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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 V.

THIS was not the last of my adventures, but my memory is growing feeble and it is with difficulty I recall what has passed. I travelled through many lands and saw many strange sights, which taught me lessons that I shall remember to my dying day.

When I was young, I was beautiful, but now, with the wear and tear of years I am worn and old. I have grown so thin that people now, in passing me, look at me with doubtful eyes and many refuse to own me. Ah! me. It is the way of the world. Those who serve their country well are despised in their old age.

There are two episodes which still linger in my memory. I will relate them to you. I was in the possession of a lady. She had been a short journey in the car and the conductor gave me to her in change. Arriving at her destination, she alighted from the car opposite a beautiful house with a large well-kept lawn at the front. She pushed open the gate and walked up the short path to the porch of trellis work, over which a lovely rose tree bloomed. The roses had crept into all nooks and crannies of the porch, and pushed their pretty heads through the openings. The wind was blowing gently and the roses nodded to her as if to say "Good-day." Virginia creepers grew up the wall of the house, clothing them with a beautiful green garment, softening all the sharp edges of the building and hanging in graceful festoons. The lady rang the bell and in a moment was admitted by the servant, in neat black dress, white cap and apron. Going up the wide stairs in the hall, the lady entered a bedroom, and divested herself of her outer garments, washed her hands and then straightened her hair. Her toilet finished, she descended the stairs, and went into the drawing room, saying in a low soft voice, a voice that made me start with sudden recollections,

"Father, dear, do you feel any better to-day?"

"Yes, my child. I owe it all to you that I am alive at all, and thank God for your presence. Your husband knew your worth even though we were so poor. It was time someone loved you, child, you got little enough when you lived with me. What a blind fool I was, to be sure, and now I am too old to begin afresh," a feeble voice replied sorrowfully.

"Now dear, I won't have you keep talking like this, I don't deserve that at least. As to your being too old to begin afresh, we are none of us so old that we cannot do better. 'Never too late to mend' is an old saying, but

none the less true. But enough of this. I will order tea, because John will be in soon." So saying she rang the bell and gave orders for tea. My mind was in a whirl. I was convinced that the old man was none other than the miser who was robbed so long ago, and the lady his once despised daughter. She had evidently married a wealthy man and taken her old father to live with them. I could tell from his voice that he was repentant and that peace and happiness dwelt beneath this roof. I had often wondered what became of the miser and here I was brought into contact with him once more, but in what different circumstances!

Here again was another example of how love had triumphed. Greed, hatred and malice were as nothing to the positive power of true love. But perhaps I tire my listeners with my sermonising, so I will not continue.

My abode was a boy's pocket. He had been talking during the day to his relatives and friends of a prize distribution by the Mayor of his town, to be held at his school the following day. The next day came and he went to the school, dressed in his best clothes, all spick and span. The school was crowded with boys in like attire anxious to look their best before the Mayor. The Mayor commenced speaking, "Boys, it is with pleasure that I take upon myself the task of distributing your prizes. I am sure the recipients are worthy of them. I have a word in season to say to you, boys. When I was a boy, as you all know, I was poor, lazy and ignorant, but I had a severe awakening which made me determine to turn over a new leaf and to do better. An old master of mine once said to me, 'Remember that 'punctuality is the soul of business,' and you will always succeed, my boy.' I have remembered this and followed it out in my daily life. I owe my present position to that advice." Much more he said, and then gave out the prizes.

I recognised his voice immediately and knew that after all these years had passed, the baker's boy had become Mayor of his native town. Too wonderful to be true, you say? Oh no! Truth is many times stranger than fiction, and I have often seen more wonderful things than this happen.

I have so many pleasant recollections of children, bless their dear hearts! that I have no greater wish than for them to read my adventures. I have no hope of ever telling any more, because I am so old.

THE END.



The Object of the Guild is to promote Gentleness, Kindness, and Good Behaviour.

Membership is open to Children of Spiritualists all over the World.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I have received a few letters for our Guild this month, which I feel sure you will be pleased to read. One is from a little boy—at least I think he is little, for he is only seven years old. Don't you think he is setting a good example to some of the older members of our Guild? I feel sure his letter would do credit to boys, and girls too, a great deal older than he is. Here is his letter:—

“Dear Flora Belle,—I have so wanted to write to you, but I could not find anything nice to say. At last I am in luck's way, for I have a big lot to tell you. I belong to the Cook Street Lyceum. We are going into new rooms right on the front of Broad Street, and our Lyceum will be so big and nice. We are to have a gymnasium fitted up. Won't that be nice! My big brother calls it a bit of 'All right!' Then we have formed swimming classes. An instructor teaches us how to dive and swim. The girls are to follow suit as soon as the warm weather comes. Please forgive my long letter, but I cannot tell you a long tale in half a dozen words. I hope both you and Ted have learned to swim.

“I remain, with kind wishes, your loving Bluebell,
“ARTHUR BAGNALL, age 7 years.”

Thank you very much, Arthur, for your nice letter. I am sure it will be nice to have such a large hall, with convenience for a gymnasium. Won't that help to strengthen and develop your muscles! And then being able to learn to swim, too. No, Arthur, I have not learned to swim, but Ted has.

My next letter is from a Halifax Lyceumist. I am sure she takes a great interest in her Lyceum, or she could not write me such a nice letter as the following:—

“Dear Flora Belle,—I go to the Raven Street Lyceum, and I like it very much indeed. Ours is the second largest Lyceum in England. There are 170 scholars on the register. I think we are progressing nicely. We are having a Banner Competition in June at Elland. We are going to try to bring it back with us, as we have been the second two years. My father, sister, three brothers, and myself all go to the Lyceum, and I would much rather go to the Lyceum than to any other school. I have played the piano once for marching, and I hope it will not be the last.

“Please make me a member of your Guild. I am 10 years old.

“I remain your loving Bluebell,
“MIRIAM ELIZABETH MEADOWCROFT.”

Thank you, Miriam, for your nice letter. I am pleased to learn your Lyceum is in such a flourishing condition. I hope you will soon be able to play for your marching with proficiency. Practice makes perfect, you know. Won't it be nice if you win the Banner in June, after being second on the list for two years?

Now a few words about our pets. Ted's rabbits are in splendid condition, at least that is what he told me this morning.

Bob, poor dog, has had a bad foot for nearly three weeks. When he was out one day he tried to jump over a wall after a cat, and he came back to me limping. He went back home on three legs, looking very woeful and down-hearted. Mother bathed it, and then put a bandage round it.

I said it served him right for frightening and chasing the poor cat. But mother says it is a dog's nature to do such tricks.

I cannot tell you all the funny sayings that Polly repeats. Mother has made a practice of giving her something to eat just before she sits down to her meals. If she forgets, Polly at once calls out, “Polly wants her dinner.” This is said very softly at first, and if she is not attended to she repeats it in increasing volume until she fairly screams, and finally begins whistling as loudly as ever she can. Of course it is very naughty of her, but I suppose it is her nature, too, to do such tricks. She is very tame, and never attempts to bite any of us, but will put her head to the bars of her cage and say, “Scratch Polly, scratch Polly!”

I am pleased to have more members to enrol in our Guild this month. I hope I shall have many more next month. I invite every boy and girl who has not joined our Guild to do so as early as possible. My roll book will hold many, many more names, and it gives me so much pleasure enrolling new members and signing their cards of membership. So please do not hold back for fear of giving me too much trouble, but join our Guild at once, and so give pleasure to your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

PRESTON LYCEUM.

1795 Grace Booth	1801 Sarah Morton
1796 Josephine Booth	1802 M. Cartmell
1797 Ethel M. Gibbs	1803 C. E. Jones
1798 Isabella Park	1804 Sydney Booth
1799 Agnes Ann Park	1805 James Fazackerley
1800 Edith Tearle	1806 Fred Cartmell

LANCASTER LYCEUM.

1807 Edith Lunt	1811 Rita Newsham
1808 Bessie Roberts	1812 Alice Newsham
1809 Herbert Townley	1813 John Watson
1810 Lily Townley	

HORWICH LYCEUM.

1814 Mary Alice Cleworth	1818 Jane Hughes
1815 Mary Ann Davies	1819 Edmund Cleworth
1816 Lily Holroyd	1820 Alice Wright
1817 Bernard Ormandy	

ROYTON LYCEUM.

1821 Abraham Whittaker Smith	1823 Ralph Hirst
1822 Alfred Taylor	1624 Edith Ramsbottom

In Memoriam.

It is with deep regret that I record the passing on of one of our scholars, Miss M. E. Bailey, at the age of 25 years. She was one who attended at the opening of the Skipton Lyceum in 1897, and was a very earnest worker for some time assisting in the conducting of the Lyceum. She was secretary for three years, and also held the office of Guardian. She was esteemed and loved by all who knew her for her many good qualities. To know her most was to love her best. Owing to illness she was unable to take any active part in Lyceum work for the past eighteen months. About 60 scholars and friends walked in the funeral procession. Nearly all wore snowdrops (her favourite flower). A beautiful wreath was sent by the Lyceum. Mrs. Thompson, of Accrington, conducted the funeral service, and on Sunday, March 12th, a Memorial Service was held, the speaker being Mr. H. Crossley, of Greetland. He gave a very good address to a large audience, from the words, "In the midst of life we are in death." Our loss is her gain, and we look forward to a happy re-union in the spirit spheres with her whom we have "Loved yet lost awhile."—H. HIGNETT, Sec.

