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LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

With this number appears a special supplement consisting of Official Reports, etc., and the Presidential Address to the Conference. We present it to our readers to allow them more time to study the work undertaken and carried forward by the Union, and enable the delegates to the Conference to fully digest the same.

The Presidential Address will be read with deep interest. In the first place all will be glad to learn our able President is restored to health and strength after passing through a protracted illness. Then his summary of the business done, and what is foreshadowed is all interesting to the lover of the Lyceum cause.

This supplement is presented gratis. We hope the time is not far distant when the LYCEUM BANNER can be permanently enlarged. If all our readers can secure one new subscriber each, then the problem is solved. Who will try?

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We have a nice article on "Faith" by Miss Gertrude Green, of Manchester, the esteemed daughter of Mrs. E. Green, who is such a sweet, reasonable exponent of the teachings of Spiritualism. We have also two essays from members of the Higher Broughton Lyceum, full of real merit. We wish to help and encourage all who have talent and ability, but we are crippled for want of space. Hence our appeal.

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A new serial story, specially written for the LYCEUM BANNER by Miss Gertrude Green, entitled "Nita Roslyn: the story of her fame," will shortly appear. Please tell your friends. Don't miss the new and interesting story.

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The Conference at Blackburn promises to be the centre of great attraction, and one of the best representative gatherings ever held. The Spiritual Temple is a splendid building, and well adapted for such a gathering. The Blackburn friends are expecting a big gathering. Don't disappoint them.

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We are sorry to learn that Mr. J. Cooke, the genial conductor of Northgate Lyceum, Blackburn, is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. We wish him a very speedy recovery.

The Lyceums in the Leeds District Council intend having a Field day on Whit-Monday, June 1st, at Dewsbury, when the following Lyceums will take part; Dewsbury; Batley Carr; Morley; Leeds; Wakefield; Armley; and Rothwell. A united programme is being arranged consisting of Silver and Golden chain Recitations; marches and calisthenics.

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"The Spiritualist" for April is just to hand, and is full of good interesting reading, reports, etc., as usual. It also contains illustrations of three spirit photographs, and a good descriptive article by Mrs. L. A. Griffin. The question of spirit photography is being widely discussed in the Spiritualistic Press.

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"The Spiritualist Quarterly Magazine" for April, is also to hand and contains amongst its other valuable articles one on Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, by Mr. James Robertson, of Glasgow. Lyceum Officers should read it and learn of the founder of Lyceums' place among the world's reformers.

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"The Sunflower," Lily Dale, N.Y. has had a most vigorous growth, appearing as a monthly five years ago, it has gradually expanded and grown from a monthly to a bi-month. And recently it made its appearance as a weekly. There is a decided improvement in its contents. "The Sunflower" from its commencement, has been the friend of the Children's Cause. Bro. W. H. Back is to be heartily congratulated on the splendid success crowning his efforts.

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The Rev. Parker Stockade, of the 1st Baptist Church of Independence, Mo. U.S.A. has lately resigned his pastorate, as he can no longer accept the teachings of orthodoxy. He says: 'I do not believe the Bible was inspired any more than any other great book. I reject the doctrine of the trinity as being contrary to the dictates of common sense. I do not believe in man's creation on the Biblical plan, and his fall. I reject the doctrine of predestination. Education is the only solution to be achieved. I reject the doctrine of the deity of Jesus. I do not believe a miracle was ever performed.' It will be a happy time when all Sunday School teachers abandon the above, and teach children that "as they sow, so shall they reap." And encourage them to do right, because it is right.

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The Blackburn Weekly Standard of February 28th, contained a good report of the Lyceum Choir Contest, and other events connected with Spiritualism, and Spiritualists.

The Spiritualists of Blackburn are to be congratulated on possessing such a liberal-minded paper.

The Garden of the Heart.

A TALE FOR LYCEUM MEMBERS.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER XII.

AT the school there was a girl whose face was scarcely ever lit up with a smile, and who was seldom heard to speak a kind word. Of course everyone seemed to shun her, which only tended to make her worse. Her dress was much patched and faded, her boots failed to keep out the wet, and her general appearance was one of want and poverty.

When Annie returned to school she felt herself drawn towards this girl, Ellen Woodward, and could never look at her without feeling that only a short time ago she was just as cross as her. And, knowing from experience how miserable are those who harbour those feelings, caused our heroine to sympathise with her, and wish to be her friend if possible; and especially to tell her of the "Garden of the Heart," and induce her to commence its cultivation. And when she looked at her faded and much-worn dress, old battered hat, and worn-out shoes, she felt that Ellen had not such kind parents as she had, and thought that, perhaps, it was this cross home influence and poverty, that made her so uncompanionable.

One day, during recess, Annie having occasion to return to the school, found Ellen in one corner, as much out of sight as possible, crying very bitterly. Annie's heart was touched with compassion, and she longed to comfort her, but hesitated to draw near, for fear of intruding. While thus halting, she heard, clairaudiently, a voice whisper, "Go and comfort her."

She started at the command, but, recollecting it could not be anyone in the body, asked, "Who speaks?"

She received in answer, "Little Amy. A big lady told me to bid you go,"

"What am I to say? Will she receive me?" she further asked.

"She only says, 'Go, and let your own heart be your guide,'" whispered her one-time companion.

Thus admonished, she timidly ventured to approach Ellen, and ask what was the cause of her grief, which kept her in school while all the others were enjoying themselves in the open air. But Ellen only sobbed the more. At the exhibition of so much suffering, the tears would come into her own eyes also, and, as she lovingly put one arm around Ellen's neck, she pleadingly said, "Do tell me, please, who is the cause of all this sorrow; perhaps they have done it unthinkingly, and will be sorry for it when they learn how much it has troubled you,"—thinking it was one of the scholars. But still Ellen made no answer.

"If there be anything I can assist you in," continued Annie, "I shall be pleased to do so."

At this Ellen pleaded, "Oh! Annie, do not mock me in my misery!"

But being assured that she was in earnest, Ellen continued, "There has been no one insulting me

more than usual at school. It is not that which troubles me. I am, oh! so miserable. Mother is ill in bed. Father is always cross, and beats me for every little trifle that goes wrong. And he drinks more and more. Everybody is unkind to me because I am poor, and cannot appear well dressed, and they laugh and make game of my poverty. And mother says I can't have neither new dress, hat, nor boots, because father drinks most of his wages. And I just wish I was dead." And her tears began to flow anew.

Annie's heart was quite full of compassion at her friend's tale of sorrow, and she felt a strange power fill her entire being with an energy and an earnestness that was quite new to her, and she was made to exclaim, "Dry up your tears, dear, and I will be your friend for the future, if you will allow me; and together we will reform your father. I feel sure we can."

She was surprised with herself, and wondered what could have made her say so. She reform the drunkard! Such a thought had never before entered her mind.

Ellen could scarcely believe her ears. She thought she must be jesting. She, the poor, despised, ragged, drunkard's child to have the sympathy and help of Annie Goodwin! It couldn't be. And she lifted her tear-stained eyes to her friend's face, to see if she could read any sincerity in it; and when she saw, not only sincerity, but her eyes full of tears of sympathy, she could doubt no longer. And, throwing her arms around her neck, she exclaimed, "Oh, Annie, you are too good for me. People will, perhaps, make unkind remarks about you, too, if they see you with me. So you had better leave me alone than be made unhappy."

"I am quite willing to brave what others might say," she replied, "if I can do you any good; and I feel I can."

