

# The LYCEUM BANNER

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*"In things Essential, Unity—In things Doubtful, Liberty—In all things Charity."*

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ONE PENNY.

## The Adventures of a Coin. . .

BY GERTRUDE GREEN.



### CHAPTER IV.

SHE moved at a rapid rate, going down endless courts and alleys, passing by countless unknown, unsought, and uncared for children playing in the gutter. At last, stopping before a humble dwelling, she entered and went up some flights of stairs till she reached the top. Entering a wretched attic she exclaimed joyfully, "Oh! mother darling! see, I've found a sixpence. God has been good to us and now I can buy you something to eat. A gentleman gave me a three-penny bit too; he said I was like a little girl of his. We are quite well off." Then with a change of tone: "The fire has gone out. Have we no more coal, mother?"

The mother she was speaking to was lying on a mattress in one corner of the room, evidently very ill. In what should have been the prime of life she was suffering from consumption and a hacking cough. Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes brilliant. Long thick tresses of rich auburn hair lay in tangled masses on the hard pillow. One saw at a glance that her lot had once been much different. Remarkable beauty still lingered in the wasted features, and the anguish of her soul shone out of her fever-lit eyes. She replied in a voice strangely gentle, "Yes, little one. God has been good to us indeed. About an hour ago a kind lady and gentleman came to see me, and promised to have you put into a school and given some education. All things come to them who wait, and now I believe our tide has turned for the better. Yes, they bought some coal, it is in the box in the corner, darling."

She pointed with a slim finger, then fell back exhausted. Her little daughter ran to her, "You are faint for some food, mother dearest. But don't be downhearted, I will make a fire, and then fetch you some. I shall not be long. Tell me, what was the gentleman like?" "Very aristocratic looking, tall and dark. He was very kind." "Did he have a ring on his finger with a stone in it that looked like fire?"

"Yes, he did. I could not help but see it, child. Why do you ask?"

"I felt somehow that it was he," cried the child, excitedly. "It is the same gentleman who gave me the three-penny bit. Oh, mother, I feel indeed as if we have left poverty behind us. But I must go out, darling."

She kissed her mother passionately on the lips, and then busied herself making a good fire. After she had put the kettle on, she went downstairs and through the outer door, threading her way in the midst of the traffic.

Arriving at a baker's she bought a loaf and some eggs, and departed in haste with her purchases. I found myself once more in a shop. My last adventure had in some measure erased my unpleasant thoughts and I was filled with gladness to think that there was so much love in the world that would conquer all poverty and sorrows and still remain true.

I did not stay in the shop long. In the evening the shopman took the till into his back parlour and counted his sales for the day. In the midst of this occupation a young boy entered.

"What do you want?" demanded the baker in no very gentle tone.

"Oh, sir, I came to ask your forgiveness for my forgetfulness, and to say that I am determined to do better and be steady. If its only for those at home, sir, take me on again. I promise I'll do better in future."

The baker listened, and after a pause said in a milder voice, "Well, well, Harry, we'll overlook it this time. I believe you're a good boy at heart, but it is as much for the sake of your mother, as for yourself, that I take you back again. Remember that 'punctuality is the soul of business,' my boy, and you will always succeed. Have you had any work since last month?"

"No sir, I hav'nt been able to get on anywhere. I thank you very much for your kindness, sir, and shall not forget it. I shall be here prompt in the morning." With these words the boy went towards the door, and was just going out when the baker called him back

saying, "Here is half of your wage in advance, Harry, I suppose your mother and little ones will be wanting it long ago. Now not another word. Hold the thought of your mother always in your mind and it will be a shield against temptation. Goodnight, my boy."

What do you think? I had changed masters once more. The baker had given me to the boy as part of his wages, and I must say I left him with regret—such a good man. The boy went home and regaled his family with the news of the baker's generosity. It did my heart good to hear the praises bestowed on that worthy man.

"Well, mother, I'll go out and buy us a feast. It's about time we had something good to eat," said the boy. "I'm turning over a new leaf and I'm going to be steady. You want someone to look after you, mother, and I'm your man. Ta-ta for awhile."

Harry stopped outside the door as if struck by a sudden thought. He went to a low wall across the street, put me upon it, and taking a nail out of his pocket, proceeded with infinite pains (both on his part and mine) to draw two initials. Drawing a deep breath he finished, saying, "There! if I ever meet with this sixpence again it will be a reminder of the kindness of my master, and be an incentive to even greater efforts on my part than I now dream of. I've drawn my initials on it, so I shall know it again." He surveyed his work with pride. My feelings I cannot describe. My poor sides were dreadfully disfigured, and from that day I said good-bye to any remaining beauty I might have.

"We're in luck's way," continued Harry, as he walked down the street. "This morning we had nothing at all in the house, and now I've got some money." He squared his shoulders. "Oh, yes," he said, "I'm going to be a man." "Hallo!" he shouted suddenly. "What's the matter with you two? You look in the dumps!"

Two boys came to meet him, with faces full of concern. One of them said,

"We might well be glum, Willie's just lost a sixpence and we've been huntin' for it for over an hour. I dar'n't go 'ome till we find it. We were goin' an errand for mother."

"Where did you drop it?" asked Harry.

"Somewhere about 'ere. I heard it chink against somethin' when it dropped; but we've looked all over." He shook his head despondently.

"Well, you go that way, and Willie that way, and I'll look here. P'raps we shall find it. Shut up, Willie, and stop crying, you'll have everybody stopping to see what's the matter," said Harry in a business-like manner.

The two boys went in different directions and Harry dropped on his knees, feeling the ground with his hands. He seemed to be labouring under some difficulty and talked to himself softly.

"I don't think mother would mind. I've promised to be steady, and I never tell lies; she'll believe me if I say what I've done with it. I can do without much to eat, and it'll never be missed. Here goes!"

He dived his hand in his pocket, and with a cautious look round to see if he was observed, took me out, and hurriedly lifting a stone placed me under it. Then

he shouted. "Hi! you two! You didn't half look. See here, where it is. It rolled under this stone!"

The boys came running with faces all aglow.

"Oh, I say, Harry; you're a brick. We never thought of lifting a stone up. You're a brick. Come on Willie. We'll 'ave to be quick, they'll think we've got lost. Harry's a real chum!"

"Stow that," replied my hero. "Look sharp, and get your business done. So long!"

*(To be continued.)*

### Professor Timson's Splendid Offer to Lyceum Officers and Friends.

Professor Timson offers the following prizes to members of Lyceums affiliated with the Lyceum Union, for regular and punctual attendance and good behaviour, commencing Sunday, April 2nd, and ending Sunday, December 31st, 1905. The competitors shall provide a certificate of their good behaviour and punctual attendance signed by the conductor and at least two of the leaders of their respective Lyceums.

FIRST PRIZE, a cloth bound copy of "Self Instructor," 294 pages, fully illustrated.

SECOND PRIZE, a cloth bound copy of "Self Instructor," 78 pages, and many illustrations.

THIRD PRIZE, similar to the second, but paper covers.

Each winner will also receive a phrenological delineation of health, character, and most suitable occupation in accordance with their temperament and natural capacities. The delineations will also include a certificate in accordance with the Chartered and Incorporated Society of London.

#### PRIZES FOR CONDUCTORS AND LEADERS.

Similar prizes will be given for the best essays on Phrenology and its uses in the Lyceum. The essays must be based upon George Combe's System of Phrenology, and his "Constitution of Man."

Essays to be addressed to Prof. Thos. Timson, The Hydro, Museum Square, Leicester, on or before Dec. 30th, 1905.

Prof. Timson will make personal delineations of the winners as far as practicable during his lecture tours. Where such is not convenient the delineations will be made from photo and handwriting.

Yours faithfully,

PROF. THOS. TIMSON, F.B.P.S.

Incorporated and Chartered, London and New York, U.S.A.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Our next issue will be ready on April 1st. Will Secretaries please note and call for their parcels, and report to us not later than the following Monday, if they fail to receive them, so that we may make enquiries with a view to finding them.

## The Difference Between the Teachings of Christianity and Spiritualism.

FROM A BOY'S POINT OF VIEW.

BY MASTER GEORGE HARRIS, CHISWICK

SPIRITUALISM is looked upon by some people with feelings of awe, others with ridicule, some with sympathy for the poor deluded people, who, they believe, will meet with terrible punishment hereafter. A great many regard it as fraud, and others think it is the outcome of fevered brains, and that Spiritualists are fanatics in a mild way. That the departed ones can speak to us and hold sweet converse with us is past their comprehension outside books of romance. Some think that when we die there is an end to us. Others, that if we have not believed in the vicarious atonement of Jesus we shall be cast into everlasting fire, while if we have believed in him we shall enter into eternal happiness. Some go further than this, and believe that a man who has led a bad life, even to committing murder, can repent and be forgiven at the last moment, and such will enter into eternal happiness with the good man. These people say almost in the same breath that God is just. If God be a just God such teachings cannot be true, for is there any justice in a bad man enjoying the same degree of happiness as a good man simple because he repents of his sins with his last breath like a coward? Where is the mission of life if this be so? What is the use of trying to live a good life, denying one's self, resisting temptations, and missing advantages that the unscrupulous will take to obtain this world's preferments if we can live a bad selfish life, and have it all forgiven at last? Such a religion offers no inducement to do good for the sake of good.

Then again, baptism is looked upon as being necessary to eternal happiness.

What a difference there is between the made-to-order sermons, and the inspirational and trance addresses of our mediums! It is through Spiritualism that comfort is given to the sorrowing, joy to the sad, and hope to the despairing by sweet messages from the departed, the assurance of reunion, and the description of the beautiful homes over there! "Spiritualism teaches that happiness does not depend on belief, but actions: as we sow, so shall we reap. This is the justice of God. The bad will not be lost for ever, but will have the chance to atone for past sins, and so work out their own salvation.

In conclusion are not the teachings of Spiritualism far superior to those of Christianity? We have very, very much to be thankful for that we can learn the glorious teachings of Spiritualism while we are young, so that we may learn to love the right because it is right, and shun the wrong because it is wrong.

(The above excellent essay is greatly condensed for want of space.—EDITOR L.B.

The British Progressive Lyceum movement has just sustained a great earthly loss in the departure to the Higher Life of Alfred Smedley, of Belper, England. Our good brother and friend has been a most generous financial supporter of the Lyceum Union, an ardent

Lyceumist, a consistent Spiritualist and a devoted friend to every humanitarian purpose during a long life. He served as president to the old British Spiritualists' National Federation and the Lyceum Union, and for many years had a seat on the boards of those organisations. He was a good man in all senses, and staunch to our Cause to the end.—*The Banner of Light*, February 11th.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### PROPAGANDA MEETINGS

will be held in the WESTGATE NEW HALL, BRADFORD, on April 2nd, 1905, at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., to be addressed by the president (Mr. Wm. Johnson, Hyde); Vice-president (Mrs. M. Law), Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, Hon. Sec., P.S.F.; Messrs. Councillor J. Venables, S. S. Chiswell, R. Latham, and E. A. Keeling. Special hymn sheets provided. Collections in aid of the General Fund.

