

# The LYCEUM BANNER

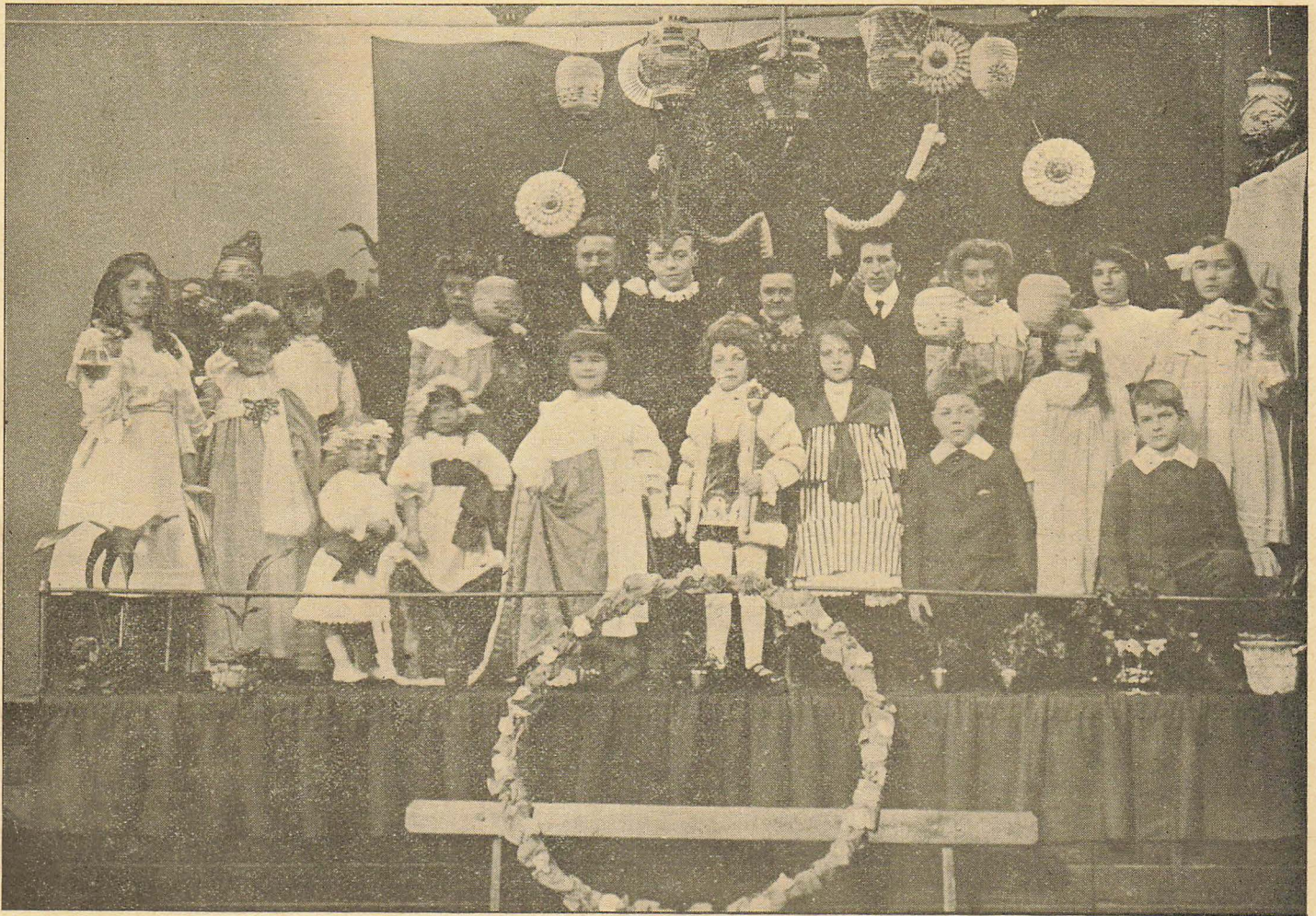
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## HIGHER BROUGHTON LYCEUM.

Names and Characters of Sketch entitled "The Fairy Ring."

### IMMORTALS:

Fairy Blue Bell—LILY STARBUCK.

Queen Mab—BERTHA STARBUCK.

King Oberon—JOHN INGRAM.

Sprite Puck ARTHUR STARBUCK.

Train Bearers—DORIS CRABTREE AND DORIS SHEDLOCK.

### Attendant Fairies

ETHEL INGRAM, EDITH STARBUCK, ELSIE KAYE, FLORRIE SHEDLOCK, NELLIE WILLIAMS AND LILY BOYES.

The other three persons are MR. AND MRS. TINKER AND MR. L. DOWNEY, who had the training of the children.

## DICKIE THE SPARTAN.

A TALE FOR THE BOYS.

By the author of 'Tales told at the Psychological Club.'

"Dickie!"

"Yes, Dad."

"You must not go bathing this afternoon, sonny, there has been too many accidents lately. Wait till to-morrow and I will take you for a swim myself."

"Alright, Dad, that will be champion," Dickie answered cheerfully, taking his towel and bathing suit back into the house, before setting out to join his youthful playmates.

Dickie was disappointed without doubt, but he bore it philosophically, for his father, though strict, always tried to let him have a good time.

Mr. Loder was very proud of his only boy, he was grieved to interfere with the laddy's anticipated pleasure, but what pleased him most was the bright manner the treat was abandoned without any demur.

Dickie reached the bathing station and informed his schoolmates he was not going in the water that afternoon. Immediately he was the butt for a great deal of banter.

"It is too bad, Dick," exclaimed Bobby Stone, "you might have that race with me down to the locks you've promised me."

"Shut up, Bob," said Tommy Smith, "Dick's afraid the water will hurt his delicate skin."

This chaffing continued for some time, and I expect poor Dickie felt miserable, but he sturdily refused to have "just one dive," though it was hard work, especially when Tommy discovered he had an extra pair of swimming pants in his satchel.

The other boys with many whoops, dives and splashes swam about up and down the stream, occasionally shouting gibes and challenges to the figure on the bank, who was aimlessly throwing small pebbles in the water.

One by one the young swimmers landed and commenced dressing, except Bobby, he remained in the water still chaffing the unhappy Dick. Then shouting, "see me dive," he plunged beneath the surface. After what seemed an age to the boys on the bank he failed to return to the surface. Minutes went past, Tommy Smith, looking rather pale, exclaimed, "Bob's playing us a trick, he is not under water all this time."

"Look at them bubbles over there," cried Arthur Smith, Tommy's younger brother. A panic that seizes men as well as boys sometimes, came over the youngsters, and they ran screaming for help, except Dickie: in a trice boots, coat and vest were off, and yelling to his companions, he dived into the stream, down, down, he went till he was compelled to rise for air, but he had caught sight of a dark mass under the water that made him feel sick. Filling his lungs he again dived towards that object, and seizing hold of it endeavoured to drag it to the surface, it was Bobby caught by a sunken plank containing several long sharp hooked nails, it had probably fallen off a barge sometime and the hooks had caught in poor Bobby's bathing drawers. Dickie pulled manfully, and the flimsy material gave way and they rose to

the surface, with a few strokes Dickie reached the side, and willing hands dragged the pair to *terra firma*.

Bobbie to all appearances was lifeless. His rescuer, when both were safe, fainted away. When he recovered consciousness he was in the lock-keeper's house, and his wet clothes were drying before a large fire.

Dickie's first enquiry was for Bobby Stone. The man told him he had been taken home, and was not dead.

"I must be going home now, I feel better. Besides mother and father will wonder where I have got to," Dickie said rising up.

After some delay and protest he was allowed to dress, then he ran homewards as fast as he could. His father was in the garden, and looked up when the laddy entered the gate. Mr. Loder's face clouded.

"Come here, Richard," he said sternly, "I see by your condition you have been bathing against my direct command: I am surprised at you."

"But, dad, I have not been swimming, I have"—

"Silence! you have been in the water, don't contradict."

"But"—

"No buts, you have been disobedient: I thought I could trust you, now I shall have to punish you." Seizing his son by the arm in spite of protest he marched him to the tool shed. We will draw a veil over what took place, let it suffice to say Dickie bore his unjust punishment like a little man when he found entreaty useless. Silently he allowed himself to be locked in his bedroom. His father left him there, and walked into town and met an old acquaintance there who immediately enquired how Mr. Loder's plucky little lad was, and whether he was the worse for the wetting. "No doubt you are proud of him, he is a regular hero," said the man, "the other boy will be at least a week in bed, they say it was a narrow squeak." This was Sanscrit to Dickie's father, "What on earth are you taking about," he asked: "Well, if you don't know, go and ask your son," was the reply.

