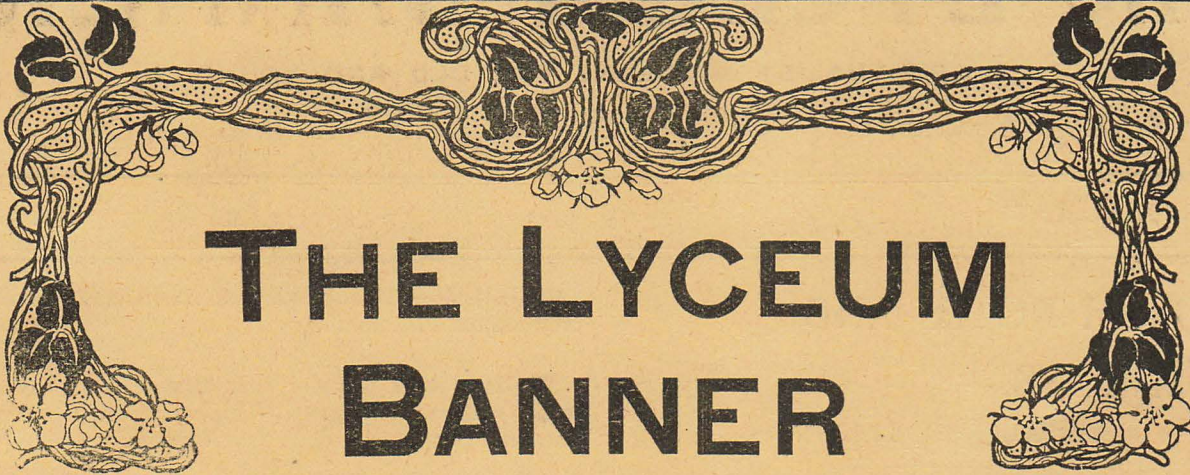


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LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

It will be seen that this issue contains a very full report of the Conference. All will be pleased to read of what was said and done, the "welcomes" received. Also the letters of greeting.

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Giving such a good report has caused the editor to curtail the Lyceum reports, Gleanings by Uncle Amos, and Flora Belle are crowded out. New Members will receive their cards, and their names will appear next month. The Editorial has stood on one side for Mr. H. Boddington's address, which has had to be cut down one-half. Is it not a shame that our faithful BANNER cannot be increased in size. Well, the readers will do their best to increase the circulation. And the Editor will do his best to merit it.

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We have received a pleasant surprise in the good news that Spennymoor Lyceum will celebrate its anniversary on June 7th. We were not aware it had been reopened.

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The Openshaw, Granville Hall Society, re-opened their Lyceum on May 3rd. We trust it will have a successful career.

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Stalybridge Lyceum is on the increase, and has a good average attendance.

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Oldham friends have lately left Nile street for more commodious premises in Elliot street. Their opening ceremony was a big success. They are to be congratulated on their forward policy.

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Hyde friends are working energetically for a new hall.

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The Lyceum of the First Spiritual Temple of Philadelphia, U.S.A. has unaniously decided to adopt the English *Lyceum Manual* as being the most practical.

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The Lyceum at Auckland, New Zealand, has ordered a supply of *Spiritual Sougsters*, and full cloth *Lyceum Manuals*.

The Lyceum at Wellington N.Z. are arranging for a supply of the same books.

Mr. J. J. Morse's final letter from Australia is unavoidably crowded out this month.

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We learn with pleasure that arrangements have been made with the friends at Tipping street to help the Patricroft people to re-open their Lyceum.

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The Salford West Craven St. Society have re-opened their Lyceum. The officers have our best wishes for the success of their efforts.

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To the friends who write us concerning the reliability of astrology, we have to say we used to be very sceptical, and in order to test the matter we wrote Mr. Geo. Wilde for a perusal horoscope, which caused us to marvel at its accuracy. It is almost like a psychometrical delineation. He assures us he knows nothing about psychometry. This is our testimony.

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Miss M. A. Webster, of Bolton, speaks very highly of the Burnley North St. Lyceum, everything and everybody seemed to be orderly and harmonious. She has visited other Lyceums, in other towns, but says the above stands out in relief both as regards tone and numbers.

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The two sisters, Margaret and Katie Fox, have their remains interred in the Cypress Hill cemetery, Brooklyn N. Y. Lot 355, Sect. 3. The N.S.A. of America have had erected a granite monument to their memory, which bears the following inscription:—

FOX SISTERS

Mediums of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism.

MARGARET FOX KANE

Born Oct. 7th, 1833 Passed away March 8th, 1893.

KATIE FOX JENKYN

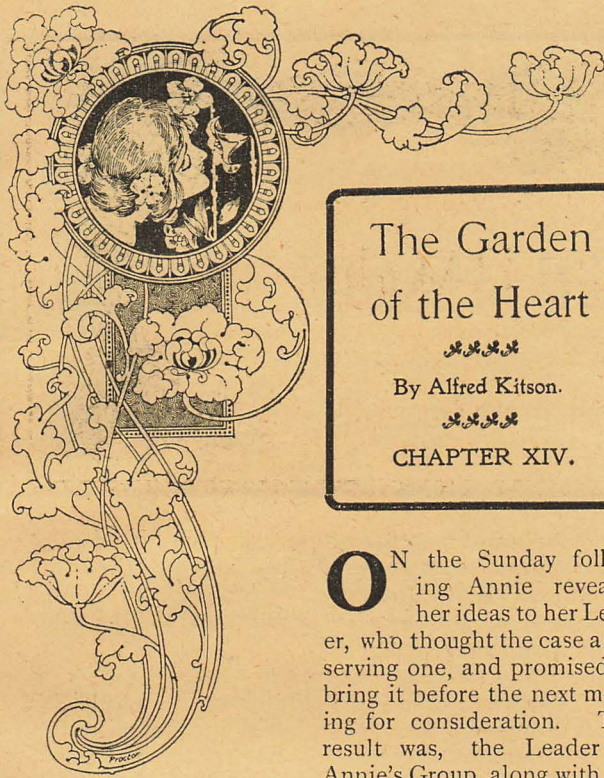
Born March 27th 1837. Passed away July 2nd, 1892.

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These sisters, when quite children, were the means of proving to the world that THERE IS NO DEATH.

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We congratulate Mr. Boddington on his efforts to rally the children's Lyceums in London at the South Place Institute, Finsbury, on May 21st. We hope Mr. Boddington will try again and instead of having three Lyceums respond to his call, that he will have 6. One half the Societies in London have no Lyceum, which shows that the Spiritualists in the metropolis have not yet realized their responsibility in the training of the young.



The Garden
of the Heart

By Alfred Kitson.

CHAPTER XIV.

ON the Sunday following Annie revealed her ideas to her Leader, who thought the case a deserving one, and promised to bring it before the next meeting for consideration. The result was, the Leader of Annie's Group, along with the

Secretary, paid a visit to Mrs. Woodward, to ascertain if she was a consenting party. As soon as Annie heard of the intended visit, she lost no time in informing Ellen, and then together they informed her mother of the benevolent meetings, and their object, and that Annie had applied for help for her to enable her to attend the Lyceum. Mrs. Woodward was very pleased at their young friend's thoughtfulness, but was in doubt if anything would come of it.

She received her visitors very cordially, and replied to their questions in a straight forward manner, as she had learned from her daughter the nature of the Lyceum's teachings, etc., as Annie had stated them to her. And, if Ellen wished to become a regular member, and suitable apparel could be provided, she was quite willing she should do so.

But there was a further difficulty connected with their visit, which was almost too sensitive to be touched, through fear of wounding the finer feelings of Mrs. Woodward, viz., a guarantee that the clothing provided for her daughter should not be pledged. Experience had taught them the necessity of this. It was only after much beating about the bush they ventured to put the question. Mrs. Woodward at first felt it to be a reflection on honesty and gratitude, but, after a little explanation, she was satisfied such had never been intended, but it really was a necessary precaution. So she readily promised that they never should be so used with her consent.

This being satisfactory, Ellen was duly provided with decent clothing, and became a regular and diligent Lyceum member. She soon began to experience a new interest in life. The world appeared to wear a more cheerful aspect.

No sooner did her younger brothers and sisters see her in a new dress, hat, etc., than they also pleaded to attend the Lyceum, in the hope of being similarly provided for. But when they heard her glowing reports of all they did there they redoubled their pleadings, and their mother

applied personally for suitable apparel for her children, which was duly granted, to the great delight of all; while little Johnny was loud in his praise of the "nice tool," and the "dood people who had diven him a noo tuit" (nice school, and the good people who had given him a new suit.)

Mr. Woodward was entirely ignorant of the transformation that was to take place in the appearance of his family. And when they made their appearance at the dinner table, which was but a scanty meal of potatoes, salt, and a little bread, he was scarcely able to recognise his own children. And little Johnny, whose face was brimful of delight with his new suit, would let his father have no peace until he had shown him every portion. Then he had to tell about the "nice tool," and the marching, etc. The father was like some one mystified; he scarcely knew whether he was dreaming or awake. He looked at his wife for an explanation of what it all meant.

On this head she satisfied him when the children were off to the afternoon's session. She informed him of the friendship of Miss Goodwin; how she had applied to the teachers of the Spiritualists' Sunday School, which they called a 'Lyceum,' for suitable clothing for Ellen to become a regular attendant, which had led to a similar application being made for the rest of the family; and of the promise she had made that they should not be pledged for money. He felt this to be a severe thrust at his degraded passion for drink, and muttered something about "they would see about that."

All the members of his family became members of the Temperance and Moral Reform League, and attended regularly at its meetings.

