

# The LYCEUM BANNER

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

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ONE PENNY

## A Song of Summer.

Summer! glorious summer!  
With thy warm and radiant light,  
Sunlit day and sunset night;  
Glorious, sunny summer.  
Summer! golden summer!  
Time of golden waving corn,  
Flowered fields and fruited thorn;  
Golden, bounteous summer.  
Summer! joyful summer!  
Caroling lark and piping thrush,  
Singing robin and nested bush;  
Joyful, singing summer.

Blackburn.

REUBEN A. WEBB,

## A String of Pearls.

FROM MORLEY'S LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

What is home without a mother?  
Her place can be filled by no other;  
Always try to remember this fact,  
Then never to her will you meanly act.

It is not money that makes the man. Take that  
to heart if at all you can.

He gains wisdom with me you will agree, who is  
willing to receive instruction wherever he may be.

Love them who hate you. This is an hard thing,  
but a great virtue if only we win.

Supplied by MR. T. H. ROGERSON.

## Knowledge is Power.

Be not content with what thou hast  
Of wisdom's wondrous store;  
The most thou knowest is but small  
Then seek to make it more.

In grand and wide immensity  
Stretch out vast plains of thought;  
Inviting thee to higher things  
Than those thy past hath brought.

The treasures of a cultured mind  
Are more than rubies rare;  
A tower of refuge thou shalt find  
Great power is hidden there.

A comfort in the time of woe  
A strength in time of need;

"Knowledge is power" above below  
And "truth" alone its creed.  
The more thou searchest, yet the more  
There is for thee to find;  
Eternity will seem too short  
To satisfy thy mind.  
Then spur thee on to greater things;  
Onward! yea onward go;  
A nobler knowledge gain—and hold,  
God's peace thou then shalt know.

PAULA CORONA.

## Thy Father Knows.

Look up sad soul oppressed by grief and sorrow,  
Forget thy woes.  
Though dark to-day, hope for a brighter morrow—  
Thy Father *knows*.

Think not that thou art stricken more than others  
With sorrow's tears.  
Grief's voice is raised by many of thy brothers;  
Thy Father *hears*.

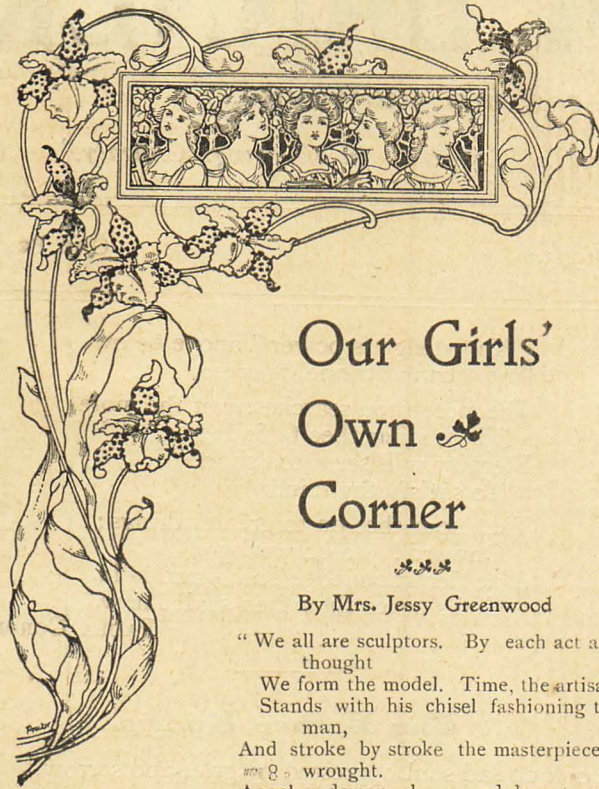
Hast thou not felt thy guardian angel's presence?  
True help she gives.  
Hast thou no trust to know that though all fail thee  
Thy Father *lives*?

If thou with sorrows choose to dwell, then brightness  
With swift flight moves.  
Oh doubting soul, forgetting in thy sadness  
Thy Father *loves*.

Then "leave the darkness" hear sweet voices calling—  
"Seek brighter ways."  
"Angels shall ever keep thy feet from falling"  
Thy Father says.

PAULA CORONA.

As the man with the camera began to adjust the lens and direct it toward his small sitter, that young person set up a howl. In vain did his mother do her best to quieten him. Edward did not want his picture taken. "Why, my child," she said, soothingly, "the gentleman won't hurt you. Just smile and keep still a moment, and it will be all over before you know it." "Yes, I know mother," whimpered Edward, with the tears running down his cheeks, "but that's what you told me at the dentist's."



## Our Girls' Own Corner

By Mrs. Jessie Greenwood

"We all are sculptors. By each act and thought  
We form the model. Time, the artisan,  
Stands with his chisel fashioning the man,  
And stroke by stroke the masterpiece is wrought.  
Angel or demon, choose and do not err,  
For Time but follows as you shape the mould,  
And finishes in marble stern and cold  
The statue of the soul, the character."  
E. W. WILCOX.

The following incident, given by a minister, is worth our consideration. Perhaps my friend, Mr. Clarke, might think it belongs more properly to his column, but I think it is a voice to our girls from the night of darkness that enshrouds many women, and in this form may help some girl to decide as between temperance and intemperance on the drink question.

### "A VOICE FROM THE NIGHT."

*A Temperance Sunday Appeal, delivered in the Dewsbury Congregational Chapel, by the Rev. Henry Wallace.*

I had stood by the last narrow house of a ruined life. As the sexton's "dust to dust, ashes to ashes," mingled with the tears of the bereaved children, fell coldly upon the coffin, the scattered earth seemed to drop upon my heart as well. In life she had often made me shudder at her daring sin and desperate defiance of all good things. But there, by the grave side, in the solemn atmosphere of death, the life that had burnt itself out in the fiery fumes of alcohol suggested thoughts that made the brain sick and the heart heavy. With leaden feet, and in a kind of weary stupor, I had reached home, and now, as the shades of evening closed in, I drowsed prostrate upon my couch. I dreamed, and all at once it seemed as if the air in my room was disturbed by some moving presence. I felt that someone was near me. I could see nothing. But the air throbbed like a pulse-beat, and my nerves pricked like points of steel.

"Do not be afraid. I mean you no harm, but good!" I knew the voice well, and with its sound there shaped themselves dimly in the gloom the figure and features of the Ruined One.

Strangely enough I felt no fear. I waited expectant and silent.

The Voice resumed: "There are some things I want to say to you—things that you ought to hear. You and your religion might have done more for me had you only sought the right way. Yet I see now that there was true feeling for me in your heart, and that counts for more than you know now; and for that I thank you. But it is not even judgment or gratitude that brings me to you to-night. I want you, minister, to feel and to try to make your people to feel some things that you are liable to forget. Feel, I say, for you often think them and know them without feeling them. I know that I and such as I are your problem. Society can do nothing with us. It soon ceases to try, and then only concerns itself to protect itself from us. Philanthropy tries its hand upon us, but it also at last wearies, worn out with its fruitless efforts to redeem us. Even home, sweetest and strongest of God's saving agencies, cannot keep us right, and two-thirds of your religion has no more power over us than so much moonshine. What can you do with me? Ah! the thing that most needs to be done with me is something that you could never do. Only One knows what that really is, and only One can really do it! But there are some things you can do that you do not do, and often do not desire to do!"

I listened eagerly. "What can we do?" asked I, all ears for the reply.

The Voice seemed stern in its intensity: "You can first cease trying to do what you were not meant to do, and give yourselves the better to what you were meant to do—what, indeed, you can and ought to do! You cannot save us, but you can point the way. Do you? You cannot be our haven, but you can warn us off the rocks. Do you? You cannot make and keep us sober, but you can remove the Devil's snares from our path; you can take away your benediction from the curse that slays us; you can cease your disputes as to whether there is a personal devil and deal with the real one that rears its ugly head in every spot, fair as well as foul." She paused. The words seemed to be burning themselves in upon my brain.

The Voice continued: "Another thing! You can try to understand us! For all you have known me so long you have never really known how bad I was. And because of this you have tried to apply remedies to my case that could never have been effective. For your kindness I must ever remember you, but that kindness was less kind than it might have been, in that it was not stern enough.

(To be continued.)

**WINDHILL SPIRITUAL LYCEUM.—ANNIVERSARY,** October 15th, 1905. Speaker, MISS HOUGH. Morning, 10-30; Afternoon 2-30; Evening, 6. On Saturday, October 14th, 1905, ANNUAL TEA and ENTERTAINMENT. Admission to Tea and Entertainment—Adults 7½d., Children 3½d. Entertainment 2d. All are Welcome.

### In Memoriam.

On Tuesday, September 12th, at 2-30 p.m., the mortal remains of Bertie Osborne (an old Daulby Lyceumist) were cremated at Anfield Crematorium.

For a number of years consumption has been gradually reducing his strength, and six months ago he took to his bed.

On Thursday, the 7th day of September, the Angel of Death liberated him from the bondage of earth, and right glad he is.

During his enforced rest, the spirit within was preparing for the great change. A few friends laboured to make life bearable, and watched to the end.

One of them (Mrs. Drew) saw clairvoyantly the spirit hands at work helping the spirit of our friend to withdraw from the body; "passes" were made by spirit hands, and then the medium raised her hand and said, "he is gone," and sure enough it was true. The news spread abroad, "he is dead." Within 12 hours he controlled the medium, and in a feeble voice, spoke words of comfort to his mother, and of gratitude to his friends.

When the writer called on Monday evening relative to the ceremony to be performed, Bertie again "controlled" and administered a mild reproof, because, he said, "you only visited me once while I was in bed. "You little know," he added, "how welcome you all are, and how lonely we feel if no one comes to see us."

Dear Mr. Kitson, is it not a fact that far too large a proportion of our time is occupied in propaganda work, pic-nics, etc., and altogether too little in sick visiting, and other kinds of helpful service to those in need?

We need a "propaganda of devotion" in our ranks, and I feel sure it would be the wisest and best propaganda work open to us.

After attending, for the first time, a service at the crematorium, and seeing the work done, I say unhesitatingly that it is the best possible way of disposing of man's earthly "temple." In officiating, we tried to set forth in brief the views we hold respecting the incident of death, trusting that the truth alone may survive, and that sad hearts may be comforted by means of this service.