Mr. Loder hastened home, went straight to Dickie's room and listened to the retailing of the afternoon's adventure. When the laddy finished his father said, "Dickie, I punished you unjustly, but I could not bear my little sonny to be disobedient and I believed deceitful, but you have proved yourself not only a hero but able to bear unmerited chastisement like a Spartan. I am proud of you! Come, my boy, forgive me, and we will go and tell your mother about it," and Dickie was carried in triumph down stairs. His mother often cries softly when she thinks of that afternoon's incident, and calls Dickie her little hero. His dad says he is a Spartan and will someday make the best thing on earth - that is a manly man!

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Our next issue will be ready on June 3rd, 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.

## ❁ Temperance Page. ❁

I VERY much regret that I was unable to prepare matter for this page last month owing to pressure of examinations and other urgent business at Oxford. More particularly is this so as it has necessitated a delay in the publication of an admirable list of names sent to me from Silver Street, Leicester, through the kindness of Mr. Sibson of that Lyceum, and which would under ordinary circumstances have appeared in the April number.\* I trust our Leicester friends in particular and my readers in general will accept this very sincere apology.

### DRINK AND ITS RELATIONS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

#### II.—The Commercial and Social aspects.

When I decided to make the commercial and social aspects of our subject one point of consideration, I was not aware that before my notes would be written a gathering of men honoured in the medical, political and commercial spheres would take place for the express purpose of discussing temperance on commercial and social lines. Yet such a coincidence must be recorded, and the results of the conference only encourage me the more in the expression of the views which are held by us total abstainers, and which are growing stronger and stronger as time passes by. We are no longer surprised when we read the opinions of medical men on this matter of temperance, for not a day passes but some further high testimony to the uselessness and danger of alcoholic stimulants appears, and resolutions are passed *nem. con.* by our doctors and surgeons at large gatherings and professional conventions, which only reiterate the claims and once more voice the aspirations of temperance reformers.

We must all rejoice at the unanimity with which teachers, doctors, clergymen and lawyers alike received the proposal to teach lessons in hygiene and total abstinence in our schools, and we note with joy the optimism which prevails in the anticipation of successful results of such teaching. The children of the future will be taught the duty of cleanliness in person and diet, and the Band of Hope will at last stretch forth an arm of mercy into the school-room, where it has been needed so long.

But there is an even more interesting development foreshadowed in the meeting held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House on April 8th. Our business-men recognise what has time and again been pointed out in this page, that our future supremacy as a nation will depend largely upon the degree of our sobriety. Sir Henry Cunningham, K.C.I.E., director of the Chartered Bank of India has written:—"In the fierce industrial and commercial competition which will be the leading characteristic of the future history of mankind, how is it possible that a class which, as do the wage-earners of England, spend two months

or more out of the twelve in earning the price of the intoxicants which they consume, should compete successfully with communities in which self-restraint and sobriety are the almost universal rule? What industrial success and what a general level of national happiness would be within our reach if English wage-earners could be induced to devote to the bettering of their own, or their wives', or their children's conditions, the 120 millions which they now annually spend in the consumption of alcohol, and the other 120 millions which that consumption costs them in disease and death, loss of employment, and diminished aptitude and energy!"

We learn life's lessons by experience, and the lessons best learnt are those which experience has taught with bitter ferocity. But let us if we can profit by the experience of those who have gone before us. If we find our predecessors have failed, let us avoid their source of failure; if they have succeeded let us take to ourselves the secret of their success. Greece, Rome, Spain, fell through the rottenness of their very corruption, when luxury superseded frugality, and when courage and moral backbone faded into effeminacy and drunkenness. We have a great tradition to uphold; no nation has a story such as ours, nor a roll of honour so full of self-sacrifice, patriotism and worth, and we must do what we can to maintain our first place among the nations. Mr. J. Williams Benn, M.P., Ex-Chairman of the London County Council, has some good words on this subject reported in the *Temperance Record* for April. He expressed the opinion that "while they were prepared to listen to a man who had a plan worth considering for the maintenance of our pre-eminence as a people either in business or in any other way, he thought it was most important that attention should be directed towards the peril which we were likely to suffer from the enemy within the gates. If we wanted to keep our commerce to the front let us stop the drink. 'More thinking, less drinking,' was a text he most respectfully submitted. . . . He spoke from personal experience, for he had been able to see the good resulting from the abolition of drink from the whole of the Asylums under the L.C.C.'s care. Instead of killing cheerfulness, the abolition of drink in this direction had promoted good fellowship, and more than that, it had largely promoted the percentage of discharges for these institutions, and they had had the joy of seeing restored [to loving relations many of their fellow citizens." This last connection of lunacy and intemperance I have sufficiently dealt with in an earlier number of the *Banner*. Sir Victor Horsley has recently reminded us of a declaration of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer to the effect that alcohol is the commonest cause of poverty and crime, of disease and vice, and this declaration is by no means without foundation.

The charge is constantly being preferred against us that the temperance advocate exaggerates his case and uses misleading if not absolutely incorrect statements in favour of his views. But I have never yet seen that charge substantiated, and the writer of a popular cyclopædia who would call us to account

\*I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a second list of 15 names from the same Lyceum. These, owing to limited space, are unavoidably held over.

because we dare to label a bottle of alcohol "Poison," is being constantly discomfited by the evidence of those who are best able to judge, viz., the highest members of the medical profession. We do not hesitate to call the active stimulant of intoxicating liquors by its true title—it is a poison, dangerous and cumulative in effect; it is not a food in any sense such as carbohydrates are, and above all it is not necessary either in sickness or health.

There are evidences on all sides of an increasing desire for temperance. Friends, let us in thought and deed strive to hasten the realisation of that desire, for it is an angel whose message is:—To-morrow, O, man, thou shalt taste the truer sweets of life, thou shalt enter into joys thy heart never yet hath conceived.

(To be continued.)

I have great pleasure in publishing the following list of 50 names from Leicester.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).

492 Mr. Percy Timson	1 2 3 4	517 Mr. York	.....	1 2 3 4
493 ,, John B. Holt	1 2 3 4	518 Miss E. Hopkinson		1 2 3 4
494 ,, T. E. Sibson	1 2 3 4	519 ,, L.V. Hopkinson		1 2 3 4
495 ,, Wm. C. Ark	... 1 2 3 4	520 ,, G. Howard	...	1 2 3 4
496 ,, H. Pell	.....	521 Mr. E. Seaman	...	1 2 3 4
497 ,, Chas. Sedgwick	1 2 3 4	522 ,, W. Richards		1 2 3 4
498 Miss Ethel Pell	... 1 2 3 4	523 ,, S. Richards	...	1 2 3 4
499 Mr. R. Roberts	... 1 2 3 4	524 Miss Lizzie Hoult		1 2 3 4
500 ,, E. Parsons	... 1 2 3 4	525 Mr. A. Barber	.....	1 2 3 4
501 Miss N. Timson	... 1 2 3 4	526 Miss Lily Barber	...	1 2 3 4
502 Mr. F. W. Sibson	1 2 3 4	527 ,, Lizzie Adams		1 2 3 4
503 ,, A. Sibson	.....	528 ,, C. Harrison	...	1 2 3 4
504 ,, Henry Mason	1 2 3 4	529 ,, May Allaway		1 2 3 4
505 Miss Nellie Place	... 1 2 3 4	530 ,, Elsie Colledge		1 2 3 4
506 ,, Lena Birks	... 1 2 3 4	531 ,, Lillian Taylor		1 2 3 4
507 ,, Nellie Boshier	1 2 3 4	532 Mr. James Ashby	...	1 2 3 4
508 Mr. Tom Wilson	... 1 2 3 4	533 Miss M. Wayne	...	1 2 3 4
509 ,, A. C. Place	... 1 2 3 4	534 Mr. G. H. Pritty	...	1 2 3 4
510 ,, Wm. Seaman	1 2 3 4	535 Miss Mabel Colledge		1 2 3 4
511 ,, H. Wheatley	... 1 2 3 4	536 Mr. Arthur Hirst	...	1 2 3 4
512 ,, Bertie York	... 1 2 3 4	537 ,, C. R. Langley		1 2 3 4
513 ,, A. Hudson	... 1 2 3 4	538 ,, W. Underwood		1 2 3 4
514 Miss M. E. York	... 1 2 3 4	539 ,, Stanley Roberts		1 2 2 4
515 ,, G. Parsons	... 1 2 3 4	540 Miss Lizzie Langtry		1 2 3 4
516 Mrs. Wm. Hudson	1 2 3 4	541 ,, E. C. Forryan		1 2 3 4

There are still many Lyceums from which I have not yet received names, and who have Bands of Hope. Our good Editor suggests Bury and Padiham as likely subscribers. May I congratulate the latter upon the very admirable reports which reach me of their Band of Hope work. But I should like your names, dear friends!

H.E.C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A LETTER FROM "DAISY DIMPLE."

