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ONE PENNY.

THE NIGHT OF HIS FAME.

By HERBERT E. CLARKE.

PART II.—THE DAWN OF THE DAY.

"To-day he puts forth the tender leaves of hope."—Shakespeare.

THE Thames was winding its gentle course to the sea, with scarcely a ripple on its mirror-like surface to throw into fantastic shapes the reflections of the stately oak trees and poplars on its banks, or of the humbler willows and birches which crept down with the grass to the water's edge and bowed in graceful beauty over the bosom of the river, hanging yellow catkin and tender green leaf to be imaged in the placid looking-glass of nature. On the right, a dark little tributary, dark because it ran through an avenue of overhanging shrubs, emptied its waters into the main river, and followed by the eye towards its source, disappeared behind a rising meadow freshly green with grass and clover.

Mander sat listlessly gazing at the river. It was very beautiful here far from London with its noise and tumult, where this silver flood he now found so pure, was wide and dark and full of mystery. Here were plenty of birds to fill the air with melody, there its banks resounded to the groans of the wretched, the cries of the street. Not far away he could see a gay house-boat in white and gold, and the merry laughter of the idlers just returning by punt and canoe, and making the best of a casual bright day, found an echo in his heart. He was strangely happy, possessed by an unaccustomed elevation of spirit which drove away mental anxiety and made him for the time forget his infirmity.

The tranquillity of this April day, like his own mood, a beautiful stranger to be welcomed above the accustomed rain and bluster, had taken control of him, and the solemn advance of the silent river, on, on to the sea by ways of beauty and squalor, entranced him. The past was like a dream to him, the only reality was the future, a future he was painting with bright colours, a future which he felt *was* to be his. His present attitude surprised himself; it was not *his* nature which was manifesting itself that afternoon, and yet in the delight of a new strength which hope was bringing him, he inwardly yearned that this strange happiness might become his very own, an integral part of his life. Life! what was life? Something generally sad and hopelessly incomplete, and yet a very sweet thing surely to those who could always feel as he felt now. Could there possibly be such people, he wondered? There was much

pain and death, and the question suggested was:—Did death end everything? Here was a book he had been reading which Flackland had sent him. There were strange new thoughts expressed, possibilities which never before had occurred to him, activities which he had never realised. Another life and a happier one! Was it by this gate of death that the unfortunate were to escape, the wretched and perhaps misunderstood to pass to a new existence where their wrongs should be righted? If it was so, death might not after all be such a terrible calamity, for it would give the poor man a chance, and the triumphs denied him here might await his enjoyment over there. It was a pleasant thought, but too "vaporish" at present, and he for his part would prefer to have one triumph at least on this side, where things were matter-of-fact and certain to the senses, before he tested the truth of the other doctrine. And at present he saw no reason why his hopes should not be realised. There was something within him which said over and over again that his triumph was coming as surely as the Thames before him ran to the sea. Could he have produced his symphony as he hoped to do before Audley warned him to take things quietly, he was assured that already he would have stormed the hearts of the people and won a place there which he would always keep. That was an unfortunate delay, but it could not do more than postpone the great day; Flackland was right in his predictions that night his illness began with what Audley made out was an apoplectic fit. Rubbish! The man must have been mad when he told Flackland such a thing, for he had never had any similar experience before or since, and most people had a faint once in their lives at least! But his time was coming; he had read the signs, of late, and each day was finding his enemies kinder, his new critics favourable to him, and his band of admirers growing larger and more enthusiastic. Some dear old ladies would look at him with such compassion and speak to him so patronisingly that he was tempted to laugh, and when they greeted him with kind words in the street and invited him to dinner, he had the greatest difficulty in escaping from their attentions. All this was very good, and soon he should return to London and show Audley he was no apoplectic and England he was a musician. With the week he had spent here he felt so much better that by Saturday he hoped to be able to return to London and see how the work was proceeding. Everything must be perfect for the night of the concert, and according to Flackland's letter, the arrangements so far were quite satisfactory and a complete success was almost assured, as three orchestras could have been constructed from the host of applications made by professional instrumentalists.

But what about this other life? Yes, it was natural to conceive of it as sequential to this, and there must be musicians over there. What were they doing, he wondered? Composing music still? It was a likely suggestion, and certainly there must be very sublime music in that other world. Was it ever heard by human ears? If such were possible then it was difficult to say to what extent his own music might not have been conceived originally by another! Aha! it was a regular fairy tale, and there might not be a morsel of truth in any of it. Miss What's-her-name's book might be pleasant reading, but he couldn't understand how Flackland of all men could have been *impressed* by it. Perhaps it was his Welsh superstitious tendencies, but *he* was an Englishman and belonged to a less impressional race. Ghosts! Ugh! he would have no ghostly music on any account: it was not the sort of thing to make a name with; he hadn't got an idea yet for setting the third act of "Hamlet" to music! And yet something told him his attitude was an erroneous one, and that even now he was not alone, but in the company of the unseen. The whispering of the breeze through the trees became almost articulate speech to him, and its message was one of glad promise.

And so he sat with his back to a beech tree, and wondered why a drowsiness like that which had come to him after the labours of an arduous day was gradually overcoming him. Never before had he felt such a merging of his personality into that of another; never had he felt as he did now his dependence upon an intangible outside something which was operating for his welfare, and without which he could not succeed. Now for the first time a sense of fear claimed him. What if this ruling power should fail or desert him? But if it was right, help would surely be forthcoming. A new thought, that. Was it *right* for him that a triumph should be won? Were his hopes selfish and out of accord with this wonderful something that was possessing him? He would only trust it and all would be well. In the thought came comfort and peace, and with arms folded he fell asleep.

Soon the shadows lengthened, a distant bell tinkled for evensong, the merry laughter and voices died away, the little tributary grew darker still, a cooler breeze rustled through the trees and threw the river into ripples that scurried after one another over the stream, the birds flew to their newly built nests, and the water fowl called to one another as they swam to their obscure home on the bank. But the sleeper slept on until the pale face and furrowed brow, and the hair with its grey threads became indefinite in the shadows.

The mystic book lay open on the grass at his side; everything was very silent.

(To be continued.)

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(MRS.) JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.,
Ashleigh, Fairfield,
Hebden Bridge.

NOTE.—We deeply regret that the Girls' Corner, Temperance Page, Lyceum Recitations, etc., are crowded out this month.—EDITOR, L.B.

ONE TOO MANY—AND THE DOG.

By PAULA CORONA.

A BRILLIANT summer's day in July. The sun shining gloriously between the splendid old oaks and beeches in the grand old woods adjoining the vicarage where the Rev. Septimus George resided. Upon the ground in the heart of the wood lay the form of a small boy, eight years of age, with a nondescript dog of the mongrel type clasped in his thin arms. Every now and then his small body heaved with long drawn-out sobs, to which the dog responded with a sympathetic whine.

"Joe," he said, "grown-up peoples is very hard on boys like me and dogs like you. Maria says I'm a born scamp, though I didn't born myself," he added meditatively, "and will live to be hanged; and you she calls a measly cur, Joe, but I love you Joe, I do, and they shan't drown you," he added, bursting again into tears at the thought, the dog joining in with howls of pity. "There doesn't seem to be a place what's made just for me and you, Joe; nobody seems to want us. Uncle Sep. says I'm 'born depraved,' whatever that means, but I know it's something bad; and Aunt Jane says I'm one too many, and hadn't oughter been born at all"—sighing heavily.

He slowly raised himself from the ground, and with his dog walked aimlessly through the wood. Two other children approached him, and the younger, a girl of about twelve years of age, uttered a sharp exclamation at his appearance.

"My! but you'll catch it, Bertie," she said. "Oh!" with a squeal of malicious delight, "won't he get a whipping when he gets home. Why, you're sopping wet, and your tunic is all torn and muddy, what have you been doing?"

"Ugh!" said her companion, a heavy-featured boy of fourteen years of age, whose lips were full and protruding, and whose eyes were of the type described as fishy. He was the only son and heir of the Rev. Septimus, and the girl was his sister.

"There's the cur that father said was to be drowned," said the clergyman's hopeful, picking up a broken twig to throw at him. "How is it that he is not drowned by this, youngster?" he went on, pinching Bertie's arm with his cruel fingers.

"Please don't hurt him, Cousin Matthew," said the quivering voice. "Sparks did tie a brick round his neck and throw him in the pond, but it came off, and I went in and pulled him out."

"Oh, indeed!" said the girl, "now I'll just go and tell father, and he'll give you the thrashing you deserve, and have that beast properly drowned. Come along, Matthew, and we'll tell of him," she added, pulling the elder boy's arm as she spoke.

"Oh, please, please, Keziah, don't tell uncle, don't"—imploringly. "Joe is all I have to love, and the only one that loves me; I'm going to take him to someone I think will have him, so please don't tell."

"I'm not going to be deceitful, and act a lie to my father," said the girl, primly, "so I shall——"

"What is the meaning of this?" demanded a stern

voice, as an elderly man, in clerical garb, appeared on the scene. "Ah!" he continued, as his eye fell upon the dripping form of his nephew, and the dog, who had crept behind his young master, "so that is the meaning, eh?" he drawled, with a cruel smile. "You have deliberately disobeyed me, and to save your immortal soul from hell I must punish you. Go into the house, sir, at once; do you hear? And the dog—oh, the dog, we'll soon settle you," he added, as he stretched out his long, thin, cruel-looking fingers towards the animal.

The dog, knowing him of old, with a snarl showed his teeth, and snapped at the hand that so roughly grabbed him, inflicting a small wound on the wrist. With an exclamation of anger, the parson let him go, whereupon the dog fled with barks of fear through the wood.