Anfield Chapel, too, is so clean and cheerful, altogether unlike the cold, clammy places in some cemeteries.

By means of this sacred fire we give back to nature the things that are hers. Knowing at the same time that—

Death is the mightier second birth,  
The unveiling of the soul:  
'Tis freedom from the chains of earth,  
The pilgrim's heavenly goal.

Death is the conquerour's welcome home,  
The heavenly city's door,  
The entrance of the world to come,  
'Tis life for evermore.

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE CLARKE,  
16, Watford Road, Anfield.

WEST PELTON.—We deeply regret the passing on to the higher life on Aug 24th, of our brother and co-worker, Mr. James Harrison. His end was very sudden, as he was present on August 20th, and enjoyed the Anniversary Services very much. His mortal remains were interred at the West Pelton Cemetery on August 27th, Messrs. Lawrence and Pearson officiating.

We also regret the passing on to the higher life, on Sept. 6th, of our dear sister, Mrs. Walton. Mr. Lashbrook, of Newcastle, officiated at the interment at the West Pelton Cemetery on September 9th in a very impressive manner.

Our arisen friends have still a warm place in our hearts. They are still bound to us by bonds of love stronger than death, and deeper than the grave. Concerning them we feel more than we can speak. We rejoice at their ability to return and manifest their interest in the good work they loved while in the mortal form. May the remembrance of this day shine as a bright diamond in the golden necklace of the sunny memories we hold in connection with our cause.—W. H. NICHOLSON, Conductor.

OLDHAM, Coronation Street.—It is with sincere regret that I record the passing on of Mrs. Skenton. She was in full sympathy with the Lyceum, and a good supporter. Her Memorial Service was held on September 3rd, Mrs. Gardner, one of our local mediums, being the speaker. She made feeling reference to our arisen sister as being a splendid worker in the cause, and the faithful manner in which she had discharged her duties. The Lyceum members generally desire to convey their deep sympathy to the bereaved husband and family who remain to mourn their material loss. The choir sang "Thou hast crossed the shadowy portal."—ERNEST BRIERLEY, Secretary.

#### OPENING OF NEW LYCEUM.

### Cheetham Spiritual Society,

Halliwell Lane, Cheetham.

### A Social and Dance

will be held in the above room on Saturday, October 14th, at 7-30. Tickets 4d. each. Also BORDERLAND.

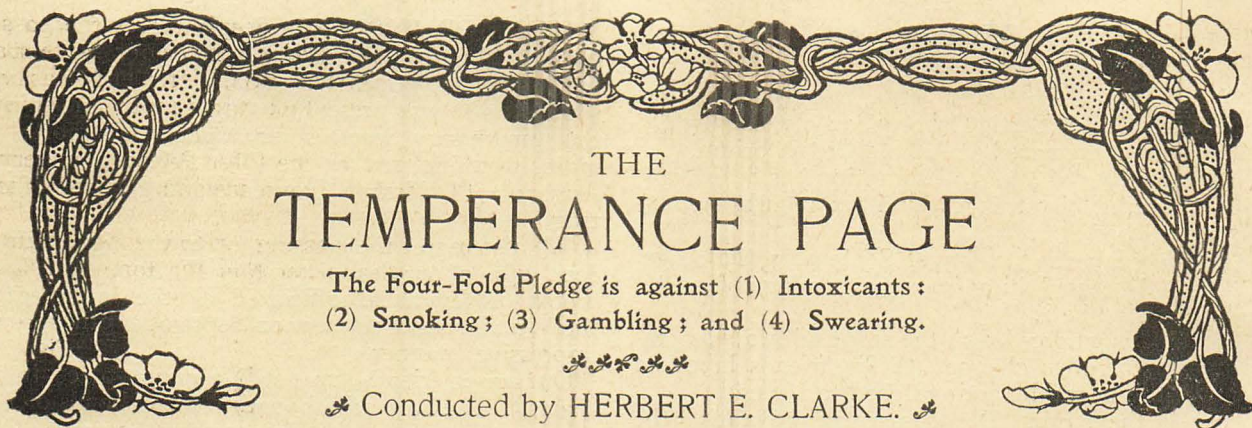
DEDICATION SERVICES, Sunday October 15th. 10-30, 2-30 and 6-30, conducted by Madam A. Williams, and supported by Mrs. Burton-Bentley, District Visitor; Will Phillips, Esq., Editor of "Two Worlds"; W. Critchley, Esq., one of the oldest Conductors in Lancashire; and other workers. Representatives from the following Local Lyceums will attend:—Collyhurst, Higher Broughton, Harpurhey, Pendleton (Ford Lane), Pendleton (Leaf Square), Salford (Chapel Street), Princess Hall, and the Junction. Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Musical Director - - Miss ANNIE ROTHERAM

Lyceum Conductor - - Mr. E. STAFFORD.

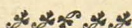
Conductor of Marching - Mr. L. DOWNEY.

The Marching and Calisthenics will be performed in the open-air (weather permitting). Teas will be provided at small cost for those coming from a distance.



## THE TEMPERANCE PAGE

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



Conducted by HERBERT E. CLARKE.

**I**N the last few numbers of *The Banner* I have ventured to discuss from about four standpoints the relations which alcoholic liquors bear to our development as a civilized and organised race, and I have endeavoured to show that, from whatever point of view the question is studied, the same result is inevitably met with, and the same inference must be drawn.

By way of epilogue to these very short and insufficient articles, I intend this month to draw your attention more closely to the pledge with which our work is allied; and I consider this all the more necessary as I find that, up to the present, no very explicit account has been given in these columns of the aims and objects of the Fourfold Pledge, or of the causes which called it into being. It is, moreover, some considerable time since I made any statement of the strength or representation of the Pledge, and I shall, therefore, take the present opportunity of giving a somewhat complete estimate of our roll for the convenience of the Lyceums who have already taken up membership under the Pledge.

This page was instituted for the promotion of the principles of Total Abstinence among our Lyceumists, and, with this as its good watchword, it was ably conducted by my predecessor, whose worthy labours in earlier years will long be remembered and appreciated.

The necessity, however, had long been felt of some bond of union between Temperance workers in our Lyceums up and down the country, and a pledge on precisely the lines of the present was instituted, largely by the instrumentality of our worthy Editor, but without centralisation in a common roll-book, or in the records of the official organ. This last forward step was again effected by Mr. Kitson, who early in the January of 1903 proposed to me that the Temperance Column should also accept the Pledge officially.

The scope of the work had now widened, and while remaining as firmly as before the mouthpiece of Lyceum Total Abstinence, this page opened issue against the three other vices of smoking, gambling, swearing.

If in the notes which have appeared in past months I have seemed to lay a greater measure of importance to the original purpose of the page, this has, I admit, been done advisedly. Because, I have found that a willingness to subscribe to the first part, generally has implied favour with the remaining three sections of

the Pledge. The exceptions to this rule are only 15 in number, or some 2.5 per cent.

The Pledge Cards—for which we are indebted to the generosity of Mr. Kitson—were displayed at the Blackpool Conference of 1904, and every member of the Pledge has, since then, been presented with one of these artistic cards, bearing the name and number of the member, and indicating the date of issue of the *Lyceum Banner* in which his or her name is published in a membership list. It has been my pleasure to issue six hundred of these cards up to the present, and I trust that, before the year ends, the number will be materially augmented.

Secretaries will much oblige by sending their lists of names to the Editor, or to myself, before the 20th day of the month, to ensure publication in the next month's issue.

Concerning gambling and swearing, I have had little to say. Every member of the Pledge has endorsed these two sections. While they have not the wide distribution and terrible effects of the first two, it will not be well for us to attempt to minimise in any way the evils of dishonest gain and impurity of speech. We all of us, in our fright mood, despise the man whose mouth is full of foul expressions and obscene words, and turn from him in disgust.

Gambling, in its many forms, has spread more widely than many of us at first realise. The wealthy speculator gambles with the lives and fortunes of his fellows, the ragged newsboy pitches his coppers at street ends, and every grade of Society—from the King himself to the miserable loafer who passes his time at the doors of the gin palace—is engaged in the degraded practice of betting on the results of horse races, football matches, and a hundred and one otherwise innocent affairs.

The heart is sickened at the sight of a sensation-loving crowd that streams into a palace, a casino, where souls are played away and hearts broken to the rattle of dice and roulette. Nay, we need not go to Monte Carlo to be convinced of the horrors of a gambling den. Who has not seen the anxious glitter in the eye of the man who buys the "special" edition of our daily papers, as he turns to the result of the last race? Are there any amongst us who have not heard of ruin that had its origin in the card table or on the race-course?

Here we have a degrading, dishonest and inhuman practice, which calls for immediate remedy, and I would beg of all my readers, and especially those who may already have signed this pledge, not to forget the importance of these two sections, and strive by thought and deed to reduce the amount of gambling and swearing so prevalent at the present time.

It is in the second item of the Pledge that I have heretofore met with the most serious opposition, and its intimate relation to the practice of modern drinking is shown by the fact that I have only fourteen members who are unable to sign the first part, when agreement to the second has been declared, while all the remaining delinquents refuse both parts. A still more conclusive proof is seen in the remarkable equality of membership in these two parts of our Pledge.

My task of convincing elder members of Lyceums of the absolute uselessness and danger of smoking is, I am aware, a severe one, but the task of persuading such to join actively against the practice by relinquishing it, and denouncing it whenever possible, is still harder, for reasons not hard to find. In the first place, the habit of tobacco is one which requires an effort to overcome, and many young men will prefer to risk the deleterious effects I have frequently attached to smoking, to the trouble or inconvenience of giving it up. In the second place, my youth and presumable inexperience add no conviction to the argument, but only make my work the more arduous in the face of readers with more years than myself.

However, I do not wish to withdraw anything I have said in the past regarding the use of tobacco, for I am more and more frequently being convinced of the truth of my words. A smoke which contains appreciable quantities of prussic acid and carbon monoxide—two of the most poisonous and injurious substances known to chemists—which causes an unnatural elevation of temperature in one particular region of the mouth,\* which fills the delicate air passages of the lungs with irritating and obstructing alkaloids; it is really no figment of the imagination to declare is the prime cause of much constitutional weakness.