The Lyceum will hold a special Open Session in the above hall at 10 a.m., in which members of the Executive Council will take part. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all friends of reform, and liberal religious thought.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.,  
Bromley Road,  
Hanging Heaton,  
Dewsbury.

To whom all invitations from Lyceums for the Executive Council to pay them a visit in the months of July, October, 1905, and January next, 1906 should be addressed as early as possible.

### Correspondence.

#### PROF. TIMSON'S OFFER OF A FREE BED.

Dear Sir,—I should like to express my thanks to the friend of the Lyceumist, Professor Timson, for his magnificent offer, in your last issue, of a FREE COT for any Lyceumist who is unwell. Such an offer, sir, we do not often receive, and I, as conductor of one of the many Lyceums, fully appreciate the kindness of our good friend, and cannot let it pass unnoticed.

About two years ago one of my boys was in Professor Timson's Hydro., he had been weak from birth, but under Mr. Timson's treatment he became hale and hearty, and is building up a strong, healthy body. Now that a COT is offered free of all charge to the Lyceumists, I hope those in need will embrace the opportunity so generously offered them.

Faithfully yours,  
CHAS. E. SIBSON,  
East Bond Street,  
Leicester.



MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I promised last month to tell you something about our pets, but I have had so many letters that I am afraid I shall not be able to keep my promise this time. I know when my Bluebells read all the letters and note the contents of the page they will not be disappointed. First of all, the Salford Leaf Square Lyceumists have honoured me by electing that I shall be judge of their Essay Competition. The subject of the essay is "Depression in Trade." There are six competitors and the whole are submitted to me with initials for names, so that there cannot possibly be any favouritism shown. The task of judging has been a very pleasant one, and now I have arrived at a decision, I think I cannot do better than let you read the winner's essay. It reads as follows:—

#### WHAT CAUSES DEPRESSION IN TRADE?

"One of the many reasons which has caused a great deal of depression in trade is in connection with cotton. In America, where it is grown, the crops during the last few years have been rather poor, therefore causing the cotton to be raised to such a high price that the English cannot afford to buy it. When this trade is depressed, it also affects the iron trade, because when there is very little manufacturing, less machinery is wanted; also less coal being required, the coal trade suffers. The increasing population has also caused some of the decline in trade, more people wanting employment, and unable to find it, and having no wages to spend, therefore the people with whom they spend their money when trade is good, do less trade. The war between Russia and Japan has also had a great deal to do with the English commerce. Wars have also impeded the imports and exports to and from this country, and so lessened our trade.—Yours,

"LEGREE."

Now don't you think it is very nice? There are to be two prizes given, so the gentleman who has written me says. I think the second best is written by someone called "Derf." If I have space left after all my other letters are copied, then I will put "Derf's" essay in as well.

Our Editor has sent me a letter from Daniel Emsall, from Horwich Lyceum. He asks if some of their members may become Bluebells. I am delighted to receive such applications, and heartily welcome these new members.

The next letter comes from Royton. It is from Ellen Ogden, and reads as follows:—

Dear Flora Belle,—I have very great pleasure in writing to you, as it is the first time. I hope it will not be the last. I go to the Royton Lyceum, and I hope that it will progress in the future. I am sorry it has not done so in the past. We have got new officers in our Lyceum now, and I hope and trust they will work hand in hand to try and make it a successful Lyceum. I must now conclude, hoping that I shall be able to write more next time. Please make the following members of the Guild.

I remain, your loving Bluebell,

ELLEN OGDEN.

The next letter comes from Preston, and is very interesting. I am sure it is very kind of Miss Salisbury to write to me again so soon. As her letter deals mainly with the celebration of the 42nd anniversary of the American Lyceum movement, as reported in the BANNER for Feb., we need not repeat it.

I have also a letter and poem from Dora Parker, called

#### SUNSHINE.

Catch the sunshine, children,  
Put a lot away,  
Have it always ready  
For a rainy day.

Keep the sunshine, children,  
Show it in your face,  
That those who pass may see it,  
However quick the pace.

Give the sunshine, children,  
There's sorrow everywhere;  
As far as you can reach them,  
Place the sunshine there.

Do your duty always,  
As unto God in heaven,  
So the brightest sunshine  
Shall to you be given.

Then scatter it right loyally,  
For ever and for ever,  
Then you shall find, my children,  
The richest is the giver.

J.B.

I have no more room, so will close with loving wishes to all my Bluebells.—Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

## ROYTON LYCEUM.

1753	Albert Smith	1758	Annie Shaw
1754	John Smith	1759	Linda Briggs Cook
1755	Mary Smith	1760	Mary Jane Buckley
1756	Ada Harvey	1761	Willie Shaw
1757	Ruth Harvey		

## HORWICH LYCEUM.

1762	Robert Shaw	1779	Ada Emsall
1763	Daniel Emsall	1780	Bessie Elkin
1764	Martin Chaisty (sen.)	1781	Elsie Edwards
1765	Martin Chaisty (jun.)	1782	Ada Elkin
1766	Harold Clough	1783	Alice Ormandy
1767	William Humphreys	1784	Emma Cleworth
1768	Samuel Fermhough	1785	Annie Isherwood
1769	Ernest Fermhough	1786	Mary Isherwood
1770	William Fermhough	1787	Bena Edwards
1771	Albert Fermhough	1788	Fanny Holroyd
1772	George Critchley	1789	Edith Downs
1773	Joseph Critchley	1790	Ethel Downs
1774	James Emsall	1791	Harriet Edwards
1775	Adelaide Chaisty	1792	Rebecca Thompson
1776	Cissie Critchley	1793	Thomas Dawson
1777	Lillian Adams	1794	Fred Dawson
1778	Elizabeth Cleworth		

## THE LATE MR. ALFRED SMEDLEY.

A DELINEATION BY

PROF. TIMSON, F.B.P.S., CHARTERED & INCORPORATED  
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The osseous or bony framework of this gentleman was below the average, being only moderate in size of the general bony proportions; his muscular system likewise was below par and had nothing of the athletic to commend it to the observer as being capable of much animal vigour, or muscular endurance. The vital temperament was also marked by its deficiencies, being considerably below par in the average scale of our national development. This latter system embraced the vital organs as the stomach, liver, intestines, kidneys, lungs, heart, and general circulation of the blood, all of which were, after allowing for age and having reference to earlier personal acquaintance with the gentleman, frequently enjoying the pleasure of being a guest in his home and at his table. I have thus been enabled, and in many other ways of personal observation, to form a fairly accurate judgment and estimate of his physical, mental, moral and psychical developments.

These vital organs represent the fire-box, boiler and piston that drives the engine along, and the brain, which in his case was a comparatively large one, with a most active, tense, and responsive nervous system, representing the dynamo and the electrical wires through which the comparatively moderate proportion of animal vitality was refined and filtered into the dispensary of condensed thought, will power and concentration of mind power with remarkable firmness, fixedness and stability of character, and closeness of mental application.

Mr. Smedley had a distinct type of brain; it was one that is characteristic of domestic affections and a deep and warm emotional nature. His home was his castle

and his family his court, each appointed to their respective ministries in his domestic parliament. But he wielded a large influence from the magnetism and positivism of his will, backed by the sympathies of his affections. His sociability and friendliness was a marked link in the chain of his humanitarian principles.

He was well beloved by the children of Belper, and in his walks abroad, one in company would soon remark how young and old, the poor and the more fortunate, and members of any and all denominations, paid respect to him and received kindly recognition by a few words and a smile or a friendly nod. His benevolence was large, but his cautiousness was prominent, his conscientiousness was distinctively large, and with a marked degree of self-esteem. He had no weakness to condone any scapegrace or professional cadger, for his knowledge of phrenology, physiognomy, though never boasted of, was that of a well-versed student, familiar not only with the works of the founders of phrenology (Drs. Gall and Spurzheim), but he also was well read in the labours of Geo. Combe, the late L. N. and O. S. Fowler, and the modern phrenologists, the late J. Burns, of the late *Medium and Daybreak*, being one who, as a Spiritualist, editor and phrenologist, had received the attention and assistance from time to time of Mr. Smedley. Our friend was therefore well able to distinguish the capacities of men and women and of the children that gathered around him in his fraternal sympathies, and he was always just, exercising reason before lavishing alms which, without discretion, might have been more injurious than helpful.

His self-esteem gave him a desire for the improvement and dignity of those that he had around him. His approbateness could not appreciate unqualified and unmerited characters, and he desired to see a continued ascension, development, culture and growth among all with whom he came in contact. He had a very high sense of dignity, but his veneration and benevolence mellowed his nature from pride to consideration and respect for other people's feelings. He was very wiry, tough and enduring, and the marvel is that with such physical weakness, over which he had to exercise such extreme and daily care in the mastication of his food, and selection thereof, that he, with such discounts, should have lived so long and accomplished so much. The solution appears to be in the great and ever-active brain, presided over by a most marked will and the concentration of his efforts with discretion and the sympathies reflected upon him by his beloved wife and family.

Some years ago it was the unfortunate circumstance of the writer to be visiting there at the time of the passing-on of the late Mr. Urban Smedley, a son of the late Mr. A. Smedley. He had inherited to a very marked degree the great physical weakness and the marked mental and psychical intensities and susceptibilities of his father, hence his sojourn did not reach but little more than one-third of life's intended general span. May they both now be re-united and enabled to exercise that higher power in company with other friends from Belper, the late Mr. A. Bodell included, who also has passed on since my vacation as contributor to this journal.

May the conductors and leaders of the young follow their example as the pioneers in the Lyceum Movement of the Old Brigade.



## THE TEMPERANCE PAGE

The Four-Fold Pledge is against (1) Intoxicants;  
(2) Smoking; (3) Gambling; and (4) Swearing.

Conducted by HERBERT E. CLARKE.

THE cry goes out, "Save the children!" and we look for the rallying of the saviours to that call. I indicated last month the superlative importance which must be attached to the setting of pure example by parents and elders, because of the initiative nature of children and their veneration for the ideas and habits of those older than themselves. The home influence is without doubt the most powerful for good or evil of all the influences in human experience, and it follows of necessity that the purification of morals and the development of the gentler virtues should be the office of home life.

