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ONE PENNY.



**E**LSIE Reynolds was a bright little child of five summers, and was the delight of her parents. Her father called her his little "Dot." But he had gone away in a big ship called *The City of Boston*, which had foundered in mid-ocean, and it was feared all hands were lost.

This was a sad blow to Mrs. Reynolds, whose married life had been full of love and bliss, of two faithful hearts united by true love, striving to realise their ideals of what marriage should be to them.

Mrs. Reynolds, in mourning the loss of her husband, felt that her cup of joy, and dreams of life, had been suddenly dashed from her, and henceforth she must devote all her energies to the careful training of her one remaining comfort and consolation—Elsie.

She felt she would have to economise, so she removed into a smaller house, where she advertised as a music teacher, and also gave lessons in drawing.

Elsie was the sunshine of the home. Her pattering feet, and musical ripples of laughter, interspersed with continual chatter, seemed to leave her mother no time to nurse her sad loss, or brood in despondency over her changed conditions.

Elsie would often talk about her Dadda, and what she would do when he came home, for she would not believe he was dead.

She was a peculiar child, and had her "prosy fits," as her mother called them, in which she would sit looking vacantly out of the window, or into the fire grate. These "prosy fits" were invariably followed by peculiar dreams, in which her "dream brother," as she called a little boy who always manifested to her at those times, gave her messages.

This peculiar trait of Elsie's had often caused her mother to feel anxious about her darling's health and mental state.

For instance, one day following one of her "prosy fits," she startled her mother by asking her if she, Elsie, had a little brother called "Freddie."

This question caused a spasm of pain to flit across her mother's face, as she asked the child what had caused her to ask such a strange question.

"Cause," answered the child, "a little boy came to me in bed, and said he was my little brother, and they called him Freddie. Dadda used to call him 'his

little man." And he had died before I came to make you both happy again."

The mother burst into a passionate flood of tears, as this, her one bitter grief of her married life, was brought so vividly home to her. She tried to pacify her little angel in disguise by telling her she had been dreaming.

"I will call him my dream brother, then," she exclaimed.

This incident caused Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds some anxious moments, when the perplexed mother related it to her husband that night. The result was, it was decided to consult the family physician, who prescribed a tonic, and learnedly added, "The child must be watched, and carefully protected from all forms of excitement. By this means she would grow out of her prosy fits, and strange hallucinations.

How many parents possessing children who dwell on the border line of the two worlds—the spiritual and the physical—act just as blindly and foolishly as did Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, who in their ignorance tried to stop the avenue whereby their sorely-mourned first-born could make his presence known to them, and cheer their aching hearts with the proof that there is no death in God's wide world, with the message from their loved one that would have been more precious to them than untold wealth.

On another occasion little Elsie asked her mother if her "dream brother" used to be dressed like a little Scotch laddie. And was his Scotch laddie's suit kept in a certain drawer, which was locked? And did she go secretly to look at it, and cry over it, 'cause her "dream brother" said it was so, and wanted his mamma not to cry, as it made him very sad and miserable.

There was another serious consultation between Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds over the child's "strange talk" that night. But they could not understand it. It could not be hallucination as suggested by the physician, as the description was correct.

The above incidents had taken place before Mr. Reynolds sailed for New Zealand on important business.

But Mrs. Reynolds had profited by the incidents, and had striven to cease her secret mourning over the faded suit in the bottom drawer.

Moreover, she had come to regard little Dot's "prosy fits" with an indefinable awe. And so when Dot affirmed her Dadda would come home again, for her "dream brother" said so, Mrs. Reynolds treasured the child's assurance in her bosom. It was an inward hope that radiated its light upon her face, and helped to dispel the look of care and sorrow that had settled itself on her features.

Christmas had come with its joys and feastings, its mirth and mistletoe bows, and new-born hopes of un-

told bliss in the heart of many a maiden and youth. Santa Claus had not been so liberal with his gifts for little Dot. Perhaps it was owing to their change of residence. Who can say?

