARTICLE 7.—FINANCE.

The Council specially desires each Lyceum in the District to contribute to its financial position by

(1) Inviting the Council to hold its Quarterly Meeting at their Lyceum,

(2) Promoting a Public Meeting, Entertainment, etc., in the evening, and contributing the profits to the funds of the Council.

A collection shall also be taken during each session of the Council in aid of the funds of the Council.

ARTICLE 8.—COMMITTEES.

The Council shall elect committees as it may deem necessary, to deal with subjects which call for special attention. No committee shall exceed its instructions.

ARTICLE 9.—DEBATE.

As the Council is a deliberative assembly, each delegate shall be limited to one speech on each subject, not exceeding five minutes duration except the mover of a resolution, who shall have ten minutes with a right of five minutes reply,

ARTICLE 10.—AUDITORS.

Two or more Auditors shall be chosen from amongst the delegates to audit any accounts, books, or papers, that may be submitted to the Council for its adoption.

ARTICLE 11.—REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

These articles of our Constitution shall only be amended at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present thereat. Written notices duly setting forth the proposed amendments, alterations, or additions, must be in the Secretary's hands previous to the Council Meeting, to be dealt with at the following meeting of the Council. The Secretary shall send a copy of the same to the Spiritualist papers for publication, so that all the Lyceums in the District may have full information of the proposed change.

ARTICLE 12.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hymn and Invocation.
2. President's Address.
3. Pro tem appointments, if necessary.
4. Minutes of last Council Meeting.
5. Correspondence.
6. Secretary's Report.
7. Open Council:—
 - (a) Standing Orders.
 - (b) Notice to amend constitution.
 - (c) Notices of General Motions.
 - (d) Motions arising out of the business of the Council.
8. Election of Officers and Auditors.
9. Decide place and date of next Council Meeting.
10. Votes of thanks to retiring Officers and Committees.
11. Votes of thanks to local friends for kind assistance.
12. Hymn and Benediction.

ARTICLE II.—DISTRICT VISITORS.

Sec. 1.—To read as follows:—"The Secretary to such District Visitor." The Secretary shall present to every Annual Conference for its consideration a list of District Councils and Lyceums grouped into Districts, after deciding on any suggestion the Executive Council have to offer in the same, proceed to elect a District Visitor to each grouped district. The District Councils electing their own District Visitors and submitting their names for the approval of the Conference. Such Visitor shall at least, etc., as per draft constitution.

Sec. 3.—After "each" insert the word grouped.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

After the words "if any" add "but they shall have power to appeal to the Annual Conference, whose decision shall be final.

Sec. 7.—In place of the words "but not vote thereat" insert the words "and shall not vote thereat" except in matters arising which effect Lyceums of the District.

ALFRED KITSON, B.S.L.U.

W. JOHNSON.

LOOK OUT EVERYBODY.—Next month will commence an intensely absorbing serial. It has been specially written for the LYCEUM BANNER by our talented contributor, Mr. John M. Stuart-Young. The title of the story will be "Frank Burgoyne, Outcast: A Manchester Story." Do not miss the opening chapters, for they are most interesting. Now is the time for all Lyceums to double their orders, for, without doubt, this will be found to be the very best story for young and old that has ever appeared in our periodicals.

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 Items 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.

Birmingham.—B.S.U.

I trust you will not think that the B.S.U. Lyceum has forgotten the fact that the BANNER has a corner in it for reports, indicative of working progress, etc. At the same time space is valuable, and bearing this in mind, I make a condensed report of three important features of our Lyceum work.

Our third Annual Meeting, held at Bristol Street Board School, on Sunday, April 21st, enabled us to see that changes which tend towards developing our resources had taken place. That in senior groups, sustained interest had been shown for absorbing suitable mental food. That all members still felt a keen interest in recitations and the like. That a slight increase in attendance was encouraging. That leaving an inconvenient room for a more commodious one was a distinct advantage. That Lyceum work was real good, and that we are all alive to our duty to the Movement, by determining to work with greater energy and love in the future.

On June 15th 83 Lyceumists and friends met at Sutton Park for their Annual Picnic, and spent one of the happiest half-holidays since the formation of the school.

