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[ENTERED AT STATIONERS HALL] ONE PENNY.

### MY SCHOOL DAYS.

My school days! My school days!  
Can I ever you forget?  
Though change and sorrow roll between  
I feel your presence yet;  
They tell me that the time is now  
For work and joy and song,  
But backward to the past I turn,  
And for your glammers long.

My school days! My school days!  
They tell me you are gone—  
They say that manhood is the time  
For mind to dwell upon;  
But like the bells at eventide  
With plaintive melody,  
I hear the merry shouts of boys  
In time when heart was free.

My school days! My school days!  
What rapture all divine,  
I feel when mists are rolled away,  
And once more you are mine;  
Whatever joy the future holds,  
Though fair and bright it be,  
I never shall surrender  
The love I have for thee!

JOHN M. STUART-YOUNG.

### Frank Burgoyne: Outcast

A MANCHESTER STORY.

By JOHN M. STUART-YOUNG.

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Bemused," etc.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE]—In this slight story I am endeavouring to shew the terrible effect which fear of an unknown, unloving, merciless God has upon the budding minds of our children. It is only right that the young members of our Lyceums should learn the true, the loving and the spiritual God; and although my narrative must at times be necessarily gruesome, the intention of the writer is to point them from Darkness to Light, from Awe to Worship, from Dread to Love. My descrip-

tion of the Salvationist's creed—"Blood and Fire" is not a caricature. Words similar to those used in the first chapter are uttered every day.

### CHAPTER I.

NIGHT IN COTTONOPOLIS.

"The day is cold, and dark, and dreary;  
It rains, and the wind is never weary."

LONGFELLOW.

IT was nine o' clock at night—dark, dense, and terrible night—and the fine rain, swirling down in soft sponge-like drops, caused the pavements of Oxford Street to glisten with the hue of furbished steel: while the large lamps of the gay shops cast misty blue and yellow rays across the road.

A boy—for he was not more than fifteen—was trudging slowly, laboriously, with hands thrust deep into his old invernness cloak pockets, towards the town; and as he passed the theatres which deck Manchester's principal street his eyes rested wistfully on the dazzling electric lights.

His cap was a marvel of woe-begone decrepitude, and his hair, flattened by the rain, clung closely to his forehead. He was not at all a beautiful lad; high cheek-bones, and a stolid miserable expression; but there was that in his clear brown eyes which indicated his honesty and integrity although, truth to tell, his present frame of mind was not at all attractive.

A thrill of pity would have passed through any spectators had they but known the little history of this Atom of God's Great Universe. He was going forth to eat as the wanderer may eat, to sleep as the friendless may sleep, and to dream as only the homeless can dream.

Soon he reached Deansgate, and as the rain saturated the old collar of his tattered coat, he felt that there could no longer be pleasure for him in life. An orphan, an outcast, unknown—uncared for! He looked around him wistfully, searching with almost humid eyes for another friendless one who might share his miseries; but only the now nearly deserted streets and the gleaming lamps lay before him. So he trudged along manfully, and soon was attracted

by a small crowd of people, who had gathered at the corner of one of the side streets. A man's voice, harsh, strident and imperative was declaiming, and Frank at once recognised the people as a small company of Salvationists. The sight was a familiar one to him—he had seen groups of these people many times before, in various places and in all kinds of weather. Once he had smiled tolerantly at their vehemence. That was in the old days, when he was a member of a large, fashionable church, and his dead father had dressed him well. Then he had a mother—a sweet, and gracious mother. Now she too was dead.

He paused curiously, listening intently to the man's words. He was a broad, muscular fellow, and as he spoke he waved his arms; while fervent "Amens" and "Hallelujahs" came occasionally from the throats of the listeners.

"Brothers and sisters," he was saying, "night and day, minute by minute, and hour by hour, the eye of the Almighty God is upon you. You cannot hide yourself from the searching eye of God. He sees your every action, he can read your every thought. Every lie is heard by Him, every sin is seen by Him. Into the book of life every evil deed of yours is written. And when the last trump shall sound, when with a shout the dead shall rise from their graves, and the living be hurled into Eternity, the book shall be opened and every sin shall be exposed, and every wicked thing shall be revealed."

To Frank as he listened, the faces of these people looked mocking, fierce and gloomy. The stern eyes of the speaker seemed to gleam with exultant satisfaction, as he contemplated the picture he had drawn.

"God is all-powerful," he continued, and his voice seemed to gather heavier woe as he proceeded. "He is Almighty and can do whatever He will. The seas are His, and the earth also. He could crush us to death as easily as we kill a fly. He hates sin! Are you in sin? Come out then, or damnation awaits you. We read in the Holy Book that once He struck a man and his wife down dead for telling a lie, and if you continue in sin you shall be damned also." Vociferous cries of "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "He will," came from the other Salvationists, and Frank gazed vaguely at these people who seemed to gloat over the wrath of an invisible God. Tremors of unknown terror passed over him, and an intangible something gripped his heart until he thought he must fall down shrieking with this weight of unknown woe.

"God counts up our sins, even the sins of which we ourselves are not conscious. Ever since you were born He has been reckoning them, and until you die He will continue to write them down. On that great day when the Earth shall be judged He will weigh you in the balance, and if you are found wanting, He will cast you body and soul into Hell. Into Hell," and as though this word conjured up a more wonderful enthusiasm, the speaker's voice rose to a shriek, and he hurried along gaspingly: "Hell—where the worm dieth not, and the fire is never quenched. Where souls sit with parched throats and staring eyeballs, clamouring vainly for the water which would assuage their burning throats, but which God withholds."

Frank turned shudderingly away. Why, oh why! was he tortured thus? If what that man said were true what a blind, merciless Power must be behind the veil of Life.

His brain was throbbing, and his limbs seemed weak with a terrible fever. As he approached the Exchange Station crowds of well-dressed people swarmed around the cars, eager to reach their comfortable homes, but no one cast a glance at him as he stood on Victoria Bridge.

He looked away from the swirling river with a sigh, and turned aimlessly towards Strangeways, knowing that there at least he would find tatters to match his own. Soon he met slouching forms of men, strewn in front of the shops, and sheltering under the railway-arches. Miserable women, with children in their arms, were standing patiently, waiting for their husbands, and he placed himself in line with these and occupied himself with the flowing tide of that great Jewish thoroughfare.

He fingered his few remaining coppers vaguely, speculating as to the chance of a night's lodgings.

He had only twopence halfpenny left and he was ravenously hungry. If he slept under cover to-night there would be no possibility of a bun and coffee in the morning.

Soon a sign caught his eye: "Supper 1½d. per head—to night," and the swing-doors of the gaily lit saloon, moving slowly to and fro with a rhythmic sound, as the well satisfied people passed through them, seemed specially inviting. The faces of the passers-out, as they smiled in that indescribable way which tells the world at large "I have supped and am at ease" gave every indication of the good stuff within.

Frank paused doubtfully on the threshold, but as a burly navy brushed past him, he hurried through the door, and gazed around him wonderingly. The light and glitter confounded him for a moment, but soon he saw the men and children crowding round a little bar in one corner of the spacious room. He approached, and received a plate of hot soup with suggestive morsels of meat floating on the surface. "Vine night, my vriend," a little, weazened Jew said to him as he sipped his broth. "That is to say for the ducks."