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. Jessy 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.

FRIENDS.

You are my friend, for you have smiled with me,
 My help and hope in fair and stormy weather;
 I like you for the joys you've whiled with me,
 I love you for the griefs we've wept together,
 I've held your hand when life was gold to me,
 And shared with you its every gracious greeting;
 You've brought good cheer when earth was cold to me,
 And made me feel your warm heart fondly beating.
 Though all the world was deaf and dark to me,
 And long the night, and bleak the winds and biting,
 I know full well that you would hark to me,
 And set my path with lamps of Love's glad lighting.

RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL.

An Indian out hunting followed the game into American possessions. The weather was cold and rainy, and asking for shelter at a planter's, he was refused. Hungry and thirsty, he begged for a crust of bread and a glass of water. "No, go away, Indian dog! there is nothing here for thee," was the answer. Several years after this the same planter lost his way in the woods, and, coming to the cabin of a savage, he begged hospitality, which was immediately and willingly granted. On enquiring the distance from where he was to the white man's possessions, the Indian who had received him so cordially replied, "You are too far from home to think of returning there to-night; remain, therefore, where you are, and to-morrow I will myself guide you back to your house." The American gratefully accepted the offer, and spent the night with the Indian, who seemed to take delight in showing him every attention, and the next day, according to his promise, he conducted the hunter to his hut. When about to leave, the Redskin turned and faced his guest, and bid him try and remember whether he had seen him before. The hunter, in great terror, recognised the Indian whom he had so badly treated a few years before. The red man, however, only said quietly, "Another time, when a poor Indian, cold, hungry and thirsty, asks for a shelter, a crust of bread, and a drop of water, say not to him, 'Begone, Indian dog, there is nothing here for thee.'"

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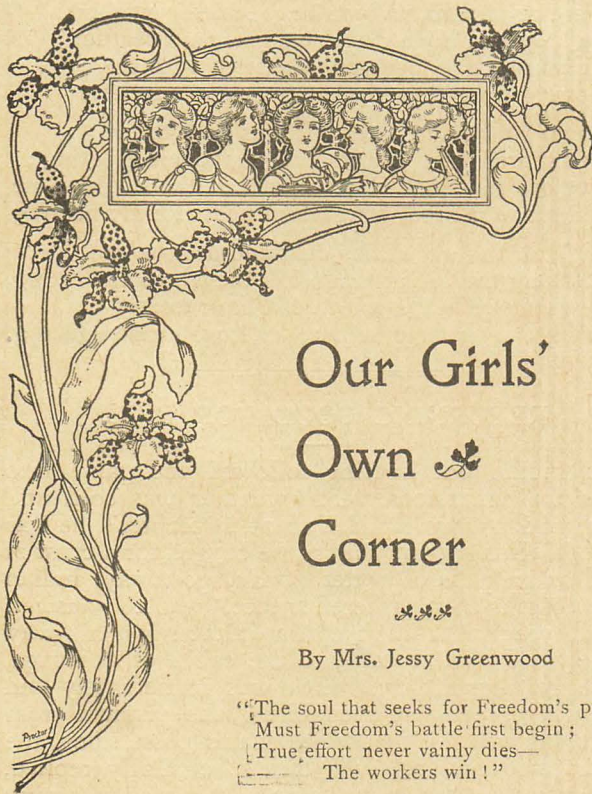
THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION CONFERENCE AT YORK.

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.

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ALFRED KITSON,
 Gen. Sec.



Our Girls' Own Corner

By Mrs. Jessy Greenwood

"The soul that seeks for Freedom's prize
Must Freedom's battle first begin;
True effort never vainly dies—
The workers win!"

SUCH is the choice of a lady at Nelson as her favorite quotation, and it seems to belong to the one given last month; so I have picked it out of many more excellent sayings in the souvenir book of "Fond Memories of the Hammerton Street Bazaar." Another one, also, that carries a similar message, is by a Burnley lady, and is as follows:—"Get off your knees, young man, and don't keep asking God to do that which you should do yourself."

Now I like that. It means that all the freedom we enjoy or exercise is born of "Duty." It is "effort" first and last that conquers bad habits, that disdains weakness and imperfection, and says to the man or woman within, "WORK, WAIT, and WIN."

So many folks pray and tell God all they can think about, especially denouncing themselves as miserable sinners; they ask for Divine Grace, and after delivering themselves of a lot of gush, forget to *do* what is right or good when they resume the daily routine of life.

We must learn to distinguish true prayer from lip service, and we shall surely find those whose prayers are the outcome of the active soul for good for all, make a lasting impression on us, and perforce lead us into channels where indolence cannot exist, or ignorance and the impudence of the world be leaders of men cannot live, because there is no congenial soil for their sustenance.

Then license of freedom to do good is always of a discriminating character, and helps each girl to be a true lady, or the man a true gentleman. A gentle dignity, a becoming manner, and a sweet reasonableness are traits always present, and are certain signs of progress both mentally and spiritually.

We all may do good in a thousand ways. In forbearing

to flatter, yet yielding due praise. A splendid example of the art of finding the chances all along the way, and is the response of one who is very willing "To throw out the Life Line," comes to hand for this corner:—

"DEAR MRS. GREENWOOD,—A few days ago I received an invitation to attend a Temperance Mission Hall in Salford. There was to be a small tea for poor mothers, and afterwards they were entertained with songs, recitations, speeches, and selections from a phonograph. One of the speakers, while talking to her audience, recounted an incident that so touched me that I thought the readers of your "Girl's Column" would be pleased to hear of it. As it is rather lengthy, I will do my best to condense it; I know your space is limited.

"While at tea to-day," the lady began, "a friend of mine gave utterance to what I thought was a beautiful sentiment—she said that we were born into this world to make others happy,—and I am going to tell you how some poor hard working girls put this principle into practice. They all work in restaurants, cafés, factories, and similar places, and have little leisure, yet they clubbed together and talked of how they could lighten someone else's burdens. They are all connected with this Mission, so they made a pilgrimage every Sunday morning from house to house of the poorer districts of Manchester, personally asking the tenants to go to the Mission Hall, and become temperance workers. The girls worked in couples, taking opposite sides of the street. One of them called at a house; the door was opened by a most wretched looking man. When spoken to he smiled sadly and pointed to the inner room, where his wife lay on the floor, seriously ill. He had been out of work for weeks, unable to obtain any, though he tried hard. They had no children, and his wife became so ill that he could not leave the house for fear of her dying in his absence. The doctor who called said she must have proper food and change of air or she *would* die. There was no food in the house and no means whatever of procuring it. It was terrible.

"The girl pondered, and then asked if his wife could not be taken to a hospital. Not without a recommendation. Who was to give one? He knew no one. Well, she would do her best. Leaving the man the girl walked to Ancoats Hospital, and asked to see the Matron or Head Nurse. Yes, the Head Nurse would see her. After stating her case, the nurse said they required a recommendation from some person of influence, and she mentioned several gentlemen who would give one if asked. Thanking the nurse, the girl walked a long way to a manufacturer's house, and told her story. He promised to give the required note the following day—not for Ancoats Hospital, but for the Royal Infirmary—where the woman could receive the best attention. The girl returned to the slum and told the husband the welcome news. It was arranged to take his wife the following day, Monday. How was she to be conveyed there? No money was at hand to pay for a cab. Nothing daunted, our heroine went to the police station, and stating her case once more, the following morning the ambulance carriage was sent to the house and the woman taken to the hospital, where she is now recovering slowly.

"That is not the end. The manufacturer took an interest in the case, and employed the man in his works, where he now is, earning a decent wage, and with happier prospects before him."

Girls, is this not noble work? How much might we all do if we tried? Really, busy as I am, it makes me think myself a sluggard when I hear such deeds as these. The poor are kindest to the poor. I could talk for a long time, but fear I am trespassing. Some day I will write again. With love to you all.

GERTRUDE GREEN.

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

For 1904:—Burnley (Hammerton Street) 3/-; 1905:—Warrington Lyceum 3/6; Mr. Ringrose 2/6; Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe 20/-; Darwen Lyceum 15/4; Smethwich 5/-; Stockport Lyceum 5/-; Burnley (North Street Lyceum) 10/-; Burnley Hammerton Street 7/-; Nottingham Mechanics' Hall Lyceum 10/-; Middleton Lyceum 10/-; Harpurhey Lyceum, 10/-.

I am hopeful that all Lyceums will decide to do a share towards the Fund this year. The goodly sum of £71 5s. 2d. has been collected for 1904, and if all who promised their help had kept their word, it would have been very much nearer the sum I dearly long to see, viz., £100. Exactly six promises are unfulfilled as regards Lyceums, but no doubt these will all come to hand this year. In last month's report a mistake was made between the names of the two Hollinwood Lyceums. It should have read: Byrom Street. Many thanks to all the friends who have taken a kindly interest in this Fund.

RESULT FOR 1904.