On New Year's Eve, Dot had one of her "prosy fits" very bad. Nothing seemed to rouse her from its strange power, which seemed to hold her as if under some magic spell. What could it portend?

It was a happy relief for the anxious mother when her darling Dot closed her eyes in sound sleep that night, and she breathed a fervent prayer she would be her bright self again on the morrow.

The New Year dawned at last. "A happy new year" was being voiced on all sides in the homes, factories, and places of business. "Mamma!" exclaimed Dot, as her eyes opened to the light of day, "Dadda is coming home to-day! My dream brother Freddie says it is to be a Happy New Year for all of us." And so the child prattled on in full confidence that her long-lost Dadda would return to them that day.

"Hush, Elsie dear," cried her mother, as she caught her breath, "it hurts your mamma to hear you talk so, I am afraid your father will never come to us in this life."

"But, Mamma, dear," persisted the little comforter, with her glad tidings of great joy, "My dream brother says he will come, and I must go and meet him, as he does not know our new address. So please dress me nicely, and put my hair in curls as Dadda used to like it, and I will go and find him, and bring him home to you. Oh, won't we have a Happy New Year!" And she clapped her hands with glee.

It was quite evident to her mother that the idea of Mr. Reynolds' home-coming had taken firm hold of her child's mind, and so with palpitating heart, in which surged the emotions of hope, that her strange child's prediction of her father's safe return, and fear lest it should be a mere dream, born of the child's anxious longing for his return, she proceeded to dress Elsie in accordance with her expressed wish.

She did not forget to scan her own face and figure in the mirror, in case there should be something in the prediction.

Elsie hurried along the busy thoroughfare as fast as her feet could carry her, led by a strange power towards the part of the town they formerly lived in. She saw a cab standing in front of the house, and a man stood enquiring at the next door. She gave a glad exclamation of "Dadda, Dadda, I knew you would come home to-day!" And she ran towards him with outstretched arms. The next instant she was caught to his bosom, and rapturous kisses were being showered upon her upturned face.

As soon as Dot could explain where their new home was, instructions were given to the Jehu to drive there with all possible speed.

As they were being driven away, Mrs. Hargreaves, the next door neighbour, was heard to exclaim, "What a strange co-incident little Elsie whom I have not seen since they removed, should have come upon the scene just at the moment. For none of us knew Mrs. Reynolds' new address."

She did not know that an unseen hand had guided the child in time to give the much-needed information. So it is in the affairs of daily life. We are often

guided in our actions more wisely than we are conscious of, and then we, too, exclaim, "What a strange co-incident!"

When Mrs. Reynolds heard the rumble of the cab wheels stop before her door, she rose to her feet, and clung to the table for support. Before she could recover herself she felt a pair of strong arms round her, and a voice she never expected to hear again in this life, greet her with, "Ethel, my own dear wife, I have found you at last." What a happy re-union was theirs. They were recalled from their transport of joy by the voice of Dot saying, "I told Mamma that Dadda was coming home to-day, and we should have a happy New Year."

"And so we will, my own darling Dot," cried her father, rapturously. "You shall have a doll that can say 'Mamma and Dadda,' and open and shut its eyes."

Oh! that will be nice, ever so much better than if Santa Claus had brought it!" And she clapped her hands for very joy.

Explanations had to follow, on both sides. It appeared that Mr. Reynolds had been picked up by a passing ship, and had been ill with brain fever, in which his life had been despaired of for several weeks. He wrote home as soon as possible to assure them of his safety. He was surprised to have his letter returned marked "gone away, no address." He could not understand it, and determined to come home at the first possible chance. He did so, only to find the "house to let," and his little Dot had come just as their old neighbour had informed him she had no idea where his wife and child had gone to live,

Mrs. Reynolds explained how Dot had declared her "dream brother" had told her her Dadda was coming home, and she had insisted on going to meet him.

They both marvelled at the child's strange ways, but had to own that she was the means of their re-union on that happy New Year's morn.