(To be continued.)

In Loving Memory of

Mr. Ormerod Ashworth, of Knowle Street, Rishton, who entered the "Summer Land" on Sunday, February 22nd, 1903. Over sixty mourners attended the funeral which was conducted by Councillor George Ormerod. Deceased was an energetic worker for the Lyceum movement, and the writer feels sure that the Rawtenstall Lyceum would have been a nonentity for at least a period of five years, if it had not received the untiring efforts of Mr. Ashworth. He was practically the only adult in the Lyceum during the above mentioned period, and many Rawtenstall Lyceumists, still remember how nobly he stood by the wheel, and eventually guided the barque into smooth waters. It is with sincere gratitude that the writer quotes the following from No. 363 in the Lyceum Manna.

God bless the hearts and hands that toil,
E'en for the little children's sake;
That out of earth and its turmoil,
A loftier purpose may awake.

E. J. BARNES, Bury,
late of Rawtenstall,

RESCUE THE CHILDREN.

BY GEORGE ORMEROD, RISHTON.

IN the Editorial Notes of the last issue of the "LYCEUM BANNER," a timely reference is made to the above subject. Mr. A. P. Nield, of Bolton, makes an earnest appeal to parents (an appeal which I sincerely trust is not made in vain) to withdraw their children from Sunday schools, and instead of having them taught false creeds, send them to the Progressive Lyceum where they can be taught the truths of Spiritualism.

There is also another important part to be considered in connection with this question, viz., to see that our children are not taught, in the day schools, theological creeds unto which we have both a legal and a moral right to object.

As true and progressive Spiritualists we should see to it, that our children do not receive and have rooted in their young receptive minds, those creeds and dogmas which are based upon faith and superstition, and which up to the present time have produced intolerance, hatred, and bigotry. If we allow orthodox priests, parsons, and teachers, unlimited powers over our children in day schools, they will use such authority in a direction that will make them miserable, by constantly living in fear not only of a personal Devil, but also of a God who is unjust, revengeful, jealous, and furious, and that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

I strongly appeal to Spiritualists as a body, to take advantage of the Conscience Clause contained in the Education Act of 1870, section 7, and not allow their children to be taught five days a week that which they positively know to be untrue.

The creed teachers are delighted to engraft their orthodoxy in the minds of our children, and it is within the knowledge of many Spiritualists, that disparaging and untruthful remarks are often made in regard to Spiritualism in voluntary schools. It is time Spiritualists acted manfully, and carried out their principles of liberty, and preserved their dear ones from having any pernicious creeds engrafted into their young minds, that may require many years of misery to eradicate. Unless we make a bold stand to free our children, the teaching of our grand philosophy in our Lyceums once a week cannot be expected to bring forth that larger spiritual development, which intelligent Spiritualists are striving to realize. The present is an opportune time for rescuing our children from undesirable so-called religious instruction. The Education Act of 1902 will generally, throughout England, be put in force on the 26th of the present month, the schools will then be controlled by the new Education authority; although this new act is far from what a progressive educationalist desires, yet it is more representative than the old denominational system. What I earnestly suggest is that every Spiritualist should claim at the commencement of this new Act to have his children exempt from any religious teachings in day schools. All that is required to accomplish this desirable object is for the parent or guardian of a child to forward a note to either the teacher or school managers, stating that he desires or claims to have his child withdrawn from all and every religious instruction. Teachers are not allowed to question the parent's decision, or to make any remarks thereon.

Many persons are suffering at the present time moral anguish, as they discover through the facts of Modern Spiritualism, that their past religious teachings are false, and it is a most painful experience, unlearning that which they have been taught to accept as divine and infallible.

I suggest that we celebrate the 55th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Monday, April 6th, by claiming our legal right and religious freedom, and send our children to school on that day, each carrying a message of liberty, claiming to be absent from all religious instruction. If every Spiritualist will do this, I feel sure it will be a year that will be long remembered in the coming time when the emancipated ones have grown up and fully realized the importance of the noble stand for religious liberty, made for them by their loving parents in the year 1903.

I should like this question to be brought before all Lyceums and Societies as well, and I ask that the children for whom the suggested claims have been made should write and tell the editor, as I know that it will gladden his heart, and strengthen him in his work—the children's cause. I appeal to all who are interested in the higher truths of spirit communion, to be united and determined that their little ones shall be taught the message of truth and love, which come from the wise ministering angels, who return for the purpose of furthering the higher spiritual development and upliftment of the great human family.

The Unity of All Things.

Life! Life! What art Thou? Throbbing throughout this Universe. Whence? What? Wither? Why? Mystery that was: Mystery that Is: Mystery that is-to-be.

Art thou an Eternity that was, that is, and that will be? Art thou an Evolution, a continual change, and an unfolding from grosser to finer? As yet, to me, thou art.

Are we parts of everlasting? Are we parts of what was, what is, and what will be? Are we come from grossest matter and bound to finest, to most ethereal? Intuitively, and thoughtfully, I feel that we are.

Being parts of one great whole are we not of one substance, alike? do we not form one great evolution? I feel sure that we do.

Therefore, if we are 'one' by the mighty tie of existence, will not the happiness or misery of one of us affect all the rest? As a logical sequence, yes. Is it not true that where misery is, there happiness cannot be? You and I know it is. Therefore, does not our future happiness as one united whole, lie in combining to get rid of misery, of ignorance, unsociability, and oppression? If what we have said so far is true, why then the answer must be Yes. Are we so combining and trying to get rid of misery? Some are; and nobly. But we want *all* to help. Will you join us, and strive valiantly for knowledge, love, and justice, by which we hope to banish misery? Do friend. We are known by many names, and divided into many camps, but we are all bound on the same journey, and will form one great army some time. Spiritual reformers, Social reformers, and Humanitarians we are variously called. It matters very little which of these banners you fight under, providing you keep this motto, this ideal ever before yourself:— Knowledge, Justice, Happiness, and Love for all.

REUBEN A. WEBB.

FAITH.

BY GERTRUDE GREEN.

(Author of "Adventures of a Coin," etc.)

WHAT a state of mind, to be pitied it must be,—to have no faith. I cannot think it is a reasoning mind, because there are so many palpable evidences that there is a God, if one only took the small trouble to find them.

Think a moment with me, and look at wonderful Mother Nature; with her myriad birds, flowers, insects, and all her various elements combining to make this glorious world one long day of wonderment, delight, and consolation. Think of the never-staying sea, its tides, advancing and receding at regular intervals; its aspect rarely the same but always beautiful. Look at the marvellous sky with millions and millions of stars and planets, revolving in un-limitable space; all keeping their perfect course round the sun, controlled and moved by some divine power.

The glorious sun in all his majesty. How can puny man with his small brain and fingers, compass such vast creations; they are beyond his ken, and *make* him realize that there is some power, other and above himself which governs and rules the universe. Nature is the medium of God; through her is God made manifest. I cannot imagine a mechanical world that governs itself, as some people would have us believe. It does not appeal to me. If it were merely mechanical, what object would it have? what purpose would it serve? I cannot see any.

Just now I have a vision. In my hand there lies a seed, I plant it in the earth and watch its progress through the year; it is awakened to life in the spring, and up from the soil there comes a beautiful green leaf, which grows and expands, till at last the lovely flower rears its proud head and smiles at the sun.