CASH RECEIVED.			CASH PAID.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1, 1904—			By Treasurer	69	12 6
Balance ...	0	0 2	Stamps ...	1	9 0
Private Subs.	43	12 0	Stationery and		
Lyceum „	27	13 0	Sundries	0	3 8
	£71	5 2		£71	5 2

MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD,
Ashleigh, Fairfield,
Hebden Bridge.

Correspondence.

A VOICE FROM CANADA.

DEAR MR. KITSON,—
No doubt you have thought us indifferent to the Lyceum work after we left dear old England, but we were dreaming of good work to be done, and now we see a chance of our dreams being realised, so we opened a Progressive Society and Lyceum worked on English lines. Our Lyceum was opened on February 5th, with 26 members, and last Sunday, February 19th, we had 40. We are also making arrangements for a social evening.

Please forward me one dozen copies of the LYCEUM BANNER for 3 months, for a trial. After which I hope to give you a regular order.

There was no Lyceum whatever in this city when we decided to start one on the English lines. We have every prospect of being successful. We have several friends from Armley and hope to welcome more. Please tell our English Lyceumists who think of coming to Toronto that we shall be pleased to welcome them at our meeting place, Labour Temple, corner of Church and Shuter Streets, or if they prefer it they may communicate with me personally or by letter.

I sincerely hope all the Lyceums are doing well. We all unite in sending our fraternal greetings to our friends across the Atlantic.

Mr. G. H. Smith, late of Higher Broughton, Manchester, is our President, and also Conductor of our Lyceum *pro tem*. I hope he will be re-elected at the end of this month.

MRS. RHODA HOBSON,
(Late Sec. of Bower Lane, Hollinwood, Lyceum.)
28, Taylor Street,
Toronto,

Canada, 25/2/05.

[We congratulate our friends on the bold venture they have made, which well accords with their enthusiastic work in England. We join with our readers in wishing their efforts a hearty success. Truly "the workers win!"
EDITOR, L.B.,]

LEICESTER, SILVER STREET, VERSUS WALSALL.

DEAR SIR,—

On looking through this month's BANNER, I find in the Walsall report a challenge from Mr. J. J. Bennett, to our Lyceum, as to which is the largest Lyceum in the Midlands. Though I never said, or even thought, that ours was the largest, I accept my friend's challenge in a true brotherly spirit. I shall do my best to persuade all the members of our Lyceum to enter into this friendly competition, and if Mr. Bennett will do likewise, then, whichever Lyceum proves the strongest at the year end the efforts of both Lyceums will have made both the stronger for having tried. I beg to suggest that the number of members on each Lyceum's register be published in the LYCEUM BANNER for January 1906.—CHARLES E. SIBSON, Conductor, Leicester, Lyceum.

THE FREE COT AT THE HYDRO.

DEAR SIR,—

Kindly allow me through the columns of your valuable magazine to express my thanks to Prof. Timson, of the Hydro, Leicester, for the benefit my daughter Lilian (who is a member of Queen Street Lyceum) has received at the Hydro.

Seeing Prof. Timson's generous offer to Lyceumists, in the LYCEUM BANNER regarding the FREE COT, I spoke to the Prof. explaining how my daughter had been ill during the last four months. He told me to send her along to the Hydro, and I am pleased to say that the month's treatment has quite set her up again. She is now able to attend school.

Yours gratefully,
A. DODSWORTH,
33, Baggrave Street,
Leicester.

Lyceum Recitations.

DUTY AND INCLINATION.

'Stay at home,' said Inclination,
'Let the errand wait.'
'Go at once,' said Duty, sternly,
'Or you'll be too late.'

'But it snows,' said Inclination,
'And the wind is keen.'
'Never mind all that,' said Duty,
'Go and brave it, Jean.'

Jean stepped out into the garden,
Looked up at the sky ;
Clouded, shrouded, dreary, sunless,
Snow unceasingly.

'Stay,' again said Inclination.
'Go,' said Duty, 'go.'
Forth went Jean with no more waiting,
Forth into the snow.

You will smile if now I tell you
That this quiet strife,
Duty conquering Inclination,
Strengthened all her life.

A REPENTANT SON.

Tell me, oh, tell me, just at once,
Does she yet live, my mother dear ?
Your telegram alarmed my heart,
Oh, had she died, and I not here !

Alas ! 'tis many a year ago
Since I in anger turned away,
And left my home. I yet can see
The sadness of her face that day !

I was a rude, rebellious boy,
Her gentle guidance could not bear,
Mocked at her mild and loving words,
And wandered from her tender care.

But ah, when in a foreign land
Where every face seemed strange and cold,
How often did I weep, and long
For her, my tenderest friend of old !

But God is good ; you say she lives,
That she'll receive her wandering boy !
Oh, surely in the years to come
'Twill be my earnest wish and joy.

To give to that beloved one
Heartfelt respect and filial care !
And that our father up in heaven
May bless her always is my prayer.

B.M.

DON'T FORGET A FAVOUR.

My boy, I'd like a word with you ;
You're starting up the hill of life,
And friends whose hearts are warm and true,
Will stand beside you in the strife,
Their kindly words will make you strong
To bear the burdens of the day,
And willing hands will help along
The ones who falter by the way.
And as you climb the hill, my boy,
Be yours a bright or shadowed lot,
Keep ever this advice in view—
Let no past favours be forgot.

Help those who gave in time of need,
A friendly hand and loving word,
And so repay each kindly deed
By which your heart was cheered and stirred.
Remember that our lives will be
The brighter for the good we do,
And let our wayside comrades see
That helping one will strengthen two ;
So don't forget to help a friend,
Kind words bridge many a dreary spot,
Along the road of life, my boy,
Don't let one favour be forgot.

Yes, keep in mind, my little friend,
The burden of this little rhyme—
Who does a favour, does but lend
The kindness for a little time.
Good deeds are bread on waters cast,
Forgotten by you they may be,
But they are all repaid at last,
In God's own way, to you and me.
So don't forget to lend, my boy,
A helping hand in every spot ;
Be sure you'll find, in time of need,
Past favours have not been forgot.

E. E. REXFORD.

LITTLE CHILDREN.

A dreary place would be this earth,
Were there no little people in it ;
The song of life would lose its mirth.
Were there no children to begin it.

No little forms, like buds to grow,
And make the admiring heart surrender ;
No little hands on breast and brow,
To keep the thrilling love-chords tender.

The sterner souls would grow more stern,
Unfeeling natures more inhuman,
And man to icy coldness turn,
And woman would be less than woman.

Life's song, indeed, would lose its charm
Were there no babies to begin it ;
A doleful place this world would be,
Were there no little people in it,

AS A MAN THINKETH.

Thoughts good or bad are living things,
With power of hurt or healing,
The thoughts man thinks portray himself,
His inmost soul revealing.

Good thoughts sent forth from man to man,
Help make his troubles lighter,
No tongue can tell the power they have
To make this earth the brighter.

They lend a glory to life's day,
A wondrous store of pleasure,
The man who thinks good thoughts alone,
Owns wealth beyond all measure.

But evil thoughts like wild tares sown,
A fearful crop engender,
They hurt the soul they're meant to reach,
Then turn and sting the sender.

Then strive to make thy thoughts the means
To draw thy fellows nearer
To God, and good, and happiness ;
'Twill make thine own way clearer.

If thou wouldst with the pure ones dwell,
To think pure thoughts endeavour ;
"As a man thinketh, so he is,"
His thoughts live on for ever.

PAULA CORONA.

A MATCHLESS SHOE.

There are rows and rows of little worn clothes,
Folded away in a drawer with care ;
There's a shabby, small shoe, out at the toes :
Where is the one to complete the pair ?

Was it lost in those much-loved early days,
When the tiny feet so ceaselessly run ?
Did this one little shoe grow old too soon,
By the rough wear of the children's fun ?

Perchance 'twas a mother who laid it by,
In a memory of a long, long past,
When a little voice into silence sank,
And the restless feet were still at last.

Or when the child, with his innocent ways,
Advanced in thought,—was a child no more,
Did somebody treasure this little shoe,
And these soiled frocks that mayhap he wore ?

Poor little garments, so faded and worn,
Damp with many hot tears of mine,
Reverently fold them back in the drawer,
Crease into crease, and line into line.

These frocks may be worn by a child again,
For seasons to come for aught I know,
But this shabby shoe can never be paired
With the one that vanished years ago.

KENNIMORE NOUVELLE KEITH.

THE MOTHER'S STRIKE.

Such a dream I had! So dreadful
That I never heard the like ;
For I dreamt that on a sudden
The mamas agreed to strike.

"We are tired," I heard them murmur,
"Tired of working night and day,
And not always hearing 'Thank you !'
Such long hours and such poor pay !"

So they would not mend the jackets
Nor the holes in stockings small ;
No one ran to kiss the bruises
When poor Tommy caught a fall.

No one bound up wounded fingers,
No one glued the broken toys,
No one answered all the questions
Of the eager little boys.

No one tied the little bonnets,
No one brushed the little curls,
No one basted dolly dresses
For the busy little girls.

No one heard their little troubles,
No one held them on their lap,
No one sewed on truant buttons,
No one hunted Johnny's cap.

And there were no bedtime stories,
And no loving hands to tuck
Blankets soft round little sleepers,
For their mothers all had struck.