As time went on, they became acquainted with Spiritualism, and then the mystery of Dot's "prosy fits" and "dream brother" was cleared up by the fact that she was a splendid clairvoyant and clairaudient, whose gifts were exercised during the night, and were always preceded by a period of quietude, by which her spirit guides were preparing their little medium for the message they wished to give.

They had many more happy New Years, but none which gave them such intense joy and pleasure as this one.

A.K.

*To all my friends I wish Sincere  
Thoughts of Goodwill and  
Bright Hopes for 1907.*

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

JESSY GREENWOOD.

Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

## BIBLE STUDIES, No. 1.

### YAHVEH, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB.

BY THE EDITOR.

I feel the time has come when a few brief papers dealing with the inner meaning of certain Biblical terms is needful to many of our Leaders and Conductors. The Bible is a sealed book to the average Christian. They are in the position of the Ethiopian who, although he was able to read, he could not understand what he read except some man should guide him, Acts viii, 30. To all who desire to understand we hope to be of service in guiding them.

The recent attack on our Lyceum Manual by the Revs. E. Simkin, and G. R. Oakley, (Vicar of Dearnley), has decided us to prepare these studies for the "Lyceum Banner."

The above reverend gentlemen have thought fit to take exception to three passages in the G.C.R. 147, and have based their bitterest denunciations of our movement on them. One of these is as follows:—"Angels of light, help and deliver us from clothing the Divine Power behind Nature with our own attributes as in Jehovah, the cruel and despotic; or limiting Deity within the capacity of Man, as in Jesus, for such is idolatry."

As Jehovah is the centre figure in the above, we propose taking it for our first paper, in which we shall try to find out who and what He was.

Readers of the Bible have often wondered how God the loving and all-wise Father, the maker and sustainer of the heavens and the earth could be guilty of the things attributed to Him. How an unchangeable God could repent of the things He has done (Gen. vi, 6; Exodus xxxii, 14), or how a God who fills all space, in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts xvii, 28) could be in the form of a man so that Jacob could wrestle with him (Gen. xxxii, 24 to 30) and Moses could talk with him face to face (Exodus xxxiii, 11), when Jesus said, "No man hath seen God at any time (St. John i, 18). Here we have Jesus and Paul declaring contrary to the testimony of Jacob and Moses. Who was it then these two saw and spoke to? For an answer to this perplexing question let us turn to Exodus vi, 2 and 3,—“And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord: I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty: but by my name Jehovah I was not known to them.”

This declaration of name is very important, as by it we learn that up to then he had been announcing himself as God Almighty, which gives one the idea that he was the maker of the heavens and the earth. This is an error. It is a well-known fact to Biblical students that Jehovah is a corruption of Yhvh, as it used to be written without vowels. When written in full, it is Yahveh. It is said he, in earth-life, was an Egyptian priest whose real name appears in the "Book of the Dead" as Gehokah. If so, Moses must have been aware of it, as we are informed he had been reared in the courts of Pharaoh, and "he was learned

in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," Acts vii, 22. Perhaps this is the reason why he told his name to Moses. Anyhow, we have learned who he was, which fact throws a flood of light on the incidents recorded in the Old Testament, for his name occurs 6,855 times in it. You will not be able to find them in the Bible unless you possess a copy of the lately revised American edition, in which it appears in its corrupted form of Jehovah. In all the other editions of the Bible his name has been changed to Lord, printed in small capitals thus, LORD. If you will bear this fact in mind when reading the Old Testament, it will enable you discriminate, as did Jesus and Paul, the difference between the All-wise Father, the creator and sustainer of all that is, and this cruel despotic Yahveh. So, you will see, we are fully justified in praying "Angels of light help and deliver us from clothing the divine power behind nature with our own attributes as in Jehovah"

This spirit Yahveh evidently desired to make a model nation of the Israelites, and for that reason was anxious that they should obey him in all his commandments, and not to have any other god or guide. For this reason he was jealous of the gods worshipped by the surrounding nations. He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt to be their god (Lev. xi, 45). He said he would be their god, and they should be his people (Lev. xxvi, 12).