All of them were delighted with the beautiful illumined member's card which had been presented to them. The upper portion was illustrated with two scenes; on the right hand were three children, one in the act of signing the pledge, the others waiting their turn. The Conductor stands close by, superintending the whole. Overhead were a group of smiling spirit children bearing wreaths of spirit flowers to be placed on the heads of those who take the pledge. The foremost of the band was in the act of placing a wreath on the head of the one at the desk, as a victor's crown over those vices. While on the left hand stood a group of happy children wearing their wreath, representing those who had taken the whole pledge. The unfurled Lyceum banner was seen behind them.

The lower half was the pledge proper ran as follows:—

"I hereby promise to abstain from the undermentioned vices to which my name is affixed.

"1st.—I hereby promise to abstain from Intoxicating Liquors as a beverage.

"Signed....."

"2nd.—I hereby promise to abstain from the use of Tobacco in all its forms.

"Signed....."

"3rd.—I hereby promise to abstain from gambling in all its forms.

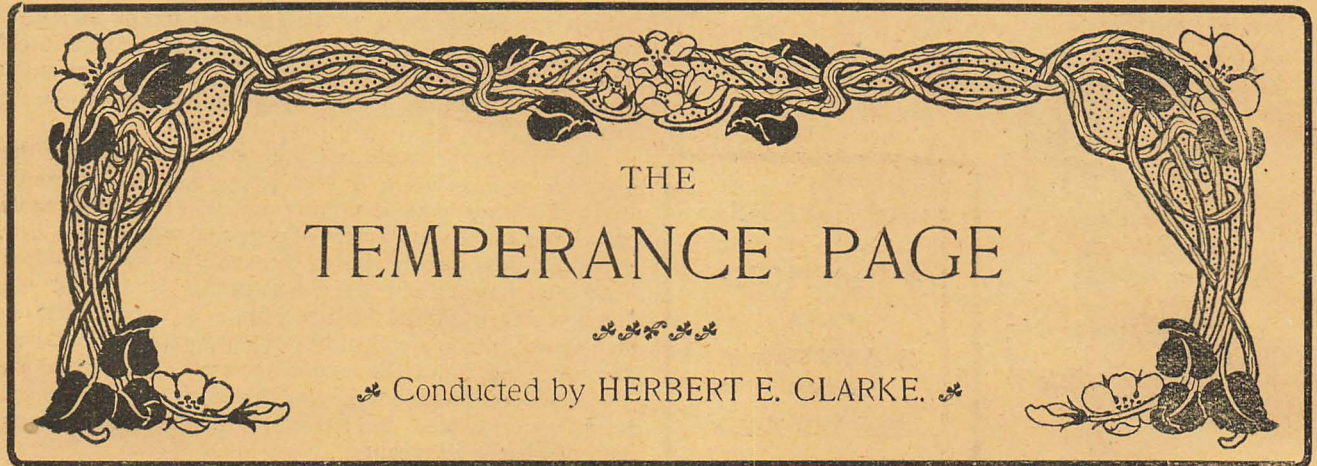
"Signed....."

"4th.—I hereby promise to abstain from using Profane Language.

"Signed....."

Little Johnny had to show his "picture book," as he called it, to his father, and with childish simplicity asked him if he "was to bring his 'dadda' one too?"

He felt a lump rise in his throat, and there was something in his eyes which caused them to water a little, as he felt the full force of his pet child's proposition, for he realised that but for his evil ways all his family, himself and wife included, might have decent clothing, nourishing food, and a comfortable home, without the aid of anyone's charity.



THIS little corner will, I trust, prove of exceptional interest this month to our Temperance brothers and sisters, for it is throughout a message of good cheer.

Directly after the notes for the last number went to press I received a batch of names from Miss Annie Strömberg, secretary of the Glasgow Lyceum, and these will be found below. I desire to express my very sincere thanks to the Glasgow friends. Mr. Leonard Shipley sends cheering news of the Band of Hope at the Gladstone Hall, Nottingham. He writes:—"It gives me very much pleasure to be able to report good progress in our Lyceum Band of Hope Work. . . . Our last month's session was an exceedingly good one, the programme being collected from the Band of Hope sources by our good worker Mr. Adams; and the lecture by a gentleman well versed in his subject, Mr. James. On May 3rd, we had another treat in a good programme, (arranged by our esteemed friend Miss S. Carson,) of songs, recitations, etc. On this occasion, also, we listened to a capital address, with illustrations, upon "The Effects of Alcohol upon Foods," by Mr. Thos. Mee, a past president of the Band of Hope Union."

How pleasing it would be if more reports of this nature appeared every month! I am sure it would make for increased enthusiasm. Would our secretaries be so good as to report progress however small whenever they can find it convenient? But I must not occupy too much of our limited space, because I wish now to publish an essay from a gentleman, who although only recently introduced to Spiritualism, is nevertheless an abstainer of long standing; I refer to Mr A. A. Harris, of Lumb in Rossendale, Lancashire. The merits of the essay will be evident to every reader, so without further comment I offer it to you.

HOW TEMPERANCE WOULD HELP TO TRANSFORM THE EARTH.

A new heaven and a new earth are to be built by man; the world can never make an ideal state or a golden age. But man can please himself, under the direction of inspiration from God and his Angels, in the accomplishment of such a purpose. God's way of working is constantly becoming a blessed consciousness to us in the way that we are constantly being assumed that the newness of the world must be in the newness of the human creatures upon it. It

is not the world that changes only, it is man that changes most. And so the best way to make a new world is to be for ever *new ourselves*. Keeping this in mind we shall be better able to grasp the full bearing of our subject: What Temperance would do.

We cannot do better than suggest a few of the reasons why Temperance would help to transform the Earth. Firstly, because Intemperance is the foe of civilisation and progress. Despite the growth of temperance sentiment and improved social customs in certain sections of society, the extent to which the consumption of intoxicating liquors is carried, strikes one with terror. There is no need here to publish figures, but leaders of Temperance thought would do well to become thoroughly acquainted with the leading facts of the case. The Temperance platform has too often been but the place for a fierce and fiery species of declamation, while there has been a woeful lack of facts and figures which thoughtful people could not fail to weigh up at their leisure, possibly with the best results. Such a book as "The Temperance Problem and Social Reform," by Rowntree and Sherwell, which is published at a price well within reach of all, should be in the hands of those who from time to time have the opportunity of instilling into the young in class, or from the desk, the truth concerning this growing evil.

We do not venture to say that Temperance is the Universal Remedy for all the ills of social life, but we feel bound to contend that the drinking habits of society are assuredly the greatest hindrance to the nation's progress. Intemperance demoralises, degrades and destroys tens of thousands of our citizens annually without respect for age, position or sex. If only, then, this evil could be stripped of its power to destroy, what great progress could then be made towards a new heaven and a new earth.

It is now a good many years since the Venerable Dr. Farrar, speaking on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society, declared that it seemed to him that the national conscience was being hardened with a terrible callosity, and that it required the probing of a fearful misfortune; that those who talked of exaggeration on this matter talked with inexcusable ignorance." And then he proceeded to picture the state of things existing in his own parish, under the shadow of the Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. It was an awful picture, the direct outcome of drink and drunkenness. And to know what intemperance is doing in England we must multiply this a

thousandfold. Temperance would help to transform this miserable condition of things, by teaching men righteousness their duty towards God, and their brother man. Temperance helps the powers that make for truth and right, and will hasten the approach of a transformed earth. If it will do this, then we must consider what we can do for Temperance, and how we can best promote its aims and ideals. . . . We may promote the good cause by a consistent and persistent testimony against this deadly traffic, and this must not be confined to words alone, but we must shew it by our deeds as well. The failure of good men at election times is often most painful and humiliating. There is no defence of the existing liquor traffic to him who loves God and his fellow man; the cursed iniquitous thing must go! But not by platform talk alone! By conscientious prosecution of religious principles at the polling booth, and at the licensing courts. The public house exists in many places because there is no prophet of God to arise, and with the courage given by Him and the Angels, to protest against it in the name of God and an outraged humanity. The Liquor traffic, powerful as it is, will go when,—and not before—righteous men and women by voice and vote, deal with it as they ought to deal with the deadliest foe of national life and prosperity. The drink traffic is not going to be reformed by resolutions. We owe a duty to posterity, progress, and the children, that we saddle not the future with a weak-minded and morally impoverished humanity, thrust upon a nation working at high pressure, and calling for the best and most highly cultured.

Therefore, there must be no surrender to the foe. Nothing is more evident than that the liquor traffic is not going to be easily overthrown. Easy-going methods will never accomplish the task, and like all noble efforts it will only be done at great cost and sacrifice.

Let us each one, then, stand true, for the battle is our Father God's, and he will most surely give it into our hands. Then the weeping of the little children shall be changed to a cry of joy of happiness. And thus shall temperance help to transform the Earth!

NOTTINGHAM.

(87 should have been Percy Farnath)

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REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM (County Chambers).—On May 17th we held the second of our "Friends' Days," which comes mid-way between our quarterly Open Sessions, which are advertised in the local press, and are quite a draw. It is surprising how the children rise to the occasion. Our special soloist was Mr. Wm. Eldridge, bass; Madame Eldridge was the accompanist. We hope to have them at our Open Session. At the close of the programme, Mr. H. Lucas, president, distributed the prizes. He said it was twenty years since he was in a Sunday School. Madame D'Esperance said it was more than thirty years since she was in a Sunday School, and she had enjoyed this visit. Mr. Cook, our conductor, worked hard (he makes everybody else work hard, too). I shall endeavour in future to let you hear more frequently of what is being done in Birmingham.—WALLACE ROOKE, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER continues to prosper. Average attendance 37, recitations 7. On May 2nd we held a successful tea-party in aid of the Banner fund, which continues to rise steadily. Thanks to all friends who have assisted.