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—So you often think I must be dead, do you! Well, I'm not, so there. There is no death. In truth I am more alive than ever, and my Brother Bob is as good and true as he always was. He has given me a parcel of pretty cards, with Katie Fox's message beautifully printed in colours. I think there must be hundreds and hundreds in the parcel. If you would like one, just send me a picture post card with your own name and address and I will send you one of these. Ask your companions and Lyceum group mates to do the same. Bob says, "Let 'em all come, fathers and mothers as well, uncles, aunts and cousins, and those who blushing pretend to be cousins, because the message is for everybody." Now, don't go and forget, because it will be

too late if you send after May is out.—Your loving friend,  
DAISY DIMPLE.

Kisses ad lib—no! not ad lip, ad lib (metaphorical, of course).

Address your cards to Daisy Dimple, 21, Laura Street, Sunderland.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of LAURA, the beloved daughter of Harry and Sarah Sykes, Batley Carr, who passed to the higher life, April 4th, 1905, aged four years and eight months, and was interred at Batley Cemetery, April 6th, Mr. Alfred Kitson officiating. This winsome little girl was a member of the Batley Carr Lyceum, and sung the Lyceum hymn "One by one," only two days before passing to the spirit side of life.

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MR. WILLIAM GREENWOOD.

In our last issue we commented on the serious illness of our esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. William Greenwood, and expressed a fervent hope for his speedy recovery. But, alas, notwithstanding the best medical skill, and the untiring vigils of his devoted wife, he quietly passed to the spirit side of life on April 22nd, aged 44 years.

His mortal remains were interred at the Sowerby Bridge Cemetery on April 25th, Mr. Alfred Kitson officiating. A brief service was held at his residence, and also in the chapel and at the grave side, assisted by Mr. Joseph Armitage. The choir of the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum added to the impressiveness of the ceremony by the sweet rendering of appropriate selections.

Mr. Greenwood was a man of quiet dignity, and strict integrity, and held several important offices in connection with the spiritual movement, the most important being that of Treasurer to the Spiritualist National Union.

Amongst the floral tokens of love and respect were ten wreaths, two anchors, and one harp. These were sent by the Spiritual Societies and Lyceum, Hebden Bridge; the workpeople of the Flour Mill, Hebden Bridge; the Choral Society, Hebden Bridge; Mr. Chatburn and family, Hebden Bridge; the Sowerby Bridge Society; Lyceum; Choir; Liberal Club; Directors of the Flour Mill; Office Staff; Mrs. and Miss Mitchell; W. T. Walton; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Briggs, of Huddersfield. The above Societies, Lyceums, and Institutions were also well represented in the funeral cortege. The Spiritualist National Union was represented by Messrs. J. J. Parr, President; Hanson G. Hey, Secretary; Macdonald, A. Wilkinson, J. Briggs, T. H. Wright, and W. Phillips. The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union was represented by Messrs. Albert E. Sutcliffe, Treasurer; and Alfred Kitson, Secretary. The Yorkshire Spiritualist Union was represented by Messrs. Baume, President; Sutcliffe, J. Burchell, D. Gavin, and R. H. Yates. There were also friends from Batley Carr, Brighouse, Darwen, Elland, Halifax, Huddersfield, and other places.

Mr. Holroyd, Stationmaster at Hebden Bridge, and Mr. Parkinson, Stationmaster at Sowerby Bridge, were also present.

The body was enclosed in a pitch-pine coffin, with heavy brass mountings, and inscribed: "William Greenwood, born April 13th, 1861, died April 22nd, 1905."

In the passing on of Mr. Greenwood, the Spiritual movement has lost a sterling worker and staunch supporter, and our Mrs. Jessy Greenwood a kind and devoted husband, and her children a loving father, for whom we bespeak the sympathy and condolence of the Lyceum movement.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### THE EXECUTIVE VISIT TO BRADFORD.

The friends of the Bradford Alliance gave the members of the Executive a cordial welcome on April 1st. After a refreshing tea and friendly chat, the Executive got to business which kept them busy until 10 p.m., one of the first items being a vote of condolence with Mrs. Smedley and family, and votes of sympathy at the unavoidable absence of Mr. Chiswell and Mrs. Greenwood through sickness.

Various reports were presented and passed as being highly satisfactory. Applications for membership were considered from eight Lyceums, and endorsed.

Correspondence was read from London, the Rochdale District Council, Oldham, Blackpool, and Nelson.

The Secretary reported that he had sold 2,626 copies of the *Lyceum Manual* during the past year, and that the present stock would not last the year out. It was decided that the Secretary be instructed to obtain estimates for another edition of 10,000 copies.

It was decided, subject to the approval of Mrs. Smedley, to offer the remainder of Mr. Alfred Smedley's *Reminiscences* of wonderful spirit manifestations at 1/- each as a memento edition. It contains splendid portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Smedley. It is hoped that all Lyceumists who have not already secured a copy of this splendid book will at once embrace this opportunity and treasure it in honour of its author.

### SUNDAY MORNING.

The Open Session of the combined Bradford Lyceums was undoubtedly the event of the day, and attracted quite a number of visitors. The officers and members of the various Lyceums began to assemble in good time, their faces lit up with bright expectancy. Some of the Lyceumists wore badges as a mode of recognition. It was a cheering sight to watch their arrival. The following Lyceums were present:—The Alliance, the Ivy Rooms, the Otley Road, the West Bowling, and the Laisterdyke. All were readily supplied with copies of No. 3 Series of Hymn Sheets, which are an excellent arrangement of all necessary items for an Open Session, thus doing away with the necessity of each Lyceum bringing its own supply of *Lyceum Manuals*.

Mrs. Law (Vice-President) conducted by special request, and soon had the assembled Lyceums well in hand. The singing was hearty, and the chain recitations were well rendered. One little girl distinguished herself by her ready answers to the questions asked by the Conductor. We failed to learn her name, or the Lyceum to which she belonged. On receipt of her name we shall present her with a copy of *Outlines of Spiritualism*, or the *Lyceum Manual*, as she may prefer.

Both the inner and outer halls were utilised for marching and calisthenics, and even then the space was too small to accommodate them, so that their various evolutions were cramped and impeded.

Exercises over, a letter was read from Mr. Chiswell by Councillor John Venables, wishing the Lyceums success and God speed, and also deeply regretting his inability to be with them owing to sickness. The absence of Mrs. Greenwood on account of the serious illness of her husband was feelingly referred to by Mr. Venables and others. The following vote of sympathy was duly moved, seconded and spoken to by all the Conductors, etc., present:—"The united Lyceums of Bradford here assembled send their heartfelt sympathy to you in your

hour of sickness, and trust for your speedy recovery." It was decided to despatch the motion by telegraph to Mr. Chiswell and Mrs. Greenwood.

Mr. R. Yates suggested the formation of a District Council for Bradford and dwelt on the importance of the same. The idea was taken up readily, and it was decided to hold a preliminary meeting on the following evening. We are pleased to add that a District Council for Bradford is in a fair way of realisation.

There was a moderate attendance at the afternoon service. The absentees missed a treat, for the various speakers had some good things to say, and said them to a delighted audience. Mr. R. Latham excelled himself in his address. In speaking of the growth of the Lyceum cause in Burnley, he related how, when the last Sunday school census was taken the Lyceumists stood fifth on the list of 18 different bodies. It was a startling revelation to the Christians.

Councillor Venables spoke of the cause in the Midlands, and referred to the *Lyceum Manual* and its teachings as being his Bible.

The President and Vice-President also pleaded the children's cause in their usual able and vigorous way.

Mr. Yates ably presided over the evening service. The hall was full, and the various speakers pleaded earnestly for the rising generation to have the truths of Spiritualism taught to them.

Mr. J. Burchell referred to the Lyceum as being a "progressive Sunday school for children, whose object was No Creeds, No Dogmas, No Doctrines, the rule of life being Deeds not Creeds."

The President reviewed the rapid change that has taken place in the popular beliefs, all of which have been brought about by our teachings.

Councillor Venables bore his testimony to the great value of Spiritualism. How it had given him back his beloved child, and how the child had been the means of leading them to a recognition of the grand teachings of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Law found it difficult to add anything new where so much that was good and helpful had been said. She had been trained in the Lyceum from infancy, and so was unable to contrast the teachings of Orthodoxy and Spiritualism. She advised all parents to have their children taught the beautiful truths the angels bring unto all who will receive them.—ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

### Marriage of Miss Annie E. Burton.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, an interesting wedding ceremony was conducted in the Bank Street Unitarian Church, Bury, by kind permission of the trustees. The contracting parties were Mr. Wm. Edmund Bentley, of Patricroft, Secretary of the Lancashire Mediums' Union, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Burton, of Bury, a well-known worker in the Lyceum movement. The bride was attired in a neatly-fitting skirt of navy blue cloth, with jacket to match, the quiet appearance of which were sweetly relieved by a charmingly-designed blouse of white Pongee silk. The bridesmaids, Miss Lena Burton, sister to the bride, and Miss Phyllis Burton, niece to the bride, by their appearance assisted greatly in completing the pretty picture which the group presented.