He went before them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exod. xiii, 21 and 22). He gave them ten commandments, written on two tablets of stone, for their guidance, one of which is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exod. xx, 2). These things are reasonable when viewed in the light thus presented, for we know that spirits can write messages on slates, even when two are securely screwed together.

In time the priests of this tutelary god, Yahveh, became jealous of his honour and supremacy over all other Gods, and never tired of exalting him as being the LORD of Lords; the King of Kings. They also stooped to misrepresent the other and rival gods by distorting their names so as to bring ridicule upon them.

For instance the god of the Ekrouites was called Beelzebul, which means the "Lord of heaven." But the priests of Yahveh altered it to Beelzebub, which means the "Lord of filth and flies." Not content with this, they called this Beelzebub the prince of devils (Matthew xii, 24). Could religious bigotry go further?

I hope to deal with the gods of the other nations in due course. My next paper will be on Prophets and Prophesying.

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## TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

PAUL DEVEREUX desires to take part in Anniversaries, Flower Services, Harvest Festivals, or Services of Song, either as Speaker, Reader, or Chairman, during 1907.

For Terms, etc., apply to 12, Bell Street, Church Street, Pendleton.—ADVT.



**Our**

# Bluebells' Page

Conducted by **FLORA BELLE.**

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—

I hope you have all had a Merry Christmas, and you have been able to help others to enjoy themselves.

I am pleased to tell you that I, with the assistance of Ted, arranged a nice little party for eight girls and four boys. We had such a merry, merry time, after our little tea party. Games, burning of chestnuts to see if they would 'pop,' catch-apple on a string, blowing out the candle light and magic lantern, are only a few of the items. The best fun was when each child was given a cracker, they were told that whatever they found inside they must wear the rest of the evening. Oh! the fun to see each one of the party, myself and Ted included, wearing dunce caps of various colours and designs. We all laughed so hearty that I have not quite ceased, I am laughing as I am writing about oranges, nuts, apples and sweets, which were handed round at intervals, and all were as happy as larks. Ted is of the same opinion as I am, it is the jolliest, merriest, happiest Christmas we have ever had, and he is pleased at the way we have spent our savings. I do hope all of you who took the hint to try it will have had as happy a result.

I told you last month that 116 members had joined our Guild during the year 1906. I am sure you will all be interested to learn that it is just five years since our Guild was formed, and in that time we have enrolled 2,089 members! Now the New Year is here, how many new members will apply for enrolment? I hope our total will reach 3,000 by the end of the year!

Miss Lilian Chorlton has sent me another letter from Richard Bird, which reads as follows:—

Dear Flora Belle, and readers of the BANNER. Since I last wrote to you I have been in very troublous times and much grief has been my lot. I should like to tell you about it, if you will let me. Well, first of all, we have removed from our old house to another one. I cannot say I like removals, not one little bit, for I think they are awful. When I heard my mistress talk about removing to a nicer house I thought it would be fine fun, and looked forward to a good time. But, oh, dear me! They began to pull down all the

pictures from the walls and pack everything up in boxes, which made all look so dreary. I couldn't find the heart to sing a note whilst this went on; so I moped in my cage and ruffled my feathers to show that I was not pleased. The funny part of it was this, they packed things away that were wanted, and then got cross because they could not find them. I did laugh to myself. My mistress could not find her Sunday hat anywhere, so they pulled things undone to look for it. At last it was discovered in the bread-mug with the hearth brush, and my mistress was greatly relieved. They packed everything up in a dark house on wheels that had no window in it. I was dreading the thought of being put in myself, but it did not come to that. When everything had gone my mistress wrapped up my cage in a big sheet of brown paper, leaving a little bit open for me to get air. Then she carried me to a big place they called a station, I just peeped out of the corner of the covering to see what it was like, when, with a most horrible snorting noise, a great thing dashed through the station dragging a lot of little houses filled with people after it. I hopped and danced about, for dear! dear! I was so frightened. But judge of my fear when another puffing thing came up and stopped, whilst my mistress opened one of the house doors and got inside with me in her arms. At last, after a lot of coaxing from my mistress, I gained courage to look out of the corner of my cage, and what do you think I saw? Why, all the trees, and fields, and sky were running away from us, and we were in such a small house, which rocked and bumped us about in a most silly manner. Then it stopped, with a lot of bumping, that spilled my water all over the floor of my cage, and my mistress opened a door and got out. She carried me to a house and put me in a room without any furniture, whilst she and my young mistress walked about the other rooms. Then after a time they came back and said they were tired. As there was nothing to sit upon they had to sit down on the floor boards and wait till the dark house came with the chairs and things. I like the new house much better than the old, for I have a beautiful big garden to look out