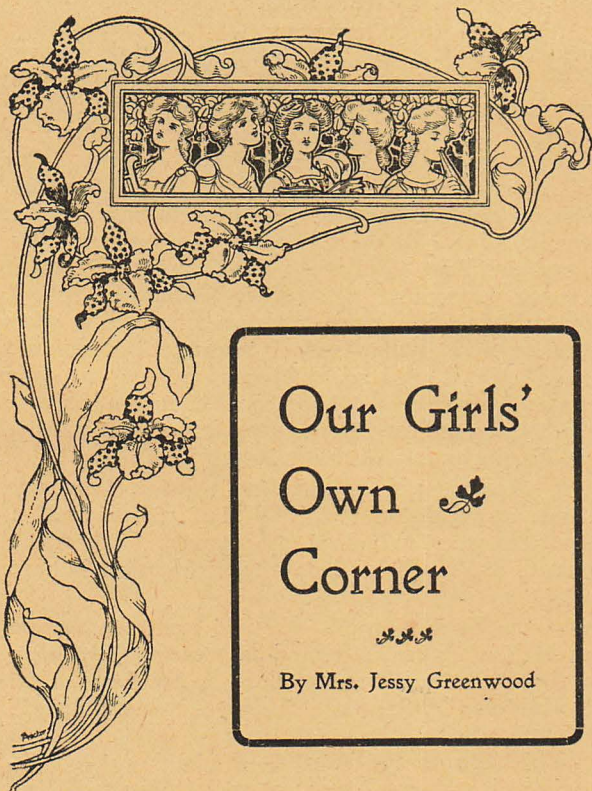
SHEFFIELD (Uppertorpe).—We held our Open Session on May 24th, when we had a good programme, there being several recitations, and a good address by Mr. Jackson, on the "Spirit World," which was well enjoyed by the audience.—G. NEWTON, Sec.

LONDON (Battersea Park Road).—We held our Anniversary. Special addresses were given by Mr. and Mrs. Boddington in the afternoon, and by Messrs. Adams, Imison, Fielder and Miss Morris in the evening. Special hymns were sung, and recitations were given by the children: a quartette was also well rendered. Mr. Fielder gave a solo on the Japanese Fiddle. On the 17th our annual election was held. Conductor, Miss Morris; Secretary, Mr. Williams; Treasurer, Miss Hayward; Pianist, Miss G. Dent. A very successful year of work was reported.—J.M.

[Will Mr. Williams kindly forward his address?—Ed. L.B.]

DARWEN.—On May 3rd the Society held its anniversary, Mr. W. Howell being the speaker. Our Open Session was a big success, the hall being too small. Mr. Howell gave a brief address, which was followed by a quartette; also solos by various members of the Lyceum. Mr. Busby, of Blackpool, gave expression to some encouraging remarks. Mr. Howell's subjects were "The Gospel of Spring," and "From Dust to Divinity," which were very instructive. The collections realised £17 9s.—Miss O. PULLEN, Assistant Sec.

BOLTON (Bradford Street Lyceum).—On Saturday, May 2nd, we held a tea-party and concert in connection with the above, which was well attended. A capital programme followed, consisting of songs, recitations, and readings. We were favoured with a visit from Mrs. Edwards, of Horwich, who rendered the "Flight of Ages" in capital style. Special mention should be made of the gymnasium exercises, consisting of dumb-bells, club swinging, and single sticks, given by a few of the junior members of the Lyceum who have formed a gymnastic club, under the tuition of Mr. T. Gibbons.—R. Bilsborough, late of Lancaster Lyceum.



Our Girls' Own Corner

By Mrs. Jessy Greenwood

"I find the great thing in the world is, not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

O. W. HOLMES.

THE Children's Parliament has met, done its work, and gone home again. Blackburn was the honored spot, and it did the honors right royally. Unusual interest was centered on St. Peter's, its a fine new temple, and some big boys and girls came there from many parts of England. There was a lot of hand shaking and smiling, and warm hearted greetings between workers from various Lyceums, which is one of the best features of such gatherings. A friend in print is not worth half so much as a personal acquaintance, and so the conference affords the opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other. Then there was the eating time, between sessions, the lyceum being the dining saloon, also the venue for beggars, and those begged from were most willing subjects. Perhaps I was the biggest sinner in this respect, and I tender my thanks to all who assisted my project, I hope to remember their names and addresses for future reference. Many were there I could not assail because of the time going too quickly, but I hope they will respond when appealed to in their Lyceums and do their bestest best for the P. S. Fund..

Then there was the business. Everybody was in earnest and thinking probably more of to-day than to-morrow; more of themselves than the future men and women, although they will count this as a big piece of heresy. At times one was reminded of a feline family and a few stray mice; but things came out alright—most cats light on their feet. The thing that bothered them most was the 'Constitution,' I have had it on my brain ever since, and it is getting a very serious matter. One gentleman tried to put his fist through the thing—the Constitution I mean—but it resisted every effort. "It's against the Constitution"

was the pass word, and if ever you girls intend to come to a Conference, be prepared to hear that phrase. Think what it means for the presiding officer; he has to tack it on to his memory with the hammer of experience, and if he does not hit straight, some one else will try.

Do you know what a Constitution is girls? If I answered my own question I should strike off at a tangent here, and wander into realms of physiology, and it would be more profitable than a study of the word and its meaning in connection with our Conference. It means rules and regulations for the conducting of the business of a body, like our Union, on its annual conference day, and like all well-constructed laws, a coach and pair may be driven through any of them, if the driver is cute enough, and an old hand with his steeds.

I have taken mine out of my head and put it aside, and hope to forget it for a long time, but fear every time the doctor says take care of your constitution I shall run back to Blackburn, Burnley, Pendleton, and Walsall. There were lots of ladies present, and the Conference did one happy thing in making a lady its President: as one Father Xmas said, "It is the first time a production from our own garden—the Lyceum—has been elected to the chair." She belongs to "Our Corner" and has promised to write to you, so bye-and-bye the President of the B.S.L.U.—MISS THORPE, of Sowerby Bridge, will address the girls.

I am sure every girl and woman will wish her all the strong loyal wishes they are capable of, and when it comes her turn to tackle the constitution, that she may be equal to the occasion, and woe! to the man who uses the pass word "its against the Constitution."

Another important office was created to which I have referred, viz:—A Financial Secretary to manage the Permanent Secretary Fund. This admirable suggestion came from one of the auditors, Mr. J. Bennett, of Walsall, and the Conference was quick to utilize the thought. It means that our mutual friend and good worker—some say 'indefatigable,' but it is a horrid word, you need a dictionary in your breast pocket when folks talk like that, and five minute with yourself in a corner—so I say *good* worker, you can *gooder* or *goodier* if you like, so long as you agree with me or the man, Alfred Kitson has had to ask for his own salary from anybody, or everybody, and it was not a nice thing to do; so the Conference said some one else should do it; that someone is MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD, and I am telling the girls all this to enlist their sympathies. I want helpers, women and girls, and boys, too, who will volunteer an annual donation to the Fund according to their pockets, I was going to say 'conscience' but in some people it is not very elastic, anyhow between now and next Conference the list remains open, and I have just faith in the workers in the cause of Spiritualism; it may have to remove mountains, but it *must go*, and the girls must help. Another thing the Conference wanted, was a list of books for the use of groups.

Another thing they did not want was a badge; some preferring not to be labelled; and they did not want to pay all District Visitors belonging to District Councils from the Union's Funds. Another thing they had had was a strong presentment of the Press, through the business-like and energetic little pressman—J. Hargreaves. Reports of all the meetings have duly appeared in the local papers, and the children's movement has been well to the fore. The

question, then, is exactly what I have quoted at the beginning of our task. We are moving and increasing our numbers, and our Founder—Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, must feel proud of the BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS LYCEUM UNION! No Society is complete without a lyceum, and our work must be the introduction of its methods in the training of our children in all our towns and cities; our motto being "Teach the children how to live; not how to die." The direction we take is onward and forward! the world being our field of labour, the mastery of ourselves our greatest conquest; and the heritage of a noble honest soul our best bequest. Conferences come and go and leave their mark on history's pages, and each one records a step towards progression, and the boys and girls will say, "We can build forward where they were forced to leave off; and bring nearer to perfection the great edifice which they left uncompleted." Next Month I hope to say something of our work in the north at Barrow-in-Furness.

Please send ALL MONEYS for the PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND to Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, Ashleigh, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge.—[Editor.]

CONFERENCE JOTTINGS

BY THE JUNIOR.

Blackpool, the Brighton of the North, for 1904 Conference.

Congratulations to Mr. Ernest Keeling upon his election to a seat on the Executive Council.

The Press table was a distinct feature of the Conference, representatives from the five local papers being present.

Hurrah for a record attendance of delegates. The duties of Credentials Committee were ably carried out by Messrs. Chiswell and Wilkinson.

Messrs. Jno. J. Bennett and Frank Chiswell, the hon. auditors, earned the warm commendation of the Conference for their admirable report.

Heartiest congratulations to Miss Mary Thorpe, Sowerby Bridge, upon her election as President of the B.S.L.U. Straight from the ranks to Commander-in-Chief is no mean accomplishment.

The auditors' report was the means of bringing the Permanent Secretary Fund before the Conference, who wisely accepted the suggestion submitted by Messrs. Bennett and Chiswell. The President's announcement of Mrs. Jessie Greenwood's willingness to take charge of the Fund proved quite a tonic for the constitutions of the delegates.

Mr. H. A. Kersey was in a reminiscent mood at the Sunday evening's meeting. Let us ever remember the debt of gratitude we owe to those brave and noble workers who were the means of publishing our "Spiritual Songster" and "Lyceum Manual"

In Memoriam.

I am sorry that one of our noble workers, Mrs. Brookes, of Hathershaw, departed to the higher life on May 6th, and was interred at the Chadderton cemetery on May 9th. Mrs. Hyde officiated. Members of the Lyceum and Society were present.—H. MARKS, Sec., Oldham Lyceum.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the passing of one of our Lyceum scholars, Maggie Dixon, aged 2 years and 9 months, daughter of Mrs. Dixon. Our late Sec., Mr. H. Towler, conducted the interment.