Mr. Elias Burton, eldest brother to the bride, performed the fatherly duty of giving the bride away, and Mr. Albert Burton, younger brother to the bride, acted as best man to the bridegroom. Other members of the bride's family were also present. The bridegroom was faultlessly attired. Mr. Frank Hepworth, resident speaker at Bury, performed the ceremony. This is the first Spiritualist's wedding that has occurred in Bury, and it is only just to our friends the Unitarians, to say, that the consent of the trustees and likewise the minister of the chapel, was generously granted without hesitation.

## DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS.

### Bradford District.

This District Visitor reports having nine Societies with Lyceums and three without. He has visited the Lyceums at Westgate New Hall; St. Paul's, Laisterdyke; and Ivy Rooms, concerning which he writes as follows:—

**WESTGATE** was well attended; fairly good order; marching good. The prospects of this Lyceum are good, as it is in the centre of the city, and its afternoon sessions are attended by some of the other Lyceumists. Mr. Geo. Stead and staff make good officers.

**LAISTERDYKE** (St. Paul's)—I was sorry to find such a poor attendance, only 37 present out of 124 on the register. The general conduct was good; the lessons were nicely rendered. The marching was excellent. This Lyceum has a splendid hall, with plenty of room, and ought to make the welkin ring as it is in a very populous centre.

**IVY ROOMS**.—I am pleased to report a good improvement here under the able conductorship of Bro. Bates and staff. Chain recitations well rendered; marching good; group lessons room for improvement. The attendance good. Plenty of young folks if they would only make themselves useful in the Lyceum.—J. BURCHELL, D.V., 65, Gillington Road, Bradford.

### Halifax and Huddersfield District.

This District Visitor reports having ten Societies in his District all having Lyceums! He has visited the following Lyceums, Hebden Bridge; Sowerby Bridge; Brighouse, Elland; Halifax (Alma-street), and Huddersfield (Brook-street); concerning which he writes as follows:—

**HEBDEN BRIDGE**.—This Lyceum is making rapid progress, and will soon equal some of our older Lyceums if it continues in its onward march. Its membership is now about 60.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE**, is still improving and it almost makes one wonder as to what state of efficiency it is possible for a Lyceum to attain.

**BRIGHOUSE**, commenced five minutes late, after which about one half of the senior scholars came in, otherwise it is a good Lyceum.

**ALMA STREET**, is a good all round Lyceum. The attention has greatly improved since my last visit.

**ELLAND**, is a fairly good Lyceum, punctual in attendance, chain recitations etc., all gone through in a most creditable manner. The marching and calisthenics good.—G. E. BAKER, D.V., 83, Bridge Terrace, Greetland, Halifax.

### Leeds District.

This District Visitor reports having thirteen Societies in his District all having Lyceums. He has visited the following:—Heckmondwike; Batley Carr; Leeds (Bethel-street, and Joseph-street); and Wakefield; concerning which he reports as follows:—

**HECKMONDWIKE**, I am pleased to report has opened its Lyceum in their new premises, and that a nice gathering was present at both Sessions.

**BATLEY CARR**.—A well conducted and orderly Lyceum. The little ones were questioned as to the meaning of the chain recitations, and gave good answers.

**LEEDS**, (Bethel-street).—This Lyceum is making rapid progress, they all appear to work in harmony for the good of their Lyceum. There is a good response when recitations are solicited.

**LEEDS**, (Joseph-street).—This Lyceum has only lately opened, and is making good progress. The general conduct was good.

**WAKEFIELD**.—This Society has removed into a much better hall, and re-opened their Lyceum, which promises to be a good Lyceum.—JAMES KITSON, D.V., Collier Row, Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

### Liverpool District.

This District Visitor reports having seven Societies with Lyceums, and three without. He has visited Hindley; Bootle; Daulby Hall; and Warrington, concerning which he reports as follows:—

**HINDLEY**.—Considering the short time this Lyceum has been in existence it has done remarkably well. They commenced punctually with 34 present, the programme was carried through in a very able manner.

**BOOTLE**.—Owing to sickness and the inclement weather there was but a poor muster. The chain recitations were well rendered, explanations of the same being given. The various sections of the Musical Reading were read by different scholars who offered their opinions on the same. In my opinion this is a good plan to bring out their abilities.

**DAULBY HALL**.—The marching was the best part of the Session. The chain recitations could be very much improved if better attention was given. I do hope they will look to this as there is the making of a good Lyceum here.

**WARRINGTON**.—In the morning there were 40 present, and 44 in the afternoon. The best feature of this Lyceum is its Liberty Group, which has 24 members, the instruction given in it should be of great service to its members.—DAVID COLECLOUGH, D.V., 19, Margaret Street, Wigan.

### Manchester District.

This District Visitor reports having visited the following Lyceums, Beswick; Pendleton (Broad-street, and also the Junction); Princess Hall, and Maskell-street; concerning which she writes:—

The Lyceums I have visited during the past quarter are in a better state than formerly.

**CROSS LANE**.—The Lyceum meets in a nice hall in Pendleton, Broad-street, and are making headway. On my last visit essays were the chief topic, and well responded to.

**BESWICK** has improved in numbers, and have promised me to join the Union.

**PENDLETON** (Junction, formerly Cook-street).—This Lyceum is once more recruiting its membership. At the opening of their new premises there was a joint gathering from five Lyceums, numbering nearly 300 Lyceumists! We also had the Union's President, Mr. Johnson, with us.

**PRINCESS HALL**.—This Lyceum is in a very good condition, for which all credit is due to its officers. The Open Session was splendid.

**MASKELL STREET**.—This Lyceum was also visited at its Open Session. Visitors from other Lyceums were present, when a most enjoyable session was held. I occupied their platform for the day and the friends declared themselves well pleased with the results.

I have again received and responded to a number of invitations from Lyceums outside my district, where my services have been well received. I would like to make reference to them, but refrain on account of them being outside my District.—MRS. BENTLEY (nee Miss A. E. Burton), D.V., 42, Avon-st., C-on-M., Manchester.

### North-East Lancashire.

This District Visitor reports having twenty-three Societies with Lyceums, and two without. During the past quarter he has visited the three Lyceums in Accrington; the four Lyceums in Burnley; the two in Blackburn; and also Colne; Clayton-le-Moors; Darwen; Barnoldswick; Blackpool; Great Harwood; Padiham; Preston; Rishton; Rawtenstall; Nelson, Every-street, and Oswaldtwistle, concerning which he reports as follows:—

I am pleased to say that Guy-street, Burnley, has re-opened their Lyceum and joined the B.S.L.U. There is now only one Lyceum in our District not in the B.S.L.U., but I am hoping to obtain their consent in the near future, and so make our District both thoroughly united with each other, and with the Union. During this last quarter (my fourth as D.V.) there have been 28 visits paid by myself and colleagues, as follows:—Mr. E. Laycock, 4; Mr. J. W. Carter, 5; Mr. U. Greenwood, 6; and myself 12. This makes a grand total of 85 visits paid during the past year. This indicates greater unity and harmony amongst our Lyceums in general. The conduct in all the Lyceums I have visited has struck me as being more harmonious, better disciplined, and a deeper reverence manifested towards the officers, which augurs well for the future.—WILL EDWARDS, D.V., 68, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

### Nottingham District.

The District Visitor reports having five societies with Lyceums and two without. During the past quarter he has visited both Lyceums in Leicester and both those in Nottingham, concerning which he reports as follows :—

I am glad to report that the LEICESTER (Silver Street) Lyceum continues to make headway. It started in October last with 60, and has now over 100. Their programme was splendid, the order was excellent, the members enthusiastic, the session most enjoyable. I was glad to see signs of improvement at the Queen Street Lyceum. The membership is increasing, and with such a competent and earnest conductor better days should be in store for them. All appeared happy, and the order was good.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—The order was excellent and considerable ability was displayed by the members. But I should like to see more workers and a greater increase of members. The same applies to the Gladstone Hall Lyceum. We have to lament the apathy of the society members.

J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V., 72, Heskey Street, Nottingham.

### Rochdale District.

This District Visitor reports having sixteen societies with Lyceums and three without. He has held one interview, but they plead lack of accommodation. He has visited the following Lyceums.—Oldham (Elliot Street), Heywood, Bury and Hollingwood (Byrom Street), concerning which he reports as follows :—

I find the above in fairly good condition. Elliott Street has a bright prospect before it, and is capable of doing much good. Heywood, Bury and Byrom Street are in a healthy condition. Royton has made a little progress since my last visit, which I trust will be continued. WM. CHISNALL, D.V., 58, King Street, Oldham.