The air is filled with its fragrance, and all who approach it are benefitted by its delightful perfume. The days pass by, and with them Spring and Summer, glorious Autumn with all her gorgeous colours, reigns supreme; the flower is seen to droop its head and fade away, dropping its seed like tears of sorrow for the life that is passing. The leaves are carried away by the winds, leaving the stem bare and brown; you would say it was dead. The rain, hail, and wind beat the plant to the earth, then the snow with her soft white garment transforms the dull earth into a veritable fairyland of glistening splendour. This season passes and the spring comes again with April smiles and tears. The sun whispers of the coming summer, shedding abroad his warmth and golden light; the birds begin to build their nests and feed their young, singing their song of joy for this beautiful world.

The flower is resurrected from the seed with renewed life and beauty. This to me is like *our* life. We are born into this world pure and unstained, without any thought of wickedness or sorrow, we grow up to manhood or womanhood, and as our natures and surroundings are, so do we learn wisdom, goodness, vice, or sorrow. We come to old age and are stripped of all beauty except that which belongs to the soul. We pass away and from our earthly body, there rises a spirit, an immortal soul, that will live forever; enabling us to finish our career, to smooth all the

rough ends of our lives, to try to atone for past faults and mistakes and live in the glorious consciousness that we partake of God's life, and are meant to fulfil the mission which God sent us.

The Value of Truth.

BY SUNSHINE.

The Greeks said of the Persians, 'They teach their youths the virtues, as other nations teach theirs the alphabet.'

Of all the virtues, that of being truthful was considered the best: because as taught by their prophet, man's duty was to think purely, and act purely. For to think, speak, and act purely, is to speak, think, and act as would the highest, and holiest being. The body and mind was to be kept clean and pure, because thoughts and desires proceed from them, and lead to actions, 'As a man *thinketh*, so he is.'

With the Persian Spiritualist, a word was sacred, and lying the most shameful thing. A man who lied about spiritual things, was false to his religion. Falsehood panders to the lowest selfish, and we must banish it from our lives before we are spiritually and mentally honest and clean. Hence the great value of always 'thinking', speaking, and acting truthfully. Truth saves always, error never. Honesty is truth in action: dishonesty, falsehood in action.

In the education of the Persian youth, three things are prominent: viz., to ride a horse, draw the bow, and speak the truth.

As indicated, the Persian Spiritualist practiced physical, mental, moral, and spiritual training. Healthful exercise of all our faculties and functions is essential to the upbuilding of robust, clean, manly character.

Constantly to speak the truth is the acme of systematic discipline for the correct unfolding of the mental and spiritual nature. The practice of truth makes freedom from error, and conduces to clean, candid action.

Of the many character gems met with this appears the most beautiful and precious; 'and neither was there any deceit in his mouth.' Oh! how like a bird this has vibrated in my heart—music notes, precious and entrancing, I call it a gem. Think of it: turn it over, and view it from all sides. How it sparkles, a diamond of divine light, of life, truth, and beauty. Clasp it to your heart, and let it abide like a bird's happiest melody singing always: 'Neither is any deceit in his mouth.'

Oh! how it puts to shame the unscrupulous commercial spirit of to-day. In the midst of business competitive strife this is the basic vitalizing 'thought seed' for the correct: formation of enduring useful, personal character. Then let the sign of our lives be 'Neither is any deceit in his mouth'; The great necessity of the race is nobility of character, created by love of justice, truth, and humanity.

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THE GIRLS' OWN CORNER.

BY MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD.

"We view the world with our own eyes each of us, and we make from within us the world which we see. A weary heart gets no gladness out of sunshine; a selfish man is sceptical about friendship; a man with no ear does not care about music."—*Thackeray*.

The talk about ladies has moved another one to write me her ideas about a 'lady.' The letter has been overlooked and reads as follows:—

26, Roseneath Terrace, Hirst, Morpeth.

My dear Friend,—I read about what you were discussing in the Lyceum Banner, and I would like to try and settle the matter. I think a lady is a woman who is always trying to help the needy, and who tries to make them good, as well as being good herself. When she is doing this, she is helping to build her mansion in the spirit-world. Truly, a lady is a woman who can speak correctly according to the rules of grammar, and who knows how to behave herself in company, for fine clothes and money might make persons proud, and then God would be angry with them, and what good would it be, being called a lady in this world.

The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, in the sight of God, is of great price. Whatever titles persons may bear, no one can be a true lady whose heart is not right, for God does not look at the dress, nor rank, but at the heart that beats in unison with truth. We have not to look at the fine clothes, carriages, maids and money, but at the heart.—I am, yours truly,
LYDIA PRUDHAM.

I wonder how many girls think about God in the same way as Miss Prudham does. It is the old notion of God acting the detective; watching, spying, for every little deed good or otherwise, and then showing anger to some and partially to others, who had not enough about them to do wrong occasionally. I don't think God has anything to do with the question of pride, love of dress, vanity, or any other habit we form. He can show neither anger or appreciation, else he is the cruel vindictive personal God we were taught to fear in days gone by. This naturally leads us to the question; "What is God?"

A little girl eleven years old in the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum was asked by the conductor to give her thoughts about the third verse in the musical reading "Scatter the germs of the Beautiful." These two lines occur in that verse:—

"Of the God who starred the uplifted sky,
And who flowered the trampled sod,"

to which she took exception by saying in her own quaint way "I think the hymn is wrong; God didn't do it, Nature did."

This nearly took the breath of the conductor and we all turned to listen what would follow. He then tried to explain that there must be a power behind nature or else nature could not produce the beauty she does, and that power we called God. We cannot see anything but what God is in it:—a daisy, a tree, a hill, a cloud, a bike, a motor car, a tram, a kitten, a child, ourselves; God is everywhere and is everything.

Now look at the saying of Thackeray at the beginning of our talk. It is very true we make from within us what

God is; and what we mean by religion; and what we mean by being good and doing good; so that Lydia means just the same as I am saying, only she has made it appear as if the verdict lay with an outside judge. This only shows the force of habit in thinking, and how hardly we shake of the fetters of theological training. I hope Lydia will write again. I am sure of one thing, her heart is right and therefore she must be a real lady. Now I want you to read the following original story, by Mr. Stubbs, of Nottingham—

The Butterfly and the Ichneumon.

Oh, father! come and look! One of these chrysalides has burst open and there is a beautiful light yellow butterfly inside. In the late autumn the father had found and put into a box two chrysalides, for he was interested in the transformation of insects and wished to teach his little daughter a lesson in natural history. In the following early Spring when the sun was shining brightly, the above event took place to the delight of the little girl, who had watched during the winter months, and patiently waited, for the escape of the full grown insect. But how was it the other did not burst open in the same way? Wait a little longer said the father to his daughter; I think I know the reason. What the father anticipated came to pass. Instead of another beautiful butterfly, there was a whole family of Ichneumon, and this is how it happened. Just before the caterpillar hung itself up to prepare for its chrysalis stage of existence, a peculiar insect called a Ichneumon, by means of a oripositor, inserted inside one caterpillar a quantity of eggs which hatched inside it, and at once began to feed upon it, and totally consumed it.