Tho' they may lay beneath the ground
The form of sister dear,
I know her spirit hovers round
And mingles with us here.
Her home may be in heaven above,
Yet oft to us below
She will return to breathe her love,
The angels told me so.

B. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.,
Dearnley, Lyceum.

Mr. Harris writes to say he has lately decided to espouse the cause of Spiritualism. He formerly belonged to the Free Methodists, but thanks to our books he has, in spite of himself, been convinced of the truth of Spiritualism. His wish now is "That it may continue to do good, and sweep away the clouds of prejudice, superstition and ignorance: and its broad light, and true gospel become known and understood everywhere." We extend the right hand of fellowship to our good brother, and wish his efforts every success.

BURY.—Special Lyceum Services were held on Sunday May 24th, when we were favoured with a visit from Mr. Alfred Kitson, the Union's Secretary. Open Sessions were held at 10 o'clock and 2-30, when short addresses were given by Miss Burton, and Messrs. Towler (Conductor of Dearnley Lyceum) Brierley (Conductor of Oldham Lyceum, Coronation street,) Knight; Charnley, and Kitson. The readings and responses, and also the Marches and Calisthenics, were excellently gone through. At the evening service we were willing listeners to a capital address by Mr. Kitson. Solos were nicely rendered by Misses Chadwick, Ogden, and Ellis, while the Choir also favoured us with the Anthems "Daybreak" and "Oh, Earth be joyful." Mr. Jackson Conducted the open sessions, Mr. Golding (President of the Society) presided over the evening service, and was supported by Mr. Chadwick (Vice-president) and Miss Burton. The whole of the day's proceedings were of a harmonious and soul inspiring character, and we are sure much good will accrue from Mr. Kitson's visit. Miss Clough again proved herself to be an efficient accompanist, while Mr. G. Kershaw (violin) rendered useful service at the open sessions.—E. J. BARNES, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—On May 3rd we held Open Sessions, afternoon and evening. In the evening all was very good, and the marching and calisthenics were much enjoyed. Recitations by Miss Butterworth, and solos by Mr. Eastwood, and a short address by Mrs. Warwick on the Daisy, the Buttercup, the Bluebells, and Forget-me-not. Mr. Howarth made a few remarks on "What do we teach our children?"—Wm. Brown, Sec.

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AN ADDRESS ON LYCEUM WORK.

By H. BODDINGTON.

At South Place Institute, Finsbury, Thursday, May 21st, 1903.

IN considering our topic this afternoon I do not purpose doing more than giving a very brief outline of the work of a Lyceum. What I really purpose doing is to make an appeal on behalf of the children and to show how necessary Lyceum work is. First we have to consider what is a Lyceum? According to Nuttall's dictionary a Lyceum is "a place of instruction:" and bracketed beside that explanation we find that the gymnasium in Athens, where Aristotle was taught, was known by that name. In this combination of gymnasium and the school for general and spiritual instruction is to be found the basis of the Spiritualist Lyceum work.

In teaching, its method is educive, that is, it tries to draw out the latent faculties of the child rather than adopt a system of "cram" so prevalent at the present time. By questioning the pupils, or inducing them to put questions, they are stimulated to think and act for themselves, rather than behave like automatic machines. (Applause.) They are trained to use individual and unprejudiced judgment upon everything subjected to their criticism, and vigorously to exclude every thought which might tend to make them selfish in character, or partial in their decisions. Their teaching may be said to consist of the highest ethical code

possible, because we extract and adopt the best principles to be found in any religious system in the world.

Is a Lyceum necessary? Every society has within its experience a definite answer to this query. Converts are rushing into our ranks. The facts and phenomena of Spiritualism are gradually forcing themselves upon the world at large. But does mere belief in manifestation or phenomena of any kind necessarily bring in its train a pure and unselfish life? Does it follow because curiosity has now given way to conviction that the new comer will of necessity adopt the religion of justice and virtue as taught by the angels? Let your society records of personal ambitions, and the continual withdrawal of those whose sympathetic natures cannot repel the rude inrush of the crude investigator give its reply. Too often your societies are broken up by this crude element. How can we rectify the difficulty? In answer I can only point to the children and say, there lies the salvation of spiritualism. The young can be trained and the Lyceum will make reformers of them, no matter to what part of the world they may go. Soon they will point out to their own teachers the possible errors in their teaching and reform will thus come from within, and eventually present an organised front to the enemies of truth.

One point I must impress upon you. Do not send your children to Sunday schools where their sensitive minds will absorb that which you have been at such pains to eradicate from yourself. You have found Spiritualism good for you. Do you not love your child sufficiently to train it also to adopt what you have found of value? I know there are difficulties in the way. But none are insurmountable. In the children's "Lyceum Manual" you will find all the instructions necessary for you to commence with. Start with your own children if possible. Better still, get three or four families to join together at the hour usually spent in school. The great sin of many spiritualists is in the waiting for someone else to do what they should do for themselves. Make a commencement and do not be baffled by petty trifles. Teach the children the noble doctrine of personal responsibility here and hereafter. Teach them to realise that spirits do not manifest for our amusement only. But that there is a divine guidance behind all manifestation. That phenomena, though valuable, is only a means to the end. Train the children to study their health, and nature's simple remedies, and away go quack nostrums and the evils manufactured by them. Teach them to reason upon everything. Question them upon what they know and in turn let them question you, young children are especially cute. It will be an education for you as well as for the children. Don't pose as an authority upon everything, and if you cannot answer the question at once, get advice but do not ignore any demand for greater knowledge. Teach them that sin against man is sin against God. That if they have wronged anyone they must first set the matter right as far as they are able, then pray to be forgiven. Thus shall we raise a body of men and women who will be the strength and mainstay of our societies, a bulwark against the inrush of mere curiosity hunters, and pioneers in every work of reform throughout the world. Our religion is essentially a religion of reform and all permanent reformers must commence from within. (Applause.)

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union. Fourteenth Annual Conference

HELD AT BLACKBURN,
May 9th and 10th, 1903.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

THE 1903 Blackburn Conference of The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union is now a matter of history, and one can roughly estimate its character and influence. From a numerical standpoint it can be claimed as the largest assembly on record, for, according to the Credential Committees' report, we find that 86 delegates, including members of the E.C., officers, and District Visitors, were in attendance. Our mind was drawn to the 1895 Conference, which, as our readers will remember, took place in the Queen Elizabeth Old Grammar School, Freckleton Street, Blackburn, the meeting place at the time of the local society. What a change since then! Instead of being in "lodgings" we find the society in possession of a beautiful Temple, which has been specially built for Spiritualistic purposes at a cost, including furnishing, of some £2,000. The Society, we learn, is in a flourishing condition, and possesses a strong and healthy Lyceum, which, from our point of view, speaks volumes for the further development of Modern Spiritualism and its glorious teachings in Blackburn. On all hands a warm reception was accorded the Conference, and the arrangements for the comfort of those attending in the capacity of delegates were most satisfactory. Prior to assembling for business in the upper room, the delegates partook of a good substantial tea provided by the local friends.

SATURDAY EVENING'S MEETING.

Prompt at 6-15 our esteemed President, Mr. Jonah Clarke, Nottingham, took up his official position, and supporting him on the platform were the following:—Mr. A. Kitson, secretary; Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe, treasurer, Mr. Jno. Venables, Walsall; Mr. H. A. Kersey, Newcastle; members of the E.C., and Mrs. Stair, Keighley. The following members of the E.C. were also present: Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, Hebden Bridge; Mr. Wm. Mason, Burnley; Mr. A. Wilkinson, Nelson; and Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Liverpool. Mr. A. Smedley, Belper, was also present, and we were delighted to see our veteran worker looking so well. The opening exercises, which included hymn and prayer, having been gone through, the President elected Messrs. S. S. Chiswell and A. Wilkinson, Credentials Committee, Messrs. J. J. Parr, Bootle, and E. J. Barnes, Bury, Tellers; and Mr. Ernest A. Keeling Liverpool, Messenger, a position, we may add, Mr. Keeling filled creditably at the 1902 Walsall Conference.

THE PRESIDENT then called the attention of the Conference to Bye-laws article I, section 4, viz: Each delegate shall be limited to one speech on each question discussed, &c., &c., &c. He wished the delegates to remember this and they would thereby greatly facilitate the business of the Conference (Hear, hear).

THE SECRETARY having read the minutes of the previous conference,

MR. WM. JOHNSON, Hyde, asked why Mr. T. O. Todd, Sunderland, had not taken over the control of *The Lyceum Banner*, seeing that at their last Conference, they (the delegates) left the matter in the hands of the E.C. and Mr. Todd.

MR. S. S. CHISWELL, on behalf of the E.C., said that it was only after a great deal of time and trouble had been spent in considering the question that they (the E.C.) had decided to retain the management of *The Lyceum Banner*. Mr. Todd's position was so changed that it made it entirely impossible for them to accept his terms and hand over their official organ to him. He was pleased to inform them that not only had their paper enjoyed an increased circulation, but there was a small profit as a result of the year's workings. (Applause).

Mr. Johnson having expressed himself satisfied with the explanation the matter then dropped.

MR. E. KEELING, Liverpool, next drew attention to a minute dealing with the Permanent Secretary Fund, which read as follows:—"That the money be raised by laying a levy of one penny." Why had the matter not been attended to?

THE SECRETARY, in reply, said that there were three resolutions, viz:—(1st) "That all Lyceums have a Lyceum Sunday, and

the proceeds be sent to the Permanent Secretary Fund." (2) "That the money be raised by laying a levy of one penny." (3rd) "That fifteen per cent of the profits of the publishing department be devoted to the Permanent Secretary Fund." Continuing, Mr. Kitson said it was agreed that the mover and seconder of each motion should confer during lunch and incorporate the resolutions in one general motion. This they failed to do, with the result that the matter was allowed to drop.