But we are met by the difficulty that the home life of thousands of our children is teaching the lessons of vice and intemperance, and it is to this class that the band of hope must open its arms more widely than ever before; it must gather them in "from the highways and hedges" and from the places of sin. It must become the great home influence for the homeless, and teacher to the great untaught. Its mission as a saviour must never be lost sight of. This last suggests a thought of encouragement to the reformer, that it is better to go through life with a "purpose true," which one's fellows may sneer at or anathemise as "goody-goody," than to serve no better place than that of the idler who drifts on the stream of flotsam and jetsam. Do not think that a fault is less a fault because its author does not pretend to be faultless, or that a virtue is less a virtue because its author openly tries to lead a virtuous life.

And so if those who strive for temperance daily, who proclaim its gospel of salvation to the children, are disdained by their less ambitious companions, called cranks or bigots, and looked upon as running after some impossible reform, it is not for the earnest souls to relinquish their efforts one jot or one tittle, but to shew that the labour they have entered upon is one which deserves the co-operation of many more willing hands.

The plant which we are now tending is green and rigorous and plastic in our hands. It is easy to train it how to grow upright or to twist into grotesque contortions. But soon secondary growth will set in, the one succulent stem will become the stiff lignified trunk, and to alter its shape will be to break and not to bend it. We are responsible that the mature tree shall be an object of beauty in the eyes of those who shall look upon it, and not an ugly or ludicrous malformation. How very much the little children of the street have in common with a plant such

as I have described; how powerful is the gardener who tends these little plants, and how beautiful might be the plantation at some future time! Just as it is essential that those who are to carry the banner of Spiritualism forward in the future should, as children, learn the truths in home and Lyceum, so I would plead with all who have done me the honour of reading these lines, the absolute necessity of guarding the children and guarding themselves from the dangers of intoxicating drinks, if they hope for a generation of sober men and women.

There is one side of the question which will doubtless have occurred to the reader, and the delay at the mention of which may have been wondered at. That is the influence of intoxicants upon the degree of mortality in children.

Apart from the evil which hereditary tendencies undoubtedly work in the children of intemperate parents, there can be no doubt as regards the high death rate of such children, and the sickly nature of many who grow to full age. It has been shown by authorities not to be despised that these children are born handicapped as to their physical powers, and that the percentage of those who attain to old age in health is much smaller than the general average. What is true for the physical deterioration in children of drunken parents is equally true for their intellectual and moral natures, which are undoubtedly affected. The influence of alcohol upon the other parts than physical of the human personality has been shown as clearly as the moral deterioration due to tobacco has been proved.

The folly, then, of allowing a child to taste intoxicants (and especially of giving it intoxicants to drink), receives its first clear demonstration in the physical drawback which results, a drawback which is constantly making itself felt throughout life, if indeed it does not actually shorten it. The ill-effects which have been so frequently declared as resulting from the use of alcohol, take their most pronounced forms in young children, and were it only on the grounds of the nation's health, the administering of intoxicants to the young should be declared criminal.

But important as physical perfection undoubtedly is, there are other and even more pressing factors which determine national development, and especially under the present competitive existence with rival powers, where so little in individual superiority counts up to such immense national advantage. We must have no hindrances to the fuller play of the mental powers, to the clearer light of

moral duty, and above all to the onward march of man as a spiritual being destined to an external heritage as the son of God.

Since I wrote to this column last, the gates of the world of spirits have opened, and the joybells have welcomed a good and faithful servant to the joy of his Lord. While we cannot restrain a tear when we think he has gone from our earthly sight, we yet see through that watery haze the silver trail of a life right nobly spent, and thank the Almighty that now the time of reward has come in a home of youth, peace and love. To whom was not the genial presence and venerable voice of Mr. Alfred Smedley familiar and dear? I, as a junior in the work of Lyceum and Total Abstinence, count myself happy in such an acquaintance, and proud that I am suffered to bear a part in the labours which he for so many years carried out with such nobility and stability of character. If our armies advance but slowly in the campaign we are fighting here, let us always comfort ourselves in the assurance of the presence and encouragement of "a great cloud of witnesses," among whom John Alfred Smedley is not forgotten in our honour and esteem.

"And when, O Friend, my comforter and Guide!  
Strong in thyself and powerful to give strength!—  
Thy long sustained song finally closed,  
And thy deep voice had ceased—yet thou thyself  
Wert still before my eyes."

ST. COLERIDGE.

### In Memoriam.

It is with deep regret I report the passing on of our Lyceum scholar, Mr. Frederick Fish. He was one of the first to begin our Lyceum at Darwen, and was a very earnest worker, until prevented by a long and painful illness. A wreath was sent by the Lyceum as a token of love and respect. Mr. Will Phillips conducted the funeral ceremony.

MISS M. BURY, Assist. Sec.

It is with deep regret I record the passing on of Miss Jane France, on February 8th, aged 43 years, and was interred at the Birstall Parish Church, on February 11th. Miss France acted as Secretary for both the Heckmondwike Lyceum and Society for several years, and tried to discharge her duties faithfully.

A. E. WILKINSON, Assist. Con.

It is with profound regret that we record the passing on of one of our dear brothers and co-worker Mr. Arthur Eaton, of the Saltley Lyceum, on January 26th, after a long illness; aged 21 years. The funeral procession presented a striking spectacle with fully 100 members of the Society and Lyceum following in the rear. We deeply sympathise with his family in what must prove to them a great loss. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. Findly, of Smethwick, who afterwards gave a few very interesting remarks both at the Lyceum and Society's services, where special hymns were sung.

Hence thou, oh death, art not our foe,  
But truly art our friend;  
That brings an ending to our woe,  
And trial here doth end.

W. H. SHERGOLD, Librarian.

### Our Book Table.

OBJECTIONS TO SPIRITUALISM, by H. A. Dallas, 1/- nett; Office of *Light*, London, is a well printed little book of 95 pages. And in its twelve chapters deals with such important questions, to investigators, as "Preliminary difficulties;" "Is Spiritualism dangerous?" "Wherein lie the dangers?" "Do they tell us anything new?" and last, but not least, "The Responsibilities of Spiritualists."

We are informed in the introductory remarks, that the increased interest in the subject of Spiritualism, "Is largely due to the fact that men of known scientific and literary ability have ranked themselves, if not as Spiritualists, at least as students of Spiritualistic phenomena, and not a few have frankly avowed their belief in the reality of the manifestations which Spiritualists have so long affirmed."

The author proceeds to point out that many religiously inclined hesitate to investigate Spiritualism on account of a fear that their long-cherished beliefs will be disturbed, and asks them, "Is this attitude a justifiable one?"

The trend of the book may be summed up in the following sentence, "I purpose to consider in the following pages two charges brought against the study of Spiritualism: that it is subversive of cherished beliefs, and that it is dangerous."

This purpose is admirably carried out. It will well repay a careful perusal both by the timid and bold investigator, and the thoughtful Spiritualist alike.

THE ANNALS OF PSYCHICAL SCIENCE. A monthly journal devoted to critical and experimental research, price 1/- nett. This scholarly journal is published in French, Italian, and English, on the 15th day of each month. English publishers, Philip Wallby, 6, Henrietta Street, London, W.C. The issue for February is full of interesting reading, 54 pages being devoted to a "Defence of the memory of William Stainton Moses," by Ernesto Bozzano. The controversy concerning the N-Raid continues to demand attention. There is also the verdict of the scientific commission on the wonderful performing horse, Hans.

### NOTICE.

#### THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION CONFERENCE AT YORK

All notices of motions to come before the Conference at York, to be held on May 13th and 14th, 1905, must be sent to the Union's Secretary not later than April 13th, as per Article XI, page 6, of the Lyceum Union's Constitution.

All notices of motion to amend the Union's Constitution must be sent to the Union's Secretary not later than March 13th, as per Article XVIII, page 12.

All notices of motions to amend the Constitution of the District Councils must be first submitted to all District Councils through their respective Secretaries. Then, if a two-thirds majority be in favour of the same, notices of the said motions must be sent to the Union's Secretary as per Article XII, pages 11 and 12.

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## Lyceum Notes and Comments.

This month we reproduce, by kind permission, Mr. A. J. Davis' diagram of Lyceum Groups, which gives a concise view of their ages, colour of badges, etc. We do this in response to numerous appeals for specific information on these important matters. The LYCEUM BANNER will always endeavour to respond to the best interests of the Lyceum movement. We are printing an extra edition in anticipation of increased orders for this special number.

Our Lyceum workers are continually leaving us for foreign countries. Mr. John Roberts and family, of Blackpool, sailed for Canada on Feb. 23rd. We learn that members from Armley Lyceum are shortly going out there, where others have already preceded them. The depleting of our ranks is to be much regretted. Let us hope that our losses will bring a larger gain to our cause by the establishing of Societies and Lyceums in those distant lands, and so help to increase the general happiness of the world by the wider dissemination of our teachings. The LYCEUM BANNER will always be pleased to hear from these pioneers. We wish them success in their new homes.

All honour is due to our London friends who are trying their very best to awaken the committees and members of the fifteen Societies who have made no provision for instructing the children in their own teachings, to a sense of their serious responsibility. We trust the Conference held on Feb. 26th will bear good fruit.

A correspondent asks, "Is there any possibility of the articles on 'Our Calendar of Saints' being published as either pamphlets or in cheap book form?" And adds, "I think they would be extremely useful for teachers, speakers, and investigators alike." We have no doubt the Executive Council will try to meet the wishes of the Lyceums if they

desire them in book or pamphlet form. Lyceums interested should make their desires known.

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The LYCEUM BANNER desires to record its thanks to Prof. Timson for his very generous offer of three prizes which appears on another page. These prizes are of the value of £1 1 0; 10/6; and 5/6 respectively. This is not all. Prof. Timson offers a Lyceum cot (bed) free at his hydro, Leicester. See our "correspondence" column for the splendid testimony of his treatment.

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Prof. Timson is no less successful in reading character from photos, which the following testimony we have been allowed to copy will prove:—

February 14th, 1905.

To, Prof. Timson.

Dear Sir,—Consistent with the knowledge I have of myself your delineation of my character from photograph is absolutely true in every line. Further than that my friends have declared the same without hesitation.

Yours sincerely,

B. K.

We quote the above for the satisfaction of those competitors who may not be able to obtain a personal interview with the professor in case they are among the winners.

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Delegates to the forthcoming Lyceum Conference should see that their names are sent to the Union's secretary, duly signed by the conductor, without further delay. Credentials and copies of the Agenda will be sent to each delegate early in April, after which the list will be closed, as per Bye-Laws, Article VI., Section 7, page 13.

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March 23rd will be the last day to receive nominations for all vacancies of Officers, and Executive Council; Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Law as Officers; Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. S. S. Chiswell as Members of the E.C., are retiring members, and re-eligible for nomination.