Now the Ichneumon is the greatest enemy to the caterpillar and helps considerably to check the increase of them. Here is an instance where an enemy can inflict fatal injury to an unsuspecting creature of nature. Now girls, I have given you the above little narrative to teach you a lesson, with a hope that you will be on your guard; for I may tell you that even you may be in danger of enemies within and without yourselves, and you will find as you get on in life that little weaknesses may become great vices, if not carefully watched. Many have been morally lost through carelessness in this direction. Many have allowed others to lead them wrong. I therefore advise you to look out for the human Ichneumons, and strengthen yourselves against temptations which are sure to come in your way.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

The above council held their annual meeting at Darwen on Saturday, March 21st. Mr. G. H. Edwards, of Blackburn, in the chair. The following were elected officers for the following year:—President, Mr. Hartley Holgate, Darwen; secretary, Mr. R. Latham; Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Stott, Nelson; District Visitor, Mr. G. Howarth, Rishton; Auditors, Mr. T. E. Hollinshead, Blackburn, Mr. C. Pearce, Darwen.—Yours fraternally, REUBEN LATHAM,
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OUR BOY'S SPECIAL.

Our boy's page is unavoidably crowded out this Month, as Uncle Benjamin figures in another character, in the pages of this Number. Boys, see if you can find him, and if you guess right, send a line to the Editor.—Yours, etc., MISTER PRINTER.

The Attainment of Truth.

PART III.

IN parts I. and II. we endeavoured to show the importance and value of Truth, and gave as the first requisite qualification of the truth seeker "A DESIRE TO KNOW THE TRUTH." This should be the desire of each and every member, belonging to a Lyceum, as we are on the highway to its attainment.

We shall be greatly assisted if we couple with our desire to know the truth, A WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE IT, WITHOUT DICTATING HOW IT SHALL COME TO US. Keep our heart humble in the search, and it will be the better for us. What does it matter how, or by what means the truth is revealed to us, so long as we can and do get it? It may be a toy telescope that helps us to ascertain the true nature of the planets. It may be the falling of an apple that reveals to us the wonderful law of gravity that binds moons to their planets, and planets to the sun, and holds all the wondrous sparkling orbs of the star-lit heavens in their respective orbits. It may be a few fossilized remnants of extinct fishes, reptiles, plants, and animals, that reveal to us the true and wonderful process of the earth's formation and age. It may be a few flint implements found embedd-

ed amongst the fossilized remains of extinct animals that tell us of the age of man on the earth. In each instance the searcher for truth, for knowledge, will gladly avail himself of each and all of these things, with grateful feelings as the facts they reveal to him dawn on his amazed consciousness. There is nothing lowering to the dignity of manhood, in accepting the service of these simple implements and incidents, that reveal to us the divine truths of nature. Nay, rather is man dignified thereby, because as he learns more and more of nature, he also learns of nature's God, and becomes more truly and deeply reverent as he contemplates Gods' marvellous workings in and through nature.

And so, what does it matter, if by the intelligent tipping of a table, or rapping on the walls or furniture, in reply to questions, answers are given, and messages are spelt out that prove to the searcher the continuity of life, and so prove that our heart's best beloved, live and love us still; can give us descriptions of their new sphere of life, its conditions and social relations? It may be the clairvoyance of a little child, or that of an uneducated adult that restores to us the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice hushed in death. It is not the means or method employed in the attainment of truth, that we are called upon to love and cherish, so much, as the truth itself.

The scientist is not called upon to select high class instruments as being the only reliable means of successful research. Indeed, valuable discoveries have been made with rough and simple instruments which have opened up to him new fields of knowledge. He has gladly and reverently embraced these, and pushed his enquiries forward, as he has been able to perfect his instruments, and adjust them to the nature of his experiments. The instruments, their adjustment, and results, may be quite different from what he anticipated, but he accepts them, nevertheless, after he is thoroughly satisfied as to their reliability. The same humble attitude should be observed with the researches into the claims of Spiritualism. The laws underlying the researches into these fields are more subtle, and shall we say, capricious than any others known to the scientists, but instead of allowing these to baffle, or discourage him, they ought rather to spur him on to their closer study and care, for the results, if satisfactory, open to him a new world a new life, with new hopes, aspirations, and possibilities hitherto undreamed of, in this world's philosophy. Therefore we see that child-like humility adopted in the scientific world, is equally necessary in the study and research into the claims of Spiritualism.

The remaining qualification a truth seeker should possess is COURAGE TO CHERISH AND DEFEND THE TRUTH. All that we, as Spiritualists, ask the investigator to do is to have the honesty to declare his convictions, no matter what people may think or say, Dare to be a Daniel, and dare to stand alone, in the full consciousness that truth and its advocate is sufficient to turn a minority into a majority, and win the admiration of unborn generations to sing his praises in ages to come. Such is the testimony of all reformers, and pioneers of religious freedom and progress. No true possessor of this last quality, will deny the possession of the truth he has discovered, for fear of what the public will think or say of him. Having gained the truth he will not sell or exchange it, for the honours of this world: for the truth has made him free. Teach the children so that they also may be free!

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Summary of Lyceum Districts. North East Lancashire District Council.

During the past year I have visited all the Lyceums in my District, 19 in number. Some of them are in a good flourishing condition, the officers are alert and up-to-date in making the Lyceum bright, cheerful, and attractive to the children; others are not so, there being a lack of interest in the children's welfare; late attendance, no fire or warmth in the winter, making the Lyceum cold and unattractive. Such Lyceums can not expect to succeed. I strongly advise them to take a deeper interest in the work, and make their halls comfortable at all times of the year.

I am very sorry to have to report the closing of two Lyceums in my District, viz., Guy street (Burnley;) and Barnoldswick. I have tried in vain to arrange an interview with the Society's committee of Guy street, to discuss the matter, and offer any assistance for its re-opening. There are three Societies in my District who have no Lyceum. I have had two interviews without any visible results. travelling expenses are £1 9s 8d.—WM. MASON, District Visitor.

THE LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

There are ten Lyceums in our District, eight of them are connected with the District Council. I have visited each Lyceum twice during the past year, at a cost of 13/4. The two Lyceums I have not been allowed to visit owing to their non-membership of the District Council are Castleford and Normanton. I think there ought to be something done by the Union regarding these outsiders. I am pleased to report a general improvement in the Lyceums in my District during the past year.—JAMES KITSON, District Visitor.

No reports are to hand from the Halifax and Rochdale District Councils.

THE MIDLAND DISTRICT

During the year I have had the pleasure of making 22 visits in all to the various Lyceums in my District, including Belper, Bloomsbury, and Masonic Hall (Birmingham,) Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Chesterfield, Loughborough, Queen street and Grafton street (Leicester,) Northampton, Smethwick, Gladstone Hall, and Cobden Hall (Nottingham) and Walsall. Having been received on every occasion with appreciation for what little I could do or say on their behalf. I find the interest taken in the children's cause, is becoming more prominent in each of the Towns mentioned. The prospects in Derby are much brighter than at any period in the history of Modern Spiritualism. I have interviewed the friends at Southwell in the hopes of inducing them to open a Lyceum in the near future. My train fares and postage for the year are £1 4s 1d.—JOSEPH BOLTON, District Visitor.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

In sending you my Annual Report for the year 1902, I would like to say that in some cases I have been able to make two visits in one day, as some of the Lyceums in Manchester hold their sessions in the morning, and others in the afternoon.

I am sorry to say that Patricroft Lyceum has closed.