If, therefore, my efforts in this direction have not met with immediate success among elders, it must be my part to turn to the young boys of our Lyceums and plead with them. The practice of thrashing boys for the experimental pleasure of their first cigarette has been a factor in promoting the habit of smoking. Instead of a punishment which brings the crime into line with the youthful propensity for jam or sugar, it would be much better that our boys should know how much harm will follow if they continue to encourage the habit which they have probably begun in all innocence and ignorance. It has been my pain to find dwarfed Lyceum boys of *eleven* years of age so completely mastered by the vice as to beg exemption from the second part of the Fourfold Pledge. I would submit to you, my good adult readers, that if you will not join us, you shall sometimes lend a hand in remedying this painful state of affairs. Surely we

have a duty to perform on behalf of those who are coming up behind us! These words may not be such as to appeal to your personal needs, but it is the highest call of our Spiritualism which summons us to the help of our fellows.

The following table shews that fourteen Lyceums have, up to the present, taken membership under the Pledge. Their strength is given in detail, for the four parts, and the dates are also appended. Five Lyceums have been good enough to send me further lists, as shewn:—

|                     | i. | ii. | iii. | iv. |              |
|---------------------|----|-----|------|-----|--------------|
| Glasgow ...         | 28 | 28  | 28   | 28  | June, 1903.  |
| " ...               | 25 | 25  | 25   | 25  | Dec., 1904.  |
| " ...               | 16 | 15  | 16   | 16  | July, 1905.  |
| Armley ...          | 65 | 62  | 67   | 67  | Oct., 1903.  |
| Leicester ...       | 50 | 50  | 50   | 50  | May, 1905.   |
| (Silver Street)     |    |     |      |     |              |
| " ...               | 15 | 14  | 15   | 15  | June, 1905.  |
| Belper ...          | 62 | 60  | 62   | 62  | Sept., 1903. |
| Nottingham ...      | 25 | 25  | 28   | 28  | April, 1903. |
| (Gladstone Hall)    |    |     |      |     |              |
| " ...               | 27 | 26  | 27   | 27  | Oct., 1904.  |
| " ...               | 6  | 6   | 6    | 6   | Oct., 1905.  |
| Batley Carr ...     | 24 | 27  | 29   | 29  | Mar., 1903.  |
| " ...               | 7  | 8   | 8    | 8   | Oct., 1904.  |
| " ...               | 7  | 7   | 7    | 7   | Sept., 1905. |
| " ...               | 5  | 5   | 5    | 5   | Oct., 1905.  |
| Rochdale ...        | 41 | 45  | 48   | 48  | July, 1904.  |
| Birmingham ...      | 37 | 37  | 37   | 37  | Feb., 1904.  |
| Nottingham ...      | 30 | 29  | 30   | 30  | April, 1903. |
| (Mechanics' Hall)   |    |     |      |     |              |
| " ...               | 7  | 7   | 7    | 7   | June, 1903.  |
| Barrow-in-F. ...    | 35 | 35  | 35   | 35  | April, 1904. |
| Rotherham ...       | 21 | 21  | 21   | 21  | May, 1903.   |
| Bootle ...          | 21 | 21  | 21   | 21  | Dec., 1903.  |
| Newcastle ...       | 18 | 18  | 18   | 18  | Oct., 1905.  |
| (Northumberland H.) |    |     |      |     |              |
| W. Bowling ...      | 15 | 14  | 16   | 16  | May, 1903.   |

I am pleased to add the following names to the Pledge:—

#### NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).

|                         |         |                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| 580 Annie Silvers ...   | 1 1 1 1 | 583 Leslie Christie ... | 1 1 1 1 |
| 581 Hannah Silvers ...  | 1 1 1 1 | 584 Archie Shipley ...  | 1 1 1 1 |
| 582 Florrie Silvers ... | 1 1 1 1 | 585 Albert Shipley ...  | 1 1 1 1 |

#### NEWCASTLE (Northumberland Hall).

|                         |         |                          |         |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| 586 Florrie Gardner ... | 1 1 1 1 | 595 J. F. Finley ...     | 1 1 1 1 |
| 587 Frances Servant ... | 1 1 1 1 | 596 Frank Finley ...     | 1 1 1 1 |
| 588 Clara Servant ...   | 1 1 1 1 | 597 Archie Wilson ...    | 1 1 1 1 |
| 589 Lily Young ...      | 1 1 1 1 | 598 Jno. Maughan ...     | 1 1 1 1 |
| 590 Jos. Baston ...     | 1 1 1 1 | 599 Andrew Wilson ...    | 1 1 1 1 |
| 591 Florence Baston ... | 1 1 1 1 | 600 William Mather ...   | 1 1 1 1 |
| 592 John Seed ...       | 1 1 1 1 | 601 Miss Agnes Smith ... | 1 1 1 1 |
| 593 Maggie Watson ...   | 1 1 1 1 | 602 Miss Cora Smith ...  | 1 1 1 1 |
| 594 Lily M'Leod ...     | 1 1 1 1 | 603 John Wilson ...      | 1 1 1 1 |

#### BATLEY CARR.

|                       |         |                      |         |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| 604 Emma J. Jones ... | 1 1 1 1 | 607 Ada Hall ...     | 1 1 1 1 |
| 605 Harry Hall ...    | 1 1 1 1 | 608 Lilian Smith ... | 1 1 1 1 |
| 606 Frances Brook ... | 1 1 1 1 |                      |         |

#### Re MR. J. J. MORSE AND THE "BANNER OF LIGHT."

We have received a copy of the *Progressive Thinker*, Chicago, dated 9th September, 1905, and are pleased to notice therein a letter from Mr. J. J. Morse under date 27th August, stating that a full settlement of his claim against the publishers of the *Banner of Light* had been arrived at on August 25th, a few days before he sailed for England.

\*To this cause is due almost entirely the cancer of the tongue and palate prevalent amongst inveterate smokers.



MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I have a splendid letter this month, which I am sure you will all enjoy reading, as it is something entirely new, and will give you something to think about. Here it is:—

RICHARD BIRD, ESQ.—HIS TALE.

By LILIAN CHORLTON.

I am only a little bird. "A common green linnet" folks say, when they see me. But don't you readers of the "Lyceum Banner" (which by the way I think is a capital paper) think, that if God, who made us all, made green linnets so plentiful as to be common, he must have liked the variety very much, or he would not have made so many of us? I do, and I know some very beautiful things that are green as well as myself. Flower leaves for instance, and the beautiful grass and ferns, and trees as well, so I shan't grumble at my colour at all. Well, dear readers, we seem to have got the writing fever in our house, for my young mistress writes for your paper and others, and my master writes for a big dry paper (not half so nice as yours), and I thought I would like to write as well. Now I think I will tell you about myself first. To begin with, I was born in a thick hedge in a lovely field. Our home was hidden in the thickest part of the hedge, where boys could not get at us. I was the eldest of four, and my mother often used to say "the handsomest." We used to get up with the sun and go to bed when he did. After I had learned to fly I had some lovely times, going long flying trips with my friends. But alas! I got caught in a trap which a man had set in a field. My dear mother never told me about such things so I did not know, and walked innocently into it, and was caught with several other birds. A big, ugly man, with red hair and great red hands, pulled us all out and put us in square places made of wood and wire, where we had no room to fly. There were dozens of us, and many other birds of different families. We were in what was called a shop. One day a young lady came in and the man sold two of us for sixpence to

her. She gave me to my present mistress and I parted from my friend, who remained with her, with many fears as to what the future had for me.

But I need not have worried, for my present mistress is very good and kind to me. She is the mother of the lady who writes for your paper. Often my mistress talks to me, and I listen with great respect, and if she only understood my language she would know that I was giving her back intelligent replies. It is such a pity that people don't learn our language, for they do miss a lot as it is. We quite understand yours, and you see how nicely I can write it. There are lots of things we could teach you that you do not know. I like my mistress very much, although her wings are quite bare of feathers and she cannot fly at all, only walk on her legs. Then she has long fingers on the ends of her wings which seem so queer to me. You human beings are very funny from a bird's point of view.

Then there is my mistress' daughter and another lady in our house, and a very big tall man who is called a husband. I took a great dislike to men after seeing the red-headed one, and can't bear them to come near me. I flutter round in my cage till my mistress is nearly distracted, for the great things frighten me so. I have got a bit used to the man in our house by now, but think one of them is quite enough. The only other person I have not mentioned that lives with us is a cat. She is a big, fat, lazy creature, covered all over with long grey fur, her eyes are big and green like two round gooseberries and when I first came she used to stare at me till my mistress stopped her. She does not seem to do any work for her living, but only eats and drinks and sleeps, except when she goes on the roof of the stable outside and harasses the poor sparrows who come for crumbs.

She dare not do it to me, because my mistress watches her. When I told her I was going to write for you, she sneered, and said, "If you read my rubbish you would all be ill." But, bless you! she is only jealous because I can do things that she can't. Fancy!

she once told me she could sing, and (it was before I knew her really) I let her sing to me. Oh, dear! I was ill for nearly a week after. She certainly got top B, but it was B flat, and the only thing I can liken it to was the sound that is made by somebody squeaking a pencil up a slate. She has concerts sometimes with her friends on the roof, and the entrance fee must be human people's boots and stones, judging by what I see the next day. Well, dear friends, this is all I can write this time, but if your Editor lets me, I will tell you more next month.

RICHARD BIRD

The letter has taken up so much room that I am afraid the other letters will have to be kept until another month.