Considerable discussion then took place and it was ultimately decided to leave the matter over until the question of The Permanent Secretary Fund came up for discussion.

THE PRESIDENT then read the following correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Glasgow Lyceum sent its greetings, and among other good things said,—“We rejoice with you that as the years roll by, the boundaries of the Lyceum movement are steadily extending; new territory added; fresh conquests achieved. But while thus rejoicing we would add that a greater zeal be introduced—a spirit of self-sacrifice manifested; a truer devotion to the universal principles of our constitution exhibited; a nobler courage to defend the precious heritage bequeathed to us by the immortals displayed amongst the rank and file of our Lyceums; thus co-operating with the executive with the sacrifices already made, and moulding and directing the attitude and policy of the world's workers in the achievement of their deliverance.

Amid the deafening din of the ballot box, and the cry of the economics, has the parliament of the Lyceum movement no message to deliver? We think it has. Neither the ballot box, nor yet economics can accomplish the emancipation desired, unless man's spiritual nature is developed on the lines laid down by the ethics of Spiritualism. To voice this truth should be the work of our Lyceums; then would the ballot box be used intelligently, and economics be subservient to spiritual unfoldment; then would the seed sown by your indefatigable secretary, so ably aided by Mr. Kersey, yield a glorious harvest, and mortal and immortal walk in verity hand in hand *here and now*.”—(MISS ANNIE O. STROMBERG, SEC.

Queen Street (Leicester) Lyceum sent a telegram of “Greeting and Success” to the Conference. (Applause.)

MRS. M. E. CADWALLADER, Philadelphia, U.S.A., sent her greeting to the Conference, in which she says:—

“Across the sea earnest hearts are beating in unison with yours at this time, earnest souls, who are deeply interested in the cause of the children, are watching the progress of the British Lyceum as they go forward in the work of organization. Step by step we have noted the advance made by you, until our hearts are filled with emotion, and we congratulate you on this most auspicious occasion.

“We are not unmindful of the official recognition taken by the Conference of last year, of our year of jubilee, and at this time when you are gathered together to again work for the children, we wish to show our appreciation of the same, in a manner to convince you more thoroughly than language can express. I have the proud privilege of conveying to your honourable body that the Lyceum of the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, the parent association of Spiritualists, and of which I have the honour to be vice-president, has empowered me to transmit to you the enclosed order, which speaks for itself.

[The order here referred to is for a supply of *Lyceum Manuals* and *Spiritual Songsters*.—ED. L.B.]

“We have read with deep interest the report of the year's work as outlined in THE LYCEUM BANNER of April, and are moved to congratulate you one and all, who have by persistent effort, patient endeavour and fidelity carried forward the work so successfully, and you will pardon me, if from your number I name the one, guided by the angels, who has been the foundation of the success of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union to-day. All honour to Alfred Kitson,

the pioneer, the faithful, the beloved friend of the children's cause.

"We are proud to have met him, worked by his side, and so gained greater knowledge to carry on the Lyceum work, and though we may never again clasp his hand, so long as memory lasts will his earnest tones ring in our ears.

"From my home across the waters, in spiritual communion I greet you all. In fancy I can see you, as in days now passed, I mingled in that happy throng. How I would like to be with you words cannot express, nor do those who know me need the assurance.

"Let me, in conclusion, for this letter speaks for both father and myself, extend fraternal hopes that your Conference may mark one more step in the upbuilding of the Lyceum work. Express to each and every one present the thought that this message is intended to convey to them a personal greeting of good fellowship in the great work of the Lyceum.

"May the angels attend your outgoings and incomings, may you be guided in your deliberations of the Conference, until at its close, you will feel satisfied that your duties were well performed, is the prayer of your sincere friend."—M. E. CADWALLADER.

MR. J. J. MORSE writes from Wellington, New Zealand:—

"My dear Bro. Kitson,—By the time this reaches you the Annual Conference of the Lyceum Union will be within one week of meeting. Therefore, through you I desire to send my greetings and fraternal good wishes to the Executive and Delegates in Conference assembled, and to assure them that, though so far away, my interest in our common work for the children of Spiritualism remains unabated.

"During my stay 'down under,' I have not been unmindful of Lyceum matters, but have enquired concerning them, and visited where possible to do so. It may interest the conference if I record my experience of Lyceum work in the Antipodes.

"At the present time there are only four Lyceums in Australia and one in this colony.

"Those in Australia are: one in Sydney and three in Melbourne. The Melbourne ones are respectively, the Melbourne Spiritualistic Lyceum, the Richmond Lyceum, and the Brunswick Lyceum. The first two I have visited. The Melbourne one is the oldest, and has a membership of about 100. They use our *Manual* and *Songster*, and follow Davis's group plan, and use his style of banners. The sessions are fairly well attended, the officers energetic, but harmony is not too well sustained. The one at Richmond is small in numbers, but most harmonious in working. The one at Brunswick has been opened since I left, Miss Morse delivered the inaugural address. She writes me that the hall was crowded, and the outlook is very promising. The Lyceum at Sydney I have not seen, but I am told it is not a large body. These five states of the commonwealth, with a population of 6,000,000, thus have only four Lyceums, and they are in only two cities.

The only Lyceum in New Zealand is in this city, Wellington. It is a new effort, only some eight months old. The membership is about 100, and they use Tuttle's guide. The Conductor, Mr. Butterfield, is able and enthusiastic, and was previously a Sunday School Superintendent. I have strongly urged each Lyceum to affiliate with the British Union, and I am not without hopes of applications reaching you to that end. Also, I strongly urged the Lyceum in this city to send to you for a stock of *Manuals* for use out here.

"I am sorry my little report is not more satisfactory as to the extent of Lyceum work in the colonies, but nevertheless all praise is due to those, who under many difficulties and discouragements, have done so much as has been accomplished.

"I rejoice to see the continued success and usefulness of THE LYCEUM BANNER, and trust that the Lyceums will ever increasingly extend their support to that valuable and necessary adjunct to the work. May the angel world inspire you all during the meetings with those sweet influences of fraternity, charity, and good-will, which help so much to the success of all spiritual work. And you, my good brother, find strength equal to your needs for the accomplishment of your arduous and manifold duties. I am, with all fraternal greetings to all assembled, as ever, heartily and sincerely your faithful friend and fellow-worker in the good cause."—J. J. MORSE.

DR. ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS, the esteemed founder of the Lyceum work in America writes as follows:—

"Dear Alfred, and all the loyal and loving and wise ones associated with you in spiritual growth! I think you do not receive over one in every twenty letters written *in my mind* to thee, but this one is fully materialized, and therefore you will probably receive it by the important and indispensable system we call 'the mail.'

"Your conduct and writing in THE LYCEUM BANNER proves that you are the 'right man in the right place.' And what a large and noble

and gifted band of workers and writers you have in the ranks around you! They faithfully and fraternally 'hold up your hands,' and their inspired contributions adorn and illuminate your BANNER columns.

"You doubtless observe what is going forward in that once devastated city, Galveston, Texas: The high spiritual little publication, *The Progressive Lyceum*, under the direct management of our good captain, Mr. John W. Ring, appointed to the high office by the National Spiritualists' Association. Manifestly he designs bravely to 'ring out the old, and to ring in the new!' Verily is it not a responsible design, and a laborious labour of love? Angels, help him!

"Of course, now, we in the United States must stand by and sustain the needed effort. After frequent 'knocking at the door,' you will see American Spiritualists rubbing their eyes, and waking up to the deep and *high* claims of the 'Children's Progressive Lyceum,' on earth as it is in heavenly spheres. My letter just materialized is already too long. From Mrs. Davis and A. J. Davis, accept love and peace."

On the proposition of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. J. Venables, it was decided that the secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letters.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Jno. J. Bennett, Walsall, and Frank Chiswell, Liverpool, then submitted their report, which was as follows:

In submitting to you our report as auditors, we have pleasure in stating that after carefully examining the books and vouchers of the B.S.L.U. we find that they contain a correct record of the Union's financial affairs during the year 1902, as contained in the statements of accounts now before you.

At the outset we desire to place on record the fact that the keeping of the books and accounts of the Union reflect the highest credit upon our hard working and valued Secretary, Alfred Kitson. It is impossible for any one of you to realise the vast amount of labour and detail which his work involves, but after carefully examining all the books in his charge we are qualified to pass an opinion on his work, and we say without hesitation, that it has been most carefully performed, and we congratulate the Union on the possession of such a hard working and painstaking officer.

In reviewing the general financial position of the Union, we are at one with the remarks of your esteemed President in his excellent address to you, and at the close of the most successful year in the history of the Union, we have no hesitation in declaring that its present financial condition is a thoroughly sound one. Of course we must not lose sight of the fact that much of the present satisfactory state of affairs has been brought about by the kind assistance given to the Union by those generous workers, Messrs. H. A. Kersey, and Alfred Smedley, but apart from the gifts of our esteemed co-workers, we think that the present satisfactory position has largely been arrived at by the hard work of the officers and executive council of this Union since its inception, and by the loyalty of the Lyceums and Lyceum workers throughout the country to the true interests and welfare of the B.S.L.U.

THE LYCEUM BANNER (whose late editor and proprietor would so much like to be with us personally to-day) has, during its first half-year, under the proprietorship of the Union, and the able editorship of our Secretary, shewn a small balance on the right side, and with increased circulation, which will follow the individual effort of every Lyceum worker in its behalf, we have every reason to believe that the publication of our official organ will not entail any expense to the Union, but will be the means of securing more members to its ranks.

The publishing department is perhaps the most pleasing feature in connection with the Union's work. There is no questioning that this is the backbone of our Union, and we should accord to those early workers who inaugurated this important work, and to their successors who have so ably continued and extended its operations, our grateful thanks and appreciation.