### Sheffield District.

This District Visitor reports having visited the following Lyceums : Parkgate, Rotherham, Mexborough, Heeley and Attercliffe, concerning which he writes as follows :—

PARKGATE.—I found three earnest workers and about eighteen children. They were waiting society to elect the officers, when they feel sure a larger number will attend when they know that somebody is in charge.

MEXBOROUGH.—Very few were present, and the majority of these were officers, who were surprised at the small gathering. I hope for better results on my next visit.

HEELEY.—Here the membership has increased wonderfully of late. There is a good opportunity for splendid work here.

ATERCLIFFE.—Every seat full. No room whatever for either marching or calisthenics. They are doing great things here. An effort should be made by the parent society to provide them with suitable accommodation.

THOMAS OLIVER, D.V., 140, Valley Road, Heeley, Sheffield.

### Stockport District.

This District Visitor reports having seven societies in his district with Lyceums and three societies without. He has visited Stockport, Ashton-under-Lyne and Saddleworth, concerning which he reports as follows :—

STOCKPORT.—The chain recitations of this Lyceum are very good. So were the marching and calisthenics. There was an open session held on the day of my visit, which was most enjoyable.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—This Lyceum seems to be in a healthy condition. The chain recitations and general conduct good, except talking during the marching.

SADDLEWORTH.—The chain recitations of this Lyceum are good. The marching and calisthenics are excellent. The general condition of this Lyceum reflects great credit on the officers.

I am sorry to report that the Dukinfield Lyceum has disbanded.

T. MYATT, D.V., 6, Lindsey-street, Stalybridge.

### Teeside District.

This District Visitor reports having five societies in her district with Lyceums and one without. She has visited the following :

Stockton-on-Tees, Shildon and two at Middlesborough, concerning which she writes as follows :—

STOCKTON is making good progress and is in a very healthy state.

MIDDLESBOROUGH (Grange-road) has made great improvement since my last report. They have a new staff of officers, who appear to take an interest in their work. May they keep together and render all the help possible to their dear friend and conductor, Mr. Roeder, who is ably assisted by Master Roeder in leading the singing, etc.

MIDDLESBOROUGH (Walker-street).—This Lyceum was opened three weeks ago. I was surprised to see so many smiling faces present, thirty-five children and three adults. They are children who have not attended any other Sunday school. I helped them in the marching and gave them other necessary help and advice.

SHILDON.—The recitations, singing, etc., was splendid. Marching and calisthenics were excellent. They went through their programme in good style.

I am hopeful of inducing Bishop Auckland Society to re-open their Lyceum. As an inducement I have promised to help them all I possibly can.

MRS. MARY H. NAYLOR, D.V., 8, Westward-st., Middlesboro.

### Tyneside District.

I have the honour to report that the Lyceums are in a healthier state in this district than of late. Gateshead (Bensham) Lyceum takes the lead for numbers and for a certain vivacity or enthusiasm, which imparts a nobility which is felt, but is difficult to express. I think credit is due to the officers for evoking such a spirit. Newcastle (Northumberland Hall) has increased its strength about fifty per cent. during the past year, and under its new conductor I trust will acquire that ardour which is so helpful and so attractive. The other Newcastle Lyceum (Heaton) is also improving since it got back its former conductor, Mr. B. Westgarth, and bids fair to attain to its former excellent condition. There had been friction between the society and the Lyceum, consequently neither could hope to prosper whilst it lasted. Now this is over we look for better results. New Hirst Lyceum has suffered terribly since they exchanged their hall for a small room, and just the splendid devotion of a few officers has kept it alive. May they be rewarded by seeing the Lyceum restored to its pristine glory. I have approached other societies in the district, but unable to get them to start a Lyceum as yet.

H. A. KERSEY, D.V.

### How our Lyceum could be Improved.

#### A PRIZE ESSAY.

By NELLIE WORSWICK, of Padiham.

I think our Lyceum could be improved if we would strive to do unto others as we would like to be done by. First, to be attentive to our conductor, and do as we are told; then to try and do our best for those who spend their time for our good. If we wish to receive kindness, we must be kind to others; we must show respect to all, whether rich or poor. We should also be careful with our "Lyceum Manuals," and keep them as clean as possible. In our Lyceum, we should always remember where we are and what we have come for. Do not let us grieve the dear ones who are ever watching and guiding us, by doing that which is not right. Let us also be punctual in our attendance. It would be much better for us if we would pay more heed to our conductor, both when we are marching and doing our calisthenics. We should also pay more attention to the conductor's bell. If we would all try to do these things, I think our Lyceum would be much improved thereby.

Owing to the great pressure upon our space this month, we are compelled to hold over "Our Bluebells page" and our calendar of Saints until next issue

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## Lyceum Notes and Comments

The Lyceum Conference is close upon us once more. All our faces are turning towards York, the walled metropolis of the County of Broad Acres, and the representative of the ecclesiastical power in the provinces.

This ecclesiastical stronghold is about to be invaded by over 130 representatives of the Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, which stands for all that is best and grandest in the religious, moral, spiritual, and social well-being of the human race.

We shall have a record gathering, with a record agenda, and we trust the result of the deliberations will be a record of effective measures.

The various reports, balance sheets, statistical returns, etc. have absorbed a large amount of our space. But the Conference only comes once a year, and it is necessary that the Lyceums should be in full possession of these figures and reports, so that they may realize the work done by its officials, and the status of the movement generally, and so, with a few exceptions, the secretaries have respected our appeal not to send on Lyceum reports.

It seems to be the desire of a number of Lyceums to increase the number of the Executive. In one instance the suggestion is to double the number now serving. Is it wise to have a large executive? Will the interests of the Union be served more efficiently? Will the business of the Council meeting be despatched more expeditiously? These are questions that should be well considered, as we believe that experience teaches that the greater the number the more protracted the business meetings.

It is necessary that the business of the Executive meetings be completed on the Saturday evenings, so as to allow the members full liberty to address the propaganda meetings on the Sunday, as per constitution.

Would it not be preferable to keep the Executive as at present constituted, and make it so that those members in

humble circumstances, who cannot afford to lose a day's wage on the Monday, thus necessitating their return home early on the Sunday, where long journeys have to be made, thereby robbing the propaganda meetings of much of their force and effectiveness,—we ask, Would it not be preferable to keep the number as at present, and where work has to be broken and wages lost, to recoup the members for the same?

It would be cheaper than doubling the railway fares, and would allow the poor, but capable workers in our movement to aspire to the highest offices without the fear of impoverishing their homes. It has often pained us to see our evening Propaganda Meetings depleted of half its force and power by its members being forced to return home in the middle of the day. If the number be increased under the present system, it will not be a remedy, but only add to the exodus.

Credentials, along with copies of the Agenda, were despatched to all delegates, through their respective Lyceum Secretaries on April 15th. If any have failed to reach their destination the fact should be reported to the Union's Secretary at once.

We are urgently requested to impress upon all attending the Conference the necessity of writing to Mr. Thomas Chapman, 35, Ebor Street, York, concerning their accommodation, and to enclose a stamped envelope for reply. This is a little matter for each one, but a serious matter when one individual has to pay postage on over 130 letters.

All delegates having friends in York with whom they purpose staying, should make the fact known to Mr. Chapman as early as possible.

It is with deep regret we have to report the passing on of Mr. Wm. Greenwood. Mrs. Jessie Greenwood and family have our deepest sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

We beg to congratulate Mr. S. S. Chiswell, and Mr. Councillor John Venables, on the presentations received. Bro. Chiswell has been presented with the Grand Cross of Legion of Honour of Court "Liverpool," No. 2,007, I.O.F.!!! And Councillor John Venables with a massive silver epergne and plateau, 30 inches high, of elaborate design. It bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. Councillor John Venables by the members of the Walsall Liberal Club as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services as chairman 1899 to 1904." Bro. Venables has been connected with the club for 37 years. May they long be spared to enjoy the honours thus conferred upon them.

Our hearty congratulations to Miss Annie E. Burton and Mr. Wm. Edmund Bentley. We are sure that all readers will join us in wishing them a long and happy married life.

THE  
British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union

WILL HOLD ITS

SIXTEENTH \* \*  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

IN THE

Victoria Hall Mission Room, St. Andrewgate,  
York, on the 13th of May, 1905, at 6 p.m.

And at the Victoria Hall, Goodramgate,  
at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 14th, 1905.

**TEAS** will be provided at Mr. Rusholme's Cafe, Micklegate,  
York. Price 8d. Dinner on Sunday, 1/-.

## A Grand Public Meeting

will be held on the Sunday Evening at 6-30 in the  
Victoria Hall, to be addressed by the PRESIDENT,  
PRESIDENT-ELECT, supported by the OFFICERS  
and the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

President, Mr. WILLIAM JOHNSON (Hyde).