Oh, so lonesome and so dreadful
And so queer it all did seem !
Aren't you glad, dear little children,
It was nothing but a dream ?

THE CONCEALED DIAMOND.

Long on Golconda's shore a diamond lay
Neglected, rough, concealed in common clay ;
By every passer by despised and scorned,
The latent jewel thus in secret mourned—
Why am I thus to sordid earth confined ?
Why scorned and trod upon by every passing hind ?
Were these bright qualities, this glittering hue,
And dazzling lustre never meant for view ?
Wrapt in eternal shade if I remain,
These shining virtues were bestowed in vain.
As thus the long neglected gem displayed
Its worth and wrong, a skilful artist strayed
By chance that way, and saw, with curious eye,
Though much obscured, the valued treasure lie.
He ground with care, and polished it with art,
And called forth its rays from every part,
And now a lady's neck ordained to grace,
It adds new charms to beauty's fairest face.
The mind of man, neglected and untaught,
Is this rough diamond in a mine unwrought,
Till education lends her aid unknown.
The brightest talents lie a common stone,
By her fair hands, when fashioned, a new mind
Rises with lustre, polished, and refined.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

We learn with regret of the very serious illness of Mr. W. Greenwood, of Hebden Bridge, a telegram just to hand says "Mr. Greenwood is just alive." All our readers will join us in our earnest prayer for his rapid recovery. We trust that many years of useful service awaits Mr. Greenwood in this life.

We learn with pleasure that Councillor J. Venables, of Walsall, has greatly improved in health by his recent visit to the Grand Canary Islands.

Bro. Venables hopes to take part in the Propaganda Meetings at the Spiritual Alliance, Westgate, Bradford, on April 2nd. We anticipate large and enthusiastic meetings. See the announcement.

NO REPORTS NEXT MONTH.

Owing to the large demand that will be made on our space next month by the Annual Statements of the Lyceum Union's Accounts, and the Lyceum Returns, we shall be unable to publish any reports. We trust that our many friends will bear with us, and refrain from sending them on, and so save themselves disappointment.

We take this opportunity of reminding the following Lyceums that their Returns are not yet to hand, namely:—Accrington, (Argyle Street); Blackburn (Northgate); Hyde; Manchester (Hulme Junction); Middleton; Normanton; Oldham (Coronation Street); Rotherham; and Stalybridge (Bennett Street.)

Non-Federated: — Birkenhead; Darnall; Gateshead (Windsor Avenue); Grimsby; Leigh; London (Stratford); Manchester (Collyhurst), (Bake-well Street), and (Bradford); Parkgate; Plymouth; Sheffield (Peniston Road); Shipley; and Windhill.

Will the friends concerned please repond *at once* so that we may be able to present a complete report.

We are indeed happy to learn that the Wakefield Lyceum has been re-opened, and 40 members enrolled. And also that a Lyceum has been opened at Tottenham, London. We trust their efforts will be blessed with great success.

Mr. Herbert E. Clarke, the able conductor of the Temperance Page, deeply regrets his inability to contribute to this month's issue, owing to pressure of work at the College. Mr. Clarke has our hearty good wishes for success at the examinations.

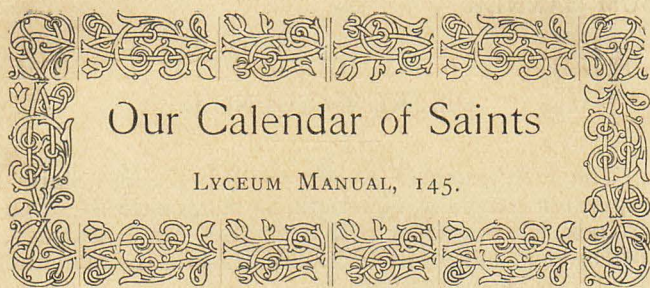
Our readers will be delighted to learn that the Services of Song, entitled:—"REST at LAST" and "MINISTERING SPIRITS," are being re-printed, with a new arrangement of tunes out of the *Spiritual Songster*, at the very low prices of one penny (three-half pence post free) per copy, or 9d. per dozen for Ministering Spirits; and two-pence per copy (two-pence half-penny post free), 1s. 6d. per dozen for Rest at Last. Order from this office.

April 2nd is the last day for the election of Delegates to the Lyceum Conference, to be held at York, on May 13th and 14th. All Lyceums who desire to be represented should elect their Delegates at once, and send in their names and addresses to this office in order to secure their credentials.

Full Agenda, with list of nominations and notices of motion will be printed in our next issue. **No Lyceum reports next month.**

The Lyceum Badge. Samples of this long-desired Badge of mutual recognition are to hand, and reflect great credit on the Executive Council. The design is a tinted, miniature portrait, with the initials C.P.L. over the head of our esteemed founder, Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, of America. The Badge is mounted in real rolled gold, and is made in the form of a button for males, and a brooch for females, price 6d. each—a price that will ensure a rapid sale, as the usual price for such articles is 1s. 6d. Orders may be sent to this office, and will be supplied as soon as the first consignment is to hand.

The editor of the Children's Column in the *Banffshire Reporter* has been paying a visit to the Gateshead Lyceum, and was so delighted with the result that he devotes a column to the description of what he saw. He was deeply interested in the silver and golden chain recitations, and adds, "Only once did I catch a crossing of lines. The effect is fascinating, and to a stranger, especially appealing!" We heartily congratulate Bro. Dixon (conductor), and his staff of able officers, on the excellent condition of their Lyceum.



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SOCRATES.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

He believed in a Supreme Being who was an intelligent and beneficent Creator of all things. He prayed for good gifts, believing that God knew best what was good. He cited as proofs of the existence of the Supreme Being the wise order of nature, the general belief in God, and the many revelations and warnings given to men by signs and oracles. He also appealed very strongly to the argument of design in nature, in support of his claim of a Supreme Being. He also said, "You must not imagine that while your vision is capable of ranging over a distance of many miles, the eye of God is unable to survey the universe at a glance. Nor should you suppose that while your mind can contemplate things that are taking place at home, and in Egypt and in Sicily the Divine Intelligence is insufficient to regard all things at once, and be present everywhere at the same time."

We have here a style of teaching and depth of thought not reached by any of the religious reformers we have already sketched. And we must rank Socrates as one of the greatest men, pre-eminent as an original thinker, and teacher of divine things.

He was equally eminent as a moral teacher. We have seen how he taught the youths the right use of their faculties and talents. Nor did he believe in appointing men to posts of difficulty and danger who succumbed to gluttony, crime, sensuality, and other vices; nor in committing the education of children to intemperate men. He did his best to lead men to be good inwardly, and to gain acquirements which were of practical value. Then how unjust were the charges brought against him!

At his trial he declined to prepare a written defence, believing that his just and blameless life was the best defence he could have, and also because his dæman, or guardian spirit, had forbidden a written defence. When he heard the charge brought against him he remarked that "his accusers had hardly uttered a word of truth, and had been most shameless." Out of a gathering of between 500 and 600 citizens on whose vote the judgment rested there was only a majority of five against him. But it was sufficient to condemn him to death. He disdained to suggest a less penalty than the extreme one; a penalty which the majority would gladly have mitigated. He made his accusers feel uneasy in their hour of triumph by reminding them that "the difficulty of the living is not in avoiding death, but in avoiding unrighteousness; for that runs faster than death."

He refused to take advantage of an opportunity to escape which his friends had arranged for him. He declared he had always been a law-abiding citizen, and he would remain such to the end of life. He spoke of his death as a change which would allow him to continue his search into the true and the false, and so he would be able to find out who were wise, and who were mere pretenders to wisdom. "In that other world," he said, "they do not put a man to death for asking questions. Besides being happier in that other world than in this, they will be immortal, if what is said to be true. Wherefore, O judges be of good cheer about death, and know of a certainty that no evil can happen to a good man, either in life or after death."

He said that by death the foolishness of the body would be cleared away, and those who loved wisdom and purity in this life would be pure souls and hold sweet converse with other pure souls, and know the light of truth. While the impure souls at death would have to pay the penalty of their evil lives. That there is no release or salvation from evil except by the attainment of the highest virtue, or wisdom. He believed in the transmigration of souls, a belief which was common in his day, and so thought that the souls of the bad would wander about among the tombs and sepulchres, until finally they were re-born as fierce and evil animals.

He tried to comfort his friends as the fatal hour of his death drew near, and advised them not to say, "Thus we follow him to his grave," but to say to themselves, "We are burying his body only!" The hour of departure has come, and we go our ways—I to die and you to live. Which is better? God only knows."

But their sorrow was not to be removed by his instructions and fortitude, they felt as if they were losing a father. When the jailer announced that the appointed time for drinking the cup of deadly hemlock had come, he called Socrates the noblest, gentlest and best of all who had ever come there, saying which he burst into tears.

"Then," said Socrates, "I may and must ask the gods to prosper my journey from this to that other world—even so, and so be it according to my prayer." He then drank the poison quite cheerfully and readily. So died Socrates, the good, the true, and the wise, a victim to popular traditions and prejudice, in the year B.C., 399.