I have a splendid letter from Isabella Watson, of Darwin, which I should have liked to put in in full, but I have no room this month. I am very sorry, and hope I shall be forgiven. Will you write and tell me I am?—Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

## DARWEN LYCEUM.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1869 Isabella Watson  | 1877 Lily Briggs      |
| 1870 Winnie Stuttard  | 1878 Elsie Hargreaves |
| 1871 Alice Fairhurst  | 1879 Rachael Grime    |
| 1872 Lillian Simpson  | 1880 Maggie Eccles    |
| 1873 Janie Addicott   | 1881 Emma Whalley     |
| 1874 Florrie Thompson | 1882 Annie Kay        |
| 1875 Beatrice Eccles  | 1883 Miriam Scotson   |
| 1876 Louisa Addicott  |                       |

## PADIHAM LYCEUM.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1884 Harry Heywood   | 1890 Martha A. Jackson |
| 1885 James Gelling   | 1891 May F. Dandy      |
| 1886 J. W. Eastham   | 1892 Alice Ellis       |
| 1887 Arthur Butler   | 1893 Nellie Ellis      |
| 1888 John W. Hoole   | 1894 Mary A. McManus   |
| 1889 Laura Wilkinson |                        |

P.S.—All letters which have not been mentioned this month will be attended to next.—F.B.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### The Executive Propaganda Meeting at Wood Street Lyceum, Bolton.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd and 3rd, the members of above Lyceum were specially favoured, having with and amongst them the members of the Lyceum Union Executive Council. After tea on the 2nd the E.C. members proceeded with their usual business, and were at it until about 10-30. On Sunday we held a morning service, addressed by the various members of the E.C. Mr. Lathom spoke very seriously yet forcefully on the necessity of having love towards each other and unanimity in our ranks. The fact that this morning service was an innovation for Spiritualism in Bolton, and that Bolton people are very conservative, and therefore not to be drawn by such revolutionary measures in the order of services as adopted on this day, accounted, probably, for the scarcity of the congregation. However, the forty or fifty who assembled to hear our friends thoroughly enjoyed it. In the afternoon, at 2-30, we held a Lyceum Open Session. There was a fairly good muster present when the conductor's bell rang for the opening exercises. We used the Lyceum Hymn Sheet No. 3. The readings and responses were given very well, considering that there were a number of people taking part who had probably never before taken part in a Lyceum Session. Comments upon

the readings were made by Mrs. J. Greenwood, Messrs. J. Knight, E. Keeling, and other friends. The marching and calisthenics were ably gone through under the leadership of Mr. A. P. and Miss F. Nield. Short addresses were given by Uncle Harry Kersey, Alfred Kitson (the children's friend), Albert Wilkinson (the cinematograph king), and others. The conductor's reply to the kind words from the various members of the E.C. brought our afternoon session to a close. Tea was partaken of at Wood Street Room, the meetings being held in the Public Sales' Room, Bowker's Row. Previous to tea, Friend Keeling photographed a few friends outside the meeting-place door. Evening service at 6-30—hall crowded—brief, bright, and brotherly—speeches from the assembled members of the E.C. much appreciated. Miss P. Lancaster was the accompanist at each service. Misses N. Lancaster and F. Nield sang appropriate solos at the evening service. Thus passed a pleasant, pleasing and profitable day. May we have many such soon.—A. P. Nield, Con.

## NOTICE.

Sheffield (Heeley) Lyceum Fourth Anniversary will be held in the Large Vestry Hall, Meersbrook Park Road, on Sunday, October 15th, 1905. Special Hymns, Solos, Recitations, Marching, Calisthenics, etc., will be rendered by the Lyceumists. Speaker: Mrs. A. E. Bentley, of Manchester, District Visitor for the B.S.L. Union. Lyceum Open Sessions morning and afternoon at 10 a.m. and 2-15. Prize Distribution at Afternoon Session. Evening at 6-30, Mass Meeting will be held, when a Special Address to parents and friends will be given by Mrs. Bentley, followed by Clairvoyant descriptions. Collections to defray expenses.

A Lyceum Social evening will be spent on Saturday, October 14th, at 7 o'clock. Songs, Solos, Tableaux, Recitations, etc., Refreshments provided at small charges.

Come in hundreds. Tea will be provided on Sunday for friends from a distance at 6d. each. Cars stop close to the Hall.

Entrance on Saturday in Meersbrook Park Road.  
Entrance on Sunday in Burcot Road.

## KINDNESS.

**L**ITTLE words of kindness,  
And kind actions, too,  
Draw the loving angels  
Unto me and you.

And they gently whisper  
Into all our ears,  
They will ever help us  
In our efforts here.

We are all God's children,  
And to Him belong,  
Let us praise our Maker  
All the live day long.

C. NUTTALL, Hadfield.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Executive's visit to Bolton promises to bear good results. The morning's meeting was an innovation, and so the attendance was poor. But the evening's meeting amply compensated for it. The members of the Executive were in good form and gave splendid addresses.

The Open Session was a great attraction. It was cheering to see so many bright faces full of joyous anticipation. The visitors seemed to be deeply interested in the proceedings. The excellency and order of the entire session gave us a pleasant surprise.

The Executive will visit Skipton on October 8th. The visit is being eagerly looked forward to by the local friends who have not yet had the pleasure of welcoming the Executive.

The price and quality of the Lyceum Badge is a marvel. One maker does not know how the Union can sell them at the price. He declares he could not make them at less than one shilling each. The brooches are nearly sold out.

Mr. Robert Sudall, junr., of Glasgow, has been appointed the D.V. for Scotland, in place of Mr. William Macdonald, resigned. He is a capable officer, having been trained in the Darwen Lyceum, in which his father laboured for several years with marked success.

It is our pleasure to record the re-opening of the Lyceum at Greenock. The time of Session is late, 4-30 p.m., but we suppose it best serves their circumstances. They feel the importance of unity, and so have applied for affiliation with the Union.

It will be seen from the advertisement on another page that the Lyceum at Cheetham, Manchester, is to be re-opened. We trust the friends will rally round them and make the effort a big success.

The Lyceum Demonstration at Manchester was a splendid sight. The beautiful silk banners, the pretty effect of the sashes and rosettes worn by both adults and children, the orderly conduct, the splendid step kept to the enlivening strains of the bands, could not fail to make a good impression, and elicit favourable comments from the thousands of spectators who lined the route. Well done, Manchester.

We have had a pleasant surprise from Grimsby. Failing to elicit any reply to our letters we assumed the Lyceum had lapsed, and the friends did not like to announce the fact. Judge of our surprise then when we learned the other week that the Lyceum, although carried on by a faithful few, had on its register upwards of 70 names! We congratulate them on their faithful adherence to the children's cause.

We desire to state, in answer to the numerous applications for "A list of suitable books," that the sub-committee has not yet been discharged from its duties. When its work is completed the promised list will be printed and copies sent to each Lyceum Secretary.

We desire to recommend all Lyceums who want "star cards," hymn sheets, handbills, &c. printing, to consult Messrs. J. Wadsworth & Co., the "Rydal Press," Keighley. Their work is good and prices low. Such is our experience. Try them.

A lady, writing from Canada, seeking advice on how to train her children, says she has kept them away from the Sunday School since she became convinced of spirit communion, as she could not send them to be taught doctrines she no longer believed! Wise mother, happy children! We wish all Spiritualist parents acted as wisely and conscientiously.

A friend, writing from St. Louis, U.S.A., says:—"I am surprised and gratified at the size and strength of the Lyceum movement in England, as shown in the LYCEUM BANNER. I am much impressed with the LYCEUM BANNER, and can only hope that the time will come when our own *Progressive Lyceum* (the title of their Lyceum sheet) will be a full-fledged journal such as your folks have in the BANNER."

The *Stockport Borough Express* makes a kindly reference to the short history of the Stockport Lyceum, as recorded in our last issue. The editor says, among other things, "Any level-headed Sunday School worker in Stockport might read this article with advantage. Objections would doubtless be taken by many to some sentiments, but as to the necessity for fuller preparation, greater concentration of effort, and purity of life amongst teachers of the young, there must be hearty agreement." We congratulate the *Borough Express* on its outspoken sentiments.

We feel sure that all our readers will be pleased to learn that Bro. J. J. Morse has arranged with the *Banner of Light* publishers for a settlement of his claim for salary. (See par. in another column.)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## RE A CRITICISM AND A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—The criticism by Mr. Northrope in your last issue surprised me greatly. He states what the LYCEUM BANNER is, and then says what it should be, following this with the question "Is it?" Then he informs us that "Those whose *burden* it is to *sell* it" are best able to answer his query. Now! I think that those who *read* it should be the ones to answer his question. I have been a reader (and occasionally a contributor) for several years, and as yet I have had no need to censure its contents, but, on the contrary, I have enjoyed reading them. I have never been "a member of two Lyceums," and unfortunately I reside too far away to be a member of one at present, yet I claim to be a Lyceumist. It was part of my duty at one time to sell the LYCEUM BANNERS, and I can truly say that I never had to face the popular retort: "There is nothing in it worth reading."

Your critic's statement that the majority take the BANNER reluctantly, I am unable to credit. In fact, I fail to see the motive which has actuated him to write such a deprecatory letter. The articles on "Our Calendar of Saints" had already ceased. Then why drag them in? I, for one, thought them very instructive. Would it not have been more gentlemanly if he had made his suggestion without depreciating the whole contents of the BANNER? He has a poor memory if he cannot remember any essay last year unless "it was *reported* to have been written by some one eight or ten years old. Now, I think any one interested in the training of children should read their little essays with pleasure. If the BANNER helps the children it is doing a good work; and with regard to his "pettycoat literature," I think we have some very intelligent "pettycoat" writers," whose articles and stories are worthy of intelligent readers.

ALBERT CLAY.

The Woodlands,  
East Ardsley, Wakefield.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LYCEUM BANNER.

DEAR SIR,—*Re* your appeal for suggestions on how to improve the sale of the LYCEUM BANNER, I am sorry to say our Lyceum at West Bowling has the same difficulty as our Bro. Northrope, even to sell one dozen per month amongst at least fifty scholars, but I venture to say if our Bro. would try the same test as we have, namely, to ask from the platform for all hands to be put up who want a BANNER *free*, there would be more wanted than they could supply, thus proving that it is not altogether that there is nothing in it worth reading, so much as a lack of interest in the Lyceum on the part of parents generally. Personally, I have been interested in the Lyceum movement ever since I got my first BANNER, I always feel a pleasure in reading of the work and progress of the Lyceums. The BANNER is published for this purpose, as stated on the front cover.

Surely our Bro. does not expect such advanced reading in a penny paper as he gets in a sixpenny magazine of Science and Art? But if we could have some of the essays given in some of our Lyceums, or if some benevolent advanced thinker would contribute a page on some of the puzzling questions of life, perhaps it would interest some of those who, seemingly, have none in the work and progress generally.