The man's wonderful seediness indicated his poverty, but Frank was too miserable to open a conversation, so he merely replied in the affirmative. The words of the Salvation army preacher were still ringing in his ears, and he was bitterly warring against this tyrannical force which had robbed him of parents and home.

And let me here tell my readers the little history of our hero. Frank Burgoyne was the son of an English gentleman who had married beneath him. Frank's mother was a gentlewoman, but unfortunately her parents were very humble people, and John Burgoyne's father had disapproved of his son's marriage. Immediately the news of the mesalliance reached him he disinherited his son, and declined to hold any further communication with him. Mrs. Burgoyne was the first to die, soon after Frank's birth, and her husband did not live many years after her disease.

At fifteen Frank was left an orphan. Owing to the failure of his master he had been thrown out of employment, and having no friends to appeal to, had rapidly fallen down the social ladder until he was now almost a beggar.

As his mind travelled over the events just described Frank sighed bitterly, and laying down his plate and spoon went out again into the night.

## CHAPTER II.

## A NIGHT'S LODGINGS.

"To each his sufferings; all are men,  
 Condemned alike to groan;  
 The tender for another's pain,  
 The unfeeling for his own."

GRAY.

The rain was still falling fitfully as he passed into the street, and walked jerkily along the slippery pavements.

Where should he go? He felt much better after the warmth and food, but he had only a penny left, and he could not find a lodging so cheap as that.

He wended several dark streets, and stood again under the railway arches in Great Ducie Street.

He sat down on the steps which led to the station, and looked wistfully around. People were constantly passing, with open umbrellas, and hurrying feet. Cars and omnibuses were driven swiftly by. No one seemed to notice him, so he sat there, thinking drearily of his miserable life. He was suddenly startled by a hand seizing the lapel of his cloak, and a rough voice exclaiming "Come, get away from here. How can people pass inside the station with you on the steps. Get off."

Frank rose without a word, and turned out into the pelting rain again; the policeman continued his beat, so he stood and watched him disappear in the mist. Then he turned back and re-ascended the steps, this time choosing a position where he would be hidden by the turn in the stairs. He buried his head in his hands, and gave way to a fit of convulsive crying, both strange and unusual in one so old as he; for at fifteen the majority of our boys would rather die than cry. Soon his sobs grew more subdued, and he fell into an uneasy sleep. The rain dripped from his coat on to his almost naked feet, and fell in dirty rivulets down his face, but it did not awaken him. Several times he moved as if in pain, and a moan of anguish was wrung from his lips.

And his dreams were not pleasant ones. He seemed to be haunted with the same intangible dread which he had felt some hours before; until at last he started up with a gasping cry to see the face of the Salvationist, whose words had so affected him, looking down into his.

A dark, rugged face it was, grave and morose, but his eyes were milder now than they had been some time ago.

"What is the matter, my poor boy?" he asked. "Why are you here?"

"I have nowhere else to sleep, sir," Frank replied tremblingly. "And I was so tired."

"Poor lad!" said the man kindly, and gave him some coppers from his pocket. "If this will help you to find a roof for to-night you are welcome to it."

He ascended the steps towards the station, and Frank looked after him gratefully. Then he rose, and went through the rain to seek lodgings for the night. He was walking along with his head on his breast, fighting the gusts of wind which now and then filled his tattered clothes, and made progress difficult. He was recalled to his surroundings by hearing a voice exclaim:

"Now then—look where you are going"

He lifted his head and saw before him the little Jew who had spoken to him in the homely restaurant. He looked very poor, so Frank asked him timidly:

"I say, can you tell me where I can find lodgings for the night—cheap lodgings, mind you."

The Hebrew eyed him cautiously, then nodding his tangled head emphatically he said—"Vill you come to my house. I vill only sharge you threepence."

This was the exact sum which the Salvationist had given him, so Frank hesitated for a moment.

"How much?" he asked anxiously.

"Come, I'll say twopence."

"Thank you. I'll come with pleasure."

The little Jew seized his hand with affectionate enthusiasm.

"That's right. Come along. Rachael don't believe in late hours, and the children will be wanting to go to bed."

They went side by side along Strangeways, and at last stopped before a little dusty door on which the word "Polosky" shone forth in white paint.

The Hebrew raised his hand impressively: "See here, my young vriend," he said, and there was a thrill of deep reverence in his voice. "I am a Jew, you, I suppose, are a Christian. See that you behave yourself here, as I allow no scoffing." He spoke earnestly and with a rugged eloquence, and as Frank looked up at him wonderingly he felt that this was no ordinary man.

He nodded comprehensively, and the Hebrew led him up the dark staircase. On the way Frank heard the voices of several children raised in playful wrath, and soon opening a door they entered a tiny room. Three little ones were rolling on the floor, shouting in voluble Yiddish, and upon a bed under the window lay a white-faced woman with a typical Jewish face. The little man flung a greeting to the children, and then with gesticulations and eager words introduced Frank to his wife. She smiled gently, and gave him a gracious nod. The children paused a moment from their games to give him a vacant stare, and then continued their fun with renewed vigour.

The woman pointed to a little cot in the opposite corner, and with a blush of thanks he sat down upon it and peered about him. A table, two chairs, and three beds was all the furniture he could see. Nailed to the wall were a portrait of D'Israeli and an almanack in Hebrew.

The time passed slowly, and about eleven o'clock the children commenced their benshing (praying.)

Soon a subdued breathing came from the bed where the children lay, and with a sigh Frank removed his clothes and turned into bed. The Hebrew lowered the jet, which was casting a sickly orange light over the room, and only the restless moving of the invalid disturbed the quietness.

Frank closed his eyes, and slept the sleep of the miserable.  
 (To be continued.)

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## Our Temperance Department.

EDITED BY ERNEST.

**I**N my article of last month I promised to say something on 'The Spiritual Effects of Inebriety,' so I make that my text for this month.

We frequently receive messages from our Spirit friends telling us of the states in which the selfish, the cruel, the wicked, and the evil-livers find themselves on first entering Spirit-life. Of the mental and spiritual darkness which surround such unfortunates. While the condition of murderers, suicides, and sensualists, are described as almost too awful to be described. Such messages clearly show that the mental and spiritual effects of wrong doing are imprinted upon the spirit, and rise up in judgment against it after 'life's fitful fever' is done with on earth. What a solemn reflection it is to think there is no atonement to relieve us of our stains and sores! Just think of it, we must not only carry the consciousness of our evil doing with us, but that the actual evidences are about and upon us to show to all what manner of man we have been while on earth.

Let us examine the material causes of these sad spiritual conditions. We know that gross habits of body exhibit themselves in various forms of loathsome diseases. That health is broken down and destroyed. That in time the internal organs become so debilitated or inflamed that they cannot fulfil their proper functions. That nerves are deranged, and that brain becomes so affected that reason literally 'totters upon her throne,' and the entire body becomes a diseased and disgusting wreck. The befouled Temple of the Living God becomes a charnel house, and premature decay and dissolution marks the ending of such wasted lives. But the drunkard is, of all, the sure prey to such demoralization, for the inordinate indulgence in the cup saps, undermines and destroys the constitution more rapidly and disastrously than almost any form of self-indulgence to which men and women give way. The boasted "purity" of stimulants is but a trade dodge to catch the unwary in the snare, for there is no such thing as "purity" in the soul destroying stuff. Alcohol is there, and as well talk of the "purity" of an infectious disease, as talk of the purity of the maddening drinks with which the drunkard habitually poisons himself. For the worst "serpent" that ever polluted man's Eden is Alcohol, for by it unnumbered millions have experienced the worst "fall" that has made the world suffer from the sinfulness of man.