There are some things which we do not believe unless we understand them, and there are other things which we do not understand unless we believe them.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be ready on May 6th, 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.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Under the auspices of the above, the Halifax and Huddersfield, Rochdale, and Leeds District Councils held a United Propaganda Meeting at Northgate Spiritual Church, Blackburn, on March 19th, which was in every way a success. Mr. Mansfield, our president, in the chair. The following gentlemen contributed immeasurably to the happy effect, viz: our D.V., Mr. W. Edwards, Mr. W. S. Stott, supported by Mr. G. H. Edwards (Blackburn), and Mr. H. Holgate (Darwen), two past-presidents. Councillor J. T. Ward did the honours to our distinguished visitors on behalf of the council.

These gentlemen in turn evinced their deep interest in the children's cause by the splendid efforts they put forward, speaking well for the future of the movement. I may add here, we have in embryo a number of fine speakers, given the opportunities, etc., of unfoldment. Great credit is due to Mr. Hollinshead and the whole Lyceum for the splendid rendering of the marching and calisthenics, especially taking into consideration the limited space at their disposal. Our little friend, Bertha Southworth, gave two recitations in a style which adults might with material benefit copy. On the 25th we held our Annual Choir Contest at the Church Institute, Manchester Road, Burnley, which I believe will prove a success in every way.

The four Choirs—Darwen, North St. (Burnley) (who held the shield, having won it twice in succession), Nelson, and Rishton—competed with a good feeling that was pleasant to observe. The result was:—(1) Darwen, (2) North Street, (3) Nelson, (4) Rishton. Mr. J. Eccles, of Blackburn, was the adjudicator.

Mr. W. Johnson, of Hyde, presented the prizes, supported by Mrs. Mayo, of Cardiff, and Mr. A. Wilkinson, of Nelson, who very kindly gave us an exhibition of his beautiful cinematograph pictures, which was very much appreciated. Chairman, Henry Mansfield, Esq., of Rawtenstall. Over 600 people were present.

The Committee wish to express their thanks to all who helped to make the contest such a great success.
C. S. MOOREY, Sec.

NOTE.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at *North Street, Burnley, on April 8th*, at 3 p.m. prompt, instead of Hammerton Street, as previously arranged.

Council representatives:—Halifax and Huddersfield D.C.: Messrs. Baker and Howarth. Rochdale D.C.: Messrs. Chisnall, Barraclough, Colbeck and Jackson. Leeds D.C.: Mr. Robinson.

Whenever we cease to hate, to despise, and to persecute those who think differently from ourselves, whenever we look on them calmly, we find among them men of *pure hearts* and unbiassed judgments, who, reasoning on the same data with ourselves, have arrived at different conclusions on the subject of the spiritual world.—*Sismondi*

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next Teachers' Meeting will be held at Slaithwaite, on Saturday, April 8th, to commence at seven o'clock, when a paper will be read by Mr. J. Marsden, of Huddersfield, entitled "John Ruskin, the man and his books." A hearty invitation to all.—

E. HOWARTH, Sec.

BACUP.—We held our open session on Sunday, March 26th, about 130 being present, including visitors from Burnley, Great Harwood, and Rawtenstall. The children promptly responded to the conductor's request for recitations and songs. Marching and calisthenics were excellently rendered to the credit of the conductor, Miss Friend, and also to the attention paid by the scholars. The ceremony of naming a young girl, 13 years of age, was well conducted by Mrs. Forrest, of Burnley. Two or three of the scholars quoted pearls, one of which was "my motto is to be happy; the place to be happy is here; the time to be happy is now; the way to be happy is by making others happy." Mrs. Parkinson, of Hammerton Street, Burnley, gave a very nice address to the scholars. Taking the session all through, it was about the best I have attended.—ANONYMOUS VISITOR.

KNOW THYSELF.

Let each one learn to know himself;
To gain that knowledge let him labour,
Improve those failings in himself
Which he condemns so in his neighbour.

How lenient our own faults we view,
And conscience' voice adroitly smother!
But oh, how harshly we review
The self-same failings in another!

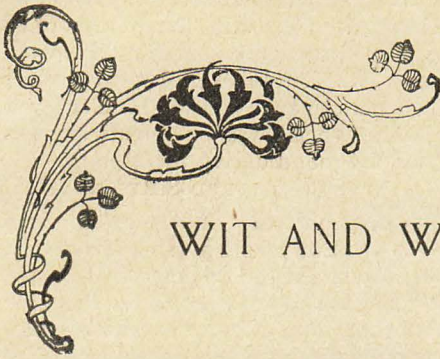
And if you meet an erring one,
Whose deeds are blameable or thoughtless,
Consider, ere you cast the stone,
If you yourselves be pure or faultless.

Oh, list to that Small Voice within,
Whose whisperings oft make men confounded,
And trumpet not another's sin;
You would blush deep if yours were sounded.

Or in self-judgment, if you find
Your deeds to others are superior;
To you has Providence been kind,
As you should be to those inferior.

Example sheds a genial ray
Of light which men are apt to borrow;
Then first improve yourselves to-day,
And then improve your friends to-morrow.

—Selected.



WIT AND WISDOM.

There are some things which we do not believe unless we understand them, and there are other things which we do not understand unless we believe them.

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His Worship: "What brought you here, my man?"

Prisoner: "Them two policemen."

His Worship: "Drunk, my man?"

Prisoner: "Both of 'em, your Worship."

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"An' what would ye do if ye had a man like mine?" demanded a garrulous woman, retailing her woes.

"I'm thinkin' I'd just do my best an' hold my tongue," answered her companion, not altogether politely, perhaps, but very sensibly.

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The softest road is not always the best road. It is usually on the smooth ice we slip; a rough path is usually safer for our feet.

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The severest justice may not always be the best policy.

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Every day brings its own blessing, hidden, perchance, beneath the cloak of suffering.

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Honour.—Small Boy: "Why is a negress like a prophet?"

Small Girl: "Dunno."

Small Boy: "Because she has little 'on her' in her own country."

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A young man had the misfortune to be run over. It was not until the wheel had passed over the poor man's leg and gone a few yards further that the driver shouted "Look out!" The unfortunate man struggled to a sitting posture and replied with bitter sarcasm, "You're not coming back, are you?"

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"I have here," said the long-haired visitor, "a poem I wrote on 'Niagara Falls'——" "The idea!" ex-

claimed the editor; "and how did you manage to keep your paper dry?"

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Mother: "Johnny, what became of the piece of cake I left on this plate?" Johnny (aged five): "I gave it to a poor, hungry little boy, mamma." "That's right, dear; I'm glad to see you are inclined to be charitable. But who was the poor little fellow?" "Me."

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In a lecture delivered before the Anthropological Institute, a doctor deemed it necessary for his purpose to use the following monstrous terms:—

Hyperdolichocephalic (very long-headed.)

Dolichocephalic (long-headed.)

Sub-dolichocephalic (moderately long-headed.)

Mesocephalic (medium-headed.)

Sub-brachycephalic (moderately short-headed.)

Brachycephalic (short-headed.)

Hyperbrachycephalic (very short-headed.)

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Teacher: "Suppose your father gave your mother twenty dollars and then took five dollars back again. What would that make!" Tommy: "All kinds o' trouble."

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Beauty Abroad.—In Southern Italy a fair-haired woman is admired beyond all others. In Holland a blonde gets little or no admiration. A red-haired girl, no matter how plain she may be, is considered beautiful in Rome.

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A country schoolmistress, with a vein of humour and much experience, says this is the way to parse "kiss." "Kiss" is a noun, though generally used as a conjunction. It is never declined. It is more common than proper. It is not very singular, and is generally used in the plural number, and it agrees with me."

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Robert: "I say, Henry, what do you make of this? There was a donkey tied to a rope, and the rope was four feet long; twelve feet away there was a bundle of hay, and the donkey wished to get to the hay, because he was hungry. How did he do it?"

Henry (triumphantly): "Oh, I've heard that before! You want me to say, 'I give it up,' and then you would say, 'So did the other donkey.'"

Robert: "Not at all, my boy. Work it out; it's quite simple."

Henry (after a pause): "Well, I don't know how he did it."

Robert: "Well, he just walked up to the hay and ate it."

Henry: "But you said he was tied to a rope."

Robert: "Yes; but the rope was not tied to anything. You must not jump at conclusions like that."

What our Lyceums are doing.

All Lyceum Reports should reach the Editor not later than the 23rd day of the month to ensure insertion.