I have interviewed them twice on the question of re-opening it, but there seems to be no life or energy in them for the work. I have paid 37 visits in my District, and 15 to other Lyceums at their special request, in which instance there has been no charge to the Union, but in every instance I have been able to dispose of a few books issued by the Union. My travelling expenses are £1 19s 1d postage 4/9. Total £2 3s 10d. Miles travelled 2,046, making an average of less than a farthing per mile. I am pleased to say I have every hope of being able to considerably reduce the expenses during the current year by doing District work, in connection with platform, and so saving the funds of the Union. I am happy to report a deeper interest in the Lyceum work generally, throughout my District, although a few of them are not connected with the union. In discussing the matter with them they have to admit that Unity is strength and essential, still, I am sorry to say, there seems to be a deep rooted prejudice against the Union, which deters them from joining our ranks, even when they have promised to do so. How they can reconcile their actions with their convictions I am at a loss to determine. I sincerely hope and trust that a more kindly and brotherly spirit will speedily prevail and that next year I may have the great pleasure of reporting to you that all the Lyceums in my District are loyal members of the B.S.L.U. working with us hand and heart for "the greatest good of the greatest number."—

(MISS) ANNIE-E. BURTON, District Visitor.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

I have made 20 visits in my District during the past year, at a cost to the Union of 9/-. There are 14 Lyceums in my District. Three have been opened during the year; and two closed. I have paid several visits to other Lyceums outside of my District, both in Yorkshire and Lancashire, and find in most cases a lack of workers to help the few willing souls who devote their time and energy to the education of the young. There seems to be an indifference on the part of Spiritualists. I have been a Lyceum worker upward of 20 years, and the same spirit of apathy seems to be at work as much as ever. I hope that Spiritualists will yet see the importance of helping in our Lyceums.

I have sold 7 copies of "Reminiscences" and 36 copies of Physical Exercises.—JOHN HV. SMITH, District Visitor.

TYNE-SIDE DISTRICT REPORT.

Your District Visitor has paid frequent visits to the Lyceums in this district during the year, and is pleased to report that all of them are working satisfactorily, and many of the officers display considerable zeal. The number remains the same, no new ones have been started. Byker and Heaton Lyceum experienced some trouble through a fire which originated in the block, necessitating the use of other rooms temporarily, until repairs were effected, but the members stuck well together in spite of the inconvenience. New Hirst has been somewhat impeded in their calisthenic exercises, as their new rooms are smaller than their previous ones, but they overcome the difficulty by doing the calisthenics twice, the juniors being taken first, and the seniors subsequently; these two cases show that by patience and perseverance we can not only overcome difficulties, but that so doing binds us more firmly together. Mr. Elliott is the Conductor now at New Hirst and we wish him much success. Expenses—"Love and Goodwill."—H. A. KERSEY, Union D.V.

OUR TEMPERANCE PAGE

Conducted by HERBERT E. CLARKE.

IT is exceedingly gratifying to me to find so much interest being shewn by our Lyceums in the matter of total abstinence. The four-fold pledge has now made an excellent start, and the number on our register already amounts to close upon 90, sixty of which, I am pleased to say, come from Nottingham alone.

All my readers are of course acquainted with the four sections of the pledge, to which I would ask them to subscribe their names,—the use of alcoholic beverages, smoking, gambling, and swearing—but a few words at this time as to the necessity of taking steps against these four vices, might not be out of place as a slight diversion, from our usual remarks upon alcoholic stimulants exclusively.

First of all, of course, comes the ethics of signing the pledge to one's moral resolutions, and I am afraid many people fail to recognise the strengthening influence which the mark on paper can exercise over the mind. It is almost a generalized truth that of two men with equal will power and perseverance, the one who makes a vow on paper and affixes his name thereto, will keep sacred such an agreement or resolution, longer than the man who only mentally makes the same vow. There is a good reason for this, as you will discover if you consider the matter, but we shall stray from our main line of thought if we venture further into such an investigation.

Admitting, then, the advisability of signing a pledge as an additional source of strength, let us now look briefly over the pledges we are asked to agree to.

It will be necessary for me to repeat the reasons why we should abstain entirely from alcoholic liquors; sufficient has been said in past numbers of the BANNER to ask you all to agree that anything which has the power to reduce the amount of drunkenness and entailed misery in the world, is worthy of your favour.

In attacking the stronghold of smoking, I feel I am touching many of my readers very closely, and that the task of abolishing tobacco is one only comparable with that of alcohol itself. The task is all the harder when we remember that

“A man convinced against his will
Is of the same opinion still.”

And many smokers who fully admit the folly and uselessness of tobacco, have not sufficient moral force to throw off the habit. Therefore, if there should be smokers among my readers, I can only ask them to act in a conscientious fashion if I should be fortunate enough to convince them against their wills.

The fact that millions of people live healthily without using tobacco, is sufficient testimony to the statement that it is unnecessary. But this by itself would be quite a pointless argument, as it would apply equally well to every luxury in life. If, however, we can show that in addition to its being unnecessary, it is also more detrimental than beneficial, smoking should be denounced by all right-living individuals.

Now, much money is spent on tobacco which might well be expended in a much better manner, and thus far, tobacco is the cause of much waste to the consumer. As

before, the “test of the pie is in the eating,” and if by the smoking of half-an-ounce of tobacco a man derives as much benefit as his family would from a 2lb loaf, we have little to grumble at.

Much as different kinds of tobacco are said to differ, they all agree in several important respects. Botany tells us that plants are able to employ certain general schemes for ridding themselves of waste products. One of these is the storage of the latter in the leaves, which, falling at autumn, relieve the plant of a considerable amount of excreted matter, such as resins, numerous oils, alkaloids, etc.

The leaves of the tobacco plant are the store-houses of *nicotin*, an alkaloid waste product. When perfectly pure, this substance is probably colourless, but it rapidly oxidises, and becomes yellow or brown. In this latter form, it is less poisonous than before, but still has very considerable powers as a paralytic agent, its effects being most marked upon the fine ramifications of nerve ganglia, which are instrumental in intensifying stimuli from external sources. Thus, an image is thrown upon the retina at the back of the eye, and the stimulus passes along the optic nerve. Without being intensified such a stimulus would be insufficient to impress the brain with the sensation of sight. Tobacco, then, is a means of dulling the senses to external things, and correlated with this is its power of creating the unreal and fantastic, which is its slaves' most prized fascination. But at the same time the total effect is most harmful, and the result is a gradual shattering of the nerves. Many smokers take the nicotine on the lungs, and this is perhaps the most disastrous physical effect of tobacco, as it results in the partial clogging of the bronchial tubes and air-lobes. The former is the cause of what has been called *smokers' cough*, while the latter is undoubtedly the cause of the sallowness and poor-blooded appearance of habitual smokers, for the lungs are the organs directly concerned in the enriching of the blood with oxygen.

It would be easy to point out much more, which would show you the evil effects upon the system of tobacco, but space will not permit. What is more important than all this, is the question, whether we as moral spiritual beings are shewing ourselves worthy of our name in destroying our minds and bodies with tobacco. Only one hint I will throw out in this. Circles are most successful when the sitters have refrained from drinking and smoking beforehand.

As to the last two sections of the pledge, I will say not anything, for everyone must utterly despise profanity of speech as mere brutality and degradation, while gambling, in even its mildest form is despicable, because it is only another name for dishonesty. All honourable men and women are ready to render a just equivalent for their wages, and must consider it vicious to set their fortunes upon the mere caprice of luck.

These few remarks are necessarily superficial, and a more thoughtful investigation would have revealed other and perhaps, though not so apparent, more important reasons for signing the fourfold pledge. I therefore ask you to think over the matter carefully and let me have your names for next month's issue.