He seized upon the shrinking form of his nephew, and dragged the child unresistingly through the wood into the vicarage garden which adjoined it, and on into the house. No pang of pity passed through his narrow mind and heart at the thinness of the child, nor did he feel one sympathetic throb as his steely eyes saw the expression of utter hopelessness that was stamped upon so young a face.

"Viper," he hissed, "serpent that I have warmed upon my hearthstone at my own expense, you are wholly given over to the devil. You shall not contaminate my children with your evil ways, for I will send you away somewhere. But in the meantime, I'll show you what you gain by defying me and bringing curs like that to eat my bread, as well as your worthless self." The boy listened in silence. Half of what was said was Greek to him. One thing he knew, and that was that he was going to be thrashed. But that troubled him little, he was used to it. It was Joe that filled his mind; what would become of him if he came back to the Vicarage in search of his young master? His little heart ached at the thought of Joe falling into the cruel hands of Uncle Sep,—Uncle Sep who had alternately beaten and starved him ever since his poor young mother, Uncle Sep's sister, had crept in a dying condition to her brother and begged protection for her worse than fatherless child.

In the cheerless nursery, as the evening hours drew on, poor Bertie sat with aching, bruised body. So hungry was he, but Uncle Sep had forbidden him to have anything till morning, so that by starving his body his soul might benefit, he had said. He pressed his white face to the barred window, and gazed fearfully out for Joe.

Soon he perceived his dirty, faithful little friend in the yard beneath the window. Cautiously he opened it, and thrusting his head between the bars, said in a hoarse whisper, "Go away, Joe; dear, dear doggie, go away before they get you."

The dog gave a sympathetic whine.

"Oh, dear Joe, do go away!" sobbed the child; "Uncle Sep's coming; I see him."

Presently the clergyman came into the yard accompanied by a manservant. Catching sight of the dog he ordered the man to take him and drown him. The man lifted up the animal in his arms and said "Yes,

sir," but catching sight of the child's white face at the nursery window, inwardly resolved to save it if he could, and walked away ostensibly to fulfil his task.

Bertie screamed in agony, and shook the nursery bars in his desire to get out to his beloved Joe.

He darted to the door and beat with his little hands upon the panels, bringing his Uncle upstairs.

"You wretched little evil creature, what do you mean by this?" he demanded, emphasising his words with blows.

The child, losing for once his fear of the dreaded Uncle in his agony, demanded his dog—his dear Joe, and strove to leave the room to rescue him.

His Uncle flung him on to the nursery bed when his stock of blows and epithets were exhausted, and, leaving the room, he locked the door, forbidding anyone to open it.

All night long Bertie tossed in his damp clothes upon the bed, now babbling about his mother, then about his "dear Joe." His bright, burning eyes seemed to see the trees and flowers he loved so well, and he kept incessantly begging Joe to lead him to the water, for he was "oh, so thirsty."

Towards morning he fell into a stupor, and when his Uncle, fearing that his severity might be questioned by the servants, entered the room, Bertie lay with his blue eyes closed, and his feet straying perilously near the Summerland. The doctor came, and said there was no hope, and enquired very strongly into the reasons of the child's condition. The frightened Uncle hovered near the nursery door all day. Towards night Bertie opened his eyes and spoke to his Aunt Jane, who stood near.

"I'm not wanted anywhere here, but mother wants me in heaven, so she's going to take me. I shan't ever be thrashed again; and perhaps they'll let Joe come in, too—poor Joe, dear Joe." And with a sigh the "One too many" passed in the angels' arms to that place where it is said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Stockport.—We held our quarterly open session on July 2nd. Mr. Edwards conducted, and briefly explained the aims and objects of the Lyceum, and spoke of the false charges made against the system, which they could, with a clean conscience, afford to ignore. He asked those strangers present, if they heard this criticism at any time, to be good enough to give a candid report of what they saw and heard at that session, which would be a complete refutation. The session was an admirable practical illustration of drawing out the talent—physical, mental, moral and spiritual—of the young people. We had a splendid outing to Alderley by rail on July 8th. The children were treated to a substantial tea at Phillips' farm, and by the generosity of Mr. T. Rees, president, they were further regaled with nuts and oranges. The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out under the direction of Messrs. Edwards, Marston, and the leaders. There was a large attendance of scholars, teachers, parents and friends. The weather was perfect for a field day. Stockport was safely reached at 10-15.

J. H. MARSTON, Sec.



Our
Bluebells' Page
Conducted by **FLORA BELLE.**

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—I promised in the June letter that I would publish an essay which had been sent to me by Harriet Edwards, of the Horwich Lyceum, but as there was no letter last month, I think it must come first this. I hope you will all follow her example and send me some more essays, for it shows me that you take an interest in the page.

Well, here is the essay.

SPIRITUALISM! WHAT IS IT?

Spiritualism, to me, is the most beautiful religion ever known or understood. It teaches us to realize whilst here upon this earth that we are responsible beings, responsible for the lives that we live here, and for every wrong action we do. Look at the poor prisoner in his cell, he is taught to believe that at the eleventh hour, if he will only repent of his sins, there is eternal peace and happiness for him. He is sentenced to death, and he goes to meet that death confident that he is going to heaven; then when he has passed the Change what does he see? and in what condition does he find himself? He finds only darkness around him, and in his ignorance he does not realize and understand that he has passed through the portals of Death. Where are the pearly gates the chaplain spoke of, and the bright angels, and why is this darkness and misery hemming him in on all sides? Think of the agony and remorse which overcomes him as he realizes that this is death, and that the condition he is in is the result of a mis-spent life. Then as the desire to know something more takes possession of him, he is led by the loving hand of some bright ministering angel into a brighter sphere, and as he gains light and knowledge, he realizes that he has a more pure and beautiful mission to perform in the spirit world than he had upon the earth plane. Spiritualism does not, like the Christian religion, teach us that if we repent at the eleventh hour we shall be saved, but it teaches us to realize that as we sow here upon the earth plane we shall reap hereafter. Think for yourselves, is it not ridic-

ulous to think that if you have lived a life of degradation and sin here, you can cast your burden upon the Nazarene, and so gain eternal peace. No, my friends, you are making a great mistake, for as every thought issues from your mind, and every action whether right or wrong is committed, it is helping to build a home for you in the Beyond. Does Christianity teach you this? No it does not. It teaches you to believe that if you do not take Christ for your Saviour you will be eternally damned.

Many people will tell you that Spiritualism is of the Devil. Well, if it is, let us have more of it. How many of the Christians could preach such beautiful sermons as our mediums do to-day. Though they have not the education the ministers have, they can far excel them in their addresses. They don't require the Bible to preach from; but they have that which the Christian ministers have not, and that is "common facts." They have something more tangible than a doctrine which has been preached for hundreds of years, and for the truth of which no one can answer. There are many statements in the Bible that your Christian will not believe in to-day. They are beginning to think for themselves and to realize that the old teachings do not satisfy them. They have a thirst for the knowledge of those loved ones who have gone from their sides and crossed over the Borderland. That is where Spiritualism comes in. You can now realize that your loved ones are not dead, but that they can return and bring you messages of comfort in your sorrowing moments. They can share in your joys as they did in earth-life. What would not many give to be able to realize this. They would thank God from their hearts for the knowledge that their loved ones could still return to them. Then, my friends, try to ponder into the depths of Spiritualism and drink your fill of the glorious knowledge that "There is no Death."—HARRIET EDWARDS.

The next is a letter from Lancaster. It is simply splendid of them to do such a thing. What do you think they have done? They have had what they

called "A Bluebell Sunday Open Session!" I do wish I could have been there. Each child had to take a bunch of bluebells, and to the children who took the two nicest bunches two prizes were given. The prize winners were Bessy Guile and Edith Roberts. Well, Bessy and Edith, I wish you would both write to me and tell me all about gathering the flowers and your prizes too.

Cannot all my Bluebells talk to their leaders, and get them to mention it to their conductors, to have a Bluebell Sunday, and have a collection and give the proceeds to some special fund, for instance the P.S.F. The Sunday could be fixed and then made into an Annual Bluebell Sunday.

If this can be done in some Lyceums I hope I shall not be forgotten whilst the session is going on.

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

OLDHAM (ELLIOT STREET).

1839 Lizzie Ward

BOLTON (BRADFORD STREET).

1840 Nellie Lintott	1849 James Worthington
1841 Florrie Lintott	1850 Willie Worthington
1842 Florrie Stewart	1851 Rowland Dickens
1843 Amy Stewart	1852 Lizzie Molineaux
1844 Frank Robinson	1853 John Brookes
1845 Martha Robinson	1854 Annie Brookes
1846 Mabel Bellamy	1855 Eva Brookes
1847 Lizzie Worthington	1856 Thomas Brookes
1848 Thomas Worthington	

OUR BOYS' SPECIAL.

FELLOW LYCEUMISTS—After an absence of twelve months duration from these columns, I again take up my pen with a view to contributing a few thoughts, which I trust may prove helpful and stimulating to my readers. The identity of "Uncle Ben" has been revealed through the announcement in last month's BANNER *re* the "Boys' Special," so the dear delusion that you have fostered vanishes, to give place to a recognition of my personality.

I used to often wonder how many boys read the "Special," and it was very rarely I received any intimation, but since I discontinued the page I have many times heard the interesting query, "I wonder what has become of Uncle Ben, and whether he is going to write any more or not?"