ACCINGTON (China Street).—On March 11th we held our anniversary tea and social. There was a splendid tea and an excellent entertainment, presided over by the conductor, Mr. U. Greenwood. Songs were sung by Miss Annie Bury, Master G. Winterbottom, and Mr. J. Webster. A comic song was sung by Mr. R. Ashworth. The Liberty Group Glee Party sang "Oh! who will o'er the downs," and "On the banks of Allan water." Recitations were well rendered by Misses Nellie Gudgeon and Alice Entwistle. A mouth organ solo was given by Mr. U. Greenwood. Much amusement was evoked by a drawing competition, the winner being Miss Nellie Gudgeon. Dancing was also enjoyed until 11 p.m. Messrs. Leacy and Tomlinson were the musicians.—On March 12th we held our anniversary open sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, ably presided over by our conductor. Marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. A. Greenwood in a very able manner. Two solos were sung by Misses A. Bury and E. Holmes. Recitations were rendered by Misses N. Gudgeon and A. Entwistle. The following were the readers for the day:—Messrs. W. Fish, J. Tomlinson, J. Bury, A. and U. Greenwood. Arthur Greenwood recited a poem, written by himself, on John Lee. Mr. John Holmes gave a brief, but spirited, address. Mr. Holgate, of Rishton, one of our old workers, gave some practical advice. The committee beg to thank all friends who so generously assisted to make our anniversary a success.—F. RUSHTON, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, March 5th, we held a special open session in connection with the church anniversary. There was a good attendance. Special melodies were sung; also silver and golden chain recitations, suitable for the occasion, were heartily given, as also the musical reading, all under the conductorship of Miss S. J. Dransfield, conductor, and Mr. Alfred Hodgson, musical conductor. Miss H. Platt, accompanist. Recitations were given by Alice Rigby, Mabel Simpson, Irene Grimshaw, Alick and Adam Plenderleith, Harry Hall. Nina Jones beautifully recited "The Farewell Song," which was really a begging piece, and there is no doubt the good collection that was taken up was influenced by her recitation. Nina is a shining light. Solos were given by Miss M. E. Eastwood, Miss Bracegirdle, and Mrs. Bottomley. There was also an anthem given by ten Lyceumists. The marching and calisthenics were splendidly gone through.—On Saturday, March 11th, a grand social was held. There was over 100 present, a very attractive programme being prepared. The chair was taken by Mr. Alfred Simpson, supported by Miss S. J. Dransfield, conductor. Songs were given by Miss Bracegirdle, Miss M. E. Eastwood, Mrs. Bottomley, Mr. Vardon and A. Simpson. Recitation by Mabel Simpson, "The boy for me." Club swinging display by Miss Hulme. Duet, "Excelsior," Messrs. Vardon and Howard. The 12 "Alabamma Coons," in fancy costume, gave a splendid

entertainment in itself, their singing and dancing being up to perfection; their "cake walk" fairly took the cake, and Mr. Howard's step dance would have made Dan Leno blush. Then Professor Shepley, with his ventriloquial sketch, assisted by his four figures, Messrs. Howard, Cropper, Hodgson and H. Cotterill, gave a very much admired and brilliant performance. Miss H. Platt was the accompanist. The social was a great success. Refreshments were handed round during the evening.

ALFRED SIMPSON, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley Spiritual Hall).—I am very pleased to say that this Lyceum is progressing favourably. On February 5th, Mr. Morris, of the Smethwick Lyceum, gave us a paper on "English Literature up to the 16th Century."—On Feb. 12th one of our Lyceumists, Mr. Mansell, gave very appropriate answers to written questions.—On Feb. 19th we had a paper from Mr. Sullivan, entitled "The Myths of the Gods."—On Feb. 26th, Mr. Laxton, who has only become a member of the Lyceum during the past month, gave us one of the best papers that we have had for some time, entitled "Jehovah and the Bible Heroes." Plenty of room was found for discussion. The questions were most admirably answered by Mr. Laxton, to whom great praise is due.

W. H. SHERGOLD, Lib.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—We had a bachelors' party on February 11th, all catering and the programme carried out entirely by the male element of our Lyceum. This party realised £2, which was handed over to the treasurer of the Beautifying Fund.—On March 11th, the spinsters provided a grand tea and concert. All the waitresses were dressed in various Continental costumes and the tea tables were decorated with Japanese table centres and serviettes. By their efforts the spinsters realised £5, which was devoted to the building Fund. The bachelors hope to do better next time.—ERNEST PILKINGTON, Sec.

BOLTON (Wood Street).—We celebrated our Lyceum anniversary on March 5th, when Miss Burton, of Bury, conducted the sessions. In the afternoon we had friends from Bradford Street Lyceum. The exercises were gone through very smartly. In the evening Miss Burton gave a stirring address, and a few clairvoyant delineations.—On March 11th we held our annual tea, and distribution of prizes by Mr. Knight, who made a few appropriate remarks before distributing the prizes. Songs were sung by Misses Ethel and Florrie Nield, Nellie Lancaster, and Booth. Recitations were given by Misses Smith, Rostron, G. Brayshaw, E. Howard, N. Lancaster, Booth, M. Smith, and E. Rostron. A dialogue was also well rendered. A most pleasant evening was spent.—W. COMBE, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—Our open session was held on March 5th, which was well attended. Good marching and calisthenics. Recitations were rendered by Nellie Simpson, J. Court, Annie Tomlinson, C. Akroyd, and Elsie Burchell. Duet by Misses D. Naylor and D. South. Piano solos by Horace Bates and Harry South.—On Saturday, March 18th, we had a lantern lecture by Mr. Clarke for the benefit of the Lyceum, which was well attended. Mr. A. Beardsworth was the reader, and also rendered splendid recitations. Miss Julia Burchell rendered "The Last Hymn," illustrated by slides.

J. BURCHELL, Sec.

BRADFORD (St. Paul's)—On Sunday, March 5th, we held our usual monthly open session. The attendance was small. The younger members of the Lyceum were very prominent. Recitations were given by the following: Misses L. Raw, L. Nadin, M. Nadin, F. Nadin, F. Godfrey, Master John Dewhirst and Mr. Raw. Readings by Mr. H. Harpears, Master J. Dewhirst, and M. Pitts. Songs were given by Miss Jay, Miss Knowles and Mr. Pitts.—HENRY BARNES, Sec.

CREWE.—Conductor, Mr. G. Wood; conductor of calisthenics, Mrs. Baguley; assistant conductor, Mrs. Shearsmith; musical conductor, Master Fred Henson; guardian, Mr. Tatton; captain of guards, Mr. E. Reay; guard, Master A. Henson; group leaders, Mr. G. Baguley, Master Percival Gawthorne, and Master A. Baguley. The following were given during the month:—Solo, Ada Buxton, "I hear the angels singing;" Percival Gawthorne, "The cord of love;" Nellie Ford, "Scatter seeds of kindness;" Belle Henson, "Welcome to angels;" Lily Oldham, "Catch the sunshine;" and Willie Sinclair, "The ash grove." Recitations, Douglas Biggars, "Edith and the robin;" and Florence Robbins, "Who will be fairest?" Our musical conductor—Master Fred Henson—recently obtained the highest number of marks for the theory of music, and Master Percival Gawthorne obtained a high percentage of marks for practical pianoforte playing.—G. H. BAGULEY.

DARWEN.—On March 11th we held our Annual Lyceum Tea party and Distribution of Prizes, which were a great success. A most excellent tea was provided, after which tableaux vivants were presented, and songs and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists in a very able manner. The prizes were distributed by our esteemed friend, Mr. Reuben Latham, of Burnley, who gave some encouraging remarks to all.—MISS M. BURY, Assist. Sec.

DEARNLEY.—On Saturday, February 25th, we held our fifth annual tea party, ably presided over by the young ladies. About 90 were present. A good entertainment followed, consisting of recitations by Mrs. Taylor, "If I were a man" and "A clean shave," which caused much laughter; and also by Misses Eva Eddison, Fanny Durham, Ethel Cooper, Grace Crowther, Hilda Manning, and Elsie Dixon. Songs were rendered by Misses L. Eddison and C. Greenwood, glees by the choir, a dialogue, "The wrong box," by seven persons, and gramophone selections by Mr. M. Watson. Mrs. Thompson, of Accrington, distributed the prizes, which consisted chiefly of *Spiritual Songsters* and *Lyceum Manuals*. I am pleased to say that last year was the most successful we have ever had, but we hope to do still better during the present year. Mr. E. Wood presided, and Miss Maggie Holroyd was the pianist.—B. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We celebrated our sixth anniversary on February 25th by a social, consisting of recitations, a cornet solo, gramophone selections, and dancing. On Sunday, February 26th, we had with us Mr. A. Kitson as our speaker. He addressed the Lyceumists in the morning and again at the afternoon's open session, and distributed a splendid array of prizes to officers and scholars for good attendance. Mr. Kitson gave the recipients some good advice, pointing out that the prizes were only outward signs of good lessons learned during the past year. In the evening Mr. Kitson spoke on

"Spiritual Gifts" to a moderate audience. Mrs. Shore conducted the Lyceum in her usual able manner, and presided over the evening meeting.—COR. SEC.

HADFIELD.—On Saturday, February 25th, we had a splendid tea and entertainment. The latter was presided over by Miss Bramhall, who gave us some very good advice. Recitations were given by Misses A. Kenworthy, Ivy and Cissy Booth, Doris Hampson, and Mr. C. Nuttall. Songs were given by Misses Alice Booth, Jane E. Bennett, and Nellie Winter; and a duet by Mr. C. Nuttall and Miss J. E. Bennett. Mr. J. Williams and Miss Ivy Booth gave a dialogue, entitled "Dolly's doctor." Selections on the gramophone by Mrs. Newton, and a selection on the organ by Mr. A. Moores, made up a very pleasant evening.—C. NUTTALL, Sec.