But if the bodily effects are so awful, what of the mental and spiritual consequences? If the normal processes of nutrition and assimilation are so interfered with that the body suffers such deteriorations as we see, surely if we have Spiritual bodies, which owe their formation to the actions of the laws governing our physical bodies, our other form must also suffer from the lack of those finer forces that go to make it up? While if our mental and moral characters also affect our physical forms, then the mental and moral status we possess must affect our spirit forms as well? Is it not likely, then, that our evil habits will stunt our spiritual bodies, cover them with blotches and blemishes, and cause us to enter the next life so unsightly as to shock the wise and good of that world, just as is the fact with our

earthly bodies, which in such cases, shock the wise and good on earth? To be known as a drunkard here is bad enough, for even such at times realise their state of shame, but to know that you will not be able to hide the fact "over there" is something terrible to contemplate! Then, too, we all have heard about that terrible state of mind, known as "the horrors," otherwise delirium tremens, from which the drunkard suffers, how the mind pictures fearful shapes and horrid forms, which are the mental equivalents of the bodily disease, and just imagine passing away with the mind filled with such fearful phantasms! For in the other life mental states stand for bodily conditions here. It will be hell, and the worst kind of hell, too, for it will be within, and hence there is no running away from it.

Unbalanced minds, depraved moral consciousness, and wretchedness of spiritual appearance, are the sure consequences of drunkenness on earth. The one blessed gleam of hope for all who so suffer lies in the glorious fact that the angels of the Higher Life do not scoff and scorn these sorry victims of earthly lust and vice, but treat them as patients to be cured, instead of evil-doers to be damned. But, oh! the pity of it, think of the long weary road such patients must needs travel before they are restored to health of soul, and right-mindedness of action. Think of the humiliation that must be endured as the mind regains its sway and brings the realisation home to the unhappy victim of the almost self-murder of its higher self that such degradation involves! No wonder that the Spirits, seeing and knowing all these things, raise their voice against this terrible curse, and urge with the eloquence of knowledge the importance of abjuring entirely the use of Alcohol in all its forms, since the fairest and best, with the worst, are all liable to its insidious attacks, from which few escape when once caught in the toils. Spiritualists, listen to the voice of your spirit friends, shun the evil, oppose its continuance, rescue the fallen and save others from falling. You will, by so doing, earn the gratitude of millions, and enter the other life with the sweet consciousness of having done something for the salvation of your fellows while here.

## LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

NO. NINETY.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

**G**REAT activity is being manifested in the Lyceum cause. It is gratifying to see that Spiritualists are realising Spiritualism stands for education and reformation, as well as spirit phenomena. Societies must pay attention to the training of the children ere they can feel they are doing their duty.

The Lyceum at Shipley has been re-opened. Mrs. Raine, D.V., Bradford, and a few Lyceumists from St. Paul's, paid them a visit and gave them a good start. We hope the present effort will prove a great success.

A Lyceum has been opened at Shildon, co. Durham. Mrs. Faerin, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, rendered valuable assistance, and has promised to pay them another visit.

I learn with deep regret, from an official source, that there are only 30 Lyceums in America and Canada, and not 60, as stated in my last notes. It is very saddening to think so little attention is being devoted to the children in the country where the Lyceum was first made known. "Save the children!" would be a good rallying cry.

Mr. Edley Swift, of Sheffield, has sold 50 of Mrs. Kate Taylor-Robinson's cards. Who will try and do likewise?

Morecambe Society opened a Lyceum on Sunday, Aug. 25th. They applied for the services of Miss A. Burton, of Bury, which request was granted by the E.C.

Clitheroe has decided to re-open its Lyceum on September 29th. Mr. Ormerod, of Rishton, has promised to assist them. It is gratifying to learn of the renewed effort being made.

Is the following lightning fatality "A visitation of God?" If so, was he vexed with the celebration of mass?—

"Church struck by lightning.—A woman killed and several injured. (Dalziel's Telegram, Vigo, Saturday.)—  
"During a terrible storm, which occurred here yesterday the church of St. Andres was struck by lightning during the celebration of mass. A portion of the structure fell in, killing one woman on the spot and injuring several others. The officiating priest fainted, and intense excitement prevailed."

Lyceums who are desirous to have the Executive Council visit them, should send their invitations as early as possible.

The Conference at Burnley was a great success. The splendid display of flowers and plants was appreciated by all. The friends worked hard to make the event a memorable one, and succeeded admirably.

The following Lyceums have sent in their half-penny per member contribution towards clearing off the deficit in the General Fund: Batley Carr 2/6, Birmingham (Bloomsbury) 5/-, Sheffield (Langsett-road) 2/6, Belper 4/8½, Accrington (China Street) 2/4½, Huddersfield (Brook street) 2/7, Bradford (Milton Hall) 2/6½, and Armley 3/3½. I shall be pleased to hear from the others.

### IN MEMORIAM.

On Monday, August 12th, 1901, there passed to the Summerland Harry, the infant son, aged 15 weeks, of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Royston. The little form was interred five days later in the Royston cemetery. The funeral ceremony was conducted by Miss Chadderton, of Hollinwood, in the presence of the parents and a large number of friends.—A. W. SMITH.

## A DAY AT BURNLEY.

AUGUST 18th, 1901.

### THE INTERIM CONFERENCE.

Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th, 1901, marked a new era in the progress and growth of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, for on those dates was fashioned and put into shape the new constitution of that most important organisation, which has been such a powerful aid to the progress of the Lyceum movement in Great Britain.

Mr. Albert Wilkinson appeared for the first time as President, and most ably acquitted himself of his somewhat trying duties. Firm, courteous, and impartial, he literally won for himself golden opinions, alike at the conference, and at the mass meeting on Sunday evening. He, in every way, fully preserved the best traditions of his honourable and responsible position, and had the loyal support of all the delegates present.

The past and present members of the Executive, with our energetic Secretary, Mr. Alfred Kitson, had devoted such anxious thought towards making the draft copy which was considered at the above meetings, and the Delegates assembled to discuss the matter brought so much careful and discriminating thought to bear upon their deliberations, that the great success that attended the interim conference could have no other results than was achieved, results which made the gathering the most harmonious and practical assembly the Union has ever experienced.

Our friends of the North Street Society and Lyceum did themselves honour in the admirable way in which they carried out all the details for the comfort of the delegates, and the facilities provided for the dispatch of the business of the conference sessions. Nothing was lacking that foresight and sympathetic interest in the proceeding could provide. The pretty hall was handsomely decorated with flowers, and was as spick and span as the utmost stickler for cleanliness could desire. The organist elicited sweet harmonies from his instrument; Miss Sage offered a beautiful Invocation on the Sunday morning, she is so promising a speaker that no doubt she will reach a far wider circle than she has hitherto done. The provision for the various meals was satisfactory, alike to the participants and the caterers, but a little less sweet cakes for dinner would have been appreciated by some of the "mere men" present, so far as dinner was concerned. But as the fare was bountiful, and the rates were moderate, no one need complain.