The following is a list of new names, all from Nottingham; and as I understand from Mr. E. W. Wright our Hull friends have started a band of hope (Bravo!) I am looking forward to a list from them in particular:—

30 Mrs. Jonah Clarke	1 2 3 4	59 Mabel Shaw	1 2 3 4
31 Mrs. S. Clarke	1 2 3 4	60 Elsie Brown	1 2 3 4
32 Miss L. Clarke	1 2 3 4	61 Evelyn Bramley	1 2 3 4
33 Herbert E. Clarke	1 2 3 4	62 Lavinia Bramley	1 2 3 4
34 Mr. Sanderson	1 2 3 4	63 Maggie Stubbs	1 2 3 4
35 Mr. L. Shipley	1 2 3 4	64 Evelyn Tunnicliffe	1 2 3 4
36 Mr. A. Shipley	1 2 3 4	65 Mr. W. P. Shaw	1 2 3 4
37 Mr. J. J. Ashworth	1 2 3 4	66 Archie Flint	1 2 3 4
38 Mr. R. Adams	1 2 3 4	67 Harold Flint	1 2 3 4
39 Mr. A. P. Bedford	1 2 3 4	68 Lizzie Griffin	1 2 3 4
40 Mrs. Bedford	2 3 4	69 John Griffin	1 2 3 4
41 Miss Ellen Dickenson	1 2 3 4	70 Harold Smit	1 2 3 4
42 Edith Dickenson	1 2 3 4	71 Edith Smith	1 2 3 4
43 Cynthia Amos	1 2 3 4	72 Dora Williams	1 2 3 4
44 Miss E. M. Dexter	1 2 3 4	73 Ethel Williams	1 2 3 4
45 Mr. E. Lucas	1 2 3 4	74 Clara Bright	1 2 3 4
46 Abigail Dexter	1 2 3 4	75 Clara Adams	1 2 3 4
47 Ethel Dilkes	1 2 3 4	76 Walter Sanderson	1 2 3 4
48 Mr. W. H. Peabody	1 3 4 7	77 Albert Cope	3 4
49 Lewis Cooke	1 2 3 4	78 Harry Cope	3 4
50 Frank Squires	1 2 3 4	79 Charlie Griffin	1 2 3 4
51 Stanley Farnath	1 2 3 4	80 Ted Weston	1 2 3 4
52 Lily Bullwant	1 2 3 4	81 Fred Griffin	1 3 4
53 Harold Eaton	1 2 3 4	82 Tom Weston	1 2 3 4
54 Frank Eaton	1 2 3 4	83 Florry Price	1 2 3 4
55 Lily Jepson	1 2 3 4	84 Dolly Price	1 2 3 4
56 Dorothy Jepson	1 2 3 4	85 Nina Williams	1 2 3 4
57 Arthur Squires	1 2 3 4	86 Mr. E. H. Yates	1 2 3 4
58 Ethel Shaw	1 2 3 4		

Received too late for this issue is a list from Rotherham, and also one from West Bowling.

Gleanings by Uncle Amos.

SAVE YOUR SOUL, SAVE YOUR SOUL.

"I'm sick of the preacher's only strain,
Save your soul, save your soul, save your soul;
I'm tired of hearing—forever and aye,
The same old song from the pulpit roll.

It seems to me like a selfish cry,
This telling a man that the only thing
Of any importance here below,
Is saving himself from a future sting.

Far nobler, far better, it seems to me,
To tell a man to save some other;
To send him up and down through the world,
Seeking and saving his fallen brother.

To put him off from the beaten track,
Out into the hedges of sin and shame;
To teach and to tell to a captive bound,
The beauty and glory of virtue's name.

To rescue the starving from sin and death,
To rescue the sinning one from crime;
To preach the gospel of present helps,
To the weary one on the shores of time.

To seek out those whom the world forgets,
To plant a flower on a nameless grave;
To hide the erring one in the heart,
And strengthen it with a purpose brave.

To do to the little ones of God,
The things which He does to the great;

To walk the world with a purpose grand,
And with eye on the final good to wait.

If a man does this I dare affirm
That he can afford to forego all care,
About going to heaven, and give his whole time
To the work of getting his neighbour there."

REDEEMERS.

Thousands of good well meaning people look only to the dead redeemer, but to-day the world needs living saviours, who work in and for the present, who strive to make some poor, forlorn, struggling mortal happier; who gives to the needy; who encourages the penitent wrong-doer; who strives to make all humanity better; who causes the sunshine of love and sympathy to enter some careworn, weary heart; who is ever ready to render the burden of the unfortunate lighter and easier to bear. All such reveal the Father, and reflect the light of heaven on a benighted world.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY AT DARWEN.

On Feb. 22nd, Miss Ruth Holden, of Darwin, and Mr. Hanson Hey, of Halifax, were joined together in matrimony. The Bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Holden. Mr. W. E. Holden, brother of the Bride, gave her away. Mr. William Seymour, of Liverpool, acted as best man. Mr. Hartley Holgate, and Mrs. Barker Holden officiated. Many friends, both of the Bride and Bridegroom assembled. Miss Holden has been an untiring worker in our Lyceum and Society, and will be missed not a little amongst us, but our loss no doubt will be gain to Halifax, where the happy pair will make their home. Miss Holden was the recipient of a beautiful badge-brooch, suitably inscribed, from members of the Liberty Group of the Lyceum. (Miss) J. PULLAN, Assist. Sec.

DARWEN.—On Saturday, Feb. 18th, the Lyceum held their annual tea-party and prize giving, when about 250 sat down to tea; after which the Lyceum gave the operetta entitled "King Arthur," to an audience of about three hundred. Mrs. Wallis, of London, presented the prizes, and in a neat little speech complimented the Lyceum on the manner in which they had given the performance. The Lyric Band occupied the orchestra, and Mr. H. Holgate acted as stage manager. Great credit is due to Mr. W. Jenkinson, who has had the management of the whole. The proceeds, which realised £9, go to the Society's Funds. Mrs. Wallis occupied our platform on Sunday following and gave beautiful addresses to crowded audiences.

(Miss) J. PULLAN, Assist. Sec.

In a code just issued by the Board of Education for public elementary schools and training colleges, a very prominent place is given to physical training. The object is to be: The healthy development of a child's frame and muscles, and not merely the acquisition of smartness and dexterity in the performance of particular forms of drill. Throughout the school year every class must have one hour's drill weekly, and no practice is to last more than half-an-hour. This instruction is to be carried on as much as possible in the open air, and it must take the place of "reception."



Our
Bluebells' Page.

Conducted by **FLORA BELLE.**

The Object of the Guild is to promote Gentleness, Kindness, and Good Behaviour.
Membership is open to Children of Spiritualists all over the World.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I told you last month that when I wrote again I would try to tell you something about "Pancakes," or as it should be called "Shrove Tuesday," I have not very much space this month so it will have to be shorter than I really intended

This festivity dates back to, if not before, the times of the Romans, so you see people have eaten pancakes for a long time.

In those earlier times it was the custom to throw sticks and stones at cocks on Shrove Tuesday; and in later times to have cock-fighting. But we, as members of the Bluebell Guild ought to be glad that this cruel custom is done away with, only the enjoyable part remains.

The earliest day on which Shrove Tuesday can fall is February 3rd, the latest March 9th.

People used to believe, and some believe it yet, that after this day until Easter only plain food and fish must be eaten. So they used this day to have a feast before the fasting time commenced.

In Westminster School a verger in gown, and cook in cap and apron appear at eleven o'clock. The cook has a frying pan and in it a very tough pancake. The pancake is thrown up and the one who catches it whole gets a prize of a guniea. I have not space to tell you anything more about this just now but we may renew it at some future time.