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Extracts from the Union's constitution, bearing on all matters affecting membership and delegates, have been sent to all Lyceum secretaries to ensure full cognisance of the same.

## PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

Contributions for 1904:—Mr. Chisnall, 2/6; Brook Street Lyceum, Huddersfield, 10/-; Todmorden Lyceum, 7/6; Mr. A. Wilkinson, 2/-; Mr. A. Wilkinson, 10/-; Blackburn St. Peter Street Lyceum, 10/6; Mrs. Batie, 1/-; Mrs. Stair, 2/6; Hollinwood Bower Lane Lyceum, 10/-; Mrs. G., collecting book, 3/4. Contributions for 1905:—February—Mr. Kitson's services at Belper, 5/-, and Great Harwood, 5/-; Gateshead Lyceum, 20/-. The generous help of the above friends shows their great interest in the children's Union. May it long continue.

JESSY GREENWOOD.

SCALE OF LYCEUM GROUPS AND COLOURS OF BADGES.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Number of Groups.												
Names of the Groups.	Fountain Group.	Stream Group.	River Group.	Lake Group.	Sea Group.	Ocean Group.	Shore Group.	Beacon Group.	Banner Group.	Star Group.	Excelsior Group.	Liberty Group.
Ages of Members	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	7 Years	8 Years	9 Years	10 Years	11 Years	12 Years	13 Years	14 Years	15 Years and upwards.
Colours of the Badges.	Red.	Pearl.	Orange	Lilac.	Yellow.	Purple.	Green	Blue.	Crimson.	Azure.	Violet.	White.
Language of the Colours.	Opening Love.	Reciprocal Love.	Construc-tive Love	Expand-ing Love.	Ascending Love.	Universal Love.	Love of the Useful	Love of Justice.	Love of Power.	Love of the Beautiful.	Love of Aspiration	Love of Harmony.

Lyceum Groups and Badges.

The above beautiful scale of Groups or classes is reproduced, by kind permission, from Andrew Jackson Davis' *Lyceum Manual*, in response to many enquiries concerning the formation and names of Groups, the colours of the badges, and their meaning, etc. It is quite evident that a deeper interest is being taken in the philosophy of the

CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

It will be seen that the groups are named in a progressive order, the fountain being typical of a little child whose life gradually expands into a stream, and the stream into a river as its experience and years increase. It is on this natural basis that the spirit-children are grouped and named in their Lyceums in the Summer-land, and by following it we are 'Trying to follow the angels!'

The following short sentences are full of beautiful poetic sentiment, 'From a primal FOUNTAIN, all things flow. The STREAM of love flows onward forever. The RIVER of truth shall eternally roll. Heaven is reflected by the peaceful LAKE. We safely sail over life's throbbing SEA. The tide of love's infinite OCEAN never ebbs. Truth's golden sands are on the SHORE (of time). Wisdom's BEACON lights our upward pathway. Beautiful is the BANNER of righteousness. Reason is the guiding STAR of the soul. EXCELSIOR is the watchword of eternal progress. The love of LIBERTY is sacred and eternal.

HOW TO MAKE BADGES.

The badges are made of ribbon, about three-quarters of an inch in width, and three-eighths of a yard in length, doubled near the middle so as to form two streamers, and fastened just below the fold by a small tinselled ornament or bright button. The badge is worn during the session, and on all public occasions, pinned on the left breast. Leaders of Groups wear a gilt star, from which depend all the colours that have preceded their group, on the principle

that the larger contain the smaller, for instance, the leader of Sea group wears five colours depending from his or her badge ornament, and the leader of Liberty group wears twelve colours, while the leader of Fountain group wears but one. The distinctive colour of each group predominates in making the leaders' badges, while the preceding colours are lapped (single lengths of ribbon are used for these) underneath, from the principle colour, becoming shorter as the distance increases, thus forming rays of colour which, in the higher groups, somewhat resemble in shape, a bird's wing.

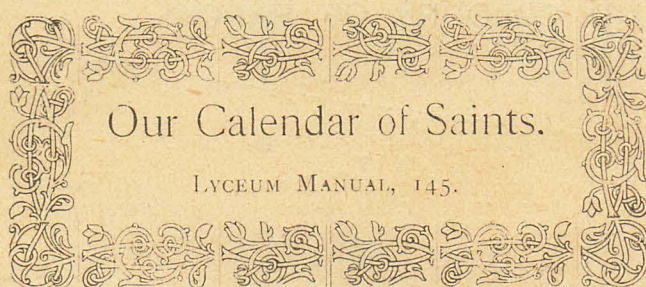
OFFICERS' BADGES.

The Officers, also, wear appropriate badges. The Conductor's badge is a gilt disc, varigated with royal purple, from which depend two velvet ribbons of the same colour. The Assistant-Conductor wears a similar badge, except that it has a silver disc instead of a gilt one. The Guardian of the groups wears a silver disc with azure velvet ribbon. The badge of the Librarian is a gilt and white disc with green velvet ribbon. That of the Assistant-Librarian is a gilt disc varigated with red, the ribbon red silk. The Musical Director's badge is a crimson silk ribbon, falling from a disc of silver and green."

Mr. Davis kindly adds, in a personal note, "We found the Lyceum Session was too long if we appended badges every Sunday, so all officers wore their badges every session, but leaders and members only on special occasions." Lyceums may find it necessary to wear them only at Open Sessions.

It will be observed that the term 'teacher' is dropped for the more appropriate term 'Leader.' This is on the principle "that a child is a repository of infinite possibilities," and it is the leader's mission to help the children under her or his loving care to develop, unfold, and draw or lead forth their divine nature.

Small Lyceums will have no difficulty, taking the above scale as their guide, in arranging themselves into six, four, or three groups, according to their numbers, by coupling the groups accordingly.



## Our Calendar of Saints.

LYCEUM MANUAL, 145.

SOCRATES.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

THE name of this good, brave, and wise man is justly placed first on the list of philosophers in 'Our Calendar of Saints.' He was born at Athens 470 B.C., and died by being condemned to drink poison in 399 B.C. In our Musical Reading 213 we are told that 'Socrates was imprisoned, and compelled to drink poison, for teaching new truths.'

He was highly educated in Greek learning, and was a sculptor in early life. He gave this up to follow his public mission of teaching by propounding and answering questions, known to-day as the 'Socratic method of teaching.' He was ever attended by his *dæmon*, or guardian angel, who counselled him in times of doubt or perplexity.

This shows him to have been *clairaudient*. Christians have changed this term "*dæmon*," or guardian angel, into "demon" and made it signify an "evil" spirit, thus making it appear as if Socrates were under the counsel and guidance of an "evil" spirit. This practice of misrepresenting good spirits of other religions was referred to in our article on Zoroaster. We thus see that it survives to-day, and we ought not to allow ourselves, or the children under our care to be longer misled by it.

The greater part of Socrates' life was spent in what felt to be a sacred duty, namely, that of showing men their ignorance, and helping them to choose the right and good. He caused many to turn from their evil ways by inducing them to seek after virtue. He disciplined himself both in mind and body in everything he discovered to be beneficial, and refused all payments for the instructions given.

When he was accused of denying the gods recognised by the state, and introducing new divinities, and also of corrupting the minds of the young men, he not only sacrificed on his own altar to the "*lares*," or gods of the hearth, but he also offered sacrifices on the public altars by way of answer to his accusers who sought and plotted for his downfall.

He was said to be corrupting the minds of the young men because he sought to uproot from their minds the popular fictions of the poets, and tried to inspire them with a sense of duty, and responsibility for the right use of their intellect and talents, and to lead them to spend their lives usefully and nobly. He rejected all the popular mythology and traditions of his day which represented the gods as having committed deeds which would be disgraceful to the common citizen. By this he sought to purify the character of the

popular gods by stripping them of all those deeds credited to them which tended to degrade them in the eyes of the good and virtuous, and thus make their gods more loveable. The same as do the Spiritualists to-day who deny the awful wars recorded in the Old Testament as having been committed at the command of God.

He was no despiser of the gods, by which is meant the guardian spirits of the state, and capitol, for he did nothing without taking counsel from them. He was accounted so just that he was never known to do an injury to any man; so temperate that he never preferred pleasure to duty; so wise that in the judging of good and evil he was never known to err. His self-control was absolute; his powers of endurance were unailing; he had so schooled himself to moderation that his scanty means satisfied all his wants. "To want nothing," he said, "was divine; to want as little as possible was the nearest approach to the divine life." And he practised what he taught, yet he knew how to enjoy himself heartily.

He was very modest so that he might the better carry out his mission. He took a delight in representing himself as being the dullest person in Athens, or the most ignoble, or the most vile, and thus sought to blunt the shafts of persecution that might be levelled against him. He was willing to be reckoned of no account, to be despised, or misjudged in order to win those whom he could raise to a nobler mode of life by his teachings. So that we need not be surprised to learn that when the oracle of Delphi pronounced him to be the wisest of men, he tried to discover someone wiser than himself, and succeeded only in finding people who thought they knew, whereas they were self deluded. Still he felt that he did not possess the wisdom with which he was credited, and boldly declared that 'God, only, is wise.'

*To be continued.*

SKIPTON.—On February 5th we held our first open session. Mr. George Lee gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Recitations were given by Misses A. Field and A. Pike; songs by A. Field, G. Shaw and F. Jackson; a reading by Hilda Metcalfe, and a violin duet by Victor Laycock and Mr. Hignett. The conductor, Mr. Blunt, then distributed the prizes. The secretary's report for the past year showed the Lyceum to be in a satisfactory position financially. He appealed for help (1) by the parents sending their children regularly and punctually. (2) by themselves attending the open sessions, and (3) by inducing the non-Spiritualists to send their children. Mrs. Forrest spoke some encouraging words to the children, and gave a beautiful poem. These so affected Mr. A. E. Smith that he declared he must again take up the Lyceum work, and volunteered his services on alternate Sundays. A Mr. Jones said that although he was a non-Spiritualist he must say the teachings contained in the *Lyceum Manual* realised his ideal for making life happy, useful, and worth living! He urged the scholars to make every effort to double the attendance. This was one of the best sessions we have ever held. I may add that as musical conductor I am instructing the scholars in both notations of music, by which I hope to benefit both Lyceum and society by raising an efficient choir.—H. HIGNETT, Sec.

## DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS.

(TOO LATE FOR LAST ISSUE.)

## LONDON DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 20 societies in his district, and only 5 of them have Lyceums. He has sought four interviews, and held three with a view to inducing the societies to open Lyceums. A conference is to be held on February 26th at Stoke Newington, of all the London societies, to consider the best means to increase the interest in Lyceum work, of which we hope to have a report for our next issue. The D.V. adds: I have visited the Lyceums at Chiswick, Battersea and Stoke Newington, where the officers are energetic and determined in their efforts.—F. B. FROST, D.V.  
33, Rodipole Road, Fulham, S.W.