We were all very pleased to welcome Mrs. Clarke, of Nottingham, at our Quarterly Open Session, on Sunday morning, July 7th, at the Masonic Hall, when she gave a short address on "Train up a child in the way he should go," which was a plea for Lyceum work; afterwards giving clairvoyance. Adults seem, and are, very interested when the Lyceum installs itself, once a quarter at the service room of the B.S.U.

The time went all too quickly. Quite a plethora of recitations, songs, and other good things were said, done, and enjoyed. Recitations were given by Misses Edith Clements, Willie, Elsie, and Victoria; Marion Knibb, Mr. and Herbert Vann, Nellie J. West, and Albert Wadley. Louie Hands acted as pianist, assisted by Miss Vann on the clarinet.—CISSIE DEAKIN, Conductor.

Blackburn.—Northgate.

June 30th saw our Lyceum celebrating its first Flower Services, and taking everything into consideration we had a splendid day. Mr. A. Kitson, our genial Union Secretary, was the speaker for the day, the morning being entirely devoted to an Open Lyceum Session, which was well attended by parents and friends, Mr. Kitson giving a very attractive address to the children, after the usual Lyceum readings, marching, etc. At the afternoon services, Lyceum recitations were given by the scholars, and a short address by Mr. Kitson, who likewise gave a

lengthy address in the evening on Lyceum work and teachings, its advantages over orthodox Sunday schools, etc., which was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. Lyceum songs were rendered at each service by the scholars, the girls especially looking very pretty, dressed in white, surrounded by a large quantity of flowers, with which the rostrum was very prettily decorated. The services were very ably presided over by our energetic and enthusiastic conductor, Mr. Cooke. On Saturday evening a Tea Party and Reception to Mr. Kitson took place, at which songs and recitations were rendered by the Lyceumists. Miss Bertha Holding, of Darwen, also rendered two songs very attractively. The collections and profits from Tea Party which realised over £3 were devoted to Piano Fund.

Leicester—Queen Street.

The officers and children, together with a few friends, held their annual outing on July 13th, to Woodhouse Eaves, journeying thither by brakes. The weather was all that could be desired. After partaking of tea all were on pleasure bent, some climbing the Beacon Hill, others Windmill Hill, also the Hanging Rocks. Nature was at her best, a lovely view was obtained of the country for miles round. All returned home having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks are due to Professor Timson, Nurse Langham and Mr. Hiffe for their practical help, and to all who tried to make the children happy.

Manchester.—Tipping Street.

A WEDDING IN MANCHESTER.—On Saturday, July 6th, a marriage took place at the above hall, Mr. George Hill, the President of the Society, performing the ceremony. The contracting parties were Mr. Albert Edwin Braham, son of our Lyceum conductor, and Miss Sarah Ellen Howard. There was a large attendance, and the ceremony was watched with extreme interest. Mr. Nelson Firth played the "Wedding March." At the conclusion of the service 82 invited guests sat down to the sumptuously-spread tables. In the evening songs, games, etc., were indulged in to a late hour, the bride and bridegroom leaving on the midnight train for a tour through Scotland. It is very pleasing to note that both the bride and bridegroom were old Lyceumists. The following were the guests:—Messrs. G. E. Braham, A. E. Braham, W. T. Braham, T. Bletcher, J. E. Reed, W. Taylor, sen., W. Taylor, jun., H. Kynder, J. Howard, A. Carr, T. Fish, J. Cheetwood, G. Hill, W. Poulton, W. Vanston, J. Haddow, H. Vernon, G. Vernon, sen. & jun., A. E. J. Davies, J. Forrest, C. Hampson, H. Hampson, J. Standen, B. Standen, H. Jones, A. Jones, T. Dunn, W. Walker, T. Roughsedge, E. Butler, L. Butler, A. Butler, Nelson, Firth Wilson; Mesdames E. Braham, H. Moore, H. Kynder, T. Oldfield, A. Carr, J. Cheetwood, S. Howard, L. Ashford, G. Hill, W. Vanston, J. Standen, H. Jones, W. Taylor, sen., T. Roughsedge, E. Butler; Misses E. N. Braham, S. E. Howard, E. Howard, E. Howard (Seedly), A. Cheetwood, E. Shaw, M. Ashford, L. Stanney, E. Stanney, N. Stanney, A. Denman, F. Hill, E. Gaskell, E. Poalton, N. Hosketh, M. Walsh, Emily Vanston, Emmie Vanston, J. Vernon, L. Vernon, L. Oaksworth, E. Green, A. Turner, E. Dale, A. Davies, C. Jones, N. Warralow, H. Roughsedge, M. Butler.—G. VERNON.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Sunday and Monday, June the 9th and 10th we held our 14th Anniversary. On Sunday the evening service was presided over by our old and esteemed friend, Mr. H. A. Kersey. There was some excellent rendering of songs, solos, recitations, etc., by the members of our Lyceum. We heartily congratulate many of the younger members who did so well with their reciting, singing, or instrument playing. Mr. H. A. Kersey, in a few brief remarks, said "it gave him great pleasure to accept the invitation from the officers of the Lyceum to preside over this service." He also drew a comparison between the orthodox Sunday School and this system of Spiritual teaching to be heard at the Lyceums. And asking his audience to consider which was most healthy for the minds of the children? The lessons for the evening were well sung by the Lyceum in chorus. On the Monday evening