I was very pleased to receive another letter from Grace Earith, the winner of the Competition in the February issue of the BANNER, but you shall read what she says for yourselves.

Dear Flora Belle,—I cannot express sufficient thanks for the valuable work you have sent me, as winner of the Competition, and I was very much surprised when I heard I was the winner. I will try and profit by reading this valuable work, and holding fast to the truths therein.

It was presented to me on Sunday morning March 1st, by our Assistant Conductor, Miss Evelyn Bagnall, in the absence of our Conductor Mr. Kay, who sent a letter expressing his delight at one of his Lyceumists winning the prize; and also his regret that he was unable to be present. I will now close thanking you again,—I remain, your loving Bluebell, Grace Earith, 905.

I am very glad, Grace, that you are pleased with your prize.

My little friend Daisy has sent me the following piece of poetry and asks me to try and find room for it in my page this month.

FIVE LITTLE FOXES.

BY-AND-BYE; I Can't; No use in trying; I Forgot; I don't Care; are sly little foxes. Some one has found out the following way to get rid of these troublesome little fellows, and I advise my Bluebells to try it when they see them around:—

Among my tender vines I spy
A little fox named—By-and-Bye.
Then set upon him quick, I say,
The swift, young hunter—Right-away.

Around each tender vine I plant,
I find the little fox—I can't.
Then fast as ever hunter ran,
Chase him with bold and brave—I can!

No use in trying—lags and whines
This fox among my tender vines.
Then drive him low and drive him high
With this good hunter, named—I'll try.

Among my vines in my small lot
Creeps in the young fox—I forgot.
Then hunt him down and to his pen
With—I will-not-forget-again.

A little fox is hidden there,
Among my vines, named—I don't care.
Then let I'm sorry—hunter true—
Chase him afar from vines and you.

Ted says it is a splendid piece, just the right thing for Bluebells, thanks very much Daisy, write again soon.

Oh, and that just reminds me, some one has been asking as to what Bluebells are expected to do.

The first thing they have to do is to carry out in their every day life the object of the Guild, which will be found at the top of the Bluebell Guild page.

They can also write to me and tell with what success they have carried it out.

I think if we try to carry out the object of our Guild, and ask others to carry it out too, we shall find that we shall be much happier.

I am in receipt of a list of Members from Mr. J. Weeks, of Millom Lyceum, to whom I desire to tender my best thanks, Membership Cards will be sent along with your parcel of BANNERS, which I trust you

will find in order, and that my new Bluebells will take care of them, and ever remember to be kind and gentle at all times.

I must close my letter now, but before so doing I should like to tell you to look out for the Competition in the next month's BANNER. Your loving sister

FLORA BELLE.

MILLOM.

1204 Lizzie Ann Dixon	1214 Jessie Dickenson	1224 T. B. Richards
1205 Lizzie J. Richards	1215 Florence E. Tyson	1225 J. Lang
1206 Rose M. Tyson	1216 William Tyson	1226 T. Lang
1207 Clara Richardson	1217 Reuben Tyson	1227 J. Tyson
1208 Flory Waikes	1218 John Cairns	1228 C. Richards
1209 Eva Wilkinson	1219 James Todd	1229 W. H. Dixon
1210 Ann Agnes Clarke	1220 Bennett Moyle	1230 G. Tyson
1211 Florence Tyson	1221 Thomas Tyson	1231 R. Tyson
1212 Lilian E. De Vere	1222 William Todd	
1213 Mary A. Dixon	1223 J. Dixon	

What our Lyceums are Doing.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.

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.

ACCINGTON (China Street).—On March 15th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. We had Silver and Golden Chain Recitations, Musical Readings and Lyceum Songs. Albert Pedley and Nellie Gudgeon gave nice recitations. Misses Emma Holmes and Rose Waller sang excellent solos. Mr. Lacey played the organ and piano in a creditable manner. Miss Burton and Mr. A. Greenwood conducted the marching and calisthenics, Miss Burton being quite at home directing the various marches. Miss Burton and Mr. Will Edwards addressed the scholars. At the evening service, the choir, conducted by Mr. Holmes, assisted with the singing. Miss Tomlinson and Mr. Fred Smith gave the connective readings. Miss Burton again addressed the audience, and gave a few clairvoyant descriptions. Mrs. Pedley conducted the services all day. Small audiences assembled to support us. The collections all day only realised £: 6s. 10½d.—WM. FISH.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—The Lyceum choir held a Concert on Saturday, February 28th, in aid of the choir funds, consisting of songs, duets, part songs and glees, the whole concluding with a laughable farce entitled, "Paddy's Mistakes." The principal parts being in the capable hands of Messrs. R. W. Walker, J. H. Smith, A. Hodgson, P. Howard, Mrs. Bottomley and Miss E. Bracegirdle. The concert was a decided success.—P. HOWARD, sec. of choir.

On Sunday, March 1st, we held our Open Session, when Misses Hall and Wood sang, "The Happy Spirit Land," and Mr. Howard sang, "Sad is the Heart." Recitations were given by Nina Jones and E. A. Morrey. Addresses were given by Mr. Morton on "Charity" (Love), and Mr. Churchley on "Lyceum Work." Miss Platt kindly presided at the organ and piano. In the Evening the Lyceum choir rendered the Service of Song, "Right's right, after all,"—WM. DRANSFIELD, Sec.

BIRKDALE (Old Drill Hall).—On Monday, March 2nd, the members and friends of the above society held their annual tea and meeting. At 7-30 p.m. the lyceum children

opened a grand miscellaneous entertainment, by heartily singing "Joy Bells," followed by a recitation by Miss Hilda Pearson. Mr. Raynor gave some interesting impersonations. Messrs. Riding, Little, Liptrot and Marshall, the banjo troupe, contributed selections which highly delighted us, a hearty encore being called for after each selection. Mrs. Aspinall sang one of her favourite songs, whilst Miss Ada Swenson sang "Tommy, my Soldier boy." Our vice-president, Mr. W. Tinsley, gave gramophone selections which were very entertaining, while Miss Houldcroft, our organist, paid every attention to the children, in addition to accompanying them. Our Lyceum conductor, Mrs. Roberts gave descriptive account of Lyceum work, ably supported by Mrs. Chadwick, of Accrington, and E. Beardsworth, Esq., of Southport, when each made an earnest appeal for parents to send their children here every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, as we have a Lyceum or Sunday School, superintended by an experienced teacher.—J. NEWTON, Sec.

BOLTON (Wood Street).—Lyceum celebrated their anniversary on March 8th. Mr. J. Armitage, by the kindness of Todmorden friends, for whom he should have been speaker for the day, paid his first visit to our Lyceum. His cheery words and interesting stories will long be remembered by the children. Afternoon and night, too good, he kept the people spellbound, the general enquiry is when is he coming again? Everything was satisfactory, and Mr. Armitage and our Todmorden friends have our heartiest thanks.

DERBY (Traffic Street).—We are sailing along merrily and working with a good will. We have had a lime-light lecture on the Boer war, by two of our lyceumists who have served at the front, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the New Banner Library Fund. We hope to have a good number of books for the Lyceum. I shall be glad if any kind friend has any books they will send us, or a donation for the purchase of the same.—E. W. STANTON, Sec.