The appointment of a permanent secretary was advanced a further stage. And while the enthusiasm in support of that project was undeniable, yet "votes" will not pay salaries, and it is too serious a question for the appointed to sacrifice a steady employment unless there is not only a moral certainty, but a practical assurance, that in so doing he is not placed in a position that may soon result in a case of "out of the frying pan into the fire." It is worthy of note that this question was first mooted in the BANNER of April and May, 1899, in connection with the Union having a head-quarters, as well. Another instance of the advances in our work that this journal has initiated. The appointment has been offered to Mr. Kitson, but his

decision will not be known until the executive hold their next meeting at Nelson, on the 14th inst.

The conference were under many obligations to Mr. J. J. Morse for the valuable aid he rendered, for that gentleman had gone to great pains to revise, re-arrange, and make needed additions, to the printed draft that was in the hands of the delegates. His wide experience, his tact and urbanity, and the ability with which he piloted the various clauses through their several stages evoked the deservedly high compliments the delegates passed upon his services. He was ably seconded, notably by Mr. Wm. Johnson, Mr. H. A. Kersey, Mr. Jno. Venables, Mr. A. Smedley and others.

The Mass Meeting was held at the Hammerton Street Hall, which place was crowded to suffocation. The various speakers did their work in an admirable fashion, from the first to the last. It was a pleasure to hear Mr. S. S. Chiswell affirm his untiring devotion to the Union, and lyceum work, thereby silencing some who had said his interest was waning. The editor of the BANNER made a rousing little speech, which elicited quite a small ovation at its close. Mr. A. Smedley, Mr. John Clarke, Mr. Jno. Venables, Mr. Wm. Johnson, Mr. Alfred Kitson, also spoke with fervour and ability, while Mr. A. H. Rocke manipulated the grand organ in magnificent style. Taking all things together, the entire series of meetings associated with the Interim Conference were in every way an unqualified success, and all retired to rest justifying the words of Longfellow, that "Something attempted, something done, had earned a night's repose," though no one regretted the arduous labours they had been engaged in.—A friend of the LYCEUM BANNER.

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### Some Casual Observations.

THE question "Is Spiritualism a Religion?" has recently appeared in a contemporary, and as we believe in the two fundamental principles of all religions: God and Eternity, we have decided that Spiritualism is a religion—and a good one too!

However, there are still many people who look askance at "These folk who talk with the dead"; and this fact was brought forcibly home to me on Burnley Day. Our kindly Editor had told me not to bother about the business part of the Conference, so I determined to spend a desultory day at North St. Hall and just occupy myself with casual observations.

The first of our critics occupied the same carriage as myself from Manchester, and in conversation with him I discovered that he was bound for the same place as myself.

"Are you then a Spiritualist?" was my not unnatural enquiry. "Oh no!" he replied with fine scorn, "I am just going because my wife will be there—she is a medium."

His criticisms of phenomena were remarkably forcible, and as my knowledge of the subject is only of a very superficial character I had rather a bad time of it.

From the station I went straight to the Hall, and my first discovery was highly gratifying, viz., that at last the Permanent Secretary difficulty has been settled. I am sure we all congratulate Mr. Kitson: he is, and always has been, the right man in the right place. At the moment of my entrance the delegates were discussing the naming of

Lyceums. Some of the suggestions were highly amusing, and many of the speakers were terribly in earnest.

The Mass Meeting had already commenced, and our Salford friend, Mr. Rocke, was at the organ.

Mr. Kitson gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Wilkinson expressed his pleasure at seeing so many people in the hall, and was pleased to inform us that he had thoroughly enjoyed the Conference. His remarks upon the work for the children were uniformly forcible and sincere. "There was a great deal of work to be done for their upliftment and development, and he urged all his listeners to "get at it."

Mr. Smedley in glowing language described the cause as "the greatest and strongest movement started since the Christian religion was born, nineteen hundred years ago." Unless the churches accepted the great truths given to the world by the angel-guides they must surely and inevitably fall.

Mr. Clarke was brighter than I have had the pleasure of seeing him before.

Mr. Johnson gave us a fine address upon "dressing" the children. The cause had given the Lyceum boy a new suit of clothes. He referred also to the pocket which it was our duty to keep supplied with spending-money, and he urged his hearers to do their best for the Lyceum children.

Messrs. Venables, Chiswell and Morse had yet to address the meeting, but as I wished to catch a train I had to miss their speeches.

No doubt I missed a treat. But I had spent a very enjoyable day, and my visit to Burnley will be long remembered.

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On Thursday, the 5th inst., Miss Gertrude Venables, of Walsall, was united in marriage to Mr. Edward J. Aldridge, of Wolverhampton, the ceremony being performed by the Editor of THE LYCEUM BANNER. Further particulars in our next issue.

The unanimous choice of the Council for the post of Permanent Secretary, fell upon Mr. Alfred Kitson. In that they displayed their wonted wisdom. Whether he will accept is not yet known. But, whether or not, we are in no danger of losing his invaluable services.

It was good to see "Uncle Harry" and listen to his voice. As he dislikes public praise, the BANNER will only say——which is what we all say of him!

The BANNER heartily congratulates the Burnley friends on their most admirable arrangements.

The BANNER joins in congratulating Miss Maggie Moss, musical director of Freckleton Street Lyceum, Blackburn, on reaching her majority on the 24th of last month. Long life and happiness, and other things, to her.

Friends at Armley, Leeds, Bradford, and the districts round and about, will please to note that Mr. J. J. Morse will give his celebrated Lantern Lecture at the Armley Spiritual Church, Theaker Lane, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 7-30 p.m.—[See advertisement on page 107.]

THE  
LIBERTY GROUP

A Lyceum Essay on a Scientific Subject.

**WATER! WATER!**

By HERBERT E. CLARKE.

WE who enjoy abundance of clear crystal water can never imagine what anguish is conveyed by the cry—"Water! Water!" We are too prone to waste the sweet fluid because we have a plentiful supply, and crave after other beverages not quite so bountiful. We 'slight the violets' while we have plenty, and wish for their return when we have none. The French, who are unable to purchase matches cheap, envy the Britisher who is able to lavishly and foolishly waste them. We should therefore be considerate of those things of which we have even abundance, for it may not be so always.

But we are digressing. You all know what water is like, that is in small quantities. But many of us may not have been in the midst of the Pacific ocean, where we might view a great depth of it. Under these circumstances water is unable to transmit light. That is to say a light on the surface of the water could not be seen from the bottom. The sea acts like a mirror and reflects the light. The water appears dark and even black.

Then you have been to the seaside, and at a distance from the shore the water has appeared blue in colour, whilst at less depth it is green. How shall we explain this?

White light can, roughly speaking, be split up into seven colours of which green and blue are two. Now suppose the sea retained six of the colours and reflected the blue or the green. It would then appear blue or green. Now water at different depths is capable of retaining different rays and reflecting the remaining rays. Here then is the explanation. Water that is very shallow will transmit all the light and give back all of it. As it grows deeper less is transmitted and fewer rays returned, until at a great depth, none is transmitted and none therefore can return. Hence there is absolute darkness,

This will also explain for the ruddiness of the planet Mars, which has an atmosphere containing water. Receiving the rays of the sun the water splits the light up, gives back the red vibrations, and illumines the planet with (light of the sun—red rays). So much for the colour of water.