the programme was more varied. There was again some good singing and reciting, and some splendid playing on the piano, mandolin, violin, etc., by various members. There was a good attendance at both the services. Mrs. Arthur, assistant Conductor, presided over the Monday's meeting, while our Conductor, Mr. Davidson, ably directed the singing at both.—G. Mumpit, Hon. Sec.

Oldham.

On Sunday, July 21st, we held our Lyceum open session. We had a very pleasant afternoon. Miss Snape, from Hollinwood, Miss Sankey, and Miss E. Davenport, favoured us with solos, Miss Monks and Miss Barlow with a duet, and there were four recitations by the younger Lyceumists. The marching and calisthenics were gone through very well.—H. MOXKS.

Lyceum District Councils' Reports,

Midland District.

I herewith beg to tender my quarterly report as D.V. for the Midland district:—

May 5th—I visited the Smethwick Lyceum, and I am pleased to report progress, especially in the marching.

May 26th—In the morning I visited the Lyceum at Grafton-street, and afternoon the one at Queen-street, and am pleased with the efforts put forth by the Leader and Lyceumists generally. The idea of visiting each other's Lyceum is splendid, and I strongly advocate it.

June 2nd—I received a special invitation to visit the newly-formed Lyceum at Burton-on-Trent, and found the number of attendance small, but there are birds of promise, and I trust that the Leaders' zeal will be tempered by wisdom, and undoubtedly success is the crowning point of patient effort.

June 9th—Nottingham (Cobden Hall) was my place of visitation, where the time was chiefly taken up in practising a beautiful service of song, which was well rendered. Hope marching will be renewed.

June 3rd—Visited Belper, it being their anniversary; the marching was excellent. I was glad to see so many strangers present; very pleasant visit.

June 30th—I again visited Derby (Midland Road), and found the Lyceum here progressing favourably in every respect. I am hopeful of a Lyceum being re-formed at Traffic-street.—Yours fraternally,

J. BOLTON, D.V.

Rochdale District.

On Saturday, July 13th, a meeting was held in the Bury Spiritual Room, to consider, and if possible, to form a District Council, seeing that the South East Lancashire District Council had been broken up. The proceedings resulted in a Council being formed, to be called The Rochdale District Council of Spiritual Lyceums, officers appointed, and rules adopted for the guidance of same. The balance of funds from the late Council was handed over, viz:—£1 2s. 6½d., the officers appointed were as follows:—President, J. B. Tetlow, Manchester; Secretary, Geo. H. Smith, Manchester; Treasurer, Mr. Hall, Bacup; District Visitor, Mr. Kershaw, Bury; Auditors, Mr. Nurse, Rochdale, and Mr. Jackson, Bury. Good feeling and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting, and I hope there is in the future good work to be done for the children's glorious cause.—GEO. H. SMITH.