I would also suggest to all Lyceums to elect some one to attend to the sales of the LYCEUM BANNER every month, and deliver them at the homes of those who have promised to take them, and were not at the Lyceum on the first Sunday of the month. This could be done by those visiting the sick and absent scholars during the following week. I know young ladies of the orthodox Sunday schools who do this, and even canvass from house to house for readers of their Sunday school magazines. I think this plan would prove a great benefit to Lyceums, and increase the sale of the BANNER, which I am pleased to see is not like other Spiritualistic papers, full of advertisements of mediums asking for 2/6 for time, etc. No, the BANNER is like the children, pure and innocent, and so merits the support of all spiritually minded persons. We all lack in the sacrificing spirit which will earn for us the call: "Come up higher, for inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these my children, ye have done it unto me."

J. LIGHTOWLER.

13, Chellow Street,  
Bradford.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LYCEUM BANNER.

DEAR SIR,—I read Mr. Samuel Northrop's inky effusion with somewhat mixed feelings of awe, admiration, and amusement. You, Sir, our respected and experienced Editor, have my congratulations upon having obtained such an excellent and willing adviser. This knight of the pen has been good enough to inform you that your paper contains *nothing worth reading*. 'Tis to be hoped that you can bear up against the crushing blow. You will be aware that we are meant to have trials in this life, in order that we may be chastened and purified; but lest you are groaning too loudly beneath the weight of the burden that Bro. Northrop has imposed upon you, I hasten to assure you that there are many hundreds of LYCEUM BANNER readers who have not yet attained to that altitude of intellectuality occupied by Bro. Northrop; an altitude from which he looks down with withering contempt upon the poor LYCEUM BANNER. Judging from his letter, I should say that he has not written three columns of literary matter throughout his career, and yet forsooth, he has constituted himself as the critic of this journal. I want to ask Bro. Northrop, in all sincerity, to seek to construct as well as destroy, and seeing that this paper is in such a parlous condition, let me implore my brother for the good of the Lyceum movement, to give us one or two exhibitions of his undoubted skill and surpassing wisdom. Surely the man who grumbles and growls at the work of others, will be able to do something passable himself. Some deep and erudite piece of literature will undoubtedly scintillate from his pen. I wait, I watch, and I hope.

Yours fraternally,

R. A. OWEN.

88, King's Road,  
Bootle.

P.S.—Adverting to Bro. Northrop's suggestion, and some minor difficulties raised, I may write a few lines for the next issue of the L.B.—R.A.O.

DEAR SIR,—*Re* the correspondence in your last issue under the heading "A Criticism, and a Suggestion." I must say I was not a little pleased by the outspoken candour and frank criticisms of our friend and co-worker, Mr. Northrop. I am, personally, afraid that I cannot disagree with him on many of the points he raises in his letter. The same difficulty that presents itself in the Lyceums mentioned by him, in relation to the sale of the LYCEUM BANNER, presents itself just as forcibly in our Lyceum. In fact, I may say that almost every month our Secretary has to report a loss on the BANNER Account, a state of things which is, to say the least, very depressing.

As he suggests, what is really wanted is something that will interest not only the younger Lyceumists, but the Leaders and Elders as well.

In regard to the suggestion I made in my letter *re* the "Calendar of Saints," I cannot say that I was impressed by the answer you proffered in your foot-note. I admit the fact that the accounts given were decidedly interesting, so far as they went, but only so far. Where the food for discussion came in I am at a loss to understand. The reasons I suggested that extracts be given from their teachings were manifold, to wit, as follows: 1st, Because I fancied, and not without reason, that such would be of exceptional interest to our Liberty Groups and Mutual Improvement Classes; 2nd, I thought that, perhaps, some of your readers would be tempted to air their opinions as to the worth or otherwise, of the philosophy and teachings of these ancient Saints, when brought to bear upon the customs, manners, and social habits of the people of modern times; 3rd, I recognise the fact that the majority of people have not the necessary access to this kind of literature, as to enable them to become so familiar with it as they would like to.

In regard to the suggestion by Mr. Northrop that the papers, or some of them, which are read before our Lyceum Liberty Group, be reproduced in the BANNER, I certainly think that it is worthy of your consideration.

In conclusion, I think that it is a matter upon which the Union, as its official owner, ought by all means to devote some attention, whereby and as a result we might have a paper that would be worthy of representing the movement under whose auspices it is published. May I recommend that the Union set apart a sum of money that shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the BANNER, and for the purpose of making it in reality a paper for the Lyceums, and not for children so much as is the case now.

With apologies for trespassing so much upon your time and space allow me to remain

Yours in the Cause,

384, Leeds Road,  
Nelson.

W. S. STOTT.

DEAR SIR,—I was much interested to read Mr. Northrop's letter in the correspondence column of the BANNER.

My experience, as a Secretary of a Lyceum, is that the BANNER requires a great deal of perseverance and push in order to effect a sale. The majority buy to help their Lyceum and not because they have any interest in the paper. Evidently, something should be done to create an interest in the BANNER, and I think Mr. Northrop has struck out in the right direction. If papers on interesting and instructive subjects were introduced, a page thrown open for reasonable discussion, I think then that our elder Lyceumists would take a greater interest than they do at present in the BANNER, and also that its sale would be greatly increased.

H. BARNES,  
Sec. St. Paul's Lyceum,  
Laisterdyke.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND,  
DAULBY HALL.

DEAR FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS,—

You will doubtless know that our brother Bert Osborne, late Lyceum member, has passed away to spirit land, after a very long time of suffering, and it is to thank each one for their goodness to him that I now write. The great kindness shown, enabled his mother to provide many little delicacies, which otherwise could not have been provided, therefore we cannot do more than offer our sincere thanks and good wishes for the good work and the benevolence of the Society. For my own part I must say Bert, poor lad, was sincerely grateful for all the kindly thoughts and actions shown to him, and hope the work of the Society may prosper, and be the means of alleviating the sick and needy. May I say there are many who do not make their wants known among our own people, and knowing the great comfort this has brought, let this be an incentive for us to labour to find those who are in need both materially and spiritually.

Fraternally yours,  
L. DREW.

### NEWS FROM CANADA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You had better send me 2½ dozens LYCEUM BANNERS for the next three months. We are making some slight change in the working of the Lyceum, as the society thinks it ought to try and pay its own expenses.

We have got our Certificate and Constitution framed, and they look very well. We are still struggling with the hot season. Toronto is a large city, and our Lyceumists come from all parts, most of them by car, which is expensive for a family. There are only four of us, but it costs 25 cents to attend the Lyceum. If we can make our influence felt so that we can open Lyceums in the east, west, north, and southern sections of the city, we should make it possible for all to attend.

Hamilton friends are very desirous of opening a Lyceum, but none of them know anything about it. If they could see their way to pay travelling expenses, which would cost nearly two dollars, one of our leaders would visit them and instruct them in the good work. If we had more men like our Mr. G. H. Smith and Armley friends who would work for the love of the Cause, and not for dollars, it would be the biggest blessing that could come to Canada. What would the Cause have been in England but for Mr. Kitson, Mr. J. Armitage, and lots of others, who have given both time and energy, and often money, to help the Cause they love? I look at it from this standpoint:—We are pioneers in a new country, and we ought to follow the example set us by those we have left behind in the Old Country, instead of sitting for dollars and half-dollars.

Yours fraternally,  
MRS. RHODA HOBSON.

Dovercourt P.O., Toronto, Canada.

### Acrostic of Welcome

To J. J. MORSE on his return to England.

Joy comes and bids us greet you home again ;  
Joyful were days of old when all were fain ;  
Mem'ry is busy, living them again.  
© thou art welcome—welcome thou and thine ;  
Round all such pleasant memories entwine.  
S seems it to me a pleasant mission mine,  
E ver to bid you welcome back again.

KATE TAYLOR ROBINSON.

Tweed Green House, Whalley Range.

### THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION

A Propaganda Meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, Sackville Street, Skipton, on Sunday, October 8th, 1905, at 6 p.m.; when addresses will be delivered by members of the Executive Council; chair to be taken by Mr. H. A. Kersey, President of the Union.

A Lyceum Open Session will be held at 2-30.  
Collections in aid of the General Fund.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

### Spiritualists and Children.

[The following cogent remarks appeared in "Notes by the Way" of our excellent contemporary, LIGHT, of July 15th, 1905. We feel sure our readers will peruse them with pleasure.—Editor L.B.]

Ought Spiritualists to lay their subject before their children? Why not? It is far from being proved that young people are likely to be injured by it in any way. Of course, thought about it and practice of it can be overdone, but so can feeding and dressing. We are always slow to believe that anything which is natural is necessarily deleterious. It only wants blending with common sense. Those who have visited the Spiritual Lyceums of the North have every reason for believing that acquaintance with Spiritualism makes young people happy, hopeful and beautifully thoughtful.

Besides, we have to compete with a majority that is militantly materialistic, and silly in its opposition to our facts and philosophy; and we want recruits. If we do not influence our children in our direction they will soon be drifting the other way. Let us remember Coleridge's reply to one who thought that it was unfair to influence a child's mind by inculcating opinions before it could choose for itself. Coleridge said: 'I showed him my garden, and told him it was my botanic garden.' 'How so?' said he; 'it is covered with weeds.' 'O,' I replied, 'that is because it has not yet come to its age of discretion and choice. The weeds, you see, have taken the liberty to grow; and I thought it unfair in me to prejudice the soil in favour of roses and strawberries.'

## The Wilberton Warblers.

BY PAULA CORONA.

THEY were a musical lot, there was no doubt about it. Jim, the eldest, aged fifteen, had a good contralto voice, which to his surprise and that of his teacher had not yet broken. Besides that he could play very passably on the violin, banjo, and guitar. Netta, who came next, was fourteen and had a sweet full treble voice, that her father hoped great things for in the future. Then Billy, aged twelve-and-a-half, could play accompaniments beautifully on his auto-harp, which was his father's gift. Father was a music master, and mother had once been a great singer before she married father. They were both out at a concert in the Wilberton Town Hall and Jim and his sisters and brother were having one at home. Boffy, aged nine, is the only one we have not mentioned. She could not play any instrument except the triangle, (if it could be called an instrument) and for a while she was silent as Jim's full notes rang out to Netta's accompaniment on the piano, in the song called "Juanita," whilst Billy softly twanged the chords on his auto.

"It seems awfully heartless of us singing like this," said Netta, "when poor Miss Graeme is crying upstairs."

"Well, how could we help her?" asked Jim, "and beside, because one person is miserable, it won't make them better if four more try to be miserable" he went on, gazing round at each in turn.