PADIHAM.—The second Lyceum Anniversary in connection with the above was celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, March 21st and 22nd. On the Saturday we held a public tea party and entertainment, when over 200 attended. The entertainment was presided over by Councillor H. C. Jackson, J.P., the Chairman of the Padiham Urban District Council, and consisted of singing, recitations and a dialogue. During the evening, Mrs. L. A. Griffin, of Burnley, distributed over 30 prizes to the officers and scholars. On the Sunday, Mrs. L. A. Griffin gave two capital addresses. In the morning we held an open Lyceum Session, when the scholars were highly complimented by Mrs. Griffin, on their efficiency. Altogether the celebration of our anniversary was a decided success. During the two years we have been in existence we have made steady and satisfactory increase. Commencing with 30 scholars, we have now over 80 on the register. We are looking forward for still further developments during the year. One fact worth recording is, the fact that we have not lost one scholar through death during the two years.—GEO. C. HIGHAM, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL.—Saturday, February 21st, was our annual tea-party and prize distribution. Over one hundred sat down to tea, after which a capital entertainment followed. Songs and recitations were given by some of the Lyceum scholars; also an operetta, entitled, "Too Bad," and a

dialogue. The chair was taken by Mr. E. J. Barnes, of Bury, who also presented the prizes.—MISS B. BARNES.

WIGAN.—On Sunday, March 21st we held our first anniversary services. The morning session surpassed our highest expectations. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers, which presented a most pleasing appearance. Mr. G. H. Smith was the speaker, and performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner, giving us some good information and advice. Jessie Coleclough sang a solo at each service. In the evening, Mr. Smith gave us some encouraging remarks, particularly requesting the parents to attend the Lyceum, and see for themselves how and what we teach the children. This brought a most enjoyable and successful day to a close.—D. COLECLOUGH, Sec.

BURY.—At our monthly Open Sessions on March 1st, we were favoured by the presence of Mr. Armitage, the speaker for the Society's Anniversary. He delighted the children with his jovial manner, whilst his remarks *re* the Batley Carr Lyceum, proved interesting to all. Mr. Swarbrick's violin solo "Il Trovatore" was well received, as also were the recitations by Miss Agnes Kershaw, and the solo by Miss Clara Chadwick.—E. J. BARNES.

MILLOM.—We held our Open Session on March 1st, the following Lyceumists taking part, Misses Mary A. and Lizzie Dixon, Francis Tyson, and Lilian E. De Vere gave recitations, Lizzie and Jessie Richardson gave a Dialogue. We had selections from the *Lyceum Manual*. Mr. Retben Tyson, our conductor, gave a short address on Temperance. We spent a very profitable and pleasant afternoon.—J. WEEKS, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On March 8th, our Lyceum held an Open Session, after which the election of officers took place. I am pleased to report that we are improving in quality, if not in quantity, in other words our sessions get more interesting, if our numbers do not increase as fast as we could wish. Mr. Bradshaw was re-elected conductor, and Mr. Lote assistant conductor.—THOS. PILKINGTON.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—The Lyceum continues to make headway. New members are being enrolled. The average attendance is 36. Selections from the *Lyceum Manual* are well rendered, the recitations are well sustained. The principle reciters are, Misses Dora Parker, Rose Thornton, D. Garner, D. Thornton, and E. Parker; and Masters H. Porter, W. Porter, and R. Bowmer. We have started a Banner Fund, and on Sunday March 15th, Mr. M. Rooke gave a very interesting address on "The growth of the soul," which ended in a good collection in aid of the Fund.—R. THORNTON, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—During the last few weeks we have had very pleasant times in our Lyceum. The Ex-President, Mr. Albert Wilkinson, paid us a visit and spoke some very encouraging words. Then we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. John Owen, of Barrow Lyceum, who also gave his services as Speaker and Clairvoyant to our Society, we have also been favoured with the presence of Mr. Bolton, D.V. and Mr. J. Morris, who led our singing. Our Society has just made arrangements for a larger two-floor building, which we hope to occupy early in April, where the Lyceum will have a large room, capable of seating over 200, in which to meet; so we are looking forward to even better times in the future. We thank all our visiting friends for their kind help.—J. NORTON, Asst. Con.

MACCLESFIELD.—Miss Burton's visit to our Lyceum on March 8th, was a splendid success. In the morning she

conducted the marching and calisthenics, and delivered a capital address. In the afternoon (Open Session) she gave a stirring address to a good audience on behalf of increased efficiency and enthusiasm in the Lyceum work. She then distributed the Annual prizes, and was herself the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of flowers, in which were some splendid lilies, presented by Mrs. Adam Ruston on behalf of the Lyceum. Miss Burton was visibly moved by this token of appreciation. The Rev. Adam Ruston presided over the evening service. Miss Burton spoke with marked effect to a good audience. Several exceptionally good clairvoyant descriptions brought a very enjoyable day to a close. We are anticipating her next visit.—WM. BROWN, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, (Heeley).—Sunday, March 1st, being given by the Society as Lyceum Day, we held two Open Sessions, morning and afternoon, we had for our speaker Mr. Gaunt of Sheffield, who spoke very encouragingly to the Lyceumists. In the afternoon and evening he delivered stirring addresses to parents from the old text "Train up a child in the way it should go," shewing forth the many advantages to be obtained by following out the method set down in our Progressive Lyceums, in the training of their physical as well as spiritual natures. We had a large and attentive audience, and we trust that the good seed sown may bring forth a rich harvest, and our efforts to save the children will be truly blessed.—E. WOOLLER, Sec.

LIVERPOOL.—The John Lamont Lyceum held their annual election of Officers on Sunday, December 21st, 1902, when the following persons were elected for the ensuing year, Conductor, Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Assistant Conductor and Secretary, Mr. E. A. Keeling, Assistant Secretary, William Hopley, Treasurer, Mr. A. Ward, Guardian, Mr. A. Crowther, Leaders, Messrs. Hopley, Roberts, Ward, Thompson; and Misses Wright and Clarke; Musical Director, Miss N. Wright, Assistant Musical Director, Mrs. S. S. Chiswell, Captain of Guards, Bert Johnson. A Guild has been commenced and is meeting with deserved success, all those who attend spending a most enjoyable evening together.—ERNEST A. KEELING, Sec.

ROYTON.—On Sunday, March 8th, we held our Open Session, which was well attended; recitations, solos etc., were nicely rendered. In the evening we gave the Service of Song "Abbey Bells," the vocal parts were well rendered by the choir, assisted by a string band. There was a large attendance, the Hall being well filled. Solos were rendered by Miss L. Ogden; Mesdames Cockcroft and Greaves, and Mr. H. Kenyon.—JOHN H. GOODISON, Sec.

BRADFORD, (Spicer Street).—On Sunday, March 1st, we again held our monthly Open Session, which was well attended. Mr. H. Anderson gave a very good address. On March 7th, we held our Annual Tea and Concert, which was well patronised. The Concert was provided by the West Bowling Lyceumists, to whom we tender our hearty thanks.—FRANK PARKER, Sec.

BOLTON, (Bradford Street).—On Sunday, March 8th, I paid a visit to the above. The Session started at 10-15 a.m. with a moderate attendance, I was pleased to see such a well ordered and conducted Lyceum, I feel sure that great credit is due to Miss Webster, and the other officers. I would suggest that the children be invited to give a few recitations each Sunday, instead of one Sunday in the month. I showed them one or two new marches which they were not slow to understand.—R. BILLSBOROUGH, (late Guardian of the Groups of the Lancaster Lyceum).

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