NOTE.—The Secretary, has courteously sent us a copy of the rules referred to in the above report, but pressure upon our space prevents us printing them.—EDITOR.

Manchester District.

The following Lyceums have been visited during April, May, and June:—

April 14th, Stockport. Since paying this Lyceum a friendly visit two years ago, I see no improvement in numbers, although there appears no decrease. They started punctually, which is essential if a Lyceum is to be successful. The readings were well done, but I was sorry to find they had not

adopted the new series of calisthenics, but there is a promise of amendment on this point.

April 21st, Hollinwood Open Sessions. The Union's secretary and myself, receiving special invitations, we attended this Lyceum, and found considerable improvements. They had done their best on every point I had previously pointed out, and since my previous visit they had increased in numbers, and were also highly delighted with the improvements. Mr. A. Kitson addressed the children at all the services.

April 38th, Cobden-street, Pendleton, in the morning, for a few instructions in the exercises, which were well received. Afternoon, Openshaw. I found a very strong Lyceum here, their only drawback being such a small room. My efforts were fully appreciated, and the wish expressed for another visit at an early date.

May 5th Tipping-street. I found a well-conducted Lyceum, though not so large as I expected; the readings were well responded to, and so was the singing.

May 19th, Horwich. I am very sorry to report that after the very earnest efforts of the Bolton Knowsley-street Lyceumists to assist me in the building up of this Lyceum, it does not appear to have had much effect. However, there are one or two in earnest in the work of the children, and I hope for the best.

June 9th, New Ardwick, Open Session. To give this Lyceum a helping hand I secured the services of the Union's secretary, Mr. A. Kitson, who willingly gave them. It was very disappointing to find there was such a late start at all the meetings. I conducted the morning session, and throughout the conduct was good.

June 16th, Salford. Although I expected to find a very small Lyceum, there were over 80 present, and the interest taken by the little ones in the readings was worthy of imitation by older Lyceumists. Their conduct, too, was excellent, the conductor never having to call for order during the whole two hours they were assembled. I fully appreciated their little token of love and esteem which was presented to me on that occasion.

June 30th, Higher Broughton. There was a good number of Lyceumists. The conduct was good, responses to readings and also recitations were good, every attention being paid the conductor.—(Miss) C. BURTON, D.V.

List of Lyceum Districts.

Their Visitors.

LONDON.—Forest Gate and Dalton; Mr. and Mrs. M. Clegg, 29, Ramsey-road, Forest Gate, London, E.
MANCHESTER.—Miss A. Burton, 53, Stanley-street, Bury
MIDLANDS.—Mr. J. Bolton, 60, Sutherland-road, Derby.
TEESIDE.—Mrs. Nixon, 1, Oliver-street, Linthorpe, Middlesboro
TYNESIDE.—Mr. H. A. Kersey, 39, Grosvenor-place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Lyceum District Councils.

Their Secretaries and Visitors.

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The "Lyceum Banner" Letter-Box,

What is the position of a Lyceum?

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—I venture to submit my reply to this question:—

The Lyceum is founded on the revelations of A. J. Davis, who, as a psychic, visited the higher planes, gleaning the knowledge of how the children are taught in those spheres of Love, Truth, and Wisdom. The Lyceum movement is an effort to bring about on this mundane plane a condition of things such as A. J. found on the higher planes; it is, therefore, much superior to what is known as Spiritualism. It is not in antagonism to Spiritualism, but is related as the copper coin is related to the golden one. The Lyceum is not selfish—selfishness being incompatible with Love as taught on the higher planes—hence it does not seek to grasp Spiritualism. In Love it desires that Spiritualists, Christians, Theosophists, and all will realise the beauty and goodness of its purpose, and while they do not seek to dominate its existence, as a duty to themselves will give all the assistance they can to the movement. The Lyceum seeks the development of true Spiritual character, which fundamentally differs from the denominational Spiritualist character.

The essence of Spiritualism, as a movement, is to demonstrate the continuity of life, and teaches that, when John Smith passes from this plane, he emerges John Smith on the other side, with all his vices and virtues. It has no creed, dogma or bible—as other denominational movements—and a Lyceum is therefore in no need of a Sunday School.