The sales of books have during the past three years been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
1900	99	16	10½
1901	148	3	4½
1902	181	1	6

So you see that in three years the sales in this department have practically doubled themselves. In this happy result we find that the Lyceum movement is without doubt or cavil advancing and increasing, and the knowledge of this fact should amply repay us for the efforts we have put forward and stimulate us to further endeavours.

It is at this juncture that we would express a word of warning and advice to this, and future Conferences, and it is that you must carefully protect and guard this department of the Union's work. There have been in the past several occasions on which this department has had certain monies taken from it to support other branches of the Union's work, and, while we admit that this may have been necessary in the past, we maintain that the Union has now reached such a position, and its adherents are so numerous, that all its departments should be self-supporting. The need for a large capital and working balance is more and more apparent every year, and with the increase in the publications which must inevitably follow in this department, we ask you to protect this working balance. "Take care of your profits and use them in the extension of your business," is what the commercial man says to-day, and as this is the commercial department of our Union we ask you to adopt this course. With due care, and with a continuance of the forward policy, that has hitherto characterised the work of this department, we make bold to assert that the Union will—nay must find itself in a few years time in possession of a surplus which can be invested and so form the basis of a permanent income.

The Permanent Secretary Fund is the only one that may be said to be *unsatisfactory*, and to say that it *is unsatisfactory* is to speak the truth, but we have no hesitation in asserting that this should not be, and it only needs a re-organisation of the administration of this Fund, and an alteration in the methods of securing it to bring about a more successful result. We find on the statistical return before you, that there are reported 6,965 officers and members of the Lyceum movement, and we have to add to this the vast number of Spiritualists in the country who are interested in, and could, and would, assist this Fund, if brought to their notice in an effective manner. Surely from amongst the large numbers in the Union (upwards of 7,000), and the great number of Spiritualists outside, it should be possible to raise the very modest sum of £60 per year which is at present the hard earned amount paid to our Secretary.

From our experience of the enormous amount of work there is in connection with this Union, we maintain that a Permanent Secretary is an absolute necessity and the sooner we realise this and each one, individually and collectively do our best therefor, the better it will be for the success of our movement. Up to the present we have had the peculiar position of a Secretary appealing for, and giving acknowledgments for subscriptions towards his own salary, and this we say is a most undignified position for our Secretary, and in justice to him, ought not to be maintained. We have made recommendations to your Executive Council in which we have suggested that they should select one of their own number, or a suitable delegate, who shall take charge of this Fund, and such a person could secure helpers in various districts, and they, acting individually and jointly would, we feel sure, by periodical appeal and personal canvas be able to secure a much larger support to such a Fund. We would earnestly impress upon you the absolute necessity for prompt and effective action in this matter, for it is vital to the interests alike of our Union and its Secretary. We would express to you our hearty thanks for the confidence shewn towards us in our election as auditors, and the labour it has involved has been performed cheerfully and in the interests of the children's cause. To our Treasurer and Secretary we would express our thanks for the kind and courteous manner in which they have met our requirements as auditors. In conclusion we would ask you to accept this report in the spirit in which it is presented, viz: that of goodwill, and in the interests of the B.S.L.U. in particular, and the children's cause generally.—We have the honour to be yours fraternally.

JOHN J. BENNETT, } Auditors.
FRANK CHISWELL, }

The report, which was unanimously adopted, was the means of bringing the question of The Permanent Secretary Fund before the Conference.

MR. A. SMEDLEY, in a spirited speech, said that he considered it most cruel for their esteemed Secretary to make appeals on his own behalf, and he sincerely hoped a hearty response would be made to the excellent suggestion submitted by Messrs. Bennett and Chiswell. (Applause.)

The following, amongst others, also took part in the discussion:—Mr. H. A. Kersey, Mr. Jno. Venables, Mr. Wm. Johnson, and Miss Thorpe.

The Conference then adjourned until Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 9 a.m. the united Lyceums of Northgate and St. Peter Street held a Lyceum Session which was largely attended. Short and inspiring addresses were delivered by Mr. Kersey and Mr. Chiswell, the latter conducting the golden and silver chain recitations. The

room presented an animated appearance when the chain march was being gone through, and great credit is due to the three conductors of St. Peter Street Lyceum, viz: Messrs. W. Lord, J. Hindle and C. Moorey, also Mr. J. Cooke, conductor of Northgate Lyceum.

At 10-15 the President again took up his position on the platform, and he was supported by Mr. A. Kitson, Mr. H. A. Kersey, Mr. Jno. Venables and Mrs. Jessie Greenwood.

After the hymn and invocation had been rendered,

MR. J. T. WARD, president of the Blackburn Society, gave an address of welcome to the delegates, and said that it was somewhat pleasing to rub shoulders with workers from other parts of the country, and especially with those who were engaged in the education of the children. On behalf of the Spiritualists of Blackburn he extended a hearty welcome to the B.S.L.U. and hoped the meetings would be crowned with success. (Applause.)

Two little girls, named Miss S. Eddleston and Miss E. Newell, the former on behalf of St. Peter Street Lyceum and the latter on behalf of Northgate Lyceum, also extended a hearty greeting to the Conference on behalf of their respective Lyceums.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE.

Miss Eddleston stepped to the front of the rostrum and welcomed the Conference on behalf of St. Peter Street Lyceum in the following neat little speech:—

Dear friends, on behalf of our Lyceum I give you a most friendly greeting and welcome. One and all, we wish you to feel happy, and at home while you are with us. To the Executive Council, and to all Delegates, we extend the hand of Lyceum fellowship, and express the wish that your meetings may glow with the kindness of brotherhood, and shine with the light of wisdom. To all those delegates, who by sickness and other causes, are unable to come, we extend our warmest sympathy. May the ever-present blessing of God and the angel world be perceived and received by you all. May a rich harvest of love, kindness, and helpfulness, result from your meeting, and may our glorious Lyceum cause grow still more glorious as a result of the Conference of 1903. Again, I give you a most glorious welcome to Blackburn and St. Peter Street Spiritualists' Temple. (Applause.)

Miss E. Newell, on behalf of Northgate Lyceum, said:—

Last Sunday, whilst united in our school, we were invited
By friends in Peter Street to greetings send,
To the Conference meeting there, with our Jonah in the chair,
Where our brethren and the angels would attend.
So we bring fraternal greeting to this illustrious meeting,
And may God His blessings grant you as of yore;
May angelic inspiration, in your glorious occupation,
Be your portion even now and evermore.

In your glorious work of love, by the help from those above,
You may yet accomplish much while you are here;
And may help the world's redemption, yes the whole without
exemption,

May be brought about by all those children dear.
If we shield them from all error, and remove from them all terror,
And cultivate the gifts they have in store;
If the children do their best, then your efforts will be blest,
And bring praises unto God for ever more.

Then hurrah for one and all, gathered here both great and small,
Including our inspirers in the score;
Hand in hand we'll work together, be it smooth or stormy
weather,

Until we all may meet again upon the 'golden shore.'
When our earthly work is ended, may each and all be blended,
In one eternal bliss, while angels' whisperings waft us o'er.
Then we'll return like angels bright, bringing others to the light,
And bring praises to our Father God for ever evermore.

(Applause.)

(Written by Mr. J. Cooke, Conductor, Northgate.)

THE PRESIDENT, in acknowledging the welcome, said he was pleased to announce that Mrs. Jessy Greenwood had consented to take charge of The Permanent Secretary Fund. This announcement met with the approval of the Conference, and the question of formulating a scheme for working the same was left in the hands of the E.C.

The Presidential Address, which included the Secretary's report, was then submitted. This appeared in our April number, hence it is unnecessary to report same.

MR. LATHAM, Burnley, inquired as to why a copy of the Agenda had not appeared as usual in "The Two Worlds,"

The Secretary, in reply, said that he had supplied the Editor of "The Two Worlds" with a copy of the Agenda who, in return had notified him "that the notice came under the title of an advertisement and would have to be paid for as such." "This," continued Mr. Phillips "is in accordance with the instructions of my directors." Continuing, Mr. Kitson said that in the past, all the Union's notices had been inserted free of charge, and as he had not power to spend money without the sanction of the Executive Council, and there not being time to call a special meeting, he had instructed Mr. Phillips to omit the notice.

MR. JNO. VENABLES considered that any alteration on the part of "The Two Worlds" Board of Directors should have been notified to the Union's Secretary sooner than it was. It seemed to him that "The Two Worlds" had lost interest in the Lyceum cause.

MR. CHISWELL suggested that in future they advertise their own business in their own paper, viz: "The Lyceum Banner." If "The Two Worlds" could do without the Union, surely the Union could do without "The Two Worlds."

MR. WM. JOHNSON, Hyde, speaking as a Director of "The Two Worlds," said they (the Directors) had received so many notices which contained matter referring to "coming events," that they had decided to class the same as advertisements. He could assure the B.S.L.U. that there was not the least drawback being displayed to the Lyceum Cause by "The Two Worlds" directors. It was simply to put the management on a better footing that this course had been adopted.

MR. LATHAM thought the agenda should appear in "The Two Worlds," whether they had to pay for its insertion or not.

MR. A. SMEDLEY then rose and said: Looking at the question in its broadest sense, the best plan would be to leave the matter in the hands of the E.C. This suggestion was agreed to by a large majority.

MR. LATHAM then moved. "That District Councils be allowed an additional representative at all Conferences held by the B.S.L.U."

THE PRESIDENT ruled that the motion was out of order, Mr. Latham having admitted that certain requirements laid down in the Constitution had not been complied with.

Several delegates questioned the ruling of the President, and MR. CHISWELL said that the ruling of the Chairman ought to be sustained.

MR. LATHAM then moved the following, which also stood in his name on the agenda:—"That the travelling expenses of all District Visitors elected by the District Councils be paid out of the general fund of the B.S.L.U."