"Anyway, I wish we could have helped her" he continued, "but how could we find fifty pounds when we've only about fifty pence between us? I've got—let me see, five penn'orth of coppers, a threepenny-bit, a shilling, and a French penny; what have you, Netta."

"Oh what's the good of asking," said she, "you know I 'subbed' sixpence from you yesterday and I've just one lonely penny left," she continued, laughing, then suddenly becoming grave again, the tears rose in her eyes as she looked at her brother's bonny brown eyes and said, "Oh! Jim, if you had been blind and a chance of sight was offered to you for fifty pounds, I'd do anything to get the money for you, and I expect that's what dear Miss Graeme is feeling upstairs."

"I know a way we could get it," said Billy, who was noted for his brilliant suggestions.

"Then tell us, oh! Willy-yum?" said Jim, posing in mock adoration before his brother, "let us bask once more in the wisdom of thy greatness and add more of thy 'pearls' to the string of time."

"I'll not tell," said Billy, "if you make fun, but honestly I know we could get money, if we liked. Well, I'll tell you," as Jim raised a cushion threateningly, "why not sing for it on the sands?"

"Oh, Billy! you little wretch, to suggest such a thing," said Netta, who had really hoped that Billy would have suggested something more practicable.

"By George! the very thing," said Jim. "We could have little velvet masks on, and take our banjos, and as for songs, we know dozens. What a lark! and you know, Netta, it seems the only way we can get the money in time."

Very soon he had talked down all his sister's objections, and the next day, if you had watched, you would have seen four guilty-looking figures starting out of the back door with their banjos, etc., hurrying off to some unfrequented rocks on the sands. Here they tied on each others masks, even Boffy consenting to be "muzzled," as she called it. "Now," said Jim, "we are the 'Wilberton Warblers,' if anybody asks you."

They walked on to the more frequented part, encountering the curious gaze of the people, some of whom commenced to follow.

Then Jim, finding an audience sufficiently large, strummed a little prelude on his banjo and commenced singing that lovely song called "Daddy." Billy softly twanged the chords of his auto, as he sat down on the camp stool they had brought.

"Why do those big tears fall, Daddy?"

Mother's not far away—

Sang Jim with feeling, and many an eye was dim in the fast growing crowd as his sympathetic voice sang the words.

How they clapped when he finished! and how cheerfully he sang "Dinah, my dusky queen" as an encore.

"Now, Netta, its your turn" he said, and Netta stepped forward. Her sweet voice rose and fell on the wondering ears of the people as she sang the old favourite "Home sweet home."

Then Billy was sent round with his cap whilst Jim and Netta sang a duett called "Diamonds." The crowd evidently tickled by the novelty, generously dropped in silver as well as copper. Moving along slowly they sang again and again until fairly tired, when Jim suggested retreat. But this was not so easy, and to their dismay they found the crowd would follow. "What shall we do?" asked Netta, on the point of tears. "Lord knows," groaned poor Jim. Presently a gentleman came up to Jim and asked him if he could assist him, and poor harrassed Jim told him the whole story.

"Now will you trust me to get you out of this?" asked the gentleman.

"We will sir," fervently answered the lad.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the stranger, (after relating the story of Miss Graeme's blind brother and the want of fifty pounds for the operation to restore the sight) "these noble young people, whose names I trust you will not enquire, have taken upon themselves the task of raising the amount, and by singing here to you they have raised part of the money. They will be here this evening at six o'clock for two hours to entertain you again, and I shall take part also. So if you wish to do a good deed you will tell your friends and give generously yourselves. Also, if you will respect their wish of privacy," he continued, gazing at the four "you will be adding to your generosity."

The stranger, who turned out to be one of the famous singers at the concert where the children's parents had attended, turned up at the time he had stated. Not only that, but he explained all to Jim's father and mother and got a free pardon for the escapade. Over seventy pounds was finally raised by the "Wilberton

Warblers," which was handed over to the grateful Miss Graeme. Her brother received his sight again, and his gratitude to the "Warblers" was most touching. Nobody ever succeeded in finding out who the "Wilberton Warblers" were, and when they went back to London after their month's holiday at Wilberton, the wonder died out, and was forgotten. But the good accomplished was not forgotten.

## Our Boys' Special.

**F**IRST of all I am going to ask you to finish that very interesting paper concerning "The Golden Spider." For the benefit of those who did not read last month's instalment, I may state that "our spider" is clinging to a pole anchored in a pool of water. He has tried several means of escape, and failed. Amongst his experiments was one of spinning a long thread, and whilst holding firmly on to one end he permits the thread to be carried by the wind, in the hope that the other end will strike some object, thus forming a bridge. Failing in this object he eventually constructs a balloon. He has no hot air with which to inflate it, but he has the power of making it buoyant. When he gets his balloon finished he does not go off upon the mere supposition that it will carry him, as men often do, but he fastens it to a guy rope. He then gets into his aerial vehicle while it is fast and tests it to see whether its dimensions are capable of bearing him away. He sometimes finds that he has made it too small, in which case he hauls it down, takes it all apart and constructs it on a larger and better plan. A spider has been seen to make three different balloons before he became satisfied with his experiment. Then he will get in, snap his guy rope and sail away to land as gracefully and as supremely independent of his surroundings as could well be imagined.

The diving bell is considered to be a great invention, yet long before man thought of his diving bell the water spider had hers, in which she reared her numerous family. There are several remarkable things about this nest: one of them is the manner in which it is made.

In that business-like manner which characterizes all spiders, she boldly plunges into the water and walks down the stem of a pond weed. When she has selected a suitable position for her silken palace she flexes a number of strong lines in all directions for anchorage. Then in the midst of these she constructs a beautiful web, somewhat in the shape of a thimble, but not quite so large. It is full of water, and therefore not like a diving bell. How is the water to be got out and replaced with air?

The true explanation is wonderful; she carries the whole of the air required from the surface. Her body and legs are covered with grayish hairs: she plunges quickly into the water. The movement is so rapid that the air has not time to escape from her hairy coat, and she goes down surrounded by globules of air. When across the threshold of her own home she carefully dislodges this air by rubbing herself with

her legs. The liberated bubbles immediately arise to the roof of her house and there remain. In this way she at length fills the whole bell and takes up her position in it, always head downward. Here she passes the winter, keeping snug and quiet until the warm days of spring invite her to the surface in quest of flies and other small insects.—Lippincott's Magazine.

What wonderful ingenuity, determination, pluck, and energy we find associated with insect life. We might profit considerably by a closer observation of some of the habits of these little marvels.

I have received two short essays on the word "Obedience," both of which I here reproduce.

One is from a well known friend, Mr. E. J. Barnes, of Bury, and will be read with pleasure and, I hope, profit.

The other is from a sister belonging to the Slaithwaite Lyceum—Ellen Hirst. I am delighted to find that the girls are taking an interest in this page, and I shall welcome their contributions, as well as those from the boys, at all times.

Mr. E. J. Barnes is the winner of the "Fountain Pen" this month, but he intimates that he has written his essay "to encourage the Lyceumists" and not to compete for a prize.

I have forwarded the prize to Miss Ellen Hirst, 123, Spa view, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield. I hope, Ellen, that you will be encouraged to write again, your matter is good, and your method will improve.

### OBEDIENCE.

Obedience is submission to authority. In our lyceums it is one of the essentials for success. Perhaps it would not be out of place to draw attention to the first part of the motto of "Our Banner," viz.:—"In things essential—Unity." It is absolutely of no use to elect Officers if we as Lyceumists are unwilling to be obedient. At times, no doubt, trivial matters may arise which might be distasteful to use, but on such occasions let us try to remember the words of our founder, "Under all circumstances keep an even mind." I remember reading a story some time ago which was a fine example of the value of "Obedience." In a certain day school, during school hours, a fire broke out and spread with alarming rapidity. Needless to say, a panic ensued amongst the children, and through the scramble it was almost impossible for anyone to get out. One of the teachers, however, in a commanding tone shouted, "Single File." Almost immediately the command was obeyed, and all the children got safely from the school. In almost every workshop and factory a notice is posted, which, among other things, contains the following, "Persons guilty of disobedience render themselves liable to instant dismissal." Does this not again strike you that Obedience is an essential? What do our elder Lyceumists think of Obedience? Since your request for short essays on the subject I have often thought that it would provide good matter for our Liberty Groups, for the majority of the few instances of disobedience in Lyceums emanates from the elder scholars. I hope these few stray thoughts may be of some little use,

and in conclusion I sincerely implore all Lyceumists to unite in practicing obedience.—E. J. Barnes.

#### OBEDIENCE.

When I look at the word Obedience, I feel that it suggests a lesson for every human soul that desires to make the world better for their having been in it. We have all our separate duties to perform, and one special duty is to be obedient to the laws of health, and consider which is best, and act accordingly. We must be obedient to our parents, to the aged, and especially to the duties which nature points out to us. By paying attention to the laws of health and nature, we shall at least be obedient to two things which I think we ought to consider.—From a Scholar at Slaithwaite Lyceum.—Miss Ellen Hirst.

The word I have selected for next month's essay is PUNCTUALITY. *Write on one side of the paper only.* Don't fill *more* than three sides of ordinary note paper.

All efforts must reach me at the address given below, not later than Nov. 20th. A "Fountain Pen" will be sent to the writer of the winning essay, by

Yours truly,

2a, Cateaton St., Bury. FRANK HEPWORTH.  
P.S.—Another novel feature will be introduced next month.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The August teachers' meeting was held on Saturday, the 26th, at Halifax (Raven Street). A moderate number attended, and in the unavoidable absence of Mr. G. Howarth, the paper on "Is Universal Peace to be Desired?" was read by Mr. T. H. Wright, of Sowerby Bridge. He very ably sustained the negative side of the question, and a lively discussion followed. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all.—The September teachers' meeting was held in the Spiritualists' Hall, Ramsden Street East, Huddersfield, on Saturday, the 16th. A paper entitled "Some Aspects of Civilisation," was read by Mr. Bray, of Huddersfield. It was an interesting subject, and very ably and entertainingly dealt with. Our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. Bray (who was a stranger to our movement) for so willingly coming to assist us. There was a good attendance, and a lively discussion was ably replied to. The next quarterly meeting of the Council will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15th, at St. Peter Street, Huddersfield, to commence at 10 o'clock prompt. In the afternoon a grand open session will be given by the St. Peter Street Lyceumists, to commence at 2 o'clock. In the evening at 6 o'clock, a public service will be held, when addresses will be given by the President of the Council, Mr. B. Dyson, and other members of the Council. Collections will be taken at all meetings to defray expenses. All interested in Lyceum work are invited to be present.