## TEESIDE DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having four societies in her district, all having Lyceums who are federated with the Lyceum Union. She has visited the Lyceums at Middlesborough, Stockton, Spennymoor and New Shildon; the latter joined the Union as a result of her visit. She says: Spennymoor is small in number, but great credit is due to the conductor and leader, who are responsible for maintaining the Lyceum. Middlesborough, I was sorry to find that not a leader or other officer was present to help the conductor, the old and true friend of the children, Mr. Roeder. I do pray that the friends will rally round this brave worker. They have the best hall in the district. May they soon have the best-officered Lyceum. New Shildon has a splendid Lyceum. The session was splendid; the recitations and singing were good, in which all took part. Stockton Lyceum is making good progress, although it has only been open five months. The attendance of both children and adults is good.

MRS. M. A. NAYLOR, D.V.

8, Westward Street, Middlesborough.

## HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Saturday, January 28th, a grand meat tea and entertainment were held at Alma Street Rooms, Halifax, in aid of the forthcoming demonstration. Tea was served at 4-30, to which a very large gathering sat down. In the evening, commencing at 7 o'clock, an entertainment was given by the combined Lyceums of Halifax, Alma Street and Raven Street, and Sowerby Bridge, which was a pronounced success, the hall being full. The Council wish to extend their heartiest thanks to all the kind friends who took part, especially those who provided the piano accompaniments. After all expenses had been paid, a balance of just over £3 was handed to the Council funds.

On Saturday, February 11th, the monthly teachers' meeting was held at Sowerby Bridge, when Mr. G. Howarth read a paper entitled "Spiritualism, a farce and a fraud," instead of the paper previously announced. A choice was given of the two papers, and the former was unanimously voted for. Seeing that the essayist took the opposition to Spiritualism, some very lively discussion ensued, which was very much enjoyed.

The next meeting will be held at Hebden Bridge, on March 25th, at 7 p.m., when a paper will be read by Mr. S. Thornton, of Brighouse, entitled "The Parasites of our Movement." A hearty invitation to all.—E. HOWARTH, Hon. Sec.

## NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## CHOIR CONTEST.

The following are the conditions attached to the Choir Contest to be held in the Church Institute, Manchester Road, Burnley, March 25th, 1905.

1st—The contest is only open to those Lyceums affiliated with the above Council.

2nd—The conductors to draw for places previous to contest.

3rd—The conductors to be bona-fide members of Lyceum or the Society.

4th—All choir singers to be bona-fide members of Lyceum, and their names to be on the register two months previous to contest.

5th—The minimum number of voices to compete as a choir to be 12.

6th—The test piece to be sung without accompaniment.

7th—That applauding during contest be strictly prohibited.

8th—The winning choirs will be expected to render a selection at the evening concert.

9th—That the E.C. reserve the right to add to or take from any of the above conditions previous to the contest.

1st Prize, Silver Shield, to be held twelve months; 2nd, Silver-mounted Bâton; 3rd, Silver-mounted Bâton

The annual meeting of the above will take place on April 8th, at 3 p.m. prompt, at Hammerton Street, Burnley.

C. N. S. MOOREY, Hon. Sec.

17, Freckleton Street, Blackburn.

## A LITTLE ANGEL.

I see a little angel form

Standing by thy bed,

She comes across to greet thee,

With swift but noiseless tread.

She is holding out her arms

As if to say 'I've come

To take thee to the land above—

Thy Heavenly Father's home.'

Are you ready to go with her,

She is calling for you now.

But she will not go without you,

She has just told me so.

Yes, I'm ready to go with her

To that land above,

Where there is no death or sorrow,

But Eternal Love.

(Signed) EDITH ALICE JACKSON,

(13 years) Harpurhey Lyceum.

WALSALL (Central Hall).—An excellent session was held at the above hall on February 19th. I was delighted to note the splendid progress made in their numbers since my last visit a few months ago. Much credit is due to the conductor and general staff of officers. The music was lively, and the singing was hearty; it did us good to hear their voices clear and powerful. Mr. J. J. Bennett conducted. We were pleased to notice Mr. J. Venables, jun., in his usual genial spirit of earnestness. Surely he has inherited the ardour of his beloved parents. He is a diligent leader, and I believe treasurer? Mr. J. J. Bennett gave the Leicester Silver Street Lyceum a challenge to a friendly competition as to which is the largest Lyceum in the Midlands. Mr. Bennett promises to become an able public speaker, clear, concise, accurate and grammatical. He has a fine future before him in the cause, and such as he are the need of the Lyceum movement. Mr. W. Brecknall and several other leaders were ably assisting in the session.—SNAP SHOT.

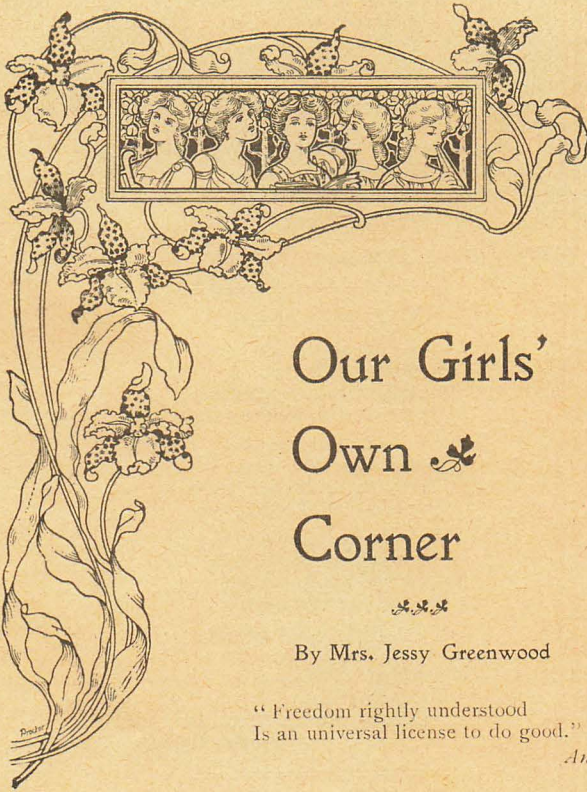
## The Leeds Lyceum District Council.

The above Council will hold its next meeting at the Batley Carr Lyceum, Carr Street, on the 2nd, of April, at 10 a.m., when all Lyceums are requested to be represented as it is the Annual Meeting. The Lyceum Visitors and Delegates are requested to arrange to stay the whole of the day. Business: Morning, general business and election of Officers; Afternoon, Lyceum Open Session; Evening, ordinary service to be addressed by the Executive and Delegates.

ESAU ROBINSON, Sec.,

27, Peel Street,

Morley, near Leeds.



## Our Girls' Own Corner

By Mrs. Jessie Greenwood

"Freedom rightly understood  
Is an universal license to do good."

Anon.

THE fashion of the time in certain circles is to ply friends and acquaintances for their favourite quotation, song, book, author, etc., and many ladies have albums for the autographs of those they most desire. Some albums are full of beautiful specimens of art and rank high among the possessions of the owner.

A similar craze is the collection of picture postcards, which has created another form of industry. The hills and dales, woodland and seascape, rivers and lakes, in fact almost everything and everybody is victimised by the camera fiend. Nature lends herself in all her romantic loveliness to the sensitive plate and brush of the artist, and as a consequence shop windows exhibit a profusion of lovely spots hitherto undreamed of by many who stand to con the bonny scenes of our own dear land; and perhaps many a longing wish goes out from some whose only share of such beauty is the shadows of a pictured reality. There are those who have poverty's pinching to cope with, little work and less pay, to whom the hymn seems untrue which says "All men are *equal* in their birth, heirs of the earth and sky." Their portion of either is very limited, and thus they gaze at what they may never see in any other form.

Lancashire friends are always to the front in their manner of working for any desired end, and practical to a degree, so that to receive a circular from Burnley Hamerton Street Lyceum asking for your favourite quotation, or permission to make a picture post card of you is quite in keeping with all other crazes now in vogue. They are to be complimented on being 'in the fashion' even if you pay the inevitable penalty for being a victim to their wiles by succumbing to the gentle hint that a 'bob' will ensure your favourite appearing in the official programme.

It means they have workers, schemers, and 'up-to-datists'

actively preparing for future events with a determined vim and business-like air that breeds success. They are 'alive' and are sure to 'arrive.' The same may be said of Blackburn St. Peter Street Lyceum. Their circular said "We desire to show our parents our great desire to help to clear the debt on our home—the Temple—and by this means solicit gifts of money or goods."

No doubt there are others all filled with the same enthusiasm, and the women and girls are sure to be in the thickest of the fight. *They cannot do without them.* More than one young man is sure of that fact. It is emphasised by the following lines which one of my boys ventured to send, presumably for the girls' corner:

### LIFE.

I do not know where heaven may be  
When parted from the girl I love;  
There's naught about that's sweet to see,  
And the clouds hang low above.  
When she I love is far from me  
I do not know where heaven may be.

To solve the mystery of life  
In vain I try when she's away.  
When these few years of wrong and strife  
Seem useless, and the flinty way  
We tread with tears, and gloom is rife,  
When she's away what use is life?

But when I'm with her, then I know  
That heaven is shining in her eyes;  
That life is given to me, to go  
Holding the little hand I prize.  
Life's purpose then is plain to me,  
Nor do I doubt where heaven may be.

It is natural to love some one person, thing, place, saying, song, book, etc., more than all the rest. They act as charms or talismans, keeping us steadily to our ideal, cheering us when sad, strengthening us when weary, leading us in temptation's hour, and prompting us to charitable deeds. Do we not know *one* friend who is a tower of strength and a fount of inspiration to us just when we *need* it? Is there not one place holier, sweeter than all others, just spelled in four letters, "h-o-m-e?" Is there not some little gift you prize more than all your possessions because of the giver rather than its value in money? Perhaps mother gave you a Bible when you left home, and told you to look there for all you needed. You have forgotten to do that, and it lays carefully preserved somewhere, but there is a subtle charm and a deep-lasting and abiding love for it more than all other gifts because of the giver. I think I would read some of it sometimes for old time's sake; it is helpful if read with the understanding heart such as all true Spiritualists possess. Yes! I know many people who prompt me to kindlier ways, truer feelings for righteousness in thoughts and deeds, and their words 'live,' better still, make me 'live,' too, although they are unaware of such influence.

There are many quotations I keep stored in the memory that now and again come out and place themselves where they are most needed. The one commencing our 'Corner' is a good one; it is persistent, so cannot be forgotten—

"Freedom, rightly understood,  
Is an universal license to do good."