I have seen many Lyceumists who have said they missed the "Special" very much. Such remarks have at once assured me that a great number of readers have appreciated my efforts, and I have often felt sorry that I ceased from supplying the editor with copy. However, he has generously re-opened the page for us, and I trust we shall have many a chat through these columns. I have just been refreshing my memory, and strengthening my convictions concerning the beautiful spiritual revelations we are privileged to enjoy,—by a casual glance through that marvellous book entitled "Nature's Divine Revelations," by Andrew Jackson Davis, the founder of the Children's Movement in Spiritualism.

One statement in the Scribe's introductory pages, stands out in my memory in bold relief; and I think it is one which will make us all love our "dear old grandad" all the more, when we are reminded of it. The scribe, William Fishbough, states that through-

out a close acquaintance with the (then) youthful author, meaning daily contact for eighteen months, he (Mr. F.) had never known the author to become angry or even to manifest impatience, *though he was known to have been severely tried.*

Think of that, boys! It isn't a bit of use trying to excuse ourselves by saying that his circumstances were different to ours; that he did not have the temptations we experience; or that his trials were lighter than ours. We have it on the authority of an independent witness, whose office was only to narrate simple facts, that our G.O.M., even in the days of his youth, so studied and exhibited the graces of gentleness and patience in his communications and general dealings with every one, that he powerfully impressed even the most casual acquaintance, as well as the more intimate friend, with the delightful sweetness of his character.

But wherein lies the secret of all this beauty of character?

The "scribe" incidentally reveals the secret in the early sentences of his reference to the personality of A. J. Davis.

He (Mr. F.) says, referring to the author: "His INFERIOR PASSIONS are only MODERATELY DEVELOPED, and are completely under the control of REASON and the MORAL SENTIMENTS." Read this sentence again, read it carefully, learn it, for it contains the key to the whole of that wonderful character we have learned to love so much, even though we have never known the pleasure of his physical presence.

The "inferior passions"—selfishness, malice, jealousy, hatred, and all that makes for wickedness and unspiritual distortion—were only moderately developed, and so completely were these "subjective possessions" under the "will," that they were never able to control the reason, or disfigure the beauty of the moral faculties.

Now, boys, I think most of us in infancy and childhood are surrounded with conditions similar to those which characterised the home environment of our dear old Grandad. We may even have had greater opportunities afforded us for general observation and education, and it is therefore to be expected that we should be able to exercise that same discretion in moral tone, and that even expression of temperament which has always been a special feature in the life of our own A.J.D.

One thing is clear, that if we were all in possession of the "Magic Staff" which has been the support of the G.O.M., namely: "Under all circumstances keep an even mind"—we should then, undoubtedly, wield a weapon that would diminish sorrow, heartache and general mental suffering; the venom of a slanderous tongue would no longer poison the atmosphere in which we live, and the misery which is wrought by unkindness would no longer leave its hideous traces upon the broken, bruised bodies, and crushed and stunted minds of our weaker brothers and sisters. May we all learn something from the thoughts here expressed.

We are each capable of greater personal development, and if, as an initiative step, we attempt to subdue our native "inferior passions," we shall soon discover that our "superior faculties" will become correspondingly exalted.

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FRANK HEPWORTH.

financial side of the transaction has not turned out to be profitable, the levy this time will not be as heavy as was the case last year.

The entertainments promoted during the Winter have helped considerably towards defraying the Demonstration expenses, the total amount of these realising about £7, and I should strongly recommend that a similar arrangement be carried out next Winter, and as the motive of these entertainments becomes better known the efforts should be crowned with greater success, thus reducing the levy which up to the present it has been necessary to put on each Lyceum, to clear the expenses of the Demonstration.

There is one point I should like to mention, namely that, although due notice has been sent to each Lyceum Secretary of coming events, etc., in connection with the Council, there seems to have been a lack of knowledge on the part of Lyceumists as to these events, and I should like to suggest that the various Lyceum Secretaries, in future, keep their Lyceumists better posted with the notices they receive, and thus benefit both themselves and the Council.

I would like to refer you to the report of the Judges in the Banner Competition at this year's demonstration, which you will see published in the LYCEUM BANNER for August. There are a lot of suggestions which all Lyceums would do well to bear in mind, as well as the Council itself.

Taking all things into consideration, I think we cannot but be gratified with the result of the twelve months' working, and it is to be hoped that next year's working will show even a better state of affairs.

E. HOWARTH, Hon. Sec.

The business concluded, after several other minor matters had been discussed, with votes of thanks to retiring officers.

In the afternoon an open session was gone through by the Lyceumists, under the conductorship of Mr. Moore, of Halifax, and the calisthenics were gone through in a splendid manner under the leadership of Mr. Willby, assisted by one of the young girls. This meeting was a great success.

The evening meeting commenced at 6-30, the platform being occupied by members and delegates to the Council, the President (Mr. B. Dyson) in the chair. Short addresses were given by Misses Holroyd and Jessop, Messrs B. Dyson, G. Howarth, T. Berry, and J. Moore, advocating the children's cause, and the service was a most enjoyable one.

The next Teachers' Meeting will be held at Halifax, Raven Street, on Saturday, August 26th, to commence at 7 o'clock p.m. All friends are heartily invited.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Demonstration held at Bury.

The Fourth Annual Demonstration in connection with the R. D. C. was held on July 22nd. Eleven Lyceums on the Council were substantially represented, the assembly numbering about 1,000. The varied summer costumes with their profuse floral decorations presented a very picturesque appearance, whilst the bright smiling faces of the children added a sterling brilliance to the scene. The music by the Bury Borough and the Wood Road (Summerseat) Brass Bands, attracted a large crowd of townspeople to witness the splendid procession as it passed along the principal streets, no less than eight magnificent silk banners, with double poles, guide ropes, and ribbons, besides a number of 'bannerettes,' bearing beautiful mottoes completed a brilliant spectacle, of which every Spiritualist present could feel justly proud. Mr. T. Hall, Bacup, President of the R. D. C., accompanied by Mr. H. Golding, President of the Bury Society, and Mr. F. Hepworth, organiser of the day's proceedings, and Resident Speaker for the Bury Society, —led the procession.

On the Fair Ground, a grand competitive exhibition of physical exercises was given by the massed Lyceums, to the delight of a great crowd of onlookers. The order of procession and positions on the Fair Ground were as follows:—

(1) Bury, (2) Higher Broughton, (3) Royton, (4) Bacup, (5) Rochdale, Penn-street, (6) Rochdale, Regent Hall, (7) Hollinwood, Byron-street, (8) Heywood, (9) Dearnley, (10) Middleton, (11) Salford, Leaf Square.

The judges of marching and calisthenics were Mr. T. Wilson (Huddersfield), Mr. T. E. Baker (Elland), and Mr. Hartley Holgate (Darwen).

Tea was partaken of in the Co-operative Hall, for which over 800 tickets were supplied. In the evening a concert was held, the members of the Bury Spiritualist Choir and Lyceum rendering the

musical items, accompanied by the society's organist, Miss M. E. Clough, who is also musical director for the Lyceum. Mr. T. Hall occupied the chair, and the three judges named above, together with Mr. J. Tinker, contributed short addresses.

The decision of the judges *re* the competition showed Bacup Lyceum to have once again secured the "Bannerette" award of merit, given by the R.D.C. As this is the third year in succession that Bacup has achieved this distinction, the Bannerette now becomes the property of the Bacup Lyceum.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Hall, Mr. Hepworth, the Co-operative Society, the Bury Society, and the entertainers, brought a memorable day to its close.

The following list of figures show the merits of the respective Lyceums in the exercises, the possible marks being 240:—

	Actual Marks.		Actual Marks.
Bacup	220½	Middleton	198
Rochdale, Regent Hall	210½	Rochdale, Penn Street	193½
Dearnley... ..	210	Hollinwood, Byrom Street	193
Bury	207	Royton	191
Heywood	199½	Higher Broughton...	189
Salford, Leaf Square	199		COR.

Walsall.—On Sunday, July 2nd, special Lyceum services were held in aid of the funds. In the morning Mr. Bennett, in the course of a very interesting address, explained the progress the Lyceum movement had made, and also reviewed the growth and work of the B.S.L.U. since its inception. In the evening the Service of Song, "Rest at last," was rendered, the connective readings being delivered by Mr. Wm. Charlton, of Walsall, the president (Councillor John Venables) occupying the chair. The services were well attended and the Lyceum members acquitted themselves admirably, the financial results also being satisfactory. Master Frank Aldridge gave an artistic rendering of the solo, "The Spirit Sailor Boy," from the S.S., and he and Miss Annie Hollingshead rendered a duet, both being much appreciated. On Monday, July 10th, the annual distribution of prizes took place. The members of the Lyceum gave a miscellaneous entertainment, after which the prizes, numbering upwards of 70, were distributed by the president, who spoke a few words of encouragement to each recipient. The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the officers, thus bringing to a close a successful gathering.

W. H. TOMPKINS, Hon. Sec.

Wigan.—We held our half-yearly meeting on June 25th, when the following were elected:—Conductor, Mr. T. Forshaw; assistant conductor, Mr. W. Marsh; treasurer, Mr. F. Fletcher; secretary, Mr. W. Ormerod; guardian, Mr. T. Heaton; musical conductor, Mr. H. Spencer; leaders, Liberty group, Mr. Belshaw; Progress, Mr. R. T. Fletcher; Ivy, Miss S. Coleclough.

WALTER ORMEROD, Sec.

Sheffield (Attercliffe).—We celebrated our anniversary, when over 90 scholars and friends took part in rendering suitable hymns and recitations. Mr. J. K. Jones was our speaker. We realised over £2, which was encouraging, seeing the children had also collected £3 os. 9d. towards the outing to Wharncliffe Wood side, to which lovely place 160 children and parents were conveyed in waggonettes. A substantial tea was provided. The children enjoyed themselves most heartily. The weather was lovely, enabling all to enjoy the outing. We arrived safely home about 9.40.