HOLLINOOD (Byrom Street.)—On Saturday the gentlemen of the Society and the Lyceum had a knife and fork tea, followed by an entertainment, presided over by Mr. Anderson. The entertainment consisted of the Aldibarantjoricorno Troupe. There were over 150 present to enjoy the good things provided. The effort was on behalf of our "piano fund," which is now almost paid for.—ERNEST SNAPE, Sec.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street.)—No doubt there are many friends of the Keighley Lyceum who will be glad to hear how the young generation of the oldest Spiritualist organisation in England is progressing. When I tell you it is my privilege to combine both the duties of Lyceum Conductor and President of the Society, you will see my hands are pretty full. Our Lyceum is in a very healthy condition. The Boys' Drum and Fife Band is making satisfactory progress. On March 2nd, they appeared before our friends at a Social when the Hall, was crowded and their efforts were loudly applauded, and an encore was demanded. On Feb. 26th, we had a most enjoyable time with Miss Burton of Bury, who congratulated the Lyceum on its improvement since her last visit. On Shrove Tuesday we held our Annual Children's effort, when 200 friends sat down to tea. In the evening was produced the beautiful Operetta, "Zurika, the Gypsy Maid," when the pretty music of this work was given in a charming manner, the audience being delighted with the whole of the performance. If I were to give you the names of all who worked so unselfishly for the success of this undertaking it would make too great a demand on your space. Our prize distribution took place on the 19th inst. The number of prizes is considerably in excess of last year, while the percentage of marks to obtain a prize is considerably higher which speaks well for the improved attendance during the past year.—J. KAY, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen-st.)—On Sunday, March 12th, we had a very enjoyable time, Mr. Ashworth being with us, and made himself very useful. Mr. Lunn was also present, and gave the Liberty Group a very stirring and interesting address on mediumship, followed by discussion. What with different opinions, etc., I am sure there is no virtue in being contented, for the right way is both hard to find and difficult to follow.—A. BOULTON, Sec.

LEICESTER (Silver-st.)—On Sunday, February 12th we held our usual sessions, when Mr. Chaplin spoke to us for a few moments upon a man he had been to hear lecture, who was once one of the poorest boys in Leicester, and has become one of the most influential men of the town,

He urged the Lyceum to follow his example, and be earnest and thorough in all things. In the afternoon Mr. Ashworth, D.V., from Nottingham, addressed the Lyceum upon the increase of its membership, and referred to the excellent harmony of our Lyceum, and the general good conduct and management gave him great satisfaction. Everyone appeared to receive new impetus for working with more earnestness and vigour. A solo was excellently rendered by Mr. Kirk and Miss Hopkinson, "Looking this Way"; also a solo by Mr. College, which was, with several recitations, very ably rendered. The Lyceum enjoyed a most happy session. Sunday, 19th, very good session and large attendance, 121 juvenile members and 36 young men and women in the ante-room, when a paper was read by the conductor, Mr. Sibson, on "Progressive Spiritualism." An interesting discussion followed. Mr. Holt addressed the children on Temperance, and Mr. York supported him.—P. TIMSON, Sec.

LONDON REPORT.

I am pleased to state that progress is being made. On February 26th a meeting was convened at Stoke Newington Hall, by Bro. Cash, when twelve societies were represented. Mr. John Kinsman presided in a very able manner. He explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the best means to adopt whereby the Lyceum movement, and the education of the children in London might be advanced; and also suggested the holding of an annual meeting of all Lyceums, to be known as "Lyceum Sunday" or the "Children's Day."

Mr. Frost, D.V., showed the need of educating the children, and prepare the young minds to take up the work they were engaged in, and thus save them from the fetters of creeds and dogmas, fetters which the Spiritualists were only too pleased to be freed from. Then why not keep the children free from them by starting Lyceums and teach them the beautiful truths the Spiritualists are in possession of? Mr. Frost proposed "That this gathering of representatives forms itself into a Council for the carrying out of the work, and that each representative bring the matter of forming a Lyceum in connection with his or her society and report to the next meeting. The Lyceums and this Council to work in conjunction with the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union." Mr. M. Clegg, in seconding, urged all Spiritualists to send their own children to the Lyceums, and not to orthodox Sunday Schools. If Spiritualism was good enough for the parents it is much more so for the children.

Mr. Imison (Chiswick) advised the following out of the beautiful hymn which says "Open the door for the children." Not only those of the Spiritualists, but orthodox children, ragged children, all children, gently gather them in. If the doors were opened children would come in and bring others with them.

Miss Morris (Battersea) thought that the leaders of Lyceum groups needed instructing in this grand work; so few seemed to understand what was required of them.

Mr. Harris (Stoke Newington) also emphasised this need for instruction to the leaders or teachers. He, himself, felt the need of such; and also the need for workers.

Mr. H. Boddington said there was another qualification necessary for a successful Lyceum, namely, the love for children, so that the teacher could, for the time being,

enter into the condition of his or her group and be as one of them. Their efforts would then be more successful than the teacher who impressed the children with awe or fear.

Mr. George Spriggs (Marylebone) spoke of the Lyceum work generally, giving an outline of the system introduced by Mr. A. J. Davis. His remarks were much enjoyed, and impressed the meeting with the urgent need of all helping in the good work.

I am pleased to say the proposition was carried with only one dissident. Mr. John Kinsman was elected president, and Mr. Frost secretary. The next meeting will be held at Fulham on March 26th to report the result of the interviews with the societies. On March 12th I visited Tottenham Society to open a Lyceum, which is the first fruits of the work of the Council. There was a good number of adults present besides the children, who showed great interest in the proceedings. On March 19th I was at Forest Gate Society, where I believe the Lyceum work will be re-opened, as I made its importance my theme.

T. D. FROST, D.V., and Secretary of Council,
33, Radipole Road, Fulham, London, S.W.

MANCHESTER (Maskell-st.)—On March 19th we held our quarterly open session. In the afternoon, marching and calisthenics were gone through in grand style, Miss Burton being the speaker, and she congratulated us on the efficiency of our marching. Golden and silver chain recitations were well rendered. Recitations by Misses E. Wardle, S. Fidler, A. Porter, A. Cheetwood, and Masters C. Wardle, W. Porter, H. Porter, A. Sims. Mr. Gordon favoured us with solos afternoon and evening ("Ora pro Nobis" and "The Lost Chord") in his usual style. In the evening Miss Burton gave a very instructive and encouraging address to the Lyceumists and friends, appealing to parents to support the officers of our Lyceums. Pleased to see several friends from other Lyceums.

MISS SIMS, Sec.

MILLOM (Main Street).—On March 13th we had a plain tea, which was ably catered for by Madames Richards, Constable, Clark, and Misses Dixon and Richards, and it was also well patronised by friends, proving a financial success. A service of song, "The Strolling Minstrel," by Mrs. Griffin, was well rendered, the reader being Mr. R. Tyson, conductor of the Lyceum. Mr. Richardson gave a few good records on his phonograph. As an attraction to the public, we put on our bills "Come and hear how the so-called dead influence the living." I am sorry to say that three of our oldest boys set the children a bad example by leaving our entertainment for some other event advertised in the town. I trust they will not so offend again.—R.T.

PENDLETON, (Cook-street), has removed to new and central rooms. The Lyceum was formally opened on Sunday, March 19th, 1905, the morning session was attended by four other Lyceums, namely, Leaf Square, (Pendleton), Maskell-street, Hilton-street, and Princess Hall. We also had a good number of other visitors. Miss Burton, of Bury, D.V., conducted in a very proficient manner, we have never seen or heard her to better advantage, her bright spirited style was inspiring. Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Hyde, the President of the Lyceum Union, addressed the assembly, and spoke of the glorious possibilities of the children who receive right and Spiritualistic training. Each Conductor of the Lyceums present was

called upon, each one responding briefly and wisely. The musical conductor gave a selection on the pianoforte. The recitations were well given, and a song was sweetly sung by Master Willie Devine. The pearls were good and original, and the marches were well gone through. The silver and golden recitations were well read and kindly remarked upon by the conductor. This was one of the best and brightest sessions it has been our happy privilege to witness. May such joys long continue with us. If this plan of visiting could be more prevalent amongst us, we feel sure the effect would be magical.—J. JACKSON, Sec.

RISHTON.—We held our annual Tea and distribution of Prizes on Saturday, February 25th, when about 100 attended. In the evening we had a grand social and entertainment, comprising songs, recitations, and selections on the phonograph by Mr. A. Eccles, which were well appreciated. We had also Prof. Minks, of Blackburn, who ably rendered two humorous songs. Among the prizes were 12 *Lyceum Manuals*, and 12 *Spiritual Songsters*, and many more useful books, all were well appreciated.—

MISS M. HAUGHTON, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—We held our Open Session on March 19th. Recitations were given by Misses E. Bradbury; D. Dixon; and S. E. Brown conducted the calisthenics, while I had the charge of the marching, both being well done. Mr. J. J. Howarth gave a brief address.

WM. BROWN, Sec.

ROYTON.—On Sunday, March 5th, we held our monthly meeting, and I am sorry to say, we had to elect a few new officers, owing to others retiring. The following were elected:—Miss Ogden, Assistant Conductor; Guardian, Mr. E. Ogden; Assistant Guardian, Mr. H. Kenyon; and

A. W. SMITH, Secretary.

SHILDON.—On March 18th, we held a teaparty and entertainment. The children were served at 3 p.m., and the adults at 4 p.m. The entertainment was presided over by our conductor, Mr. Joseph Smith, and consisted of songs by Misses M. Hewitt; M. J. Hewitt; B. Forster; Mr. J. Forster and Master Brown. Mr. H. James gave a stump speech and a song, both received applause. Mr. Forster gave some good selections on his gramophone. Mr. Young was the organist. I am pleased to add that both tea and entertainment were a great success.—F. JAMES, Sec.