Now its appearance.

You will say it is a liquid and when clear sparkles beautifully. Yes, quite right, but does it not appear sometimes differently from that? In the winter you go sliding and skating, and sometimes it is so "slippy" you fall on your back. What is it so "slippy"? The ice, the *solidified* water. And then as you are walking home the sky is black, and in a few minutes white flakes of snow begin to fall. Here we have some more solidified water. Then you go in home and you say "Mother have you any hot tea?"

and mother replies: "Yes, the kettle is on, and the water is boiling." And when you go to the fire and see the steam (at least you think you do) you have vapourised water. How are we then to describe the appearance of water?

(To be Continued.)

NOTTINGHAM.

HOW IS IT DONE?—The third issue of Bro. Gavin's monthly is to hand, bearing the amended title, "The Yorkshire and Northern Spiritualist." A fine array of reading matter, and a large advertising patronage, make up sixteen pages of the cheapest periodical in the cause. All for one halfpenny! How is it done? Anyhow, it is done well.

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# THE LYCEUM BANNER

SEPTEMBER, 1901.

## OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

**The Interim Conference.** The Interim Conference was a pronounced success. Substantial work was done, the best of feeling prevailed, and several needed reforms were realised. So painstaking was the work that the bye-laws had to be left to the Council to frame, as it was nearly 6 p.m. when the delegates rose from their labours on the Sunday evening. One good thing was the question of District Councils. The revised form of these bodies was largely brought about by Mr. William Johnson, whose various amendments materially helped to put the matter into proper shape. Such bodies are now properly described as "The Lyceum Union District Councils," and in the terms of the new Constitution are "auxiliary and subordinate" bodies to the Union. The D.C. Visitors are now properly accorded a recognised position at the annual Conferences. The question of Union District Visitors was left for the Council to consider. Mr. Kersey's vigorous protest against their apparent exclusion from the Conferences, after all the work they had done, elicited a strong feeling of support to that order of workers, though it is a matter of surprise that some who favoured their exclusion did not rise to voice their objections. But, after Mr. Kersey's expressions, perhaps it was another case of "waking up the wrong passenger" again! However, by next May things will have shaken down into their places, and all will run smoothly hereafter.

**Our Editor's Work.** As a simple act of justice, mention should be made of the work of our Editor regarding the new Constitu-

tion. He took the pains to go over the printed draft before attending the Conference, and thoroughly overhauled it, recasting its clauses into a methodical and sequential order, adding to the Basis, introducing additional matter, and amending many of the provisions. By so doing he rendered material services to the Conference, and greatly facilitated the despatch of business. That his unselfish labours were thoroughly appreciated lies in the fact that, as pilot to "the Bill," nearly all his suggestions were accepted. It is no injustice to others to state that, in conjunction with Mr. Wm. Johnson, our Editor enabled the delegates to pass a Constitution which will be of the greatest service to the future of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union. As the above facts are not included in the Official Report, which we print in this issue, nor have they been referred to elsewhere, it is only fair to so hard a worker for the Lyceum cause that they should be placed on record in the official organ.

**Our New Serial.** This month the BANNER commences the publication of a new Serial Story from the facile pen of our able contributor, Mr. John M. Stuart-Young. As the story unfolds our readers will find it of absorbing interest. It is founded on fact, and much of it is the result of Mr. Young's personal investigations of the phases of Manchester life he describes in the chapters of the tale. We are glad to give our esteemed contributor a wider audience among Spiritualists, for, as a scholarly writer and an able thinker, he is well deserving of being widely read in our ranks. All we now ask is that our readers will respond to our enterprise by increasing their sales of the BANNER, and so enable us to continue making it the very best paper for the young people in our Lyceum work, though its circulation among the adults is far from being a small matter. In fact, the BANNER never had a wider circulation or more friends than at this time, for which we naturally feel a pardonable pride.

## Odd Items from Everywhere.

Our Union should now be healthy!

It can boast of a renewed constitution!

Doubtless a new era of strength and prosperity has now been entered upon.

Flora Belle and Aunt Editha are unable to talk to their friends this month, owing to the crowded state of our columns. Conferences do take a lot of room, but they are done with until May of next year.

It was highly satisfactory that every member of the Council was in his place at each meeting. They made a fine array on the platforms at the Conference Sessions, and at the Mass Meeting.

The President did not "wear a worried look," on the contrary, he was wreathed in smiles, and the personification of amiability. So no one complained when, perforce he had to "ring" them down.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES.****The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.****PROPAGANDA MEETINGS.**

TWO PROPAGANDA MEETINGS WILL BE HELD  
IN THE  
CO-OPERATIVE HALL, ALBERT STREET,  
NELSON,

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1901.

When the following Members of the Executive Council will Address the Meetings:

**Mr. Albert Wilkinson**, President, Nelson.  
**Mr. Alfred Smedley**, Past-President, Belper.  
**Mr. S. S. Chiswell**, Liverpool.  
**Mr. J. Clarke**, Nottingham,  
**Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe**, Treasurer, Sowerby Bridge, and  
**Mr. Alfred Kitson**, Secretary, Hanging Heaton.

**An Open Session**

Will be held at 10 a.m., at which the above Gentlemen will be present.

**Propaganda Meetings**

At 2-30 and 6-30 p.m. Special Collections in Aid of the Union's Funds.

Parents, Friends, and Children Cordially Invited.

Special hymn sheets will be provided.

A Plain Tea, at 6d. each, will be provided on Sunday

**A Saturday Evening Social Meeting.**

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1901,

A Meat Tea, to be followed by a Social, will be held in the Co-operative Hall. Tea tickets 1s. each, after tea 6d. A hearty invitation is accorded to all to make this, the first visit of the E.C. to Nelson, a splendid success.

The Nelson friends have kindly promised the proceeds to the Union.

ALFRED KITSON, Secretary.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

The Executive Council is glad to announce that

**Mrs. M. E. CADWALLADER,**

Vice-President of the First Association of Spiritualists, of Philadelphia, U.S.A.,

Will be present at the meetings on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Her numerous Lancashire and other friends will no doubt be delighted to meet her once again, especially as she is a most ardent Lyceum worker.

**British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.****INTERIM CONFERENCE.**

Held at North Street, Burnley, Aug. 17th & 18th, 1901.

**OFFICIAL REPORT.****SATURDAY'S SESSION.**

Mr. A. Wilkinson, Nelson, president, supported by Messrs. A. Smedley, Belper; J. Venables, Walsall; S. S. Chiswell, Liverpool; J. J. Morse, London; and A. Kitson, Secretary.

**THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**

Messrs. J. Clarke, Nottingham, and A. E. Sutcliffe, Treasurer, acted as the Credential Committee.

**LYCEUMS REPRESENTED.**

The following Lyceums were represented:—Accrington, Bridge Street; Accrington, China Street; Birmingham, Bloomsbury; Blackburn, Northgate; Blackpool; Bolton, Knowsley Street; Bootle, Bradford, Milton Hall; Bradford, St. Paul's; Burnley, Hammerton Street; Burnley, North Street; Bury; Darwen; Great Harwood; Higher Broughton; Horwich; Hyde; Liverpool, John Lamont Lyceum; Nelson, Every Street; Newcastle-on-Tyne; Padiham; Rishton; Rochdale, Regent Hall; Salford; Sowerby Bridge; Todmorden; and Walsall, and the Leeds Lyceum District Council.