upon, and I can see a lot of trees from my window. We have had the pictures put up on the new walls and it looks like the old house, only better. Mrs. Sallie Puss did not come with us, but I shall have to tell you about that another time, as I think this is a long letter without any more. So I will just wish you all a Happy New Year.

Your old friend,  
RICHARD BIRD.

Let us hope that Mr. Dicky Bird will be happy in his new home. And as he has wished you a Happy New Year, it only remains for me to echo his wish, which I do most heartily to all of you.

Your loving sister,  
FLORA BELLE.

**MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The above Council respectfully invite all Lyceumists in the district to attend a meeting in Collyhurst Spiritual Church, Oldham Road, on January 11th, at 8 prompt. Business, forthcoming conference.

J. C. C.

**ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The above Council held its quarterly meeting on December 8th. The President was in the chair. An application from Todmorden was read, and an invitation was given to them to join the Council. The D.V., Mr. Brown, gave a concise report of all the Lyceums. Their progress was thought satisfactory. The Secretary reported the business of the U.D.C.'s Bradford meeting, and was chosen to attend the next meeting at Leeds. It was decided to invite the Lyceums in the Oldham district to join the R.D.C., to request elders in our Lyceums to become associate members of the Council, the fee for such being 6d. per quarter, payable through the Lyceum Secretary where such associate attends; also to invite the Lyceums to send in applications for, and decide time and place of, next demonstration. The prize fund will also be dealt with at the next meeting, which will be held at Royton at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 9th March, 1907.

G. F. KNOTT, Sec.

30, Whitehall Street, Rochdale.

**UNITED DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING AT BRADFORD.**

A meeting of the above Council took place at St. Paul's, Bradford, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24th and 25th, 1906, when the following places were represented: North East Lancashire, Manchester and Salford, Halifax and Huddersfield, Leeds and Rochdale. Mr. W. Edwards was voted to the chair, and Mr. H. Hargreaves acted as secretary. It was agreed that we advise the Rochdale District Council to consult the Oldham Lyceums and endeavour to persuade them to throw in their lot with the Council in existence in the Rochdale District.

That all Lyceums in the B.S.L.U. be divided into divisions for the purpose of direct representation on the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. (This motion was lost.)

That this United Council review our Lyceums position in relation to the new addition of the Lyceum Manual. (This was referred back for discussion to the various District Councils.)

That we request the District Councils to consider the advisability or otherwise of holding the yearly conferences of the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U. together, forming a joint conference.

The recording of the business of the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. by publishing in the BANNER the minutes of all E.C. meetings.

That all the business of this U.D.C. meetings and all future meetings be forwarded to the BANNER for publication.

That the amendments of the new constitution be referred back for discussion at the next meeting of the United District Council.

We held meetings in the church on the Sunday afternoon and evening on behalf of the children's cause, and the various speakers excelled themselves at both meetings. We realise that by the visit of the U.D.C. a great deal of good has been done in Bradford and district for the Lyceums.

HERBERT HARGREAVES, Acting Sec.