WM. HY. NUTTALL, Sec.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Executive's visit to Middlesborough was a big success. The Lyceum Open Session was crowded. The evening service was packed.

They have a splendid, well-ordered hall in one of the main roads. The church services are held in the lower hall, and the Lyceum in the upper one. Both are well-lighted, ventilated, and clean.

Lyceumists came from Shildon, Stockton-on-Tees, and Spennymoor. The latter made the journey of 18 miles in a motor-bus.

The Open Session was too crowded for the management to deal with effectively. A few more such gatherings would enable them to master such difficulties with ease.

The Monday evening's meeting was also a grand success. We feel sure both Society and Lyceum will be greatly benefited by the visit.

No more grumbling at having to pay 2d. for a Double Number of the LYCEUM BANNER. The Executive decided that all Conference Reports, etc., be issued as a supplement to the LYCEUM BANNER without any extra charge. This decision should make the LYCEUM BANNER a greater favourite than ever amongst all Lyceumists.

The Executive also decided to allow a discount of 3d. per doz. on all orders for not less than one dozen Badges. Will those holding receipts for one dozen, or more, please send in their claims, enclosing the receipts, which will be duly returned with the discount due to them?

We have received so many unsealed letters bearing a half-penny stamp, on which we have to pay a surcharge of one-penny, that we have decided to decline their acceptance in future. Friends please note and see that your letters are fully stamped.

We are pleased to report the reopening of Lyceums at Liversedge and Cleckheaton. The latter has rejoined the Union.

The reappearance of 'Our Boys Special' will be hailed with delight. Its genial conductor will be pleased to hear from 'Our Boys' at all times, on all matters that may perplex or vex them. Boys, don't forget that

you have a counsellor and friend in Mr. Hepworth.

The promised picture of our Canadian friends is to hand. They make a happy group. We hope the time will come when we can reproduce these pictures in the LYCEUM BANNER.

The reports of the Rochdale and Halifax District Councils' Demonstrations will be read with pleasure. These annual demonstrations must exert a powerful influence on the public mind.

Bacup now becomes the proud possessor of the PRIZE BANNER, having won it for three years in succession.

Elland is to be congratulated on being the holders of their PRIZE BANNER for the ensuing year, as they have had a hard struggle for several years. We are pleased to see this evidence of renewed interest and energy.

We heartily commend the decision of the Halifax D. C. to adopt the Union's series of calisthenics. It will greatly simplify the efforts of the judges to render satisfactory decisions, as there will be a true basis to work upon.

The Lyceum recently formed in connection with the York (Cromwell Road) Society is making headway. They commenced with 8, which have now increased to 40.

Oldham (Elliott-street Lyceum) continues to maintain its high reputation. The Open Session held on our recent visit was the best we have attended there. Mr. Horsman, the Conductor, is well-supported by a staff of capable officers. The selections rendered by the choir reflect great credit on their choir master Mr. Barlow. A very severe thunderstorm spoiled a most promising day.

Halifax (Raven-street) has a good Lyceum held in a nice clean hall. Mr. Moorhouse and Mr. Barraclough (if our memory serves us rightly) are its Conductors. It was an inspiration to see so many well-ordered children in front of the platform, and to listen to their hearty singing. They were happy, giving thanks with heart and voice, which made it a pleasure to be with them.

BRADFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Bradford friends are making strenuous efforts to make their District Council a success. A united gathering of Lyceums will be held at the Westgate New Hall, at 2 p.m. on August 27th. All the Lyceums in the District are cordially invited to be represented.

H. HARGREAVES, Sec. D. C.

Our next issue will be ready on Sept. 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.

The Executive's visit to Middlesborough.

The above visit will be memorable in the minds of young and old alike. The members of the Executive had quite an experience in reaching their destination, as they failed to get their connections, which prolonged their journey.

The local friends did their best in catering for the comfort of the visitors, and soon made all feel at home amongst them.

After a pleasant repast in company with the local friends the Executive settled down to business, all being present but the Vice-President, who was unable to attend. Mr. H. A. Kersey presided, and welcomed the new members of the Council, and trusted their term of office would be marked by good work done for the Lyceum movement.

Councillor J. Venables welcomed the President on behalf of the Executive in a nice little speech, and was supported by Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Geo. Howarth, and Mrs. Greenwood. In reply the President said he hoped to see the OFFICERS' EDITION of the *Lyceum Manual* completed during his term of office. He then signed the Presidential Roll.

Mrs. Bentley thought the new Treasurer should not be forgotten, and hoped his term of office would be a pleasurable one, as she was sure he would give the finances of the Union his best care and attention.

We cull the following items from the Secretary's General Report for the edification of our readers:—

There are 147 Lyceums on the Union's Roll Book. The contributions were £34 13s. 6d., as against £32 12s. 10d., as reported in the last half-yearly report. Contributions were owing by the following:—Hyde; Leeds (Psycho); Rotherham; Salford (Chapel-street); Sheffield (Cross Addy-street), and York (St. Martin's Crescent).

The sales for the half-year were £153 12s. 6½d., as against £113 3s. 0½d. last half-year, being an increase of £40 9s. 6d.

The LYCEUM BANNER report was encouraging, copies printed were 17,250, as against 15,800 last half-year, the total cost being £75 11s. 3½d., as against £60 12s. 9d. last half-year. There was a slight credit balance, notwithstanding a monthly increase of expenditure of £1 2s. 0d. over last year. He was pleased at this, as he, the Editor, desired to maintain the excellent get-up of the LYCEUM BANNER in loving memory of its benefactor, Mr. Alfred Smedley, who had generously paid the cost of improvements for 12 months. The Editor felt that double numbers were unpopular. The difficulty was, How to find room for the Conference Reports without increase of price?

It was decided that the difficulty be got over by the Executive issuing a supplement in the June issue without increase of price. Perhaps the May issue would be preferable, seeing that it usually contains the Balance Sheets, Statistical Returns, and Reports to the Conference. Anyhow the decision will solve a knotty problem, for which the Editor is deeply grateful.

Mr. Thomas Oliver's resignation as the D. V. for Sheffield was accepted with regret, and Mr. Ernest

Wooller's nomination as D. V. to fill the vacancy was accepted.

It was decided to allow a rebate of 3d. on all orders for one dozen, and upwards, of the Lyceum Badges, and that the price be 5/9 per dozen on all orders of not less than one dozen.

It was also decided that special agents be appointed for the sale of the Union's goods who shall hold themselves responsible for the cash, or return of the goods entrusted to their care, and give a signed guarantee to that effect. Such agents to be appointed and approved by the Executive Council. Otherwise all goods must be strictly CASH WITH ORDER.

Applications for membership from the following Lyceums were accepted and endorsed:—Toronto (Canada), Cleckheaton, Windhill, and York (Cromwell Road).

The meeting was adjourned at 10-45 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Among the early arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. Christopher, with family and friends, in a motor-bus from Spennymoor, and Mr. Brass, from Shildon. These were joined by the members of the Stockton-on-Tees Lyceum in the afternoon, who arrived by the electric cars. The whole made a happy and inspiring gathering, and filled the Lyceum hall to its fullest capacity.

Mr. Roeder conducted. The chain recitations were well-rendered. The singing was hearty. Misses Beatrice Wilson and Alice Lister sang "Over the river of Light," and Miss Lucy Hill rendered "Something sweet to think of," very sweetly. The President, Mrs. Bentley, and Mrs. Jackson briefly addressed the Lyceumists and visitors.

The children and friends were afterwards treated to a *free tea* generously provided by the local friends.

The President, Mr. H. A. Kersey, presided over the morning and evening meetings. Miss Alice Naylor ably recited "An invitation to the Lyceum," which was a suitable introduction to the day's proceedings.

The President explained the object and aims of the Lyceum movement, and referred to its rapid growth in England. Mr. J. Colbeck briefly touched on the importance of all seekers after truth having a strong desire to know the truth; and also a willingness to accept it wherever found.

Mr. Latham complimented the Society on having such a splendid hall, in such a splendid district, and the modern up-to-date appearance of their town. And what struck him as a climax to all this, was to see one of the first arrivals to that day's proceedings, friends from a distance who had travelled in one of the most modern vehicles, namely a motor-bus. He accepted that as being indicative of their presence there. They were leaving the old order of things behind them, and were keeping abreast of the times in religious, as well as social matters.

Mr. George Howarth gave a good address dealing with the physical, mental, moral, and spiritual aspect of the Lyceum teachings. His remarks were thoughtful, and well reasoned out, and were listened to with close attention.

Mr. Wilkinson in a brief speech humorously re-

ferred to the trying and annoying incidents of their journey on Saturday, and got into his speech some advice on the trials of daily life, and how the Lyceum helped the children and grown-ups to meet them.

The hall was packed at the evening meeting, seats being placed in the aisle to accommodate eager enquirers for more information concerning the Lyceum, "in which no creeds! no dogmas! no doctrines! are taught concerning the wrath of God, total depravity, and eternal torment, the rule of life being:—do right because it is right; and shun the wrong because it is wrong," as announced both on large posters and the handbills.

Mr. Wilkinson made a splendid appeal to the people to visit the Lyceum and see for themselves what its methods and teachings were like, and he felt sure, if they attended in a right spirit, they would wish to repeat the visit again and again.