**THE PRESIDENT'S OPENING.**

The President explained, in a brief address, the objects of the assembly, and added that it had been decided to deal with the question of Permanent Secretary first.

**THE PERMANENT SECRETARY QUESTION.**

In reply to questions, the Secretary said that 10,000 circulars had been issued through the LYCEUM BANNER and the *Two Worlds*. The response up to the present was receipts of £16 12s. 6d, and promises of donations amounting to £10 18s. od. per year.

The opinion of the Conference was to the effect that several ladies, gentlemen and Lyceums were holding back until they saw what was going to be done in the matter, as they did not like making promises before anything definite was decided upon.

An increased contribution was suggested, which would bring in about £30 per annum for every penny increase.

Mr. Alfred Smedley, the donor of "Reminiscences," explained that the proceeds of the sale of his book was at the service of the E.C. for whatever purpose they desired, so long as they were serving the Lyceum cause. Mr. H. A. Kersley remarked that in making his donation of the "Lyceum Manual" and "Spiritual Songster" it was to help the Union to, engage a permanent paid Secretary.

It was ultimately decided that a permanent Secretary be engaged at £2 per week, his duties to commence on the 25th of September, and that three (3) months' notice be given and taken on either side to determine the contract.

Messrs. A. Smedley and J. Venables promised to make good any deficit on the first year's engagement, which was received with loud applause.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the E.C. to make the selection, and that the present Secretary be recommended for that office.

This concluded the business on the Saturday evening, with the exception of electing Mr. J. J. Morse as the Reader of the New Constitution on the Sunday, but "such office was not to debar him from joining in the debate."

#### A VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

A Vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with the bereaved and those who were injured in the lightning fatality near Bradley Gardens on the 21st of July, the delegates passing a rising vote. Copies of the motion were ordered to be sent to those concerned.

#### SUNDAY'S SESSIONS.

The business was resumed on Sunday morning after the singing of a hymn and an invocation by Miss Sage.

#### THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The following addition to the basis suggested by Mr. Morse was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mrs. Raine, for the first clause, and Messrs. A. D. Kershaw and A. E. Roche for the remainder:—

"That for the purposes of this Union a Lyceum shall be a body formed to impart a knowledge of the facts pertaining to our personal immortality, spirit-communion, and the naturalness of mediumship, and for the inculcation of a religion free from creed, and a mortality based on right-doing, and to assist in ascertaining 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."

"And further: And in lieu of an agreement between a Lyceum and a Society, a Lyceum shall be a self-governed body, and only subject to its own officers as to its external affairs, and to this Union through its Annual Conference, as to the general good of the Lyceum movement. Though the foregoing shall not prevent Lyceums being worked in conjunction with Societies, but such relation shall not in any case be insisted upon as a condition for entering this Union."

Mr. Brian Hodgson's motion to alter the title of the Union by deleting the word "Spiritualists" was lost by 44 votes to 2.

Article II. was passed with the addition "and subordinate," after "auxiliary" clause (*d*). And the following addition was made to Clause "*f*," "So that they may conform to the Constitution for Lyceums as adopted by this Union at Halifax, May 10, 1896."

It was decided to alter the Past-President in Article III. to Vice-President, and that the Executive should consist of five (5) members instead of four (4); three to retire one year and two the other.

Article IV. was allowed to stand.

Article XIII. was transferred, at the Reader's suggestion, into the position of Article V., with the following addition: And the place and date of each succeeding Annual Conference shall be decided by the Delegates at each preceding Annual Conference,

District Councils' visitors, by virtue of their office, shall have the right to take part in and vote on the deliberations of the Conference, and shall be eligible for nomination as Officers or members of the Executive Council, but shall not sit in the dual capacity of District Visitor and Delegate.

Article XV. in the draft copy was made Article VI., and passed with two or three verbal alterations.

Article VI. was made VII., and the first three and a half lines of clause (*a*) deleted, which will now read:—"Each Lyceum accepted will be given a registered number on the official register." The words, "Or as such may be named hereafter," were added to clause (*c*).

Article VII. was made VIII., and passed, the month of May being selected for the Conference.

Article XI. was made X., "other journals" in the last line but one was struck out, and "Spiritual press" put in its place. The following clause was added:—"Three members of the Executive Council shall retire one year and two the other, the three receiving the lowest number of votes at their election retiring first."

Article V., Finances, of the draft constitution was made XI., and passed.

Article X. was made XII., and the words, "at each Annual Conference of this Union," were inserted after the word "shall."

Article VIII. Discipline, now becomes Article XIII., and amended, so that the right of appeal to the Annual Conference shall be unquestioned.

A new Article XIV., dealing with voting, was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. H. Smith, and runs as follows:—

"One person, one vote, shall be the voting rule on all questions, but in the event of a tie vote the Presiding Officer shall have a second, or casting vote,

"All officers and members of the Council shall be elected by ballot."

"On the request of one member of the Conference, supported by seven (7) Delegates present, a vote by roll call or by ballot shall be taken upon any question then being discussed."

And also a new Article, to be 15 on the list, dealing with Trustees, was adopted, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Morse, seconded by Mr. J. Smith, which reads as follows:

"Whenever in the opinion of the Annual Conference it is considered desirable that Trustees shall be appointed on behalf of this Union, and the necessary legal steps shall be taken to that end; but such steps shall not be taken until a vote of three-fourths of the members present has been taken on the point."

#### LYCEUM UNION DISTRICT COUNCILS.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded

by Mr. Latham, "That we provide for the District Council in the Constitution, and that the constitution of District Councils become, subject to amendment, Article XVI. The title was amended to read as follows:—Spiritualists' Lyceum Union District Councils' Constitution. On dealing with Article II. Objects (b) (c) and (d) were amended to read as follows:—

(b) "To assist in the formation of new Lyceums.

(c) "By securing a uniform adherence to its methods of formation, direction, and working as laid down in its constitution for Lyceums, as adopted by the B.S.L. Union.

(d) "By visits of District Visitor for the purposes of assisting and advising in the work where desired, and the presentation to the District Council of a quarterly report for consideration at the Council meeting."

It was also decided that only affiliated Lyceums are eligible for members of the District Councils. And, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. G. H. Smith, it was decided that the members of the Executive Council of the Union be *ex-officio* members of the District Councils.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. G. H. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lovell, "That the bye-laws be remitted to the Executive Council.

DELEGATES AND OFFICERS PRESENT.

The Credential Committee reported the presence of 8 officers, 1 District Council Visitor, and 34 Delegates on Saturday evening; and Sunday 8 officers, 1 D.C. Visitor, and 41 Delegates; total 50. The report was accepted, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Smith, and seconded by Miss A. Burton.

The customary votes of thanks were passed and acknowledged.

ALFRED KITSON, Secretary.

## 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.)

#### D.

##### DREAMS, DUTY, DECISION.

Decision.—Lat., *De-cæsum*, to cut away, to settle; *decisionem*, to cut down; Fr., cutting away obstacles to the action of the mind. "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt." (Shakespeare). "Be it how it will, do right now. Always scorn appearances, and you always may." (Emerson).