### AGENDA.

- 1.—Opening Exercises.
  - 2.—Appointments *pro tem*.
  - 3.—Minutes of the last Conference.
  - 4.—Correspondence.
  - 5.—REPORTS :—(a) Secretary's General Report. (b) LYCEUM BANNER Report. (c) Treasurer's Report. (d) Permanent Secretary's Fund Report. (e) Auditor's Report. (f) Report on Suitable Books. (g) Report on Trustees.
  - 6.—Unfinished Business on the Agenda. (*Nil*.)
  - 7.—MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION :—
    - (1) To amend Art. III. of the Constitution, last paragraph : " And an Executive Council consisting of ten members to be elected as hereinafter provided.
    - (2) To amend Art. X., last paragraph : " Five members of the Executive Council shall retire annually. And if the foregoing amendments are carried, to further move :—
      - (3) The members of the Executive Council retiring this year shall serve during the ensuing year, and the whole of the existing Council shall retire at the next Annual Conference, the five new members serving for two years. But if any member of the existing Council do not seek re-election, the five members of the Executive Council receiving the largest number of votes at the present election shall be deemed to be elected for two years, and the remainder shall retire next year with the existing members of the past Executive Council.—By BOOTLE LYCEUM.
      - (4) That the Executive of this Union shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and an Executive Council consisting of eight members, to be elected as hereinafter provided.
- That all accredited members to each Conference be eligible to the aforesaid offices.

Art. X.—That the officers of the Union (except the Secretary) shall retire annually. Four members of the Executive to retire annually, but all are eligible for re-election, by ballot, at the Annual Conference.—By DARWEN LYCEUM.

(5)—I beg to hand you the following notice of motion dealing with Art. III., page 4, OFFICERS. "That an Executive Council consisting of" delete the word "five," and insert "eight" members, etc.—By HARPURHEY LYCEUM.

(6)—That the word "eight" be substituted for the word "five" in Art. III., page 4.—By ARMLEY LYCEUM.

(7)—That the Executive of the B.S.L.U. be increased by three persons totalling eight of a committee.—By the HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD D.C.

(8)—That the Officers and Members of the B.S.L.U. make not less than 12 attendances at some Lyceum in every twelve months.—By SOWERBY BRIDGE LYCEUM.

(9)—That all Lyceums not in any District Council (if financial members of the Union) shall have a visitor from the Union at least once a year.—By BOLTON (Bradford Street) LYCEUM.

(10)—That the voting powers of Lyceumists be 14 years of age and upwards on all matters.—By BLACKPOOL LYCEUM.

8.—Notice of Motions for next Conference.

9.—Elect place of next Conference. (Invited to be held at Keighley.)

10.—Elect Officers : (the following have been nominated.

FOR PRESIDENT :—Mr. H. A. Kersey, by Newcastle Lyceum; Councillor John Venables, by Rochdale (Regent Hall) Lyceum; Mr. Thomas Wilson, by Huddersfield (St. Peter Street), Elland, and Sowerby Bridge Lyceums; Mr. Jonah Clarke, by Nottingham (Mechanics' Hall) Lyceum.

VICE-PRESIDENT :—Mr. Wm. Johnson, by Darwen Lyceum.

TREASURER :—Mr. T. H. Wright, by Sowerby Bridge Lyceum; Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, by Newcastle Lyceum; Councillor J. Venables, by Walsall Lyceum; Mr. Reuben Latham, by Burnley (North Street), Nelson (Every Street) and Rawtenstall Lyceums; Mrs. Mary Law, Regent Hall.

HON. SECRETARY to the PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND : Mrs. Jessie Greenwood.—By Derby (Traffic Street) Lyceum.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL :—Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, by Hebden Bridge, Bury, and Rochdale (Regent Hall) Lyceums; Mrs. J. H. Jackson, by Harpurhey Lyceum; Miss Annie E. Burton, by Manchester (Maskell Street) Lyceum; Mr. S. S. Chiswell, by Newcastle and Sowerby Bridge Lyceums; Mr. H. A. Kersey, by Newcastle Lyceum; Mr. A. Wilkinson, by Keighley and Bury Lyceums; Mr. George Howarth, by Sowerby Bridge and Armley Lyceums, and Halifax and Huddersfield D.C.; Mr. J. Colbeck, by Leeds D.C.

12.—Elect Auditor. Retiring Auditor, Mr. J. J. Bennett (eligible for re-election).

12A.—Elect two Representatives to the SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION.

13.—Votes of thanks to Retiring Officers, etc.

14.—Votes of thanks to Local Societies and Lyceums.

15.—Closing Exercises.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

## BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

## THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TO THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND DELEGATES.

In presenting my annual report to you once more, I am pleased to inform you that your instructions of last Conference have been faithfully attended to, and as far as possible, carried out.

## SUITABLE BOOKS.

These have been further gone into with the result that it assumed such proportions that it was deemed advisable to present the sub-Committee's Report to you, and await further instructions on the matter, before compiling a catalogue of those selected.

## THE LYCEUM BADGE.

This long-desired badge of mutual recognition has been decided upon, and reflects great credit on your Executive for the able manner in which they have carried out your instructions. The design is a prettily tinted miniature portrait of our esteemed founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, namely, Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, with the initials C.P.L. The badge is mounted in real rolled gold, and is made with a crescent fastener for males, and brooch pin for females. It ought to become very popular, with children and adults alike.

## TRUSTEES.

The question of Trustees has also received careful attention, being brought a little nearer solution. We take it for granted that what is desired is some plan, mode, or scheme that will enable the B.S.L.U. to secure the greatest amount of security for its funds and property at the least possible expense, and at the same time give the Conference a safeguard against the contingency of its elected Trustees assuming undue authority over the transactions of the Union, or take undue liberty with the Union's funds or property. We believe these desirable safeguards can be attained, as the Report will show.

## THE PERMANENT SECRETARY.

Your Executive duly carried out your instructions concerning the above officer, or servant. After careful consideration of the whole question an Agreement was entered into between your Executive on the one part, and Mr. Alfred Kitson on the other part to serve the BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION for five years as its General Secretary at a salary of £2 per week. This document was duly signed, and stamped, and lodged in the bank for safe keeping by your Treasurer, Mr. Albert E. Sutcliffe. Thereupon your Secretary assumed the full responsibility of his duties on Saturday, November 11th, 1904. In the honour you have thus conferred upon him he can only assure you that as in the past, so in the future will he ever strive to earn your confidence and respect by a faithful and conscientious discharge of his duties.

## THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without paying my tribute of respect and admiration to Mrs. Jessy Greenwood's earnest and untiring zeal as Hon. Secretary to the above necessary fund. The splendid result of her first

year's efforts of £71 5s. 2d. speaks more eloquently than words of her devotion to her task. When we consider that all this has been done in addition to her many other duties, and the anxious time caused by the illness of Mr. Greenwood, it must win for her the heartiest thanks of the Conference.

Having briefly dealt with the matters arising out of the instructions given last Conference the first item that demands recording is the great loss, from a physical standpoint, our movement has sustained in the passing up higher of one who was with us last year, lending his advice, council, and support in your deliberations, *namely*,

MR. ALFRED SMEDLEY,

of Belper, who passed up higher on January 24th, 1905, and whose mortal remains were interred on the 28th, by your Secretary; Councillor John Venables and Mr. Jonah Clarke attending the funeral.

It does not require my pen to remind you of his munificent gift of *Some Reminiscences*, or his generous help to the LYCEUM BANNER, or his series of useful pamphlets. These are only a few of the kindly deeds done for the love of the Cause. Mr. Smedley's name will ever be held in high esteem by all who knew him. Let our loving sympathy go out to Mrs. Smedley and family. May they enjoy that communion with a loving husband and wise father that shall help to rob death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.

## SERVICES OF SONG.

Your Executive has had several offers of MSS. during the past year, amongst which are the two Services of Song, entitled, *Rest at Last*, and *Ministering Spirits*, by Miss Ashworth, of Rawtenstall, herself a bed-ridden invalid, who has enriched our movement with her pen and fertile brain. These two pieces were out of print for several years, and are now republished by the Union. The other MSS. are under consideration, and will be dealt with at an early date.

## MEMBERSHIP.

A few Lyceums have lapsed during the past year owing to various causes. In a few instances the parent Society has lapsed, whilst in others there has been a lack of workers. We look upon the latter as only a temporary closing, and anticipate hearing of their re-opening by-and-by. Dukinfield, Dudley Hill, and Wolverhampton are amongst them, while Parkgate and Wakefield, we are happy to say, have re-opened.

On all sides the prospects grow brighter as our teachings, our aims and objects become better known.

The membership has risen from 122 last Conference to 140 this; 25 Lyceums having been enrolled members since my last report.

There are 18 non-Federated Lyceums as against 24 non-Federated last year, making a grand total of 158 Lyceums.

The receipts in contributions for the past year are a record, being £35 1s. 7d., as against £29 17s. 7d., or an increase of £5 4s. od.