We pride ourselves on our freedom in many directions, but there is always attached to it curtailing influences and restrictions. We may not say what we like, or do what we

like, or go where we like; arbitrary forces prevents us, and we have to be thankful oft-times that the spirit is willing but the 'meat' is weak. We cannot even purchase a license on the do-as-you-like business; we are slaves to usage, fashion, Mother Grundy and ourselves. To understand true freedom we must have deep and divine conceptions of truth. "Our conceptions of truth unfold as the soul expands and approaches the more perfect standard, the absolute."

Truth is God's and hath a power sacred unto itself, a power that stirs the living souls of men, and lifts them up from lowness to light. *Hope*, fair hope, and all her train of eloquent resolves do stand upon the watch and guard you well. *Faith*, strong faith, stands sterling sentinel upon the rock and tower of God's eternal purposes with man. *Love*, pure love, is God's divinest attribute, and wins all human hearts to learn and keep His law.

Faith, Hope, Truth, that teach us to be free,  
Do culminate and blossom all in Love;  
For 'God is Love,' if we but trust him so,  
Then all these goodly gifts take root in us.

"MANUAL."

I must have regard for our Editor's space, and leave the topic at this point. Any thoughts on this quotation from either sex will be acceptable for next month.

## What our Lyceums are doing.

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—On February 18th we held our annual Lyceum tea party and distribution of prizes, 150 sitting down to an excellent tea. Our conductor, Mr. Uriah Greenwood, presided. Selections were rendered on the phonograph by Mr. Thomas Bury. Songs were sung by Mr. W. Fox, Miss Emma Holmes, and Master G. Winterbottom, and the Liberty Glee Party (Messrs. J. F. Shuttleworth and W. Fox, and Mrs. Nellie Fish and Miss Ada Croasdale). Much amusement was evoked by a hat trimming competition, Messrs. Shuttleworth, A. Greenwood, U. Greenwood, Rushton, Hollinhead, and Master G. Winterbottom; 1st prize, motor car; 2nd, a small motor car; 3rd, a wood horse. Recitations were well given by Miss Nellie Gudgeon and others. Mr. Reuben Latham, of Burnley, distributed the prizes to the scholars, which consisted chiefly of Lyceum Manuals and Songsters, and gave some practical advice to each recipient.

FRED RUSHTON, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Saturday, January 28th, we held our annual tea and distribution of prizes for good attendance during the past year. Miss S. J. Dransfield, conductor, presided. Mr. J. H. Martin presented the prizes, which consisted of 21 firsts, 9 seconds and 8 thirds, total 38, amongst which were 8 Spiritual Songsters and 8 Lyceum Manuals. The principal item in the first portion of the programme was a character fairy sketch entitled "Puss in Boots," by the Lyceumists, ably trained by Mr. A. Plenderleith. The principal characters were taken by Nina Jones, Jessie Plenderleith, Bertha Cottrell, Adam Plenderleith, Harold Beech, Alick Plenderleith, Harold Paskey, Joe Dransfield, Eliza A. Morrey, Lena Tonge, Mabel Simpson, Alice Hall, Durban Jones and William Plenderleith. The play was well rendered, and reflected

great credit on all concerned. Humorous and sentimental songs, recitations, mandoline duet, quartette, bone solo, parody on "Who killed Bill Bailey," and a grand ventriloquial sketch entitled "Professor Codology," were well rendered and much admired, the singing being excellent. Two glees by the church choir tended to make up one of the rarest and richest entertainments ever given. Miss H. Platt presided in her able manner at both organ and piano. The Lyceum committee beg to thank all friends who so generously assisted to make the party a success.

ALFRED SIMPSON, Sec.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—February 12th was set apart for the Lyceum. At 2 p.m. we held an open session, when nearly 300 people were present, 200 taking part in the marching and calisthenics, Mr. J. Ward conducting. Afterwards, Mr. Moorey, our old conductor, presented the prizes for good attendance, and remarked that last year was a record, 58 prizes having been won. In the evening we held another open session in the Temple, presided over by Mr. John Ward, the object being to show the public how we conduct our school. The session consisted of golden and silver chain recitations, musical readings, a solo and a duet. Our President, Mr. J. T. Ward, gave a short and spirited address. Mr. George Edwards, another of our old conductors, addressed the meeting, inviting the people to visit the Lyceum and judge for themselves of the intellectual, moral, and spiritual teachings. The choir added their quota by rendering a splendid anthem. We feel confident the children's cause will have been strengthened by our united efforts.—A. ROBINSON, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—Our Lyceum tea and entertainment took place on Wednesday, February 15th, which proved to be an unqualified success, 350 sitting down to a substantial tea, which realised the grand total of £9 5s. towards the Lyceum fund. After tea a grand entertainment was given by the Lyceum scholars, under the supervision of the conductor, Mr. Birch, Mrs. Dixon, and several of the Lyceum teachers. Songs, dialogues, &c., were given by the scholars, also two sketches entitled "The fisher girls" and "All nations," which were very creditably performed. After tea the whole group of children and teachers were photographed. Especial credit is due to Mrs. Dixon, who trained the children for the sketches. Everybody appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—J. HARDISTY, Press Sec.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—On Sunday, February 5th, we held our anniversary; open sessions morning and afternoon. In the morning recitations were rendered by the following:—Wm. Bennett, Clarice Hubie, Daisy Naylor, Dorothy South and Julia Burchell; solos by Lily and Clara Akeroyd, Annie Brotherton and Alice Grant, and Elsie Burchell sang "Grace Darling"; pianoforte solos by Horace Bates and Harry South. In the afternoon Mrs. Burchell, of Gillington, presented the prizes for good attendance, and very suitably impressed upon each scholar the great importance of good attendance and obedience to their leaders. In the evening we had the services of a first-class string band, through the efforts of Mr. Simpson, the president. The band gave fine selections and accompanied all the hymns. It was a fine time. Mrs. Burchell gave the opening invocation, which paved the way for a nice, short address by Mr. Lindley, a very

old worker. Mr. Arthur Beardsworth recited "The Women of Mumbles Head," and Miss Ada Moore sang "The Tilters," both being at their best. Mr. Bates very ably conducted all day. We had good audiences, a good after-circle, and good collections.—J. BURCHELL, Sec.

BRADFORD (Spiritual Alliance).—On Sunday, February 5th, we held our open session, a good attendance of scholars and a fair number of visitors being present. The Lyceum being in the centre of the town we seem to reach a good many strangers who, I have no doubt, have been attracted by the society's services, and so we seem to be doing a useful work. Our conductor, Mr. George Stead, gave a cordial welcome to all present, and trusted they would continue to attend. The scholars responded very well to the call for recitations and songs. It is pleasing to note the steady increase of scholars. The Liberty Group seems to be gaining ground.—On Sunday, February 12th, Mr. W. Barnes, of St. Paul's Lyceum, gave a very interesting paper entitled "Whither goest thou?" It was well appreciated, and we trust to receive another visit.—On Sunday, February 19th, Mr. Robinson, a Lyceumist, gave a paper entitled "Do animals reason?" A pleasant discussion followed.—ARTHUR JACKSON, Sec.

BRADFORD (St. Paul's).—On February 5th we held the best open session for some time past. The Misses Thornton gave a duet on their mandolines, and also accompanied the marching. Recitations were given by Misses F. Nadin, L. Nadin, M. Nadin, S. Houldsworth, F. Godfrey and Mrs. Raw; songs by Mrs. Seed, Misses J. Henderson E. Knowles, L. Houldsworth and Mr. Manchester; duet by Misses Knowles and Burchell; short addresses by Messrs. H. Hargreaves, H. Barnes, S. Northrop, H. Raw and C. Clough.—H. BARNES, Sec.

DARWEN.—On January 28th the boys in Mr. Joseph Pearce's Group gave a grand social in aid of our building fund. In the afternoon Mr. Pearce entertained his group to tea. During the social, dancing, etc., was much enjoyed, Mr. B. Latham, of Burnley, being present. All credit is due to the group for their splendid effort, which realised £1 15s.—On February 14th, Miss M. Bury's group of girls, eight in number, gave their effort on behalf of the above fund. Great praise is due to them for the way in which the evening was spent, £5 5s being realised. We are glad to see the growing interest our young people are taking in the work; they have set the ball rolling, and I hope they will not allow it to stop until we have accomplished our object—a new hall.

MISS M. BURY, Assist. Sec.

DERBY (Traffic Street).—We held our tea party and prize distribution on January 11th. The tea was kindly given to the Lyceumists by Mrs. Jerram, all the others paying 6d. each in aid of the building fund. Nearly 100 were present to enjoy the good things provided. The children gave an exhibition of marching and calisthenics. Songs, solos, quartettes, selections on the piano and violin were well rendered. Mr. Alsopp, with his large doll, "Luny Sam," caused much merriment and laughter. The prizes consisted of lace curtains, hearth rugs, tablecloths, vases, Lyceum Manuals and Spiritual Songsters.

E. W. STANTON, Sec.

DONCASTER (Netherhall Road).—On January 30th we held our first Lyceum tea and entertainment, when about 160 children and parents were present. The rooms were tastefully decorated. Games, songs and sketches highly pleased both young and old. The Lyceum scholars went through their marching and calisthenics, conducted by Mr. Youngash, which proved very interesting to all. Each one was presented with a bag containing apples, oranges, nuts and sweets, to the inexpressible delight of all.

W. JEFFERIES, Sec.

GLASGOW.—The annual business meeting was held on January 15th, when, after the various reports had been dealt with, the following officers were elected:—Conductor, Mr. T. Wallace; assist. conductor, Mr. I. Stewart; secretary, Mr. R. B. Smart; treasurer, Miss A. Sudall; librarian, Miss B. Macdonald; guardian of groups, Mr. A. Cowie; leaders of groups, Messrs. Wallace, Stewart, Sudall and Hutchinson, and Misses Stömburg, Lindsay and Sudall; organist, Mr. W. Ross; conductor of calisthenics, Mr. Sudall; teacher of elocution, Miss B. Macdonald. I am pleased to say that we continue to enrol new members, and we look forward to the present year being a bright and prosperous one.—R. B. SMART, Sec.

HADFIELD.—On Sunday we had with us Mrs. Nelson, of Manchester, who, after the usual chain recitations, etc., conducted by Miss Mary H. Beeley, kindly distributed the prizes for good attendance during the past year. Mrs. Nelson spoke a few encouraging words to each recipient. A vote of thanks was accorded to her for her kindness. Our Lyceum Social was greatly enjoyed by all, ably presided over by Mrs. Beeley.—CHRISTOPHER NUTTALL, Sec.