"Lose this day loitering—'twill be the same story To-morrow—and the next more dilatory.

Thus indecision brings its own delays,  
And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days.

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute;  
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."

—(Goethe's "Faust.")

Wake to hope and hope's fulfilment,  
In the sunrise see the day;  
Thin the filmy bands that fold thee,  
Fling the husk of sleep away.

Dare—determine—act! The many  
Waver. Be not thou as these;  
All things are the noble spirit's,  
Clear to see and quick to seize.

—("Faust.")

Manual 3, 56, and 82.

For illustration, pictures of Jacob's Ladder, and personal anecdotes of dreams; the death of Nelson, and "England expects that every man will do his duty;" the wreck of the "Birkenhead," where the soldiers stood in line and sank with the ship; mothers, nurses, doctors, and priests in cases of fever, leprosy, famine, and plague; the Bishop of Manchester complimenting Mr. Hornby, cricketer, on displaying the qualities of manliness—courage, tenacity, patience, and rapidity of decision; cases of presence of mind in time of peril.

#### E.

##### ECSTASY, EQUANIMITY, EDUCATION.

Ecstasy.—Gr., *Ekstasis*, to stand out; change of condition; a state of mind in which the functions of the senses are suspended by the contemplation of some extraordinary object; the withdrawal of the soul from the body; mystic or prophetic trance, when the mind is drawn away to the contemplation of heavenly things. "Visions, dreams, trances, ecstasies, were common incidents in the history of the Hebrew prophets." See Daniel 10, 2 Cor., 12, 1-4, Acts 10, 10-11; 22, 17-18, etc. "The wild round dance, the shaking of the head, the shouting, and the distracting music of the flute, together with the use of intoxicating drink, roused the Bacchantes to an ecstasy in which they imagined themselves united to the god. Their souls seemed to leave their bodies and join the troop of spirits attending on him (Dionysos), or they fancied the god himself entered into their bodies and inspired them." (Prim. of Myth.). "The Super-clairvoyant is a state . . . in which the spirit leaves the body, and . . . converses with superior intelligences, and . . . again returns to the physical body. . . . How closely super-clairvoyance approaches death is seen in Cahagnet's seance with his ecstatic Adèle. She had repeatedly assured him there was great danger in her ecstasy, as it might be carried too far, and her spirit be completely severed from her body." (Phil. of Spirit, 127). "Many of the Hindu peasantry believe in the existence of evil demons, who are supposed to cause diseases and other evils. Professional exorcists, with hideous masks, personate particular devils, and with rude music and dancing seek to induce the demons to quit the bodies of the persons possessed. They sink into a kind of trance, and by clairvoyance give messages concerning future events." ("Story of Religions"). "Zoroaster . . . entered by trance into the heavenly world, and being ushered into the presence of Ormuzd, conversed with him and his host of angels." ("Seers of the Ages," p. 42). See also Ezekiel 1, 1; Daniel 10; Acts 10, 9-11; 13, 19; 22c, 17v.; II. Cor., 12, 1-4.

As I wake sweet music breathe  
 Above, about, or underneath.  
 In service high, and anthems clear,  
 As may with sweetness thro' mine ear  
 Dissolve me into ecstasies,  
 And bring all heaven before mine eyes.

(Milton's "Il Penseroso.")

Equanimity.—Lat., *Equus*, even; *animus*, life or mind; even-minded; a calm firmness, not easily excited or depressed. "The soul raised above passion beholds identity and eternal causation, perceives the self-existence of Truth and Right, and calms itself with knowing that all things go well." (Emerson).

Far aloof,

From envy, hate, and pity, and spite and scorn,  
 Live the great life which all our greatest pain  
 Would follow, centred in eternal calm.

(Tennyson's "Lucretius.")

I cannot hide that some have striven,  
 Achieving calm, to whom was given  
 The joy that mixes man with Heaven.

(Tennyson's "Two Voices.")

"I must not be passionless, like a statue, but maintain all relations as a religious being." (Epictetus). "Buddha reached the conviction that rites and ceremonies could not give perfect peace to the mind. It was by the inward culture of the soul, the extinction of anger, lust, and illusions, and by the manifestation of love and gentleness to others, that peace was to be attained." ("Story of Religions"). "The wise, who by meditation recognises the soul as God, leaves earthly joy and sorrow far behind." (Upanishads). See Proverbs 14, 29; 27, 4; Gal. 5, 13-26. Manual 71, 103, 113, 125, 126.

(To be Continued.)

## 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.*

### Attercliffe.

On Bank Holiday, August 5th, some 50 of us started in waggonettes for Roche Abbey, distance about 11 miles from Attercliffe. The morning was very dull and cloudy, but fortunately the rain held off during the day, so that we enjoyed the beautiful drive very much. Arriving about 1 p.m. we took a stroll through the grounds. The afternoon soon passed on, and we found our appetites began to be sharpened. We were soon doing ample justice to the good things that our worthy Conductor and Caterer Mr. Worboy had provided for us. I should here mention that there is great praise and credit due to Mr.

Worboys, for the splendid tea he provided. Also to Mr. Nuttall and the friends who so kindly and willingly gave their services and did their utmost to make it a success. After spending about 7 hours in those grand and old romantic grounds, we made a start for home, arriving about 9 p.m., all enjoying ourselves with the day's outing, under most favourable conditions.—J. H. SMITH, Sec. [Kindly write on one side only of the paper next time. Ed.]

### Bradford—Parkside Road.

We commenced this Lyceum the first Sunday in Jan., 1901, with one session per Sunday, but I am pleased to say it seemed so full of sunshine, as it were, that we soon started with an afternoon session. Our attendance is very good on the average, more so in the afternoon. We have had a grand Tea and Entertainment, which put us on our feet very nicely for a start. Since then we have had social gatherings, a supper, a Saturday afternoon ramble in the woods, and a picnic, to say nothing of our Whitsuntide treat, which all tends to bring that love, peace, and harmony we can see reigns within our Lyceum. Then what with Mr P. Barraclough, our worthy conductor's able remarks on the silver chain readings, etc., and our worthy visitor, Mr. I. M. Yeadon, ever instilling into our minds the horrible effects of drink and all intoxicating liquors, I am not surprised to hear visitors say they wished they lived nearer and they would work hand in hand with us. I am pleased to say we intend to start a Lyceum Band of Hope, with Mr. Yeadon as our Superintendent. When we see the children's faces so like the merry sunshine, societies without a Lyceum little know what they are missing. We are ever being told by our worthy Conductor "There are lonely hearts to cherish while the days are going by," and the "time to be happy is now, the place to be happy is here, and the way to be happy is to try and make other people happy," who can tell the good our Lyceums is doing, for since we started ours we can truly sing, "Aye everything is beautiful and we are greatly blest."—J. LIGHTOWLER.

### London—Battersea.

Our Lyceum annual outing took place at Ashted Woods, on July 22nd, 1901. About 60 children attended and all appeared to enjoy the day, the weather being at its brightest. We arrived soon after 10 o'clock a.m. The children spent the day roaming about the woods or playing games. After tea the children gathered for sports. Dolls and penknives were given to the successful boys and girls. Bags of sweets were distributed among the children at 8 o'clock p.m. On August 19th, the Band of Hope children were taken to Hooley Tarn by brakes: another red letter day, as happy as the Lyceum spent at Ashted. The weather was even better, if that were possible. Our thanks are due to the kindness of all contributors, which enabled us to reduce the cost to the children. Also to all workers who so kindly assisted.—B. IMSON, Sec.—[Kindly write on one side only of the paper next time.—Ed.]