I am sorry to add that while we have three Lyceums in Scotland, there appears to be none in Wales. A Revival amongst the Spiritualists on the Children's behalf seems to be urgently needed in our sister-country. Oh! may it be soon.

Our friends in London are putting forth renewed energy and effort to awaken interest in, and sympathy for, the Lyceum cause. Joint meetings are being held with a view to induce all well organised Societies to open Lyceums. We hope to hear of their praise-worthy efforts being crowned with success.

#### DISTRICT VISITORS.

Much of the credit for the increase of Membership is due to the energetic efforts of the District Visitors, who have been untiring in their efforts to bring the Lyceums in their respective districts into line with the Federated Lyceums. These servants of the Lyceum Union are worthy of praise, as being watchful and on the alert to render all the assistance in their power to promote the general welfare of the Lyceums under their care and observation.

#### THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

The sales of the *Lyceum Manual* and *Spiritual Songster* continue on the upward tendency. Several orders have been received from the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia during the past year. The unbound stock of *Lyceum Manuals* is very low, and steps are being taken to print another addition of 10,000 copies, so that there may be no delay in filling orders.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REGISTER.

The four Quarterly Meetings held since the Conference have been attended as follows:—The President, 4; Vice-President, 3; Treasurer, 2; Secretary, 4; Mr. Latham, 4; Mr. Keeling, 4; Mr. Venables, 3; Mrs. Greenwood, 2; and Mr. Chiswell, 1.

NOTE.—The Vice-President missed one attendance on account of sickness. Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. Chiswell have missed two each on account of sickness. Mr. Venables and Mr. Chiswell missed one each on account of Walsall Lyceum Anniversary (Mr. Chiswell being the speaker) clashing with the E.C. meeting held at Barrow-in-Furness. The Treasurer has missed two on account of pressure of business which, I am sorry to say, has led to him tendering his resignation.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Spiritual Press for so readily inserting my quarterly announcements and reports, and trust the same courtesy will continue to be extended towards the Union in the future.

The new system of keeping the Union's accounts works splendidly, and is fully equal to the good things anticipated of it last year.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

#### THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

It gives me much pleasure to again report to you the continued success of the Lyceum Union's Official Organ—THE LYCEUM BANNER. The circulation during the past year has increased to nearly 4,000 copies over the previous year! I confidently anticipate an increase of another 4,000 copies during the present year. If all Lyceum Officers will try to place a copy each month in the home of every Lyceumist, and so enable them to learn what is going on in the Movement, a deeper interest will be manifested in their own Lyceum, and it will thus be the gainer for its generous treatment.

Increased circulation will enable us to increase the usefulness of the LYCEUM BANNER. We desire to be able to give portraits, accompanied by brief biographical sketches of our ever increasing army of earnest workers. To these may be added groups of Lyceumists, pic-nic parties, demonstrations headed by large silk banners, and operetta groups, all of which would be both interesting, instructive, and encouraging.

At present these desirable features are beyond our reach for want of funds, and can only be inserted at personal cost. We feel confident the good time is coming when they will be within our reach. "The workers win!" And we mean to win!

It will be noticed that we have been able to add £10 3s. 1½d. to last year's credit balance. It may be thought, by some, that this is sufficient to enable us to carry out our desired improvements. But when we point out the fact that the LYCEUM BANNER accounts are quarterley—some run a year—while the bills for printing and carriage are paid monthly, it will be observed at once that it requires a LYCEUM BANNER fund of not less than £40 to meet current expenses.

Again, it will be also observed that we are indebted to our dear friend, the late Mr. Alfred Smedley, for £7 18s. 3d. for certain improvements. And other financial aid to the extent of £4 has also been rendered.

As all Federated Lyceums are joint owners, and the Editor is only their servant, it may be wise to take you further into my confidence *re* its management. Let me inform you, then, that the improvements made in the LYCEUM BANNER since it became your property exceed £2 10s. per month. This, as you will readily understand, is a heavy charge which the management has to meet.

This is not all. As the LYCEUM BANNER is the Official Organ of the Lyceum Movement marked copies are mailed to all Federated Lyceums who do not take the LYCEUM BANNER whenever it contains any important announcements. By this means all Lyceum Secretaries are kept posted on important matters concerning the B.S.L.U. In this the LYCEUM BANNER is doing nothing more than its duty. It must continue to do it until it is rendered unnecessary by all Lyceums recognising their duty to their own Official Organ. Again we repeat, "the workers win!" and we mean to win the hearty and loyal support of all Lyceumists whose hearts are fired with true love and zeal for the Children's Progressive Lyceum. To that end we earnestly solicit the help and assistance of each present reader of the LYCEUM BANNER.

ALFRED KITSON, Editor and Manager.

We have examined the Books of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, and find them a correct record of the Union's affairs as contained in the Balance Sheets of the General, Publishing, Lyceum Home, Permanent Secretary, and Lyceum Banner Departments.

JNO. J. BENNETT, } Hon.  
FRANK CHISWELL, } Auditors.

Liverpool, 18th March, 1905.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Secy.





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1904.	£	s. d.	1904.	£	s. d.
Dec. 31 To Donations from Lyceums, as per list	27	13 2	Jan. 1 By Balance due to Treasurer ... ..	0	6 7
31 ,, ,, ,, Subscribers ... ..	43	12 0	1 ,, Paid to Secretary ... ..	64	6 8
			1 ,, Postages, Stationery, &c. ... ..	1	12 8
			1 ,, Balance to General Fund ... ..	4	19 3
	£71 5 2			£71 5 2	

### Statement Shewing Liabilities and Assets on December 31st, 1904.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance being amount of Assets over				By Cash Balances:—			
Liabilities as per contra. ... ..	915	2	7½	General Fund ... ..	134	17	3
				Publishing Department... ..	260	12	4½
				Lyceum Home Fund ... ..	89	11	0
				Lyceum Banner A/c ... ..	20	8	0
	£915 2 7½				505 8 7½		
				,, Outstanding A/cs ... ..	6	6	4½
				,, Stock as certified by Secretary ..	403	7	7½
					£915 2 7½		

### Stock as on December 31st, 1904.

1904.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Lyceum Manuals (unbound copies) 11 19 3				Hymn Sheets, No. 1 series ... ..	1	8	10½
,, No. 1 style of binding 6 13 8				,, ,, 2 ,, ... ..	0	10	1½
,, ,, 2 ,, ... ..	2	5	6	,, ,, 3 ,, ... ..	1	17	6
,, ,, 3 ,, ... ..	3	9	5	,, ,, 4 ,, ... ..	1	13	0
,, ,, 5 ,, ... ..	6	19	4		5 9 6		
,, ,, 6 ,, ... ..	5	6	4½	Leaflets:—The Lyceum: What it is	0	13	0
	36 13 6½			Miscellaneous Books ... ..	0	16	8
Outlines of Spiritualism (cloth) ...	7	13	4	Stereo Plates of Spiritual Songster 130 10 0			
,, (gilt) ... ..	0	17	0	Less 5% depreciat'n ... ..	6	10	0
	8 10 4				123 10 0		
Physical Exercises (paper) ... ..	6	12	4	Blocks for Physical Exercises ... ..	3	19	4
,, (cloth, limp) ... ..	3	3	5	Less 5% depreciat'n ... ..	0	4	0
	9 15 9				3 15 4		
Spiritual Songsters (unbound copies) 15 9 7				Book Press ... ..			
,, (bound copies) 6 8 9					2 7 6		
	21 18 4				Total £403 7 7½		
Four-fold Pledge Books ... ..	0	10	2½				
Reminiscences ... ..	184	12	0				
Lyceum Registers (large) ... ..	3	0	6				
,, (small) ... ..	1	14	11½				
	4 15 5½						

(Signed) ALFRED KITSON,  
Gen. Secy.

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MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Secy.,  
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Statistical Returns for the Year Ending December, 1904.