Mr. Kitson then addressed the meeting, followed by Councillor John Venables, who described in feeling terms how he was led through the loss of a child to investigate into Spiritualism. He had not only found his child, but friends who had been looked upon as dead also proved to him they were still living and able to communicate. His little child was able to communicate with them. This fact was indeed "Something sweet to think of," (Miss Hill had just sung this beautiful solo). He advised all parents who had lost their darling children to search into this beautiful religion of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Jessie Greenwood next spoke under the influence of her guide "Ernest," who based his remarks on the hymn "We are trying to follow the angels." He showed how this can be done while living here on earth, both in the home-life, the workshop, and the factory. There was a sweet reasonableness about his remarks that carried conviction to his hearers of his earnestness, sincerity, and the importance of adopting his suggestions and incorporating them into our daily lives.

MONDAY EVENING.

There was a full audience to hear Mr. Alfred Kitson speak on "Spiritual gifts in relation to Lyceum work." He was supported by Mrs. M. H. Naylor, the well-known Teeside clairvoyant. The service lasted from 7-30 to 9-30, and set several strangers thinking and searching for the light. May they be led to find it, and thus benefit both the Society and Lyceum.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

Shildon.—On Sunday, June 21st, we celebrated our anniversary. The morning and afternoon services were provided by the Lyceum, who rendered silver and golden chain recitations, musical readings, recitations, etc., ably presided over by our worthy conductor, Mr. J. Smith. The audience was much better in the afternoon than the morning. In the evening the Lyceum rendered a Service of Song entitled "Rest at last," reader, Mr. J. Brass. Both the singing and reading were well appreciated by the audience, who responded liberally to the collection.

FRANK JAMES, Sec.

District Visitors' Quarterly Reports.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

This District Visitor reports eleven Lyceums in his district, and has visited **Skipton**, **Westgate New Hall** and **Ivy Rooms** Lyceums. Concerning these he says: I found a nice, well-conducted Lyceum at **Skipton**. Attendance rather small; marching and calisthenics very good; group lessons good. This Lyceum would make good headway with a little more help. The **Westgate New Hall** and **Ivy Rooms** Lyceums are doing well.

J. BURCHELL, D.V.

65, Gurlington Road, Bradford.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having made only two visits owing to change of officers, which are as follows:—**Morley** I found in a good condition, there being a good attendance and good conduct throughout. I next paid a visit to **Church Street** (Leeds), and found there was no session that morning owing to special arrangements to render a service of song both afternoon and evening; so I visited the Lyceum at **Bethel Street** and was pleased to find it in very good order.

JAS. KITSON, D.V.

Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

This District Visitor reports having ten societies in his district, four of which have no Lyceums, and he has interviewed one of the latter. He has visited the Lyceums at **Farnworth Hall** (Liverpool), **Britten Hall** (Birkenhead) and **Wigan**, concerning which he says: There were 30 present at **Farnworth Hall**. The recitations and musical readings were well read, explanations of same being given; the marches and calisthenics were attempted, but were greatly hampered for want of space. In the afternoon I visited **Birkenhead**, and found to my sorrow that the Lyceum had lapsed; I was told they could not get officers to carry it on. There are about 30 children, but there seems to be no one with sufficient love for them to come forward and teach. In the near future, I shall visit the other society at Birkenhead, and try to persuade them to commence a Lyceum. **Wigan** Lyceum continues in much the same condition as last reported.

DAVID COLECLOUGH, D.V.

19, Margaret Street, Wigan.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

This District Visitor reports as follows:—April 2nd, **Hollinwood** (Bower Lane). This being their open session Sunday, there was a splendid attendance of both Lyceumists and visitors. Want of space considerably interfered with the marching and calisthenics. They appear to be working well together. The evening meeting, at which I occupied the platform as speaker, was crowded, and the general opinion, freely expressed, was, "What a grand time we have had!" April 9th, **Grey Mare Lane** (Openshaw). This Lyceum did not appear to quite such good advantage as on my previous visit. There appears to be a lack of system and energy. I occupied their platform in the

evening, and took advantage of the opportunity to plead with parents and friends to support the Lyceum. May 21st, I visited **Maskell Street**. Their general conduct is always good. I should like to see them adopt the Union's series of calisthenics, it would be a decided gain. I should also like to see them adopt group lessons, they have splendid material for a liberty group. In the afternoon of the same date, I visited **Moss Side**. This Lyceum, although young in the work, is in a splendid condition, and great praise is due to the leading officers, who are ever alert to accept suggestions for the betterment of their Lyceum. There was a good session throughout. On June 11th, I visited **Hulme Junction**. There was only a poor attendance, owing, no doubt, to it being Whit Sunday. There was splendid order. In the afternoon I visited **Chell Street**. There were about 38 present, but a singing practice and other circumstances interfered with the usual session. On June 18th I visited **Broad Street** (Pendleton), as speaker for the Lyceum Anniversary. They excelled all previous efforts. The essays, distribution of prizes, singing, reciting, and addresses all contributed to make up a grand day.

Mrs. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.
42, Avon Street, C.-on-M., Manchester.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

This District Visitor reports having five societies in his district, all having Lyceums! He reports as follows:—**Derby** (Traffic Street) is working well, the children all being enthusiastic in their efforts to make the sessions a success. **Derby** (Forester Street) is still persevering under Mr. Roe's conductorship. **Burton-on-Trent** is improving nicely, and its membership is increasing. **Belper** continues to maintain its high reputation for a good, efficient, and well-officered Lyceum.

E. W. STANTON, D.V.,
80, Yates Street, Derby.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

This District Visitor reports having 24 societies in his district, 22 of them having Lyceums. One of the two societies has been interviewed, with the pleasing result that they have promised to commence again in the near future. In his general remarks he says:—The Lyceum movement was never more healthy in North-East Lancashire than it is at the present time. The marching and calisthenics competition seems to be having a good effect on all those who took part in them. I should like to see Blackpool Lyceum put a little more life into its marching and calisthenics. I hope to have the pleasure of finding the above-desired improvement on my next visit. I visited **Blackburn** (St. Peter street) on May 28th, and thought them to give the finest display of exercises (marching and calisthenics) I have seen for 20 years. **Burnley** (Richard Street), to me, is the most improved Lyceum in my district. I may say that in the passing on of Mr. James Booth, of Great Harwood, our district has lost one of its most consistent Lyceumists.

WILL EDWARDS, D.V.
68, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.

This District Visitor reports having 22 societies in his district, 18 of them having Lyceums. He has

sought and held one interview *re* the opening of a Lyceum. In his general remarks he reports as follows: On April 30th I visited **Hollinwood** (Byrom Street), and found a well-attended, healthy, and good all-round Lyceum. On May 6th I visited **Saddleworth**, and found a fairly well-attended Lyceum. Readings, marching and calisthenics were well rendered. May 28th, I visited **Bacup**, and was pleased to find them in new and more suitable premises. There were visitors from Accrington, Hollinwood, Shaw and Oldham, who gave brief addresses. In the afternoon I visited the society at **Whitworth**, and placed before the members the great need of a Lyceum. They promised to give the matter their consideration. On June 4th I visited **Hollinwood** (Bower Lane), and I am sorry to say this Lyceum is suffering through the action of the society. Better things are expected in the near future. I visited **Horwich** on June 25th, and was pleased to find them in a healthy condition. This Lyceum is composed mainly of children. I beg to advise the members of the society to show more interest in it by visiting the Lyceum sessions. It would do the children and officers good.

WM. CHISNALL, D.V.,
58, King Street, Oldham.

THE LEEDS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting was held at Rothwell on July 15th, all the Lyceums being represented but Heckmondwike. I am sorry for this, as I am sure it would have done them good to have taken part in the meeting. No doubt it would have helped to inspire them for the difficult and arduous task of maintaining their Lyceum, and they might have gleaned some useful information.

The President, Mr. Lee (Armley), conducted the business in an orderly manner. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the absence of the D.V., as some of the members wished to question him on some points. The friends of Rothwell catered splendidly for the visitors, and a vote of thanks to all friends who took part in providing the tea brought the business to a close about 7-45, when most of the members had to hurry away to catch the car.

COPY OF RETURNS FOR LYCEUMS IN DISTRICT.

Lyceums	Officers	Av. Att. of Off.	Memb.	Av. Att. Memb.	Total Memb.	Total Avg.
1 Armley ...	21	17.4	95	48.2	116	65.6
2 Batley Carr ...	11	9.4	52	28	63	37.4
3 Dewsbury ...	12	9.1	68	34	80	43
4 Heckmondwike (no returns).						
5 Leeds Psycho. ...	4	3.7	24	17.2	28	21
6 Morley ...	8	5	35	16.3	43	21.3
7 Rothwell ...	7	5	58	50	65	55
8 Wakefield ...	8	?	50	?	58	?
Total	71		382		453	

MISS L. MORTIMER, Sec.

Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, Batley.

MARRIAGE OF A LYCEUMIST AT ACCRINGTON.

On Thursday, July 20th, at the Unitarian Chapel, Oxford Street, (kindly lent for the occasion) the marriage of Mr. Jethro Livsey and Miss Martha Cross was solemnized. The bridesmaid was Miss Elizabeth Cross, and Mr. J. J. Livsey was best man. M. G. Ormerod, of Rishton, officiated. The marriage was of a private nature, being attended only by their own families, yet a good number attended the Chapel and listened to the service, which was of a sacred and impressive nature, several persons were moved to tears.

Both the contracting parties have been good and earnest workers in the Lyceum and Society in Argyle Street. Mr. Livsey is at present Musical Conductor, and Miss Cross recently held the position of Secretary to the Lyceum.

The happy pair were the recipients of many useful presents, and many good wishes for future happiness were received both personally and by post.