SKIPTON.—On Sunday, March 5th, we held our monthly "open session." The programme consisted of songs by Misses A. Field, F. Jackson, and A. Pike, and a reading by Hilda Metcalfe. A recitation, entitled:—"How they brought the good news to Ghent," was given in good style by Miss Jones, and a violin duet by Victor Laycock and W. Hignett. All the items were much appreciated. A gloom was cast over the session by the news of the passing on of one of our scholars, and feeling reference was made by Mr. A. E. Smith. Mr. F. Rothwell, of Rochdale, gave a few remarks; and Mr. Osborne, under control, gave us a very nice poem.—H. HIGNETT, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On March 5th we held an open session, when silver and golden chain recitations were nicely rendered. We also had the pleasing ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thorpe's sweet little baby being named by Mrs. Bottomley, the earthly name being Mirian. The spirit control also gave it the name, Lilly. We trust that by the words read by Miss C. Holroyd, conductor, that this little flower will become a guiding light in the household. All friends present were deeply impressed with

the words, "As you sow your seed, so shall you have your reward in that eternal home."—J. E. WILCOCK, Hon. Sec.

STOCKPORT.—Glad to report continued progress, the following local press notice bears this out. The distribution of prizes to the scholars of the Stockport Spiritualists' Lyceum for attendance and recitals took place at the Albert Hall on Saturday. The children were entertained at tea in company with their leaders, parents, and friends. Mr. G. Barnes, the president of the local Spiritualist Society, with suitable remarks, made the presentation of some 60 useful books. Mr. T. Edwards (Lyceum conductor) presided, and spoke in terms of praise of the untiring exertions of his colleagues in the children's cause. They had kept the Lyceum motto in view, "The workers win," with the result that the school had steadily progressed since its inauguration in 1890 to its present satisfactory position. Their few simple principles, if adopted, were calculated to build up staple character, and make sound and large-souled men and women, and laid down lines for a rational and possible-to-live-out religion. They had used the means and waited with confidence for the Divine blessing and continued inspirational help from the spirit-world. With all our failings we are certainly not lazy or indifferent to the claims of the Lyceum.—T. E.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, (Silver-street).—On March 19th, our Lyceum scholars rendered the service of song "A Terrible Lesson," our Guardian, Mr. Varty, was the reader. Messrs. Wilkes, Bunn, and Tarbottom, accompanied the singing with their violins with good effect. Our Conductor, Mrs. Naylor, pleaded earnestly for the children's cause, and also gave some splendid clairvoyance. The hall was crowded. Great praise is due to our organists Messrs. Richard and Henry Hardy, who have laboured so hard to make our service of song a success.—C. HARRISON, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL CHOIR CONTEST.

On Saturday last a Choral Competition was held at the Church Institute, Burnley, in connection with North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, when an audience upwards of 600 persons were present. Mr. James Eccles, L.L.C.M., and Hon. Loc. Examiner of the Royal College of Music, was the Adjudicator. There were four Prizes, comprising of a Silver Challenge Shield, value of 20 guineas, and Silver mounted Batons for the second, third, and fourth prizes. The adjudicator was seated behind a screen so as not to have any chance whatever of viewing the Choirs competing, or of knowing any particular choir. This done, the competing choirs afterwards determined by ballot as to the order of performing. No applause was allowed so that there could be no means of conveying any influence to enhance any particular choir. This is the fourth year of competitions in connection with the North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, and for the past three years North Street Choir, Burnley, has carried away the Silver Challenge Shield, so that the honour is now carried off by the Church Bank Street Choir, Darwen, who obtained 60 marks out of a possible 70 marks. The second prize was won by North Street Choir, Burnley, 55 marks. Third prize, Nelson, 50 marks. Fourth prize, Rishton, 43 marks.

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.

- Accrington**, Argyle st, 10-30 a.m., Mr. Fazakerley, 4, Back South-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, 7, Greenland St, Wellington-rd., Leeds.
Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington street Mr. Alfred Simpson, 2, Clifton-st.
Bacup, Market street, 10 a.m. Mr. A. Embry, 8, Todmorden-rd.
Barnoldswick, Market-st, 10-30, Miss Agnes Wilson, 16, Chapel-st
Barrow-in-Furness, Lyceum Hall, Mr John Huddleston, 26, Harrison st.
Barrow-in-Furness, Berry's Buildings, 70 and 2, Miss Lily Watkins, 34, Monk-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, Saltley, Spiritualists' Society 2-45 p.m., Miss L. Stephens, 2, Phillimore-rd., Saltley
 " 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 45 p.m., Mr. Fred Parcell, 97, Cheshire-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, 136, Lonsdale st.
 " West bowling, Boynton st., 10 a.m., & 1 45 p.m., Herbert Bower, 138, Ryan-st., West Bowling
Brighouse, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10 Piggot-st.,
Burnley, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. James Heys, 4, Howard-st
 " 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, 108, 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.
Clayton-le-Moors, 10 a.m., Miss Mary Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington.
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
Darwen, Church bank-st., 9-30, & 1-5 Mr. W. Thompson, 162, Houghton-terrace, Olive-lane
Dearnley near Rochdale, 10, Mr. B. Butterworth, 5, Grove, Todmorden rd., Littleboro'
Derby, Traffic st., 10-30 Mr. E. W. Stanton, 80, Yates st.
 " 81, Hastings-st, 10-30. Miss Neville, 90, St. Thomas-rd
Dewsbury, Bond st, 10 and 1-45, Miss Ann Hirst, 3, Wood-st
Doncaster, 104, St. Sepulchre Gate, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hilda Helson, 42, Childer's-st.
 " Nether Hall Road. 10-30. Mr. Walter Jefferies, 29, Hexthorpe-rd.
Dundee, Foresters' Hall, Mr. Wm. A. Jackson, 47, Dens-road.
Eiland, 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, Roodsley-st.
Glasgow, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., Mr. Robert A. Smart, 23, Gayfield-st
Great Harwood, nr., Blackburn, Cambridge st., 110, Mr. J. Jas. Smith, 35, 1 Park rd.
Hadfield, Albert-st., 14, 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 E. Horner, Albert Terrace, Littletown, Liversedge
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 Suape, 91, Chapel-rd., near Oldham.
Hollinwood, Labour Hall, 10-30, Mr. A. Worrall, 2, Norman st., Fallsworth.
Horwich, nr. Bolton, Beatrice st, 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 8, Abraham st.
Huddersfield, Brook st., 10, Mr. H. L. Westerber, 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, Athenæum 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, Brandy-st, Jack-lane.
Leeds, 57, Kennedy-st., off Birstall-rd., 10-30 and 2 to 3, Mrs. Earl, 110, Kirkstall-road
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, Battersea 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, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. Geo. Vernon, 73, Myton 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, 10-30, 1-54 Mr. H. Green, 46, Ogden-lane, Hr. Openshaw
 " Longsight, Chell-st., Miss Eva Springer, 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 Hill, Bradshaw st, 2-30 p.m., Mr. Frank J. Fuga, 150, Caythorpe street, Moss Side
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. J. Buckingham, 31, Garnett st.
Milom 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 E. Jackson, 273, Leeds road
 " 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, Mr. A. N. Gay, 4, South View, Heaton, near Newcastle
New Hirst, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. S. Shears, 74, Poplar-st, Nr. Morpeth
Normanton Queen st, 10 a.m. Miss E. Mosby, 34, Goodhope row, Pontefract road
Nottingham Gladston 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. J. Heywood, 24, Albert-st, nr Burnley
Pendleton, Broad-st, 10-30 Miss E. Edge, 26 Frampton-st. Cross lane Salford.
Pendleton, Junction : Ford Lane and Broad-st., 10-30, John Jackson, 18, Allan-st
Preston, Walker-st., 10 a.m., Mr. T. Downey, 11, St. Martin's-rd., South
Quarmany, 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, Oldham-rd., 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. Green, 71, Merefield-st
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., Mr. W. Pickersgill, Bath Terrace, Carlton Lane, nr. Leeds
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. Roche, 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 Wooller, 166, Valley rd.
 " Cross Addy st. Uppertorpe, 10-30., 2-30 Mr Robert E. Green 55 Fowler-st.
Shildon, 10 30, Mr. F. James, 16, Kilburn-st., New Shildon, R.S.O., co. Durham.
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, Melbourn street.
 " Trinity-st., 10-30, Mr. G. A. Blain, 11, Bridge-st.
Stockport Spiritual hall, wellington rd. Mr. Oldham, 1 Duchy-st. Edgeley,
Stockton-on-Tees, Silver-st, 10 a.m. Mr. Charles Harrison, 13, Lambert-st.
Todmorden, Dale st, 10 a.m., Mr. Edwin B. Hollis, 34, Cambridge st.
Walsall Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tompkins, Hagley, Lysvays-st
Warrington, Bewsey 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.