HIGHER BROUGHTON.—On February 18th the junior scholars gave an admirable entertainment, before an unusually large audience, the conductor presiding. Songs and recitations opened the programme, the artistes afterwards taking chief parts in a pretty play, "The Fairy Ring," and Nursery Rhymes Tableaux. Ornamental plants and Chinese lanterns decorated the platform, while richly-coloured limelights illumined the children, who were dressed in royal, fairy, and other appropriate costumes. King Oberon and Queen Mab were charmingly personated by John Ingram and Bertha Starbuck, Fairy Bluebell and Puck by Lily and A. Starbuck, Walter and Cissy Wagtail by F. Starbuck and Daisy Shedlock, and two scholars by Tom Williams and Aileen Craig. Others assisted them in the tableaux. A generous member of the society provided the limelights. Compliments were heartily paid to the children, and to Mrs. Tinker and Mr. Downey (calisthenic leader) for the training which led to such satisfactory results, and the parents were not forgotten.—J. TINKER.

HINDLEY (near Wigan).—On Sunday, January 29th I visited the above Lyceum. Time of session, 10 to 12. There were 33 present. Mr. Wm. Crook makes a good conductor. There was a departure in rendering the chain recitations, the silver-chain being recited by the whole Lyceum, and the golden-chain each one read a line in turn, the Lyceum responding. Sarah Derbyshire recited "Grandma's angel," and Bessy Levenport "Curfew must not ring to-night." As usual no recitations from the boys. The conductor is to be complimented on his patience and

tact. This being a new Lyceum there is room for improvement in the marching and calisthenics.—REUBEN A. WEBB.

HOLLINWOOD (Byrom-st.)—On Saturday, January 18th we held our annual Lyceum tea and distribution of prizes, Mr. Chasnall, of Oldham, distributing the same. Recitations were given by Misses Jane An terson, Jessie Anderson and A. Nuttall. All sorts of games were indulged in. There were about 150 present, and it was the most successful Lyceum tea-party we have ever had.

ERNEST SNAPE, Sec.

LEICESTER (Bishop-st.)—A lime-light entertainment was given on January 30th on behalf of the Lyceum funds, by Prof. Timson, who has the honour of being the first conductor of the first Lyceum formed in Leicester 18 years ago. Phrenology, psychology, human magnetism and spiritual mediumship were illustrated by special slides. The lecturer described how to develop, control, discipline and train our spiritual gifts. The crowded hall responded well to the appeal for Lyceum funds. About 30 persons were examined in the ante-room by the able professor, during which Mr. G. Cooper, assistant to Prof. Timson, gave further exhibitions, interspersed with songs, solos and recitations. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the professor and his assistant.—JOHN PERCY TIMSON, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen-st.)—On January 29th our worthy president, Mr. J. Walker, made reference to the passing on of Mr. Alfred Smedley. A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Smedley and family.

I am pleased to report that our Lyceum, although fewer in numbers, continues to have some very pleasant and helpful sessions, thanks to the earnest labours of our conductor, Mr. Shackshaft. I am sorry to say that our late conductor, Mr. Wright, has been ill for some time past. We sincerely hope for a speedy recovery.

F. CRUTCHLEY, Assist. Sec.

LIVERPOOL (Daulby Hall).—On Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th, we held our annual social and dance, when a number of members and friends gathered together. After partaking of the good things provided by the ladies in the shape of tea, sandwiches, sweetbread, etc., a monstre gramophone was brought into use, which certainly amused the young people very much. Songs were rendered by the following artistes: Misses Healiss and Clark, Mr. Cowden and Mr. A. Phillips, which were cordially received. Mr. Henley, of Bootle, gave two recitations in a very able manner. A novel feature was witnessed in the shape of a "Cake Walk" dance by two very young girls, Miss Wilkinson and Miss Florrie Last (the latter is about the youngest member of the Lyceum, being only 4 years of age, for which they received a warm encore). Dancing was kept up until 12 o'clock, which came all too soon for some of the friends present. Thanks were cordially given to all the friends who assisted to make our meeting a success. The room presented an artistic appearance, due to the ability and energy of our good friend Mr. Jowett. Mr. Crowther (Lyceum conductor), assisted by Mr. R. A. Owen, of Bootle, took charge of the ceremony. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.—MILLCENT CLARK, Sec.

MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—On February 12th we held our open session, when there was a large attendance of children, elders and visitors. Miss Burton, that staunch champion of the Lyceum cause, was with us. The usual

chain recitations, etc., etc., were heartily enjoyed. Miss Burton took charge of the marching. Eleven girls gave recitations, and the boys gave ten. Miss Cheetwood recited 'Ostler Joe,' and Miss Waghorn 'The Pauper's Story.' Mr. H. Porter read a short but instructive paper on 'Bread.' Mr. Gordon sang 'For all eternity.' Miss Burton's address was well listened to, every sentence being helpful and encouraging. In the evening, too, she appealed to the parents to support the Lyceum. Mr. Rastal conducted, and the Lyceumists were pleased to hear the speaker advocate our cause so well.—FRANK J. FUGA, Sec.

NELSON (Pendle-st.)—On February 5th we held our monthly open session. Silver and golden chain recitations were nicely rendered, followed by a short address by Mr. Hargreaves, and song by Mr. Campbell. Master W. Storton gave a reading, and Misses Kirby and Butterworth a duet. The attendance was moderate.

J. D. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

PENDLETON (Cook-st.)—On February 4th we held our annual party and distribution of prizes. After an excellent tea the Higher Broughton Lyceum took a large part in the entertainment, giving several songs and a capital comic sketch entitled "A sprig of holly." Mr. George Maslin sang in good style. Recitations were well rendered by Miss Amy Meakin and Masters Bagnall and Speakman. Mr. W. Cockins sang and gave a violin solo in fine style. Mr. and Miss Gamble ably rendered a violin duet. Also the gramophone played a prominent part. Mr. A. M. Aronovich presented the prizes in a pleasing style, also giving an exhibition of his powerful eloquence. Miss Amy Meakin was awarded a special prize from the church, in the form of a gold-mounted umbrella. Mr. J. Jackson presented the same. Mr. Donnelly very ably presided. Altogether a most happy and enjoyable day.

JOHN JACKSON, Sec.

ROTHWELL.—We celebrated our Lyceum anniversary on February 10th, when our good friend Miss Burton was the speaker. In the afternoon she distributed the prizes (28 and two specials given by Mr. Ellis to Alice Johnson and Fred Blacker for recitations). There were also two special prizes for regular attendance given to Ernest Johnson and Joseph Hodgkinson. Miss Burton also named two babies. Her evening address and also on the Monday evening, were splendid. The hall was full, and much good must have been done by her earnest appeals. Our Lyceum has never stood so well since it was commenced as it does today. Our tea-party on Saturday, February 18th was the best we have had.—MRS. JOHNSON.

RAWTENSTALL.—Our Lyceum held its annual tea-party, when about 150 partook of the good things. This was followed by an entertainment consisting of songs, dialogues, etc. Florrie Stansfield, one of our youngest Lyceumists, fairly brought the house down with the song "There's jolly fine company." Miss Agnes Hoyle recited "Buttermilk." Miss Ashworth was loudly applauded for her song. Mr. Edward J. Barnes, of Bury, presented the prizes to the scholars.—JOHN T. PINCHBECK, Sec.

Selfishness cannot forgive. Love cannot help forgiving. Love defines our neighbour as the man whom we can help, and measures our duty to him by what we would wish for ourselves.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

Secretary: Mr. Alfred Kitson, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, near Dewsbury.