MR. KERSEY contended that the motion was out of order, but THE PRESIDENT ruled against this contention, and after a short discussion the matter was put to the vote. 42 voted for and 34 against. This not being a two-thirds majority as per Constitution, the motion was defeated.

Motion number three, which stood in the name of the E.C., viz:—"That the B.S.L.U. adopt, and stock, an appropriate Lyceum Badge, as a means of mutual recognition" was put to the vote and defeated, 32 voting for and 39 against.

Motion number four:—"That it be an instruction to the Executive Council to compile a list of books suitable for the middle and higher Groups, and stock the same as far as practicable," was submitted by MR. H. L. WESTERBY, Huddersfield, and after a brief discussion was carried by a large majority, the matter being left in the hands of the E.C.

PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

MR. MUSGROVE, Blackpool, invited the Union to hold its next Assembly at the 'Brighton of the North,' and this motion found a ready seconder in MISS BURTON.

MR. HODGSON, Ashton-Under-Lyne, in an earnest appeal, invited the Union to Ashton-Under-Lyne. "We cannot offer you the same facilities as our Blackpool friends," said Mr. Hodgson, "but we have the cause at heart, and we believe a great deal of good would be done if the B.S.L.U. could only see its way to visit our town." This was seconded by MR. BRIERLEY, Oldham.

MR. ROBERTS, Blackpool, in supporting Mr. Musgrove's motion, said, seeing the Federation had visited Blackpool twice, their Lyceum thought it was only right they should invite the B.S.L.U.

THE PRESIDENT then put the matter to vote, 61 favouring Blackpool, as against 16 for Ashton-Under-Lyne. To use the words of the President "Blackpool have it!"

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Miss M. Thorpe, Sowerby Bridge, was unanimously elected President; Mr. Jonah Clarke, Vice-President; Mr. A. Kitson,

Secretary; and Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe, Treasurer, were re-elected to their respective positions. Messrs. Jno. J. Bennet and Frank Chiswell were re-appointed auditors, the latter gentleman to retire next year.

The election of the E.C. was next proceeded with, the voting, which was by ballot, resulting in the following being elected:—

Mrs. J. Greenwood	...	...	64	votes.
Mr. S. S. Chiswell	...	...	56	"
„ Ernest Keeling	...	...	50	"
„ Jno. Venables	...	...	48	"
„ A. Wilkinson	...	...	48	"

Votes of thanks to the retiring officials, &c., and to the local society and Lyceum having been accorded, the Conference was brought to a close by prayer.

The Credential Committee's Report.

To the President, Officers, Executive Council, and Delegates. We, your Committee on Credentials, beg to report that the members present are as follows:

Officers	4
Executive Council	5
Auditors	2
District Visitors	5
Delegates	70
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We beg to report that Mr. G. Bentley, District Visitor for the Rochdale District, is unable to attend the Conference through indisposition. Also, that the Delegates from the Richard Street Lyceum, Burnley, are prevented from attending to-day in consequence of their Anniversary Services being arranged for the same date as the Conference.

Yours fraternally,

A. WILKINSON, }
S. S. CHISWELL, } Credential Committee.

THE EVENING MEETING.

The Temple was crowded on Sunday evening, when a special service was held. Mr. Clarke presided, and during the evening appropriate music was rendered by the choir.

THE PRESIDENT observed that the splendid gathering showed to him and his colleagues that the people of Blackburn had some appreciation of the need there was for work amongst children, on behalf of whose cause the Children's Parliament, as the B.S.L.U. was commonly known, had met in the town. It might perhaps interest those who knew little or nothing of the Union to be informed that it consisted of a union throughout the country of the various Sunday schools, or, as they preferred to term them, Lyceums. Altogether there were some 140 Lyceums in this country, of which 120 were affiliated for mutual support and to carry on the business necessary for the production of suitable books for their use. The 20 non-federated organisations mostly worked under similar rules to those in the Union. The affiliated bodies had a membership of about 6,000, and the non-federated 964, thus giving a total of 6,973. There were in the affiliated organisations some 1,120 officers, and in the non-federated 114, or a grand total of 1,234. He thought they would allow that that was a respectable result considering the Lyceum Union had only been in existence 14 years.

The President then introduced Miss Mary Thorpe, who had been brought up in the movement, and they had had pleasure in electing her to the chair as the first Lyceumist who had occupied that position.

MISS THORPE spoke of the real usefulness of the children's organisation, which had been, and was, carried on by a staff of men and women who had felt the absolute necessity of a different training for their children than through the ordinary Sunday school. In asking them that night to consider the new movement that was before them, she did not say one word to depreciate the valiant work that had been done by men and women in the past through the medium of the Sunday schools, because they all knew how it had helped to make men and women strong and brave in times when they had need to be courageous. But they as Spiritualists submitted that the training given to their boys and girls in their Lyceums enabled them not only to just have Bible instruction but also teaching that made them physically strong, capable mental thinkers and impressed upon them the necessity of self-cultivation and self-development, and it provided in every way for that fuller, clearer and broader expansion of the child mind.

MR. CHISWELL, pointed out that considering the bigotry that had dogged their footsteps wherever they had attempted to initiate their movement one wondered that so much progress had been made as that indicated in the address of Mr. Clarke. The questions might be asked: "Have we not got sufficient Sunday Schools? Are you forming a new sect or denomination, and is your teaching of such a character that it warrants you to ask children to meet with you?" Well, their service was not like the one he saw advertised that afternoon on a Church board. "For men only." He did not like those meetings. (Hear, hear.) He was dubious about the sort of teaching given in such gatherings, because he fancied what was good for men was also good for women. (Hear, hear.) When they remembered the class of Sunday school that most of them had passed through, they had no hesitation in expressing the belief that the Lyceum system was infinitely superior in its methods and objects to anything that had come to this country at any time in its history. (Hear, hear.) He regretted there were Spiritualists who allowed their children to be brought up in the same tenets and dogmas in which they were instructed in early life and to escape from which they had had tremendous difficulty. That ought not to be. (Hear, here) Spiritualism taught that everything in relation to the physical, moral, and spiritual world was perfectly natural. Their children were not bothered with the problems which perplexed other people. They could quite understand how it was that some people had the height of prosperity and riches, while others were in the depths of poverty and degradation. Such a state of things was due to the effects of cause, the result of their own ignorance, and want of knowledge of Nature's laws, and not in any way attributable to the Almighty Father who gave them birth. They taught their children that in every way they must obey the promptings of Nature. They did not tell them that this world was a vale of tears, but that it was a goodly place to live in, though there was the defect of man's inhumanity to man, and not God's inhumanity to man, (Hear, hear,) God had not placed them there that He might keep them in torture year after year, and then torture them at the end, but rather that they might fight a good fight and gain the prize. (Hear, hear.) They taught the children that they were God's children, and recognising the position they occupied they must never do anything that would bring dishonour upon Him; that they must do right, not that they might inherit Heaven and escape Hell, for they had nothing of the sugar-plum business in their methods, but because it was right and eschew wrong because it was wrong. (Hear, hear.) They read the Bible, and applied it as far as they possibly could. The fundamental teaching of the whole of their Lyceums might be found in the words: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. Avoid every appearance of evil. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." In asking strangers to give their consideration to the movement, he intimated that from a Spiritualist platform they would only be asked to "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good." (Hear, hear.)

THE CHAIRMAN in calling upon Mrs. Greenwood, remarked that in their government they were truly democratic—that was to say, women were placed on a level with men. (Hear, hear.)

MRS. GREENWOOD mentioned that the delegates had devoted some time to the consideration of the education question. They objected to the minds of their children being poisoned by the religious teaching given in elementary schools and would take care that when they had them under their control in the Lyceums they would undo, or try to do so, the effects of that teaching until they could get the matter set right to their satisfaction. (Hear, hear.)

MR. H. A. KERSEY (Newcastle), having commented on the interest which was being taken in Blackburn in the Spiritualistic movement, said their object was the uplifting of humanity to impart a better method of living so that they might become nobler men and women. It was their endeavour also to so train their children so that when, in the natural course of things, they had to give place to them, they (the children) might prove to be better men or women than themselves. By their system they taught children not to draw long faces on Sundays. The old idea of conduct on Sandays made children miserable, but in the Lyceum movement they enjoyed their Sundays, and consequently enjoyed the religion and religious teaching that was inculcated in them.

Addresses were also given by Mr. Ernest Keeling, who pointed out that instead of teaching in the ordinary manner, they drew information out of the children, thus implanting in them the desire to know, and in that way their success had been achieved; Miss Burton, of Bury, who observed that while it was not possible to make their children Kings or Queens of England, it was possible for every father and mother to make their Kings or Queens among men. (Hear, hear.) Mrs. Green, of Manchester, also dwelt upon various aspects of the movement.

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MANCHESTER (Collyhurst).—May 10th, Morning Session well attended. In the evening we had the very pleasing ceremony of naming the infant son of Mrs. Firth, of Rochdale (née Miss Garner) who was our conductor of marching and calisthenics for some time previous to her marriage. Being an old Lyceumist she wished her little son to receive his dedication at our Lyceum. The ceremony was performed very impressively by another of our Lyceumists, Miss Rotherham, who gave it the spirit name of Hope to its other name of John.—Mrs. P. Boyden, Sec.

MANCHESTER (Tipping-street).—On Sunday, May 17th, we were favoured with a visit from our old friend and Lyceumist, Mr. Crutchley, who gave some interesting remarks on Lyceum work and its benefits. Marching and calisthenics very well done. Golden, silver chain recitations and musical readings well responded to. I may also state that the Band of Hope in connection with our Lyceum is meeting with favourable success, considering the short time we have been interested in the movement, and altogether we spend some very enjoyable evenings together.