At the conclusion of the services, Mr. Ormerod, on behalf of the happy pair and the Spiritualists of the district, expressed their grateful thanks to the members and trustees of the chapel for their kindness, which was an evidence of tolerance and broadmindedness, in allowing them the use of the chapel for the occasion.

Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

The Annual Demonstration and Banner Competition of the above Council took place at Elland, on Saturday, June 24th. We were favoured with a glorious summer day, which considerably enhanced the proceedings.

A procession was formed of the whole ten Lyceums in the Council, numbering over eight hundred scholars, which proceeded from James Street through the main streets, led by the Elland Brass Band and our Chief Marshall, Mr. T. Wilson. The procession then proceeded to a field near Ainley's, where a massed display of Calisthenics was given by the Lyceumists, under the leadership of Mr. Tiffany, of Slaithwaite. After this display over a thousand scholars and friends partook of the usual field refreshment, buns and coffee, which seemed to be much enjoyed; the only drawback being that it took the attendants all their time to keep the hungry multitude under control.

In the evening, commencing at 5-30, the interesting Competition in Marching and Calisthenics took place; eight of the Lyceums competing. The Judges for the occasion were Mr. Latham, of Burnley, and Mr. Edwards, of Blackburn, who carried their work through admirably.

Each Lyceum in their turn made a splendid show of marching in various forms, and physical exercises, but one Lyceum especially deserves special comment, namely, Hebden Bridge. This Lyceum was only formed in November, 1904, and to take part in a Competition against Lyceums of long standing, after so short a training, and to get well up with the marks—deserves special credit, especially to the conductor, Mr. Stables, and it is quite possible, with a little more practice, that this Lyceum will be a keen opponent to beat in the next competition.

As a curious coincidence, the Lyceum where the Demonstration was held was the winner of the Banner, that is, Elland, James Street; their conductor, Miss Smithies, being the only lady conductor in the competition.

After the competition, which closed about nine o'clock, Mr. Latham and Mr. Edwards announced their decision, giving at the same time some very sound advice both to the Council and Lyceums in general. The beautiful hand-painted prize Banner and Certificate was afterwards presented by Mr. Edwards to the winning Lyceum, being accepted on their behalf by Mr. Baker, owing, either by accident or otherwise, to the lady conductor being missing at the most important moment.

The Judges' report is given herewith, which shows the marks, etc., awarded to each Lyceum.

The gathering was a decided success, and it should give the public in Elland and district an idea of the strength of the movement when banded together.

The heartiest thanks of the Council are due to Messrs. Latham and Edwards for kindly consenting to adjudicate, as no doubt this is a most difficult task, and also to all the attendants who helped the Council with the procession, marching and calisthenics, and provisions.

E. HOWARTH, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES' REPORT.

No. 1 Lyceum.—HALIFAX, ALMA STREET. *Marching*: Irregular in marching up, and out of form. Regularity of

step good. *Calisthenics*: Out of line at commencement. Irregular in movement during execution. Total number of marks 166.

No. 2.—SOWERBY BRIDGE. *Marching*: Faulty in step. Too fast for the children. Bearing fairly good. Smartness spoiled through step. *Calisthenics*: Lines straight. Position very fair. Much cross movement during Calisthenics. Smartness fair. Three marks deducted for over time. Total marks 155.

No. 3.—BRIGHOUSE. *Marching*: Too fast for the children, which put them out of step. Exhibition good. *Calisthenics*: A little cross movement, otherwise a good exhibition. Total marks 181.

No. 4.—HALIFAX, RAVEN STREET. *Marching*: False start, out of step at commencement. Irregular at finish. *Calisthenics*: A little faulty in movement and execution. 1 point deducted for over time. Total marks 177.

No. 5.—ELLAND. *Marching*: Good exhibition, just a little faulty in bearing. *Calisthenics*: Splendid exhibition. One line crooked, and one faulty in movements. Total marks 187.

No. 6.—HUDDERSFIELD, PETER STREET. *Marching*: Hesitancy in change of movement, otherwise a good exhibition. *Calisthenics*: Irregular movement and incorrect execution. Total marks 181.

No. 7.—HEBDEN BRIDGE. *Marching*: Very much out of step. Bearing moderate, irregular. A few members short of practice. *Calisthenics*: Better than the marching. Breathing movement good, Irregular, and incorrect execution. Total marks 150.

No. 8.—HUDDERSFIELD, BROOK STREET. *Marching*: A few out of step, turning movement faulty, but very fair, could be much improved. *Calisthenics*: Movements irregular and incorrect execution. This Lyceum would do well to make a study of Calisthenics movements. Total marks 163.

We suggest that a uniform system of Calisthenics be adopted, and advise the Council to appeal to the Lyceums to take up the series published by the B.S.L.U.

We also thank you for the honour you accorded to us in appointing us to the position of judges. We worked under many difficulties,—Spectators too close to the square, which caused obstruction—but we did our utmost to give each Lyceum justice, and trust thereby that general satisfaction is the result of our efforts. With the best wishes and fraternal greetings to all concerned.

Yours sincerely, (Signed) REUBEN LATHAM,
GEORGE H. EDWARDS, *Judges*.

LIFE'S PURPOSE.

To love some one more dearly every day,
To help some wandering child to find his way,
To ponder o'er a noble thought, and pray,
And smile when evening falls.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for God's holy sight,
And answer when He calls.

What our Lyceums are doing.

All Reports should reach us not later than the 23rd of each month, and should be about things that have taken place during the month, and not the month previous. Write on one side of the paper only. All orders and remarks for the Editor should be written on separate sheets of paper, and not on the paper containing the report.

Ashton-under-Lyne.—Our General Meeting was held on June 25th, when the following officers were elected:—Conductor, Mr. J. H. Martin; assistant conductor, Miss S. J. Dransfield; treasurer, Mr. Thomas Shepley; secretary, Mr. Joseph Smith; assistant secretary, Mr. Wm. Dransfield; musical conductor, Mr. A. Hodgson; captain of the guards, Mr. J. Smith; guardian, Miss H. M. Dransfield; leaders, Liberty and Excelsior groups, Messrs. France and A. Simpson; Banner group, Mrs. Devine and Mr. J. H. Martin; Shore group, Miss Plant and Mr. T. Shepley; librarian, Mr. Jim Rigley; and a good corps of guards.

A. SIMPSON.

Birmingham (Saltley).—On Saturday, July 8th, the members of the above Society and Lyceum held their annual picnic at Kingsbury, where a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Tea was served at 4-30, which was well catered for. Then all were photographed by Mr. Laxton. The children enjoyed themselves with games and racing, for which prizes were offered by friends. At 7-45 we commenced the return journey, all expressing themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

W. H. SHERGOLD.

Blackburn (St. Peter Street).—On Saturday, July 1st, we held our annual field-day, when about 200 scholars and friends had a good time together. The best part of the afternoon was the races, which were splendidly arranged, some most valuable prizes being given. Altogether a right good time was spent. On Sunday, July 9th, our Lyceum Flower Service took place, the room being beautifully decorated with flowers and plants. Open session was held in the afternoon, when Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, of Hebden Bridge, performed the duty of naming two children. Mr. Will Edwards, district visitor of the N.E.L. Council, also gave a few inspiring remarks. In the evening Mrs. Greenwood gave a good address to a very good audience.

ALBERT ROBINSON, Sec.

Bradford (West Bowling).—On July 2nd we held our Open Sessions at 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m., when songs, recitations, duets, etc., were rendered by the following:—Misses E. Dolby, L. Winders, E. Chambers, A. Kellett, S. J. Hodgson; Master W. Gibson; Mrs. Wright; Misses A. Varley and H. Widdop. There was a good attendance, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

W. ROBINSON, Sec.

Canada (Toronto).—I am pleased to report that at our recent election of officers for the half-year the Lyceum expressed its appreciation and confidence in

the old staff of officers, and re-elected it, with the addition of Mr. W. Brett as assistant conductor, and Miss Agatha Thorpe as assistant leader. These two are both from Armley Lyceum. We are also pleased to report a steady increase in numbers. We are proud to be listed amongst the English Lyceums in the LYCEUM BANNER, and hope to see others follow our example. We also echo the wish that sometime in the future we may be able to send delegates to Lyceum Conferences. We shall be pleased to see all English Lyceumists who are coming out here at the Labour Temple. We can assure them of a friendly greeting.

(Mrs.) RHODA HOBSON.

Derby (Traffic Street).—The children gave an entertainment in aid of the funds for their treat, which proved a grand success, thus showing that "where there's a will there's a way." There were nuts, sweets, tea and buns, and also a varied assortment of prizes; songs, recitations, duets, and a display of marching and calisthenics. All enjoyed themselves till nearly ten o'clock.

E. W. STANTON, Sec.

Glasgow.—On Sunday, June 25th, Councillor J. T. Ward, of Blackburn, visited our Lyceum, and gave us great praise for excellence in marching and calisthenics. He also performed the christening ceremony for Mr. Arthur Sudall's little girl, and in a very beautiful and touching manner named her Alice. It is interesting to note that her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother were all present at the service. On the Sunday following we held our quarterly open session, the speaker being our conductor, Mr. Thos. T. Wallace, whom we regret to say leaves us shortly to take up business in South Africa. His address was of a valedictory and reminiscent nature, many interesting details of his connection with the Lyceum in its early and struggling days being given, which showed a marked contrast to its present strong position. After the usual Lyceum routine was gone through, a presentation to Mr. Wallace took place. In view of his long and valuable service to our movement we felt we could not let him depart without some tangible token of our esteem and appreciation, and on behalf of the Lyceum Mr. Cowie presented him with an umbrella and a collection of books, including the Lyceum Manual and Songster in their best bindings. A travelling bag was also given him by the members of the Associations. A farewell duet was afterwards sung by Misses Alice and Liza Sudall. We shall miss Mr. Wallace's genial presence very much, but we feel sure that he will continue his good work in South Africa, and that our loss will be its gain. Mr. Allan Cowie, a past conductor of our Lyceum, has been elected to fill his place.