**MEMORY'S PAGES.**

I am sitting alone in the twilight,  
As the old year is passing away;  
Reviewing again all the pleasures and pain,  
And the part that I played in the fray.  
Ah me! 'Tis with very mixed feelings  
I turn memory's pages to-night.  
Some blistered with tears, some darkened with fears,  
Whilst some are clear-written and white.  
I am thinking of good deeds accomplished,  
And weighing them up 'gainst the bad—  
Of the victories lost, to my soul's bitter cost—  
And the times when I won and was glad.  
And I pray as I sit in the twilight,  
For God's holy angels to lead;  
That where I once failed when I might have  
The new year shall see me succeed. [prevailed,  
And so we go on—ever hoping,  
'Tis thus we can win in the fight,  
When we fall—rise again; of the failure and pain  
Make stepping-stones up towards Right.

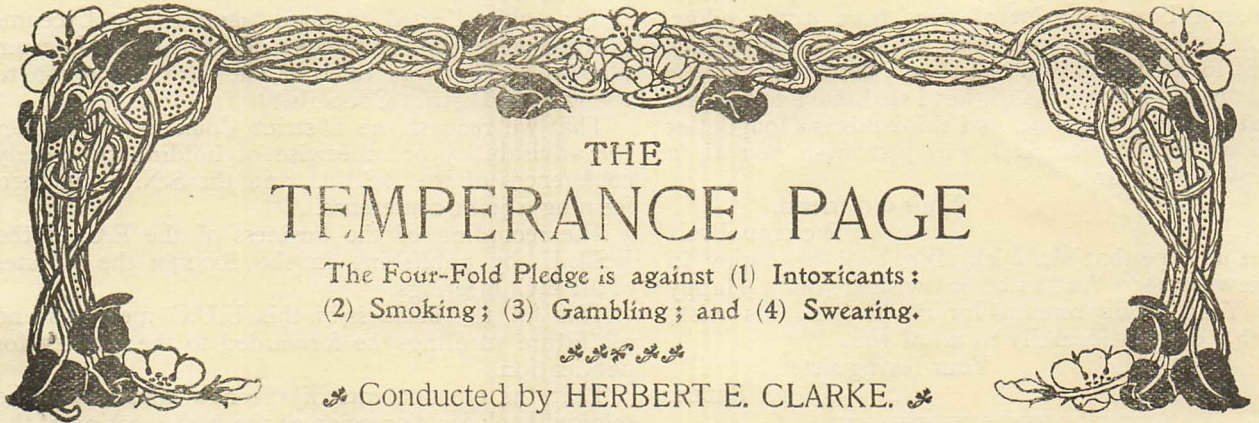
Paula Corona.

**For Lyceums requiring Scenery.**

The Bloomsbury Progressive Lyceum having had many Plays and Sketches during the last six or seven years, have many Scenes (which have been painted by our own Lyceumists) which they will be pleased to hire, at a very little cost, to Lyceums requiring them for Plays, etc.

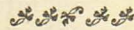
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## THE TEMPERANCE PAGE

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



Conducted by HERBERT E. CLARKE.

### WORKING TIME.

This is the time when we are prone to meditate upon the shortness of human life and affairs. We have just seen another year go the way of all years, and a new one has come with a quiver full of events good, bad and indifferent—let us hope for a reasonable proportion of the good. Perhaps the old year has left us with certain regrets, which, we are told, are vain regrets and should not be entertained. Many of us have not come through the year without being met by some more or less bitter sorrow and disappointment, but we should, I think, try and remember the good cause we have to be thankful for many things which have brought us pleasure, and which, in the larger concerns of human life, have tended, however little, to the benefaction and salvation of mankind. We may take the achievements of the twelve months that have gone as a promise and guarantee of greater things during the present year, and so take heart of grace for the immediate future.