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

- Aberington**, Argyle st, 10-30 a.m., Miss Eliza Cubitt, 10, Marlborough-st.  
" China-st., at 10-30 a.m., Mr. Fred Rushton, 11a, Wesley-st, Antley  
" Carter St., 10-30, Mr. Jas. Walmsley, 26, Marsden-st.  
**Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mrs. Smith, 1, Greenland St, Wellington-rd., Leeds.  
**Ashton - under - Lyne**, Burlington street Mr. Alfred Simpson, 2, Clifton-st.  
**Bacup**, Princess street, 10 a.m. Mr. A. Embry, 1, Cross-st.  
**Barnoldswick**, Market-st, 10-30, Miss Agnes Wilson, 16, Chapel-st  
**Barrow-in-Furness**, Lyceum Hall, Mr John Huddleston, 26, Harrison st.  
**Batley Carr**, Town st, 10 and 2, Mr. Bowers Hartley, 7, Mount Terrace, Batley.  
**Belper**, Jubilee hall, 10 and 2, Mr. J. Hawkins, Marsh lane.  
**Birmingham**, Sattley, Spiritualists' Society 2-45 p.m. Miss L. Stephens, 2, Phillimore-rd., Sattley  
" B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Mrs. F. H. Knibb 146, Bristol-st., 2-45  
" Smethwick, Central hall, cape hill 2-5 p.m., Mr. Fred Purcell, 1, Tiverton-road  
**Blackburn**, St. Peter st, 9-30 and 1-45, Mr. A. Robinson 3 Percival-st.  
" Northgate, 9-30, 1-45 Mr. R. Armstrong, 25, Wm. Hopwood-st.  
**Blackpool**, Albert rd, 9-30., Mr. T. Vane, 59, Albert-st, South Shore.  
**Bolton**, Bradford st, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Pilkington, 72, Union-st., Tonge Moor  
**Bolton**, Wood st, 10 and 2-30, Mr. James Hibbert, 44 Bullock st.  
**Bootle**, Liverpool, Mechanics' hall, 11 a.m., Mr J. R. Walsh, 3, Peter-rd., Walton.  
**Bradford**, Ivy Rooms, 10 a.m., Mr. J. Burchell 65, Girlington-rd  
" Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Mr. D. W. Hall  
" Westgate New hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Jackson, 90, Kensington-st., Girlington.  
" St Paul's spiritual church, Laisterdyke, 10 a.m Mr. Henry Barnes, 137, Lonsdale st.  
" West bowling, Boynton st., 10 a.m., & 1-45 p.m., Herbert Bower, 188, Ryan-st, West Bowling  
**Brighouse**, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10, Piggot-st.,  
**Burnley**, Hanmerston st, 10 a.m., Mr. James Heys, 133, Padiham-rd  
" North st, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.  
**Burnley**, Fulledge, Richard st, 10 a.m., Mr. John Schofield, 17, Oxford-rd.  
**Burton-on-Trent**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. J. Turner, 103, Hunter-st.  
**Bury**, Georgiana st, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. Albert E. Kershaw, 92, Devon-st., Fishpool  
**Castleford**, Mr. J. Rollins, 3, Albert-st.  
**Colne**, Cloth hall, 9-30, C. W. Bean, 5, Ivegate  
**Crewe**, Baker-st., 10-30. G. H. Baguley, 20 Richard Moon-st.  
**Crompton**, near Oldham, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m., Mr. W. Jagger, 15, Hill-st., Shaw & Crompton  
**Darwen**, Church bank-st, 9-30, & 1-5 Mr. W. Thompson, 162, Houghton-terrace, Olive-lane  
**Dearnley** near Rochdale, 10-30, Mr. B. Butterworth, 5, Grove, Todmorden rd., Littleboro'  
**Derby**, Traffic st., 10-30 Mr. E. W. Stanton, 80, Yates st.  
" 83, Hastings-st, 10-30. Miss Neville, 90, St. Thomas-rd  
**Dewsbury**, Bond st, 10 and 1-45, Miss Ann Hirst, 8, Wood-st  
**Doncaster**, 104, St. Sepulchre Gate, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hilda Helson, 34, Childer's-st.  
" Nether Hall Road, 10-30. Mr. Walter Jefferies, 69, Hexthorpe-rd.  
**Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, Mr. Wm. A. Jackson, 47, Dens-road.  
**Elland**, James st., 10, Mr. G. H. Newton, 12, Park View Terrace, Exley lane  
**Gateshead**, St Cuthbert's hall, Bensham, 2-30, Mr. P. Herd, 96, Rodley-st.  
**Glasgow**, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., Mr. Robert A. Smart, 23, Gayfield-st  
**Great Harwood**, nr., Blackburn, Cambridge st., 10. Mr. Jas. Smith, 35, Park rd.  
**Hadfield**, Albert-st., Station-road, 10-30 a.m., Mr. Christopher Nuttall, Station-rd  
**Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, Melville Place, Pellon Lane.  
" Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley-st, Battinson-rd  
**Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, 10 a.m., Mr. Henry Stables, 16, Oak-st  
**Heckmondwike**, Church st., 10 and 1-30, Miss France, High st.  
**Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Rupert Westall, 53, Rochdale-rd, West  
**Higher Broughton, Salford**, Hilton st, 10-30 and 2, Mr. H. Norcott, 33, Clarendon-rd., Crumpsall  
**Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Miss A. Yates, 55, Liverpool-rd.  
**Hollinwood**, Mr. Ernest Snape, 91, Chapel-rd., near Oldham.  
**Hollinwood**, Labour Hall, 10-30, Mr. A. Worrall, 2, Norman st., Falsworth.  
**Horwich, nr. Bolton**, Beatrice st, 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 8, Abraham st.  
**Huddersfield**, Brook st., 10, Mr. H. L. Westerby, 26, Dale-st  
" St. Peter st., 10-15, Mr. Walter Wilson, 37, Spaines-rd., Fartown  
**Hull**, Lime-st. 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.  
**Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Miss E. E. Blackshaw, 110, Ridling lane  
**Keighley**, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay, Cavendish street.  
**Lancaster**, Atheneum st. St Leonard's gate 10-30 Mrs. Townley, 13, Sun st.  
**Leeds**, Bethel st, 10 a.m., Mr. Walter Belfield, 9, Westwood Grove, Lady Pit Lane  
**Leeds**, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10, Mr. Harry Pearson, 63, Blackmane lane  
" Joseph st, 10-30, Mrs. L. R. Hirst, 3 Hopewell Terrace, Glasshouse-st, Hunslet  
" Hunslet, Church-st, 10-30. B. Warburton, 2, Brandey-st, Jack-lane.  
**Leeds**, 57, Kennedy-st, off Birstall-rd., 10-30 and 2 to 3, Mrs. Earl, 20, Burley Lodge terrace  
**Leicester**, Queen st., 10-30, Mr. A. Boulton, 145, Clarendon Park-rd  
" Silver-st, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. Percy Timson, 3, Museum-square.  
**Liverpool**, John Lamont Lyceum, Farnsworth st., Everton, 11 a.m., Mr. H. Langley, 31, Rutland-st, Everton  
" Daulby hall, Daulby st., 2-30 p.m., Miss Millicent Clark, 18, Canton-st, Everton  
**London**, Battersden park, Miss G. Dent, 40, Ellesley-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.  
**London, W**, Chiswick, 2-45, Mr. H. A. Phipps, 5, British Grove, Chiswick  
**Loughboro'**, Sparrow Hill, 10-45 Mr. A. Bentley 39, Fearon-st.  
**Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 46, Vincent-st.  
**Manchester**, Beswick, Bakewell-st., 10 a.m. Mrs. Simpson, 72 Rylands-st, Ashton Old-rd, Ardwick  
**Manchester**, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. Geo. Vernon, 73, Mytton st Hulme  
**Manchester**, Harpurhey, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Edmondson, 9, Conran-st, Queen's Park.  
" Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Geo. Myers, 11, Old Hall st.  
" Gorton, Trade and Labour Hall, 1-45. Mr. H. Green, 46, Ogdan-lane, Hr. Openshaw  
" Longsight, Chell-st., Miss Eva Stringer, 16, Ellesmere-place, Halbury-st., Stockport-rd.  
" 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30 Miss L. Simms, 96, Cranworth-st. C. on M.  
**Manchester** South, Princess Hall, Bradshaw st, 2-30 p.m., Mr. Herbert Porter, 32, Higher Chatham-st, C. on M.  
**Mexboro**, Lees Arcade, 10 a.m., Mr. George Chattell, 133, Tickhill-st., Denaby Main, near Rotherham.  
**Middleton**, nr. Manchester, gilmour st, 10-15, Mr. James Jagger, 210, Grimshaw lane, Middleton Junction  
**Middlesboro'** Newport rd, 10 a.m., Mr. W. L. Roeder, 51, Russell st.  
**Millon** 10 and 2, Mr. R. Tyson, 5, Moor terrace.  
**Morecambe**, New Queen st., 10-30, David Ditchfield, Victoria Cottage  
**Morley** Zoar st., 10 a.m., Mr. John Hy. Dews, 23, Prospect Buildings, nr. Leeds  
**Nelson** Every st, 10 a.m. Miss Ada Reed, 38, Elizabeth st.  
" Pendle st., 10 a.m., Master J. D. Butterworth 53, George-st
- Newcastle** Northumberland hall, High Friar-st 2-30, Mr. Alfred C. Robson, 166, Rye Hill  
" Heaton Spiritual Institute, Miss Grey, 277, Station-rd., Wallsend  
**New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. S. Shears, 74, Poplar-st, Nr. Morpeth  
**New Shildon**, 10-30, Mr. F. James, 16, Kilburn-st. R.S.O., co. Durham.  
**Normanton** Queen st, 10 a.m. Miss E. Mosby, 34, Goodhope row, Pontefract road  
**Nottingham** Gladstone hall 2-30, Miss E. H. Yates, 75, Brighton st.  
" Mechanics' hall, 2-30 Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195, Wollaton-st  
**Oldham**, Coronation st, Mr. H. Burns, 16, Dickinson-st  
**Oldham**, Elliott st, Lower Moor, Mr. John Frost, 203, Rochdale road  
**Oswaldtwistle**, James st, 10-45, Mr. John W. Rogers, 7, Elmfield terrace, Drill Hall lane, Church, nr Accrington  
**Padiham**, 10 a.m. and 1-30 p.m., Mr. Geo. C. Higham, 107, Burnley-rd.  
**Pendleton**, Broad-st. 10-30 Miss E. Edge, 26 Frampton-st. Cross lane Salford.  
**Pendleton**, Cook st., 10-30. John Jackson, 18 Allan-st  
**Preston**, Walker-st., 10 a.m., Mr. T. Downey, 11, St. Martin's-rd., South  
**Quarmby**, nr Huddersfield, 10-15, Mr Dennis Milnes, 48, Oakes-rd, Lindley.  
**Rawtenstall** Back ormerod st., 10-15 to 11-45, Mr. John T. Pinchbeck, 11, Rosenvale-street, Clough-fold  
**Rishton Near Blackburn**, 10 a.m., Miss M. Haughton, 38, Edward-st, nr Blackburn  
**Rochdale** Regent hall, Regent st., 9-45, Mr. G. F. Knott, 30, Whitehall-st.  
" Penn st, 10 a.m. Wm Brown, 7 Grafton st, Newbold  
**Rotherham**, Howard-st, 1-45 p.m. Mr. Foster, Junr., 119, Eastwood-lane  
**Rothwell nr, Leeds** 10 a.m., Miss Naylor, Church st.  
**Royton**, Union st., 10 a.m., Mr. Albert Smith, 18, Peter-row, Middleton-rd.  
**Saddleworth**, 1-45 p.m., Mr. J. Shaw, Moor-gate-st, Uppermill, near Oldham.  
**Salford**, Chapel st., 10-30, Mr. A. H. Rocke, 11, Sligo-st, Pendleton.  
**Scarborough**, North st., 10-30, Mr. Chas. Lyth, 54, Hampden-rd, Falsgrave  
**Sheffield** Attercliffe, 10 a.m. Miss S. Whiteley 152 Attercliffe Common.  
**Sheffield** Heeley Herchell rd, 10 a.m Mr. Ernest Woolley, 166, Valley rd.  
" Cross Addy st. Uppethorpe, 10-30, 2-30 Mr Robert E. Green 55 Fowler-st.  
**Skipton** Temperance hall, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Hignett, 23, George-st.  
**Slaiithwaite** Laith lane, 10-30. Mr. John Sutcliffe, 45, Carr lane.  
**Sowerby Bridge**, The Lyceum, Hollins lane, 10 a.m., Mr. John Wilcock, 19, Hollins lane  
**Spennymoor**, High st, 11 a.m., Mr. R. Christopher, 72, Durham rd, Co. Durham  
**Stalybridge**, Bennett street, 10-30, Mr. J. Croasdale, 43, Melbourne street.  
" Trinity-st., 10-30, Mr. W. Blain, 14, Croft-st.  
**Stockport** Spiritual hall, wellington rd. Mr. Oldham, 1 Duchy-st, Edgely,  
**Stockton-on-Tees**, Silver-st, 10 a.m. Mr. Charles Harrison, 25, Herbert-st.  
**Todmorden**, Dale st., 10 a.m., Mr. Edwin B. Hollis, 34, Cambridge st.  
**Walsall** Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tompkins, Hagley, Lyswastey  
**Warrington**, Bewsley st., Mr. R. Gleave, jun., 7, Priestley-st.  
**West Pelton**, Old Store Hall 10-30 Mr. Wm. Lock, 7, Queen-st, Grange Villas.  
**Wigan**, Miners' Hall, 10 a.m., Mr. Thomas Forshaw, 51, Oxford-st.  
**Yeadon**, Town side, 9-30, Mr. J. H. Hardaker, 20, Town st.  
**York**, 17, St. Martin's Crescent, Micklegate. E. Dickenson, 7, St. Martin's Crescent, Micklegate.  
**York**, St. Saviourgate, 10-15, and 1-30, Mr. T. Chapman, 60, Lower Eaton-st.