ROBERT B. SMART, Sec.

Hadfield.—We celebrated our Anniversary on July 23rd, Mr. F. Hepworth, of Bury, being our speaker. We had an open session in the morning. After the chain and other recitations and pearls, our conductor, Miss M. H. Beeley, spoke very well on the pearls, as also did Mr. Hepworth. Marching was conducted by Mr. Philip Beeley, and the calisthenics by Mr. C. Nuttall, being highly complimented on the excellence of the same by Mr. Hepworth. In the afternoon and evening we had good discourses to full audiences. All

who heard him seemed to be delighted. We hope to have him with us again on some future occasion.

C. NUTTALL, Sec.

Higher Broughton.—On the 27th June, the members of the Society's Developing Class, assisted by members of Heath Street Class (Mrs. Jones), and Weaste (Mr. Davies), made an effort to help the funds of the Lyceum. The following ladies also gave their services. Mesdames E. Eastwood, J. T. Grayson and J. H. Jackson, and Miss Schofield. This effort realised the handsome sum of £3 8s. 9½d., which was devoted towards expenses of the Rochdale District Council Demonstration, which took place on the 22nd of July. Higher Broughton Lyceumists went to Bury in char-a-bancs and took part in the procession through the streets, afterwards in the marching and calisthenics on the Fair Ground. Although not successful in winning the Bannerette competed for, the way in which all our Lyceumists acquitted themselves was everything that their conductor (Mr. Tinker), their leader of marching, etc., (Mr. L. Downey), and their friends could desire, and they can well claim as their motto the motto of the Bannerette, namely, "Excellence." The attendances on Sunday mornings are improving, and everything tends to show that we are on the right way to that standard of efficiency and strength that is so necessary to make a successful Lyceum. We are severing our connection with the Rochdale District Council, and have joined the newly formed Manchester District Council.

J. A. STARBUCK, Hon. Sec.

Leicester (Albion Street, late of Silver Street).—On Sunday, July 16th, we held our first session in our new hall in Albion Street, which is to be our future home. We had musical programmes both morning and afternoon, several Lyceumists giving vocal solos and recitations. In the morning we had Councillor J. Chaplin, of our own city, and also Mr. A. V. Peters, of London, to speak to us. In the afternoon, we had several visitors, and Mr. H. Clark, the "father" of Spiritualism in Leicester, gave us a splendid address. I am pleased to add we are still increasing in numbers, and hope to continue so to do now we have a hall of our own.

J. A. BAKER, Sec.

Liverpool (Farnworth Hall).—We held our first annual picnic on July 20th, at the New Ferry Gardens. It was a most enjoyable day, and in every way a success.

H. H. LANGLEY, Sec.

Manchester (Harpurhey).—We held our open session on Sunday afternoon, which was well attended. The usual excellent programme was well rendered. In the evening Mrs. J. H. Jackson spoke to a good audience on Lyceum work, her remarks being much appreciated. The following Thursday the Lyceumists went to Reddish Vale by luries, accompanied by the Gorton Lyceumists. We arrived at noon, when buns and milk were served round. These were followed by a series of games and races, in which all enjoyed themselves most heartily.

T. EDMONDSON, Sec.

Mexborough.—We held our third anniversary on June 25th. We had an ordinary session in the morning, and an open session in the afternoon, conducted by Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, who greatly increased the interest of the children by giving to them some clairvoyant descriptions of their spirit friends and guides. The evening meeting was presided over by

Mr. Button, of Doncaster. Mrs. Bentley gave a splendid address on Lyceum work. She made a lasting impression on members and friends. A recitation was given by Miss Kirk, and a duet by Mr. G. Chattell and Mr. Copley. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent. Our Lyceum Trip is in August. We shall be pleased to have the help of friends in the management of our Lyceums, as our staff of workers is small. Friends in our district come and help us.

GEO. CHATTELL, Sec.

Millom.—We had our annual treat on the 8th July, when through the kindness of the Barrow Psychological Lyceum, we joined them at Torver. The weather was all that could be desired, and the country looked lovely from the field. Coniston Old Man looked very near; if we could only have been lifted up what a grand view would have met our gaze, but that, like mind development, would have to be done step by step. We all enjoyed ourselves, the children clamouring round Mr. Proctor, who had a big bag full of coppers, for which they had to race, every child getting some.

R. T.

Nottingham (Gladstone Hall).—The Lyceum Anniversary was held on Sunday, July 9th, when Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, conducted the services. Mrs. Bentley's addresses were much appreciated by both children and adults, and much good, it is hoped, will accrue from her visit. Her clairvoyance was very remarkable both on the Sunday and also at the Monday evening's service. The children, assisted by Miss Carson and Miss Clarke, contributed a programme of recitations, music, and dialogues in a very delightful manner, and altogether the services were of a bright and happy character, and could not fail to produce a favourable impression on strangers, a number of whom were present and appeared deeply interested. The annual Summer outing took place on Thursday, July 13th, when the children and a large number of adults journeyed to East Leake, a pretty place about 10 miles from Nottingham, and spent a most happy time. Following a substantial repast, racing for prizes commenced, and, thanks to the generosity of friends, all the children were able to carry home a memento of their outing. We arrived back in Nottingham shortly after nine o'clock, a tired but happy band. Mrs. Twelvetree and a number of friends from the Castle Gate and Mechanics' Societies favoured us with their presence, and we are pleased to say that Nottingham Spiritualists work very harmoniously together, and take the opportunity of fraternising on every possible occasion.

D. McCAIG.

Oldham (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, July 2nd, we held our half-yearly meeting, when we were pleased to have Mr. Chisnall, D.V., with us, who kindly presided over our meeting. The minutes and balance-sheet were passed. The following were elected for the ensuing six months:—Conductor, Mr. W. Goulden; assistant conductor, Mr. H. Burns; treasurer, Miss M. Whittle; secretary, Mr. E. Brierley; guardians, Misses H. Mills and E. Hughes; leaders, Messrs. L. Simpson and D. Barlow; librarian, Mr. J. W. Chapman; guardian of groups, Miss B. Keighley; visitors, Misses Mills and Hughes. Mr. Chisnall was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for so ably presiding.

E. BRIERLEY, Sec.

Oldham (Elliott Street).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our annual election of officers, the following being elected:—Secretary, Mr. John Frost (re-elected); conductor, Mr. Horsman (re-elected); assistant conductors, Miss E. Brooks and Mr. H. Monks; guardians, Miss Aubrey, Miss N. Palmer, Walter Shaw and J. Wright; calisthenic conductors, Miss Wardle and Mr. John Frost; teachers, Mrs. Buckley, Miss Ashworth, Miss Halkyard, Miss O. Shaw, Miss A. Maud, Mr. Horsman, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Monks, Mr. Barlow, and Mr. H. Monks; musical conductor, Mr. Barlow. On Sunday, July 9th, we held our quarterly open session, the church as usual being well filled. We were all pleased to have with us our worthy secretary, Mr. Alf. Kitson. We went through our chain recitations, after which the following recited:—E. Ashworth, Lizzie Ward, F. Bagley, A. Lester, H. Bagley, A. A. Millington, D. Wilson, Hy. Clayton and J. Clayton. Solos were rendered by Miss Ashworth and Miss A. Wilson. The Lyceum children sang in a very able manner "Summer Songs are radiant" and "Song of the Rose," under the leadership of Mr. Barlow. Afterwards the choir rendered a part song, "Softly fall the shades of Evening," followed by a chorus by Mr. Barlow, Mr. D. Barlow, Misses Barlow, A. Stott and N. Palmer. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in a very creditable manner, and were a pleasing sight to all present. After this a very pleasing ceremony took place, the naming of a baby belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Lyceumists, by Mr. Kitson, this being the first christening that has taken place in the Lyceum. Mr. Kitson, in naming the baby, said he was very pleased to be here on this occasion, and after giving a short address, which was listened to with keen interest by all present, he named the baby "Daisy," afterwards speaking highly of our Lyceum and its work. JOHN FROST, Sec.

Padiham.—On Sunday, July 23rd, we held our annual Flower Service. The hall was nicely decorated with a choice selection of cut bloom. Mr. J. Armitage, of Dewsbury, was the speaker. In the afternoon he addressed the scholars and friends, the children being delighted with some of his remarks. In the evening Mr. Armitage addressed the meeting on subjects selected by the audience, which were dealt with in an able manner. Mr. Chippendale, president, occupied the chair. We had a most enjoyable day. J. HEYWOOD, Sec.

Pendleton (Ford Lane).—On Sunday, June 25th, we held our open sessions. In the afternoon before a fair audience, the Lyceumists went through the usual routine. The silver and golden chain recitations and musical readings were well rendered. Pearls were given by a number of Lyceumists in good style. Recitations were given by Misses Nelly Taylor, Sarah Dyson and Florrie Shedlock in a most pleasing manner. Master Arthur Bagnall delighted the Lyceumists and friends by reciting "Getting information out of Pa," as did Master Alex. Robinson with his recitation, "Little Fly." The marching and calisthenics were gone through in the usual pleasing style. In the evening before a fair audience the Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song entitled "A Terrible Lesson." Solos were well rendered by Miss R. H. Moulding and Master Wm. Devine. The singing was led by our

esteemed worker, Mr. Moulding, whom we were pleased to welcome back after his serious indisposition. Much credit is due to our esteemed conductor, Mr. Bagnall, for the able manner in which he read this Service of Song. Miss Beswick officiated at the organ in her usual pleasing style. JOHN JACKSON, Sec.