If I were to review the events of 1906 in regard to Temperance Reform, it could not be but with sincere gratification. A greater interest in the subject has been evinced on all sides, and everywhere there is the call for salvation from the nation's greatest blight. The crusade which began with the unpopular pleadings of a few uneducated men, who had nevertheless grasped a great and world-wide truth, has been followed more and more enthusiastically by the middle and upper classes, and now has achieved its belated reward in the blessing of the medical profession, once its most pronounced and bitter opponent. The last ten years, and more particularly the six of the present century, have shown a steady and unflinching reversal of feeling on these matters. I need scarcely illustrate the truth of that remark, as it must be self-evident to everybody. There are, however, a few landmarks in the period, which bring out the actual conditions in rather clear light.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain in his Budget of 1905 was able to show the decreasing consumption of fermented liquors, a decrease out of relation and proportion to the conditions of employment at the time. His judgment has been confirmed by Mr. Asquith in the present Parliament, and we do not doubt that 1907 will continue to show the same trend. Meanwhile

the cry for more perfect liquor legislation has been increasing in volume, the vigour and significance of temperance lectures in schools maintained, and a widespread interest is everywhere to be found in the forthcoming work of the Liberal Government on the control of the traffic in strong drink, an interest which will I believe be scarcely second to that afforded by the ill-starred bill of Mr. Birrell. It would seem also that influential men in esteemed professions are alive to the situation, and they have at last thrown in their lot with us, warning us against just what their fathers had sanctioned and even advised, as is so often done when men begin to think for themselves and break from the restraint of authority. Scarcely had one or two of these men dared to stand up and declare that the use of alcohol both in medicine and in everyday life was not only unnecessary but inadvisable, before a whole waiting party hastened to endorse the new gospel, and we witnessed the amusing but extraordinarily instructive sight of a solemn conclave expressing its feelings in a *nem. con.* resolution against alcohol as an enemy of the race. Many of us will look forward to the August eloquence of distinguished members of the British Association Sections, when popular sympathy will no doubt afford a still sharper spur to the conviction of the scientific mind.

I am not so sure that the advance of the last few years is to be attributed essentially to an increase in favour shown by our people towards the cause of education. There can be no doubt that a young man who prefers a night-school to a public-house owes much to the good influence of education; such people deserve that the privileges of self-improvement should be brought ever nearer and nearer to them; they deserve to receive that preparation and encouragement which shall make them members of the noble aristocracy of mind, though they live in a humble street and are forbidden the luxuries of wealth. But the whole case is not stated by a generalisation of this kind. Education has time and again failed, and we are not ignorant of lives wrecked by drink which school and University training had made fit for high command, public confidence and national pride. Until we have touched the bed-rock of conviction, we can not hope to save lives. It is left for us to labour always and pray always for the fuller appreciation

of the purposes of abstinence from strong drink. We must continue to prove that we are in earnest about it, that we are still willing to suffer if by so doing we can save others and advance the cause. We must remember that the working time is all the time, that there is a principle to work for, and a hurtful and evil system to work against. By refusing to deal with intoxicants in any form, by reserving expression when we cannot condemn their use, by condemning whenever we can, and by giving our active encouragement and support to the struggles of our fellows in the same direction, we shall be helping to "confirm the feeble knees" and impress upon the thoughtful the trust and patience with which we await a still fuller conquest.

REPORTS.

I am in receipt of two very encouraging letters from Lancashire friends, and regret that they have necessarily been held over for so long a time. Mr. Harold Norcott, to whose kindness a recent list of names in the "BANNER" was due, has sent me seven more from Cheetham Lyceum, which I have much pleasure in publishing below. He makes a suggestion which I feel to be very worthy of public mention, viz., that our Pledge League should possess a distinctive badge. He confers upon me the responsible honour of designing such a badge, but I should like to open the matter here and ask our friends in all the Lyceums what they think of the suggestion, and what sort of badge would, in their opinion, be received with most pleasure. There will then be scope for all friends blessed with the gift of design to offer us their kind assistance.

The letter from Mr. John Schofield, of Richard Street Lyceum, Burnley, unfortunately reached me just too late for the December number. He informs me of the foundation of a Band of Hope in connection with the above Lyceum, and of a successful first meeting on November 10th last. I am extremely pleased to hear this good news, and wish the effort every success. I would also like to accord a hearty welcome to the first 22 members which the Fourfold Pledge can claim from Burnley, and hope that ere long we shall hear of very successful work and extended membership in that town. The present list is printed below, and raises our membership for the new year to 709.