### Newcastle-on-Tyne—Byker.

On Sunday, August 26th, the above Lyceum held its annual meeting for election of officers for ensuing year. Mr. Westgarth, president, in the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were confirmed. The Treasurer's balance sheet, which shows a

good balance, was left over till we receive the books. The election of the principal officers resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mr. B. Westgarth; assistant conductor, Mr. D. Pinkney; financial secretary, G. Sample Dawson; treasurer, Mr. R. Raine; musical conductor, H. Chapman. The annual trip will be held this month.—E.G.D.▲

### Hull.

The Granville Hall Lyceum held their annual carnival on Thursday, August 1st. They went in waggonettes to a field at the outskirts of the city and spent the afternoon in field sports, skipping rope and see-saws erected for the occasion. They were provided with a substantial tea, and returning to the field the evening was spent in races, and new games invented for this fete-day. The generous support of Merills, who came with Ice Cream Stall, and of Mr. Fred Nicholson, of Sheffield, our late Conductor (whom we regret has had to leave Hull) and others, quite justified the enterprise of the Conductor, *pro tem*, who organised and guaranteed the treat. The acting-conductor determined that the first year of the new century should not pass away and the children have no treat. It has made us friends. It has done us all good.—SETH ACKROYD.

### Morecambe.

Sunday, August 25th was a red-letter day with us, for on that date we opened the first Lyceum in Morecambe. We had about forty children and friends at the opening, and the utmost interest was manifested in the proceedings by all present. The Lyceum Union favoured us by sending the Union Visitor, Miss A. Burton, of Bury, to initiate us in the work, and a most able and efficient installing officer we found her. She appeared to be fully up in the work, marches, calisthenics, and the "Lyceum Manual." It is now to be hoped that we shall proceed in a satisfactory manner, especially as we are to again have the benefit of the Visitor's assistance. She was ably seconded in her work by Messrs. Knight and Neild, of Bolton. At night she addressed the meeting very acceptably, closing with clairvoyance. I was pleased to note the presence of Mr. S. Tomlinson, chairman of the Directors of the "Two Worlds," in our audience, and he expressed himself as very pleased with Miss Burton's clairvoyance. Our thanks are due to the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER for a free parcel of the August issue of that valuable journal.—MRS. PARKER, Sec.

## B.S.L.U. District Councils' Reports,

### Leeds District.

Jan. 6th—On visiting Batley Carr Lyceum I was sorry to find no increase in numbers. This is a pity as I always enjoy its sessions which are invariably good in all respects.

Jan. 20th—I visited Heckmondwike, and was delighted to find a marked improvement on my previous visit. A little more attention to punctuality is desirable.

Jan. 27th—Leeds Psycho. This Lyceum continues to maintain its reputation for excellency of its sessions, and is doing good work.

March 10th—I visited Morley, which I am sorry to say continues in a very feeble state. There is a lack of energy and interest. So different from what it was in Mr. Bradlaugh's days. I hope to have a more favourable report after my next visit.

April 28th—I visited Armley, and was pleased to observe they continue to maintain a good, strong Lyceum. Mrs. Camm,

of Leeds, performed the pleasing and interesting ceremony of presenting three of the Lyceumists with medals for good reciting and conduct. This mark of merit was highly appreciated by the recipients.

May 31st—I visited Rothwell, and found the room was too small on account of the increase in their number. More adult workers are required. The conduct was highly satisfactory.

June 2nd—I visited Castleford, and helped in the formation of their Lyceum. A large number of friends were present in the afternoon, the session being held on the lawn induced a great crowd to congregate, who manifested deep interest in the proceedings. The local press gave a good report, and a few selections from the *Lyceum Manual*.

June 16th—I visited Wakefield, and am very pleased to report progress both in number, conduct, and interest. This Lyceum is looking up again.

Our own Lyceum at Dewsbury has been in a low state for some months. The numbers and interest fell off considerably. I am pleased to add that lately the prospects are looking brighter, and more life and interest is being manifested.—JAMES KITSON, D.V.

### The Tees-side.

I visited Crook Lyceum on July 7th. The conductor being absent through illness I conducted in his stead. The children went through the various parts of their programme fairly well, after which Mr. Clare, of Newcastle, gave a short address. I am sorry to report they are losing their organist, who has been a great help to them.

I am pleased to say our Lyceum at Middlesborough is improving very much. We have only been able to have one session per Sunday on account of the services. I hope to send something striking in my next report.

Hartlepool Society has not re-opened its Lyceum. There seems to be a great want of workers for the children.—(MRS.) JANE NIXON.

### Oldham.

On Sunday, August 24th we had to part with one of our workers in the Lyceum, Mr. Frank Mellor, who set sail to America on August 27th, all our Lyceumists wishing him a safe journey and success when he arrives in his new country. Hoping to hear of him working in a Lyceum over there. Also we were very pleased to meet one of our Lyceumists, Charles Brierley, who has been out on ambulance work in South Africa.—H. MONKS.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM UNION DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Accrington, Albion Street, on Saturday, September 21st, at 3 p.m. All delegates and members are earnestly requested to attend.—REUBEN LATHAM, Hon. Sec.

### Leeds District.

The annual meeting of L.D.L.C. was held at Armley on July 6th, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. E. Walton, Leeds; treasurer, Miss L. Mortimer, Batley Carr; secretary, Mr. A. Pinder, Armley, and D.V., re-elected, Mr. J. Kitson, Dewsbury. The accounts showed a balance in treasurer's hands of £1 4s. 3½d.—A. PINDER, Sec.

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## The "Lyceum Banner" Letter-Box,

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To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

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Its relation to the great movement of modern Spiritualism is as *child to parent*, and should be inseparably united. Its aim is not only to prove the continuity of life, but also to point the way of continual progress, and is universal in its object; desirous to embrace the whole world. The Spiritualists' Lyceum being a school for learning, whose teachings are related to life and being, may be utilised at all times for the social, spiritual, intellectual, and physical improvement of humanity.—J. COOKE, Conductor, Northgate, Blackburn.

### "Open the Door for the Children."

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

SIR,—During the summer of 1891 a rather singular incident occurred at the Armley Progressive Lyceum. It is a usual thing for this Lyceum to leave open the doors, and a short time ago the members of the Lyceum were surprised to see a little stranger (a child of some five or six years of age) walk into the centre of the room. One of the elder members invited the child to a seat, where it remained the whole of the morning. It may be well to note that the child did not come into the room the very first Sunday, but for some two or three Sundays it had been seen to loiter about the door. This child may now be seen almost any Sunday at the Lyceum, and seems to take (for its age) a great interest in what is going on. This is not the only child that has been invited into the Lyceum in this manner, and we have now at Armley very often three or four children standing round the door. Let those Lyceums who are in the habit of always keeping their hall doors closed, take a hint from this small incident, and invite children in by means of the door, as well as by word of mouth.

J. RICHARDSON.

Armley.

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