G. HOWARTH, Hon. Sec.

46, Albert View, Burnley Road, Sowerby Bridge.

#### LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council

will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, October 14th. Will all visitors and delegates please try and attend.

Miss LIZZIE MORTIMER, Sec.

Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, Dewsbury.

#### MANCHESTER AND SALFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The first annual demonstration of the above Council was held on Saturday, September 2nd, six out of the eight Lyceums taking part. The Lyceums assembled in Leaf Square, Pendleton, at 3 p.m., the children presenting a pretty and animated appearance with their coloured rosettes and sashes, headed with their large silk banners. After singing "Shoulder to Shoulder," accompanied by the Britten Memorial Brass Band, conducted by Mr. A. H. Rocke, we proceeded along the principal streets, accompanied by the above-named and the Eny Street Bands. The procession was headed by our Council's President, Mr. Kay, and Messrs. A. Kitson, R. Latham, A. Wilkinson, J. Colbeck, and Mrs. Bentley, all members of the Executive Council of the B.S.L.U. Thousands of people lined the route, and marvelled at the good order and appearance of the children. Friends were busy distributing leaflets, etc.—sowing seeds by the wayside. On arriving at the Lewis' Recreation Grounds, the children were marshalled into order for calisthenics, the Union's series, led by our good Sister and D.V., Mrs. Bentley, which made a good impression on the spectators. After singing "The Lyceum Band," the Lyceumists re-formed and marched to Ford Lane Spiritual Church, where a splendid tea was served. A mass meeting followed, when bright speeches were made by the President (Mr. Kay), Mr. Tinker, and Madames S. Thornes and Porter. Masters A. Bagnall, Misses A. Meakin and Nellie Taylor gave recitations. Solos were rendered by Mr. Roughsedge, Mrs. Kilvert, Dorothy, Nora and Hilda Tenton. The meeting concluded with a most laughable sketch entitled "Mexims Matrimonial Mart." Great praise is due to the committee of the Ford Lane Spiritual Church for the splendid manner in which they catered for all our wants. It will live as a "red-letter day" in the memory of all who took part in it.

J. C. CHAPPELL, Hon. Sec.

2a, Clapton St., City Rd., Hulme.

#### ROCHDALE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its annual meeting at Heywood on Saturday, September 16th, when nearly the whole of the Lyceums were represented. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Williams (Heywood); secretary, Mr. J. Nurse (Rochdale); treasurer (vacant); D.V., Mr. Wm. Chisnall (Oldham); auditors, Mr. Farrow (Rochdale) and Mr. Butterworth (Dearnley). It was resolved that all applications for the demonstration in July, 1906, be sent in time to be considered at the next meeting to be held at Dearnley on December 16th, 1905.

JAMES NURSE, Sec.

25, Belfield Road, Rochdale.

## What our Lyceums are doing.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On September 3, we had our usual Open Session. Recitations were ably rendered by Jessie Plenderleith, "Mercy;" Nina Jones, "A River of Life;" Aleck Penderleith, "Ducklings;" Willie Penderleith, "Master Bunny Rabbit." Mr. Simpson read "Little Rip Fingers," from the LYCEUM BANNER, and afterwards spoke a few words. The Conductor recited "A Stray Sunbeam." In the evening of September 10th, the service was conducted by four Lyceumists. Miss A. Hibbert gave a short address, followed by phenomena by Miss S. A. Greenwood and Mr. A. France. Mr. A. Hodgson spoke a few words on the Lyceum movement and its method of teaching. Anthems were rendered by the choir, conducted by R. W. Walker.—J. Smith, Sec.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, August 27th, our usual Open Session took place, about 200 scholars and friends being present. The marching and calisthenics were a credit to the Lyceum. Mr. George Edwards performed the duty of naming two children, one of them wearing the badge of A. J. Davis. Solos and recitations were also rendered by the scholars. Our President, Councillor J. T. Ward, also rendered his quota by a short address. This brought another enjoyable evening to a close.—Albert Robinson, Sec.

BRIGHOUSE.—We held our Annual Lyceum Day on Sunday, September 10th, when an Open Session was held in the afternoon. The marching and calisthenics were gone through to the delight of a number of visitors. Recitations were given by Misses E. Wright and R. Smith, a duet by Miss E. and Master W. Briggs, a dialogue by Miss E. Sykes and Mr. H. Skitmore, a piccolo solo by Mr. H. Crowther, and a short address on Lyceum work by Mr. George Crowther. In the evening an Open Session was also held. Songs were rendered by Misses S. A. Crowther, M. Skitmore and H. Skitmore, a duet by Miss E. and Master W. Briggs, and two recitations by Miss A. Skitmore. We expected Mr. Balm, of Halifax, in the evening, but not being present, Mr. Shillitoe was invited, and he responded in a most creditable manner.—H. Brown, Sec.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin Street).—We held a tea and entertainment on August 26th, which was a great success, there were 250 persons present. Mr. Hook presided over the entertainment in his able manner. Songs were sung by Mr. Hodgson, Miss Hodgson, Miss M. Hook, and Mr. W. Lavington, Mr. H. Parkins being the pianist. Recitations were given by Mrs. Barker, A. Hook, M. Hook, and W. Webster; and two dialogues. Votes of thanks brought a good evening to a close. On Sunday, September 17th, we held our Harvest Festival, when Mrs. Lovell Snarey, of Bradford, named a baby 'Dorris,' in a very pleasing manner. As the little darling is intended to be a Lyceumist, the Lyceum Badge was pinned to its breast as a token of its parents earnestness and devotion to the cause.—W. Lavington, Sec.

CREWE.—I am pleased to report that after a long enforced silence, our leader of calisthenics, Mrs. Baguley, has recovered sufficiently to resume her duties in the Lyceum. The following lads and lasses have entertained us

during the month:—Isobel Henson, Florence Robins, Gertie Robins, Ethel Reay, May Neal, Nellie Ford, Leonard Sinclair, Frank Sinclair, Jack Reay, and Frank Reay. I should add that during the absence of our Conductor, one of our young Leaders has officiated in her stead.—Master Percival Gawthorn. I am also pleased to report that our young Musical Conductor, Master Fred Henson, who has only recently entered his teens, has again distinguished himself by obtaining something like 90 marks for practical pianoforte playing, R.C.M. examination. Thus are our young friends fulfilling Longfellow's admonition:—

"Let us then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait."

G. H. Baguley.

GREENOCK.—We re-opened our Lyceum on September 10th at 4-30 p.m. It is under the control of the Society, but will be managed by an executive elected by members of the Lyceum. The Conductor, Mr. Stewart, arranged the different classes. After which he gave a splendid address on the creation of the world, which was much appreciated by all present.—Miss Robina Fry, Sec.

MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—On September 17th we held our fourth anniversary, the attendance being extra good. The following children gave recitations:—E. Cliffe, E. Forrest, E. Porter, S. Fielding, G. Roberts, D. Parker, W. Cliffe, A. Fish, C. Porter, G. Heanson, and H. Porter. Pearls were given by E. Forrest, E. Cliffe, W. Porter, W. Slingsby, R. Cridland, H. Porter, H. Fish, and Mr. J. C. Chappell. In the evening we had a very good discourse, and S. Fielding gave a recitation.—A. Cridland, sec.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 17th, when we had a good turn up of scholars. The marching and calisthenics were nicely executed under the guidance of Mr. J. J. Howarth. We had a good programme. Mr. Sanderson presided at the piano.—Wm. Brown, sec.

ROTHWELL.—We celebrated our anniversary on August 26th and 27th. A field was secured for the Saturday, to which the children marched from the Lyceum, and sang their hymns. They returned to partake of a good tea with ham, after which the officers, parents and friends sat down to tea. The rest of the evening was spent in the Lyceum, owing to the field being too wet. We had a very enjoyable evening. We had a good session on the following Sunday morning, conducted by Mr. Dawson. In the afternoon we had an open session, when the scholars and friends went through their marching and calisthenics, and sang their hymns. Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, was our speaker, and Mr. James Kitson, of Dewsbury, presided. Mrs. Bentley gave a good address and a few clairvoyant descriptions. Miss Alice Johnson recited "Life's Actions," and Master Charles Johnson recited "I'm but a little child." There was a good audience at the evening meeting. Mr. J. Kitson spoke a few words about Mrs. Bentley and her poor state of health. Mrs. Bentley named a baby, and gave a good address and clairvoyance. Master C. Johnson again recited on Monday Evening. Mr. Dixon of Ouzlewell Green, presided. Mrs. Bentley devoted the

whole evening to clairvoyance and psychometry, to the delight and marvel of those present.—Walter Pickersgill, sec.