W. H. ADAMSON.

Liverpool, July 19th, 1901.

Lyceum Guilds.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Editor,—Many of your readers no doubt have recollections of the letter sent by Miss Thorpe on behalf of the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum Guild. We, the Smethwick Lyceum Guild would also like to show our progress in, as you please it, this "novel phase of Lyceum work." I have, therefore, been instructed to forward to you the enclosed summary of six months' work, which was submitted to our Guild at their first half-annual meeting on 18th July. We hope that it may be sufficiently good reading to urge on others, both those who at present have no week night meeting and those who may have found the need of further mutual improvement, and met it by the formation of classes or guilds. We hope that our desire to aid others in this small way may not be thought egotistic. Our little body has discovered the need there is for wider interchange of thought in its own lack of, not talent, but maturer understanding, so that when we wish to bring others to the line with accounts of their doings, it is not altogether unselfish, for we seek to benefit by others' experience. We are pleased to say

that as an outcome of Miss Thorpe's letter to the BANNER, we have been able to open up a valuable line of communication, and our interchange of thought cannot but be very helpful to our Guild, and, if I may, I should here like to express our warmest thanks to our friends for their very kind expressions of paternal love towards us.

Surely there are other Guilds, fellowships, or classes in existence; then let them rally up and report themselves, for it is not good for them to live alone. Let them not hide their light under a bushel, but reflect the light of their existence on their fellows.

Thanking you for the publication of our letter, believe me, on behalf of the Smethwick Lyceum Guild, yours very truly,

HAROLD KNIBB.

146, Bristol Street, Birmingham.

[The report mentioned above appears as the LIBERTY GROUP article in this issue.—EDS.]

Royton.

We held our half-yearly meeting on Sunday, July 14, when the following officers were elected:—Conductor Mr. D. G. Greaves; Assistant Conductor, Mr. C. Fitton; Secretary, Mr. A. W. Smith; Treasurer, Miss Ann Schofield; and Musical Conductor, Mr. H. Buckley. On Saturday, July 20th, the Royton Progressive Cricket Club met Bartlam Place Lyceum, which ended in a win for Bartlam by three runs. The Progressives had hard lines towards the close of the game. Score, Bartlam 32, Royton 31.—A. W. SMITH.

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS.—A Melbourne Spiritualist offers the sum of £500, providing a like sum is contributed by other Spiritualists by the end of this year, the entire amount being intended for the purpose of engaging lecturers and test mediums, to speak and work in Melbourne, and other large cities and towns in Australia. The gentleman, whose name is not yet announced, makes this offer (says "The Harbinger of Light, from which paper we take the facts of the case,) because he, "having derived much comfort and enlightenment from Spiritualism, is desirous to assist in a promulgation of a knowledge of its facts, philosophy and ethics." It is a noble offer, and we sincerely hope it will be taken up by our Antipodean brethren.

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List of Lyceums and Lyceum Secretaries in the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