No.	Name of Lyceum.	Officers.	Mem.	
1	Accrington, Argyle Street	8	37	
2	,, China ,,	6	45	
3	,, Carter ,,	6	30	
4	Armley, Theaker Lane	20	92	
5	Ashton-under-Lyne	8	68	
6	Bacup, Market Street	28	80	
7	Barnoldswick, Market Street	5	31	
8	Barrow-in-Furness	11	71	
9	,, Abby Road	4	30	
10	Batley Carr, Carr Street	12	43	
11	Belper Jubilee Hall	22	110	
12	Birmingham, Saltley	7	57	
13	,, County Chambers	10	68	
14	,, Smethwick	15	45	
15	Blackburn, St. Peter Street	20	180	
16	,, Northgate	17	116	
17	Blackpool, Albert Road	17	105	
18	Bolton, Bradford Street	9	55	
19	,, Wood Street	7	65	
20	Bootle, Mechanics' Hall	13	47	
21	Bradford, Ivy Rooms	15	52	
22	,, Otley Road	7	40	
23	,, Westgate New Hall	10	40	
24	,, Laisterdyke	23	105	
25	,, West Bowling	9	71	
26	Brighouse	10	74	
27	Burnley, Guy Street	6	24	
28	,, Hammerton Street	7	77	
29	,, North Street	15	160	
30	,, Richard Street	11	60	
31	Burton-on-Trent	3	23	
32	Bury, Georgiana Street	16	68	
33	Castleford, Brittan Hall	6	36	
34	Clayton le-Moor	3	22	
35	Colne, Cloth Hall	27	84	
36	Crews, Baker Street	6	21	
37	Crompton, Rochdale Road	4	26	
38	Darwen, Church Bank Street	20	164	
39	Dearnley, Rochdale Road	10	32	
40	Derby, Traffic Street	6	36	
41	,, Hastings Street	6	50	
42	Dewsbury, Bond Street	15	69	
43	Doncaster, St. Sepulchregate	4	27	
44	,, Netherhall Road	5	22	
45	Dundee, Forester's Hall	14	65	
46	Elland, James Street	8	36	
47	Gateshead, St. Cuthbert Hall	21	107	
48	Glasgow, Bath Street	16	68	
49	Great Harwood, Cambridge St	6	37	
50	Hadfield, Albert Street	8	16	
51	Halifax, Alma Street	15	103	
52	,, Raven Street	20	122	
53	Hebden Bridge, Victoria Hall	14	27	
54	Heckmondwike, Tower Street	7	22	
55	Heywood, William Street	7	52	
56	Higher Broughton, Hilton St.	10	30	
57	Hindley, Bridge Street	6	30	
58	Hollinwood, Byrom Street	9	83	
59	,, Bower Lane	4	36	
60	Horwich, Beatrice Street	11	25	
61	Huddersfield, Brook Street	21	38	
62	,, St. Peter Street	6	34	
63	Hull, Lime Street	9	51	
64	Hyde, Clarendon Street	12	62	
65	Keighley, Heber Street	12	72	
66	Lancaster, St. Leonard's Gate	7	43	
67	Leeds, Bethel Gate	14	37	
68	,, Psycho. Hall	5	34	
69	,, Joseph street	7	35	
70	,, Church street	6	30	
71	,, Kennedy street	2	18	
72	Leicester, Queen street	9	47	
73	,, Silver	5	103	
74	Liverpool, Farworth Hall	6	24	
75	,, Dauby Hall	6	61	
76	London, Battersea	6	45	
77	,, Chiswick	3	9	
78	,, Tottenham	2	10	
79	Loughborough, Sparrow Hill	6	22	
80	Macclesfield, Cumberland st.	7	42	
81	Manchester, Hulme	7	63	
82	,, Harpurhey	7	63	
83	,, Higher Openshaw	5	70	
84	,, Gorton	5	17	
85	,, Longsight	10	38	
86	,, Maskell street	12	50	
87	,, Princess Hall	10	51	
88	Mexborough, Lees Arcade	8	42	
89	Middleton, Gilmour street	17	53	
90	Middlesboro', Grange Road	13	77	
91	Millom, Main street	4	26	
92	Morecambe, New Queen street	7	11	
93	Morley, Zoar street	7	23	
94	Nelson, Every street	12	98	
95	,, Pendle street	7	25	
96	N'wc'st'e-on-T'ne, High Friar st	23	51	
97	Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton	10	35	
98	New Hirst, Miners' Hall	4	18	
99	Nottingham, Gladstone Hall	11	44	
100	,, Mechanics'	6	32	
101	Normanton, Queen street	7	23	
102	Oldham, Coronation street	15	109	
103	,, Elliott street	15	109	
104	Oswaldthistle, James street	3	21	
105	Padiham, Ightenhill street	11	69	
106	Pendleton, Broad street	7	29	
107	,, Junction Ford Lane	8	53	
108	Preston, Walker street	10	95	
109	Quarmby, Quarmby Road	14	20	
110	Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod st.	18	69	
111	Rishton, Etchell street	4	46	
112	Rochdale, Oldham Road	2	24	
113	,, Regent s treet	10	70	
114	,, Penn street	8	36	
115	Rotherham, Howard street	6	49	
116	Rothwell, Commercial street	10	30	
117	Royton, Union street	5	22	
118	Saddleworth, Lee street	5	20	
119	Salford, Chapel street	5	22	
120	Scarborough, North Street	6	58	
121	Sheffield, Attercliffe	8	42	
122	,, Heeley	8	44	
123	,, Uppertorpe	8	41	
124	Shildon, Main street	7	55	
125	Skipton, Temperance Hall	10	27	
126	Slaithwaite, Laith Lane	18	35	
127	Sowerby Bridge, Hollins Lane	3	21	
128	Spennymore, High street	3	33	
129	Stalybridge, Bennett street	6	47	
130	,, Trinity street	13	55	
131	Stockport, Wellington	6	78	
132	Stockton-on-Tees, Silver street	9	27	
133	Todmorden, Dale street	13	76	
134	Walsall, Bradford street	6	44	
135	Wakefield, Kirkgate	4	60	
136	Warrington, Sankey street	5	30	
137	West Pelton, Old Store Hall	13	23	
138	Wigan, Miners' Hall	6	24	
139	Yeadon, Townside	8	24	
140	York, St. Martin's Crescent	10	42	
141	,, St. Saviourgate	10	42	
			Total	1305 6928

Non-Federated Lyceums.

1	Birkenhead, Brittan Hall	...
2	Darnall	...
3	Edinburgh	...
4	Gateshead, Windsor Avenue	5 45
5	Grimsby	...
6	Hull, Clarendon street	5 36
7	Leigh	...
8	London, Stratford	...
9	Manchester, Beswick	...
10	,, Bradford	8 52
11	,, Collyhurst	...
12	Parkgate	...
13	Plymouth, Princess Square	...
14	,, Morley street	...
15	Sheffield, Penistone Road	...
16	Shipley, Teal Court	6 46
17	Windhill	...

# 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, Miss Jane 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**, Market street, 10 a.m. Mr. A. Embry, 81, 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, 10 and 2, Miss Lily Watkins, 34, Monk-st.
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- 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 Purcell, 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. K. 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, 72, Cartwright Terrace, Stanacre Place  
" 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
- Burnley**, Fulleged, Richard st, 10 a.m., Mr. John Schofield, 17, Oxford-rd.
- " Guy st., 10-30, Mr. Wm. A. Nutter, 31, Hulme-st.  
" North st, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurlinglow 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. W. Pardy, 52, Smauthorne-ave.
- 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.  
" 8½, 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, 42, Childer's-st.  
" Nether Hall Road, 10-30. Mr. Walter Jefferies, 60, Horthorpe-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, Rodsley-st.
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- Great Harwood**, nr., Blackburn, Cambridge st., 10, Mr. Jas. Smith, 35, Park rd.
- Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. Christopher Nuttall, Station-rd
- Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 8, 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. J. S. Starbuck, 16, Wellington-st., W., Higher Broughton.
- 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, Seem-st.
- Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Charles R. Armitage, 157, Dukinfield-rd., Newton.
- Keighley**, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay, Cavendish street.
- Lancaster**, Athenaeum 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, Mr. G. A. Hunter, 28, Atkinson-st., Stourton
- 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  
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- Liverpool**, John Lamont Lyceum, Farnsworth st., Everton, 11 a.m., Mr. H. Langley, 31, Rutland-st, Everton  
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- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 46, Vincent-st.
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" 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30 Miss L. Simms, 96, Cranworth-st, C. on M.
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- 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'** Grange rd, 10 a.m., Mr. J. Buckingham, 31, Garret st.
- Millom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. R. Tyson, 5, Moor terrace.
- Morpheam**, New Queen st., 10-30, David Ditchfield, Victoria Cottage
- Morpheam** 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., Mr. T. Reed, 81, Hibson-rd.
- 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** 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. 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 ormered st., 10-15 to 11-45, Mr. John T. Pinchbeck, 11, Rosevale-street, Cloughfold
- Rishton**, Etchell-st., 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, 39, 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. A. W. Smith, 60, Spring Garden-st., nr. Oldham
- Saddleworth**, 1-45 p.m., Mr J. Shaw, Court-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. Mr. W. H. Nuttall, 46, Coleridge-rd., Attercliffe
- Sheffield** Heeley Herchell rd, 10 a.m. Mr. Ernest Wooller, 166, Valley rd.  
" Cross Addy st. Upperthorpe, 10-30, 2-30 Mr Robert E. Green 55 Fowler-st.
- Shildon**, 10, 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.
- Slaithwaite** 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. 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.
- Wakefield**, Kirkgate, Dixon's Yard, 10 and 1-45, Mr. A. Baldwin, 42, Carlton-st, Lawfield-lane.
- Walsall** Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tompkins, Hagley, Lyssways-st
- Warrington**, Sankey-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, 35, Ebor-st.