ROYTON.—On Sunday, September 3rd, we held our yearly meeting. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists. The minutes and accounts were passed. The following were elected officers:—Conductor, Miss E. Ogden; assistant conductor, Mr. S. Thomas; treasurer, Miss A. Harvey; secretary, Mr. A. W. Smith; guardians, Mr. J. Cockcroft and Miss J. Buckley; assistant guardians, Mr. H. Kenyon and Miss A. Harvey; delegates to the Rochdale D.C., Mr. Chisnall and F. Hague. The conductor was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for so ably presiding.—A. W. Smith, sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On September 10th we celebrated our first anniversary and harvest festival. The Open Session was well attended, conducted by Mr. A. Kitson. In the afternoon our conductor, Mrs. Naylor, named a baby "George," in a very impressive manner, and added the spiritual name of "Sunbeam." The following Lyceumists recited:—T. Jones, "Keep your Balance;" J. G. Hicks, "Get up Early;" Misses Amy and Laura Heslop, "The Presence of Angels;" M. Williams and Emily Henderson, "The Lyceum;" Dora Harrison, "Two Sides of Life;" Albert Carter, "My bud in Heaven;" Lily Jones, "Do Good;" Elsie Jones, "I'm but a little child." Mr. Kitson gave a short address, followed by clairvoyance by Mrs. Naylor. The hall was full at night. Mrs. Naylor presided, and briefly described the progress of the Lyceum since its commencement, and paid a high tribute to the friends for their liberal support. Mr. J. J. Jones recited, "Let it pass;" Misses Williams and Jones, "The teachings of Spiritualism;" Miss Alice Naylor, "The Children," and Dora Harrison, "The Level Crossing." Mr. Kitson delivered a splendid address on "A little Child shall lead them," followed by Mrs. Naylor with clairvoyance. Mr. H. Hardy ably presided at the organ. On Monday evening we had our annual election of officers, the result being as follows:—Mrs. Naylor, conductor; Mr. C. Harrison, assistant conductor and secretary; Miss Jones, guardian of groups; Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Kirtley, Miss Jones, and Messrs. Eden, Littlewood, and Albert Jones, leaders; Messrs. H. Jones and Sidebottom, guards, by and Mr. H. Jones, treasurer. The election was followed a fruit banquet, which was a great success.—Charles Harrison, sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our first anniversary on Sundays, August 20th and 27th, when the president of our society, Mr. Major, conducted the same in a very able manner. Many items of interest were rendered to a large and attentive audience, such as recitations, solos, &c., selected from the *Lyceum Manual*, which seemed to make a deep impression on their minds. Our conductor led the children on August 27th, in the absence of the president. Mr. Laurence, of Newcastle, and Mr. Pearson, of Windy Nook, conducted our services in a splendid manner. We closed with the memoriam hymn for Mrs. Coulson, "Ring the Bell softly."—W. H. Nicholson, conductor.

GRIMSBY (Central Hall).—On Sunday, September 17th, we held our Anniversary, the services were taken by twenty of the Hull Lyceumists, under the Conductorship of Mr.

Wright. In the afternoon, we held an Open Session, when besides the usual readings and calisthenics, there were some strong appeals made to the members of the parent society to give a more hearty support to the Lyceum work. I trust they will take them to heart, and not let the few struggle by themselves, but join with us to make our Lyceum worthy of the cause. The evening service was devoted to recitations, musical items, and an address by Mr. Wright. But not possessing a copy of the programme I am unable to supply the names of the artistes.—D. Jewitt, Conductor.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—On Sunday, September 17th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. In the afternoon the Lyceumists went through the usual programme. Silver and golden chain recitations, and musical readings being well responded to. Marching and calisthenics were gone through in grand style. Recitations by Misses E. Wardle and A. Cheetwood, Masters C. Wardle and A. Sims. Mandoline solo by Miss Marklew. Mr. Gordon again kindly favoured us with a song, "A Sailor's Grave," in a very pleasing manner. In the evening, before a fair audience, Miss Gosney gave a splendid appeal on behalf of our Lyceums, the subject being "The Progress of Spiritualism." We were very pleased to have Mr. Johnson, of Leaf Square, amongst us, who also spoke a few encouraging words. Altogether we had a most enjoyable day.—L. Sims, Sec.

## NOTICE.

### IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.

*The next month's Lyceum Banner will be issued on November 4th. Will Secretaries and Librarians please bear the date in mind, and call for their parcels. If you do not receive them, report the matter to the Station Master, and ask for a search to be made. If you fail to find them, report the matter to this Office at once, that full enquiries may be made.*  
—Editor, L.B.

### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

Circulars in aid of the above Fund will reach Secretaries and Private Subscribers before the BANNER is printed, and we trust they will respond as generously as heretofore; also to those who have not taken part in this department of the Union's finances.—I shall be glad to enroll new names on the list of contributors. All monies should be in the Secretary's hands before December 31st. Bury Lyceum, 6/-; Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth, 10/6; St. Saviourgate (York) Lyceum, 10/-; Mr. G. Howarth, 1/-; Alma Street Lyceum, Halifax, 5/-; Mr. A. Kitson's services at Stockton-on-Tees, 5/-.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.,  
Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

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

- Accrington**, Argyle st, 10-30 a.m., Mr. George Dyson, 74 Tremellen-st., Blackburn-rd.  
" China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 5, Bank-st, Church  
" Carter St., 10-30, Miss Jane Walmsley, 26 Marsden-st.
- Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mrs. Smith, 1 Greenland St, Wellington-rd., Leeds.
- Ashton - under - Lyne**, Burlington street Mr. W. Dransfield, 13, Russell-st., Hurst
- Bacup**, Market street, 10 a.m. Mr. A. Embry, 81 Todmorden-rd
- Barnoldswick**, Market-st, 10-30, Mr. John Emmott, 5, Skipton-rd
- 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**, Sattley, Spiritualists' Society 2-45 p.m.. Miss L. Stephens, 105, Highfie d-rd., Sattley  
" B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Mrs. F. H. Knibb 146, Bristol-st., 2-45  
" Smethwick, Central hall, cape hill 2-45, 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. Sourthworth, 3 20, Cardwell Place
- Blackpool**, Albert rd, 9-30., Mr. Henry Cunliffe, 73, Palatine-rd.
- Bolton**, Bradford st., 10 a.m. Mr. E. Pilkington, 19, Mercia-st., Daubhill
- Bolton**, Wood st, 10 and 2-30, Mr. James Hibbert, 44 Bullock st.
- Bootle**, Liverpool, Masonic hall, Merton-rd., 11 a.m., Miss Nellie Cheesbrough, c/o Mr. J. G. Owen, 88, King-rd., Nr. Liverpool
- Bradford**, Ivy Rooms. 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Burchell 65, Girdlington-rd  
" Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Mr. D. W. Hall, 72, Cartwright Terrace, Stanacre Place  
" Westgate new hall, 2-30 p.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, 862, Little Horton Lane
- Brighouse**, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. H. Brown, 14, Mitchell-st., Waring Green.
- Burnley**, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24, Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulleddge, 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**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. J. Turner, 108, Hunter-st.
- Bury**, Georgiana st., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. Albert E. Kershaw, 92, Devon-st., Fishpool
- 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, & 1-15 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, 80, Yates st.  
" 8 1/2, Hastings-st, 10-30. Miss Neville, 90, St. Thomas-rd
- Dewsbury**, Bond st, 10 and 1-45, Miss Ann Hirst, 8, Wood-st
- Doncaster**, 104, St. Sepulchre Gate, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hilda Helson, 42, Childer's-st.  
" Nether Hall Road. 10-30. Mr. Percy Cave, 146 and 148, St. Sepulchre-gate
- Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, Miss Mary Odhner, 10 Garland-place, Barrack-rd.
- Elland**, James st., 10 Miss N. A. Smithies, 9, Bath-st.
- Gateshead**, St Cuthbert's hall, Bensham, 2-30, Mr. P. Herd, 96 Rodbly-st.
- Glasgow**, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., Mr. Robert B. Smart, 23, Gayfield-st
- Greenock**, Cathcart-st., Shepherds' Hall, 4-30 p.m. Miss Rodina Fry, Corlic Cottage, Bawherley-rd
- Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. Christopher Nuttall, Station-rd
- Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 8, Melville Place, Pellon Lane.  
" Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. J. J. Dunn, 67 Hartley-st, Battinson-rd
- Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, 10 a.m., Mr. Henry Stables, 16, Oak-st
- Heckmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Miss E. Horner, Albert Terrace, Littletown, Liversedge
- Heywood**, William st, 10 a.m., Mr. Harry Diggles, c/o Jas. Wild, 13, Hartley-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, Miss F. N. Graham, 30, Bradford-rd., N.  
" 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. Wm. Andrew, 64, Clarendon-st.
- Keighley**, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay, Cavendish street.
- Lancaster**, Athenaeum st. St Leonard's gate 10-30 Mrs. Townley, 13, Sun st.
- Leeds**, Bethel st, 10 a.m., Mr. M. Jenkins, 5, Pemberton-st., Dewsbury-rd.
- Leeds**, Psychological hall, Grove way lane, 10. Mr. A. Mycoo, 4, Victor Square, Shay-st., Woodhouse  
" 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
- 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  
" Dauby hall, Dauby st., 10 a.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 street, 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, 4 Moor end.
- Morecambe**, New Cottage 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** Gladstone hall 2-30, Miss E H Yates, 75, Brighton st.  
" Mechanics' hall, 2-30 Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195, Wollaton-st
- Oldham**, Coronation st, Mr. 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. Isaac Pinchbeck, 11, Rosevale-street, Cloughfold
- Rishton**, Etchell-st., 10 a.m., Miss M. Haughton, 31, Hr. Burton-st., nr Blackburn
- Rochdale**, Oldham-rd., 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. Green, 71, Merefield-st
- Rochdale** Regent hall, Regent st., 9-45, Mr. G. F. Knott, 30, Whitehall-st.  
" Penn st, 10 a.m. Wm Brown, 7 Grafton st, Newbold
- Rothwell nr. Leeds** 10 a.m., Mr. W. Pickersgill, Bath Terrace, Carlton Lane, nr Leeds
- Royton**, Union st., 10 a.m., Mr. A. W. Smith, 60, Spring Garden-st., nr. Oldham.
- Saddleworth**, 1-45 p.m., Mr J. Shaw, Court-st, Uppermill, near Oldham.
- Salford**, Chapel st., 10-30, Mr. A. H. Roche, 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**, Meersbrook Vestry Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Ernest Wooller, 166, Valley rd.
- Shildon**, 2 p.m. Mr. Henry Blenkin, 20, Adamson-st., New Shildon, R.S.O., co. Durham.
- Skipton** Temperance hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Leonard Stamp, 1 West Bradley-st., Broughton-rd.
- Slathwaite** 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
- Spennymore**, 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, Lambest-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, Lyswags-st.
- Warrington**, Sankey-st., Mr. R. Cleave, jun., 7, Priestley-st
- West Pelfon**, Old Store Hall, 10-30, Mr. Wm. Lock, 6, Church View
- Wigan**, Miners' Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Walter Ormerod, 27, Caroline-st.
- Windhill**. School hill, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. H. Alderson, 4, Binklands-rd, Shipley.
- Yeadon**, Town side, 9-30, Mr. J. H. Hardaker, 20, Town-st.
- York**, Cronwell-rd, 10-30, E. Dickinson, 4, Hampden-st., Bishophill
- York**, 17, St. Martin's Crescent, Micklegate.
- York**, St. Saviourgate, 10-15 and 1-30, C. Hall, 13 Herbert-st., South Bank