G. Vernon, jun., Sec.

BLACKBURN, (St. Peter-street).—On Sunday, May 3rd, an Open Session was held, when several Lyceumists recited and rendered solos, followed by a presentation to a late Conductor and worker in the cause, Mr. G. H. Edwards, who was on the eve of his departure for America. Mrs. Janet Bailey-Robinson, in making the presentation (which consisted of a silver albert and pendant) referred to the excellent service Mr. Edwards had rendered in the Lyceum, and on behalf of the Lyceumists gave him their best wishes for their future welfare and success, and trusted that when in his silent moments the small token might remind him of the many friends left behind. In response Mr. Edwards was pleased to have received the kindly token at the hands of Mrs. Robinson, she being a co-worker along with him for quite a number of years. Mr. G. Howarth and Mr. Hanson Hey also gave a few encouraging remarks.—MISS E. A. CRANSHAW, Sec.

GLASGOW.—The attendance last Sunday reached 30. A number of new scholars have joined our ranks since Miss Burton's visit. There is also a marked improvement in the exercises and recitations which augurs well for the future of our movement. "Life and Labour in the Spirit World" by Miss Schillhamer, is judiciously handled by our Conductor, and the children are introduced to consecutive readings describing the work done in the Lyceums of Spirit Life. We desire to record our sympathy to Mr. Wallace, in his loss of Mrs. Wallace, and tender our best wishes that her angel form may inspire and guide him in the school house of discipline here; and welcome him home "in the dawning of the morning, when the mists have rolled away." A new feature has been introduced by entering a minute of each Sunday's work in a minute book; thus a record will be handed down to those who come after us.—A. O. STROMBERG, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, May 3rd, we held our usual Open Session, conducted by Mr. A. Simpson. The musical reading, silver and golden chain recitations were well responded to. A quartette was rendered by Misses H. M. Dransfield, S. J. Dransfield, Mr. J. Ashworth, and Mr. P. Howard. Recitations were given by Misses E. A. Morey and N. Jones. We concluded an enjoyable session by practising the Whitsuntide hymns.

Wm. Dransfield, Sec.



Our Boy's Special



HURRAH! It is summer weather.—Just as we were deploring the damp, debilitated spring, out pops dear old “Sol” and sheds his welcome “influence” on all things around us, including ourselves. Those tiny flowers—the field daisy and the buttercup—which fill the childheart with jubilation, and reflect their beauty and modesty in the little ones that gather them, rear their tiny heads among the grass and greet with thanksgiving the life-giving rays of their benefactor, “dear old sunshine.” I should have liked a little talk with you this month about our “essay subject,” Influence, but it must not be, as I hear the master printer say that he is crowded out already. Well, never mind, I have a nice effort from the pen of Frank Cocks, of Slaithwaite, upon the subject, and I hope you will read it.

I have also got a letter from “Neddy” which you will read with pleasure. Frank does not like to think “Neddy” is a donkey. Ah, Frank, don’t despise the whole “breed” because you happen only to find one here and there that displays good sense, and is “brotherly.” If what “Neddy” says is good, and appeals to your sense of right, act upon it, not because a “donkey” has said it, but *because it is right*. This advice applies equally to all my readers. Before I step off the page let me here invite you to send on your “essays” for next month’s BANNER not later than June 20th, the subject is “Justice.”—Yours lovingly,

UNCLE BENJAMIN.

DEAR UNCLE BEN,

I have been busy of late, although I have not been drawing a mussel barrow as you supposed, but I can’t stop to tell you what I have been doing, your space is limited.

Perhaps this little bit of natural history will please your nephews quite as well, and as I want to make friends with them before I once more visit the sad sea waves, here it is. “Most boys know what a crab is, but perhaps many do not know that there are different kinds and I dare say some only know of the edible crabs they see in shop windows, or sometimes on the wet sands of the sea shore.

There is a peculiar crab called the hermit crab, and to relate his complete history would be interesting, but I must be short—like a donkey’s gallop. Well, this hermit crab is a robber and worse than a robber, he is too lazy to build a shell for himself, so if he cannot find an empty whelk’s shell, he will seize and eat a whelk and appropriate its house. He is a degenerate animal and very ferocious, don’t offer to take hold of him boys or you will regret it. I don’t like him at all and I am afraid he is beyond being made any better. I have heard it said that human beings sometimes lose all sense of decency and are past recovery, although I once heard it said on the sea shore that some might be put on the right path again if true love and charity were exercised by their more fortunate brethren.

Now, Uncle Ben, I want your boys to see to it that they do not let their spiritual natures become dwarfed for the want of exercise, for although they may not become so degenerate as the hermit crab it is wonderful how neglect begets degeneration. You can see this throughout the whole of organic nature. I, who am only a donkey, could tell you of many instances, but you are so kind that I do not want to get you into a bother with your Editor by spinning a long yarn. Do you think they would like to hear about the pea crab?—Yours, etc.,

NEDDY.

INFLUENCE.

As a Lyceumist I desire to say a few words on this most important subject. As we grow older we are better able to understand it and define whether it is for good or evil. When you try to encourage someone to steal, or lie, or to be disobedient, that effort you put forth in order to encourage them we look upon as an influence that is bad. There is an influence in life that we pronounce good, which we can experience in many ways if we cultivate our noblest faculties. What I would have you do in order to become an influence for good is first of all to be dutiful to parents, and as you go through life be kind to those you have dealings with, and get all the knowledge you can that will be helpful to you in life. We have in our Lyceums instruction that may be helpful and exercise that may develop us physically, and we have our “Lyceum Banner” that its pages may unite us in brotherly and sisterly love. And I should like to influence our dear Editor to give us some beautiful lessons in science, and extracts from the lives of good and great men. I am very pleased our dear Uncle Benjamin has struck at a right system of educating our boys in essay writing, and with the beautiful lessons “Neddy” brings to us from the seaside. Yet I think he should not pretend to be a donkey. I should like to join with “Neddy” and other “Lyceum Banner” readers in the formation of a Nature Club or guild, so that we can encourage each other in nature study.

Those who would like to join such a guild drop a line to Uncle Benjamin before the 20th of June and you will thus influence him for good.

FRANK COCKS, Slaithwaite.

HER TEACHER HAD ONE.

On one of the recent hot days a few pimples came up on the face of little girl, aged six, who asked her mother what caused them to come.

“The change in the weather,” said the mother.

The child went to school in the afternoon, and when she came home she amused the whole family by remarking:

“Mother, my teacher has got one of those changes in the weather on her nose.”

REPORTS.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On May 2nd we opened our New Church with a grand tea-party. After tea the ladies gave the entertainment. Mr. Diggle gave some selections on the gramophone, and our worthy friend, Mr. Fitton, gave a short address. On Sundays, May 3rd and 10th, we held our opening services with crowded audiences. On Sunday, May 17th, it was our Lyceum Anniversary day. In the afternoon we had physical exercises, recitations, a duett, and interesting remarks from Mrs. Cropper, of Ashton, Mr. Hurst, of Uppermill, and Mr. Hartley, of Middleton. We also had the Delph Lyceumists with us. The hall was crowded in the evening, all the lyceumists being on the platform. Mrs. Cropper was the speaker. Look out for the gent's. tea-party, on July 1st. Everybody welcome.—HIRAM MONKS, Sec.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT VISITOR'S REPORT.—Number of Lyceums in this district, 12, and one Society without a Lyceum, with which no interview has been sought. Seven visits have been paid during the quarter, viz: one to Harphurhey, two to Salford, two to Royton, one to Regent Hall, and one to Middleton. Remarks—Harphurhey in a good, flourishing condition; recitations and pearls a notable feature; a Lyceum to be proud of. Salford Lyceum in a good condition, though only a few. Royton, on first visit I found them in a bad and careless condition; on second visit a great improvement, requiring only a good conductor to make them a good Lyceum. Regent Hall Lyceum is in a good condition, Liberty Group very large and interesting. Middleton, greatly improved since my last visit, and are settling down to real work. I spoke to each Lyceum and urged them to work together for their mutual good.—Z. BENTLEY, Bacup, D.V.

HARPURHEY PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.—On Saturday, April 25th, the children of the above held their effort in aid of the piano fund, when 150 children and adults sat down to a substantial tea. After the tea a grand entertainment was given by our own Pierrettes and Pierrots. A most beautiful sight it was to see these children in their pierrot costumes; also four fancy characters dressed as Italian gipsies, Irish comedian and jester. The concert consisted of recitations, songs and choruses, given by Misses Jackson, Kilner, Smiths, Doodson, Craig, and Swift; and Masters Smith, Mussen, and Watts, accompanied by Miss A. Bradley. Great credit is due to the committee who had the children in hand. To make the event a double one the Library which has been formed in connection with the Lyceum, was officially opened by our esteemed friend, Mr. Lawrence, of Collyhurst.—Harry Kemp, Sec.

LEICESTER.—(Queen Street) held their Lyceum Anniversary on Sunday May 3rd, under the happiest conditions hitherto experienced in the history of the Lyceum. Most successful services were conducted by the Pastor Mr. G.H. Bibbings. In the afternoon the sweet little babe of our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Goadly was named by Mr. Bibbings in well chosen words. At the commencement of the afternoon service, most appropriate verses of welcome were recited by several scholars, first to the audience, then to the workers. It was cheering to see so many friends present, showing an awakened interest in the children's cause. A little time was devoted to marching and this reflected much credit both on the children and their

instructor. The evening meeting was well filled and the various items contributed by the scholars made the evening most enjoyable. Mr. Bibbings has the love and goodwill of his people, and that of the children, and was well equal to the occasion. He can only be described as "Just saying the right words at the right time," indeed we feel he is an inspiration amongst us, helping both young and old.

On the Saturday night preceeding the Sunday, Mr. Bibbings, Junior Dramatic class—mostly Lyceumists—went through a sketch entitled "Jessie's Dream"; everyone was delighted with this performance. The whole of the Anniversary was a marked success and the ever faithful and earnest conductor. Mr. Wright, was much pleased with it; this was shared by his band of workers.

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