Rawtenstall.—On Saturday, July 8th, one of our junior classes had a most enjoyable picnic to Townley Park, near Burnley. We arrived home at 10-30 well pleased with the outing. On July 15th, we held our annual field-day, when we paraded the main roads and streets, headed by a brass band and our silk banner. About 40 little girls, dressed in white, carrying baskets of flowers, etc., made a pleasing sight. I am sorry to say we had not a very good muster, only about 140 taking part. By kind permission we went through Mr. Warwick's grounds, and sang in front of his house. We then proceeded to the field, where tea, coffee and buns were provided. The band played for calisthenics. Games and racing were enjoyed, prizes being given to the winners. We were also photographed by Mr. W. Palmer. W.H.

Rochdale (Penn Street).—On July 2nd, we held our half-yearly meeting, when the following officers were elected:—Conductor, Miss F. Hardy; assistant conductor, Mr. J. J. Howarth; guardians, Mr. T. Dixon and Miss Pollard; captain of guards, Mr. J. Brown; musical director, Mr. E. Sanderson and Miss B. E. Dalton; librarians, E. Bradbury and F. Wright; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Howarth; secretary, Mr. Wm. Brown; teachers for the boys, Miss Hardy and Mr. Howarth; for the girls, Miss Pollard and Miss Whitely. WM. BROWN, Sec.

Royton.—We celebrated our anniversary on July 9th. There was a fair attendance in the afternoon, but the evening's attendance was marred by the heavy thunderstorm. Mrs. Nurse, of Rochdale, was our speaker. In the afternoon her remarks were based on the Lyceum teachings, and clairvoyance. In the evening she spoke on the Lyceum movement and its progress. Mr. H. Buckley and Miss Lucy Hamer officiated as organists. Miss Lottie Garside sang "The Sunbeam." Mr. Ralph Hirst, conductor, presided. I am sorry to say we are about to lose his valuable services, as he sails for America on Aug. 4th. We all wish him a speedy and safe journey. A. W. SMITH, Sec.

Skipton.—On Sunday, July 2nd, we held our monthly open session, when the following programme was rendered:—reading, Jenny Metcalfe; recitation, "Wishing," Nora Hawkins; 2 violin solos, "Gigue" and "Spring Song," Hilda Metcalfe; reading, "The Worker's Win" ('Outlines of Spiritualism'), Miss E. Brunt. H. HIGNETT, Sec.

York (Cromwell Road).—We held our second open session on July 16th. In the morning we had an ordinary session. In the afternoon the following recited:—J. Dickinson, L. Dickinson; Lily and Ernest Stiers recited "The Presence of Angels." There was also a duet by L. Stiers and B. Newstead. The marching and calisthenics were highly enjoyed. In the evening we gave the Service of Song entitled "An Angel in Disguise," which was conducted by Mrs. Stiers; reader, Miss Stiers. E. DICKINSON, Sec.

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.

- Acerington**, Argyle st, 10-30 a.m., Mr. George Dyson, 74 Tremellen-st., Blackburn-rd.
" China-st., at 10 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, 7, Greenland St, Wellington-rd., Leeds.
Ashton - under - Lyne, Burlington street Mr. J. Smith, 148, Princess-st., Hurst
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, Miss P. Whitton, 28 Dalkeith st.
Barrow-in-Furness, Berry's Buildings, 10 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, Brook side.
Birmingham, Saltley, Spiritualists' Society, 2-45 p.m., Miss L. Stephens, 105, Highfie-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. J. Southworth, 3 Bent Gap Villas
Blackpool, Albert rd, 9-30., Mr. T. Vane, 59, Albert-st. South Shore.
Bolton, Bradford st., 10 a.m. Mr. E. Pilkington, 10, Mercia-st., Daubhill
Bolton, Wood st, 10 and 2-30, Mr. James Hibbert, 44 Bullock st.
Bootle, Liverpool, Mechanics' hall, 11 a.m., Miss Marie Jones, 27, Marsh-st., Kirkdale
Bradford, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 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. O. Edmondson, 204 Otley-rd.
" 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., W. Robinson, 362, Little Horton Lane
Brighouse, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10 Piggot-st.,
Burnley, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24, Hornby-st
Burnley, Fulledge, 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, Hunninglow 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
Canada, Toronto, Church-st., 11 a.m. Mrs R Hobson' 28 Taylor-st.
Castleford, Mr. W. Pardy, 52, Smawthorne-ave.
Clayton-le-Moors, 10 a.m., Miss Mary Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington.
Cleckheaton, Old Robin-st., 10 a.m., W. Lavington, School-st, Moorbottom
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., and 2-15, Mr. W. Jagger, 15, Hill-st., Shaw
Darwen, Church bank-st, 9-30, & 1-5 Mr. W. Thompson, 67, Sarah-st.
Dearnley near Rochdale, 10, Miss C. Greenwood, 17, Fair View, Gale, Littleboro'
Derby, Traffic st., 10-30 Mr. E. W. Stanton, 30, 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 Nelson, 42, Childer's-st.
" Nether Hall Road, 10-30. Mr. Walter Jefferies, 69, Hexthorpe-rd.
Dundee, Foresters' Hall, Miss Mary Oakner, 10 Garland-place
Elland, James st., 10, Miss N. A. Smithies, 6, Bath-st.
Gateshead, St Cuthbert's hall, Benham, 2-30, Mr. P. Herd, 96, Roodsley-st.
Glasgow, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., Mr. Robert B. Smart, 23, Gayfield-st
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
Heeknoldwike, Church st., 10 and 1-30, Miss E. Horner, Albert Terrace, Littletown, Liversedge
Heywood, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Harry Diggle, 33, Cromwell-st.
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., Failsworth.
Horwich, nr. Bolton, Beatrice st, 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 8, Abraham st.
Huddersfield, Brook st., 10, Mr. H. L. Westery, 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., Mr. Charles R. Armitage, 157, Dukinfield-rd., Newton.
Keighley, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay, Cavendish street.
Lancaster, Athenium 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 and 1-45, 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
" Allison-st, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. J. A. Baker, 23, St. Margaret-st
Liverpool, East Liverpool, Farnworth hall, West Derby-rd., 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, Mrs Bolton, 35 Beauchamp-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
London, W. Chiswick, 2-45, Mr. G. H. Harris, 2 Cranbrook-rd., High-rd., Chiswick, W.
" Tottenham, 193, High-rd., 3 p.m., Mr. J. R. Parsonson, 55, Rosebery-rd., Lr. Edmonton, N.
Loughboro', Sparrow Hill, 10-45 Mr. A. Bentley 39, Fearon-st.
Macclesfield, Cumberland road, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 46, Vincent-st.
Manchester, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. Geo. Vernon, 73, Mytton st Hulme
Manchester, Harpurhey, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Edmondson, 9, Conran-st., Queen's Park.
" Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Hy. Sinclair, 11, Thornton-st., Openshaw.
" Gorton, Trade and Labour Hall, 10-30, 1-54 Mr. H. Green, 8, Peter-st., Ardwick
" Longsight, Chell-st., Miss Eva Stringer, 16, Ellesmere-place, Halbury-st., Stockport-rd.
" 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30 Miss L. Simms, 96, Cranworth-st, C. on M.
Manchester South, Princess Hall, Bradshaw st, 2-30 p.m., [Mr. A. Cridland, 95, Alexandra-rd. 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' Grange rd, 10 a.m., Mr. J. Buckingham, 31, Garret st.
Millom, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. R. Tyson, 14 Moor end.
Morecambe, New Queen st., 10-30, David Ditchfield, Victoria Cottage
Morley Zoar st., 10 a.m., Mr. Ernest Clay Stoney lane, East Ardsley, near Wakefield
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
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. Ernest Brierley, 45 Spencer-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, 29 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
Quarmby, nr Huddersfield, 10-15, Mr Dennis Milnes, 48, Oakes-rd, Lindley.
Rawtenstall Back ormerod st, 10-15 to 11-45, Mr. John T. Pinchbeck, 11, Rosevale-street, Cloughfold
Rishton, Etchell-st., 10 a.m., Miss M. Houghton, 31, Hr. Burton-st., nr Blackburn
Rochdale, Oldham-rd., 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. Green, 71, Merfield-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., 110, 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, 69, 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 Woolter, 166, Valley rd.
" Cross Addy st. Uppetherporpe, 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, Melbourne street.
" Forester-st, 10-30, Mr. G. A. Blain, 11, Bridge-st.
Stockport Spiritual hall, Willington st.
" J Hy Marsden, 223, Chestergate
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., Lawefield-lane
Walsall Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tompkins, Hagley, Lyssways-st.
Warrington, Sankey-st., Mr. R. Cleave, 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. Walter Ormerod, 27, Caroline-st.
Windhill. School hill, 10-30 and 1-30. M. H. Alderson, 49, Manor lane, Shipley.
Yeadon, Town side, 9-30, Mr. J. H. Hardaker, 20, Town-st.
York, Cromwell-rd, 10-30, E. Dickinson, 23 Waterloo place, Coney-st
York, 17, St. Martin's Crescent, Micklegate. E. Dickinson, 7, St. Martin's Crescent, Micklegate
York, St. Saviourgate, 10-15 and 1-30, C. Hall, 13 Herbert-st., South Bank