- Accrington**, Albion st., 10-30 a.m., Miss Alice A. Edwards, 76, Omerid st.
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Belper, Jubilee hall, 10 and 2, Mr. J. Hawkins, Marsh lane.
Birmingham, Bloomsbury, Oddfellows' hall, 11 a.m., Miss M. Rudder, the Hollies, Aston In. Aston B.S.U., Bristol Street Board Schools, 2-45, p.m., Miss E. Cattell, 279, St. Vincent st. Ladywood
 „ Smethwick, Central hall, cape hill, 2 45, p.m., Mr. I. Knibb, 146, Bristol st, Birmingham.
Blackburn, Freckleton street, 9-30 and 1-45, Mr. James Hargreaves, 31, whalley new road.
 „ Northgate, 9-30, Mr. T. E. Hollinhead, 24, Edmundson street.
Blackpool, Albert rd, 9-30, Mr. F. Mewis, 12, Maybell Avenue.
Bolton, Bradford st., 10 a.m. Mr. E. Pilkington, 72, Union st., Tonge Moor.
Bolton, Knowsley st, 10 and 2-30, Miss F. Nield, 44, Bu'lock st.
Bootle, Liverpool, Stanley hall, 11 a.m., Miss E. Norton, 4, St. Catherine's road.
Bradford, Rebecca st., 10 a.m., Mr. A Windle, 9, Tile st., Manningham.
 „ Otley rd., 10 a.m. Mr. F. Priestley, Nuttall rd.
 „ Temperance hall, 10 a.m., Mr. H. Downey, 26, Marshland place, Leeds road.
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Bradford, Spicen st., 10 a.m.
 „ Tong st, Dudley hill, 10 a.m., Mr. Robert Muff, 5, Shetcliffe lane, Tong st, Dudley Hill.
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Darwen, Church bank-st, 9-30, Mr. W Pearce, 41, Argyle street.
Derby, Midland-rd, 10-30, Mr. Ernest Shepherd, 48, Molineaux-st.
Dewsbury, Bond st, 10 and 1-45, Mr. J. Wallace, Aisthorpe, Highfield cottages, Hanging Heaton, near Dewsbury.
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 „ Craven st., 10 and 1-15 (Sec. as above).
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Lancaster, Athenaeum st. St Leonard's gate 10-30 J. Horne, 9, Swan st.
Leeds, Castle street, 10 a.m., Mr C. Levitt, 74 Geldard-road.
Leeds, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10, Mr. Dan Nevison, 11, Sedan place, Camp rd.
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Leigh, Newton st, 10-30.
Liverpool, John Lamont Lyceum, Eaton hall, Breck rd., Everton, 11 a.m., Mr. Arthur Crowther, 16, Holford st, eul, Everton.
 „ Daulby hall, Daulby st., 11 a.m., Mr. W. Robinson, 314, Scotland rd.
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Liversedge, Carr st., 10, Miss Julia Hirst, Well fold, Littertown.
London, Battersea park, Mr. J. Imison, 3 Glycena rd., Lavender hill, s.w.
 „ Surrey Masonic hall, Camberwell, new rd, 3 p.m. S. D. Smith, 237, Southampton-st., Camberwell
Macclesfield, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Geo. Challinor, 43, Peel street.
Manchester, Collyhurst st, Oldham rd., 10, Mr. J. H. Horrocks, 1 Marsh st., Ancoats.
 „ New Ardwich, Spiritual Hall, 65, Pin Mill Brow, Mr. H. Jones, 65, tiverton st., Ardwick.
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 Craven yard, West parade.
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 „ Music Hall, Surrey st., 10-30, Mr. J. Caunt, 1, Gower st.
 „ Langsett rd, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. W. E. Caswell, 31, Topham st.
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Slaithwaite Laith lane, 10-30, Mr. Frank Cock, 46, Laith lane, near Huddersfield.
Southport Forester's hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Thos. H. Archer, 12, Lard street.
Sowerby Bridge The Lyceum, Hallins lane, 10 a.m., Miss Dewhurst, 51, Tuel lane.
Stalybridge, 10-30, Mr. J. Croasdale, 43, Melbourne st.
Stockport Spiritual hall, wellington rd. Mr. J. Marstone, 223, Chestergate.
Todmorden, Sobriety hall, 10 a.m., Miss J. Turner, 11, Pavement st., Rochdale rd.
Wakefield, Queen street, Mrs. Bruce, Twins place, Thornes lane.
Walsall Central hall, 2-30, Miss Flint, Adam's, row
Warrington, Bewsey st., Mr. Wm. Massey, 34, Manchester rd.
Yeadon, Town side, 9-30, Mr. J. H. Hardaker, 20, Town st.

Ashton - under - Lyne, Burlington street, 10, Mr. R. W. Walker, Pelham st.
Dearnley near Rochdale, 10-30, Mr. James Holt, 533, Halifax rd., Small Bridge, nr. Rochdale
Grimshy Freeman st., Mr. C. Wright.
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Quarmby nr Huddersfield, 10-15, Mr Sam Mellor Leymoor Bottom, Lockwood, near Huddersfield.
Salford, 4, West Crown st., 10-30, Mr. J. Kay, 23, West George st., Salford.

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