CHEETHAM LYCEUM (Second list).

681 Eddy Sitton ...	1 2 3 4	685 F. B. Ingram ...	1 - 3 4
682 G. James ...	1 2 3 4	686 Miss Rotherham	1 2 3 4
683 M. Williams ...	1 2 3 4	687 S. Swepson ...	1 2 3 4
684 S. Swepson ...	1 - 3 4		

BURNLEY (Richard Street) LYCEUM.

688 Mary Skirrow ...	1 2 3 4	699 Walter Cook ...	1 2 3 4
689 Lizzie Birtwistle	1 2 3 4	700 Thomas Tate ...	1 2 3 4
690 Clara Woodcock	1 2 3 4	701 Annie Dyson ...	1 2 3 4
691 Polly Birtwistle	1 2 3 4	702 Ethel Dyson ...	1 2 3 4
692 Bertha Gregson	1 2 3 4	703 Edith Dyson ...	1 2 3 4
693 Lily Sellers ...	1 2 3 4	704 Florence Birtwistle	1 2 3 4
694 Ethel Longworth	1 2 3 4	705 Martha A. Pollard	1 2 3 4
695 Florence Devonport	1 2 3 4	706 Jane Cooper ...	1 2 3 4
696 Lily Birtwistle ...	1 2 3 4	707 Edward J. Dyson	1 - 3 4
697 Joseph Potter ...	1 2 3 4	708 John Schofield ...	1 - 3 4
698 John Potter ...	1 2 3 4	709 Jonas Gregson...	1 - 3 4

Correspondence.

A LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR TYNESIDE.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir—The suggestion of "An Old Worker" is a valuable one in some ways. That the necessity exists for something of the kind is patent to most Lyceum workers. How best to carry out the idea is a matter which it would perhaps be wise for a conference of all those interested to decide. It seems to me that much good could be done in training Lyceum officers in a uniform system of marching and calisthenics, also in regard to Group Lessons. I know much difficulty is experienced in knowing what to bring before children of various ages. A discussion of such matters would, I feel sure, be instrumental in bringing into existence our friend my Brother's proposal. That the Lyceum workers of Tyneside may be inspired, and respond to the suggestion, is the heart's desire of

ANOTHER LYCEUMIST.

MANCHESTER D.C. AND ITS WORK.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to reply to Mr. Longstaff's article in your last issue. He says the first and foremost is a real good secretary who can attend the meetings. It is quite evident Mr. Longstaff is not aware what work the Council has done. The Council has not been in existence two years yet. During its short existence it has held two Demonstrations, which were successfully carried out. It has also opened Clifton Street Lyceum, and not only found conductors for six months to carry on the work, but were supported by Lyceumists from all the Lyceums in the Council, and I was present at every session with the exception of two, when my services were required by the Council elsewhere.

Further, I think Mr. Longstaff is doing exactly what he accuses our District visitors of as regards the method of observations that have been in practice in our Lyceum for years, but I am pleased to see he is willing to assist us, and I am desired by the Council to most cordially invite Mr. Longstaff to our next meeting at Collyhurst, notice of which appears in this paper, to lend a hand to make the Conference of 1907 a decided success.

J. C. CHAPPELL, Hon. Secy.

DURBAN'S LYCEUM FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

The Durban Spiritualist Children's Progressive Lyceum held its first anniversary and social in the Norwegian Hall, Umbilo Road, there being a large number of children as well as adults present. Mr. W. Utton, hon. president of the Durban Spiritualist society, took the chair at the social on December 4th. During the evening an excellent and attractive programme was rendered, those participating being different members of the lyceum, together with Miss Robbins, Mrs. Nicol, and Messrs Gutteresen and Downie. The kind and able assistance of these four ladies and gentlemen helped very considerably to make the social the success it was, and their efforts were much appreciated by the Lyceum members.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The New Year opens full of bright promises for another year of success. Lyceums are being opened as far South as Brighton, and as far North as Motherwell in Lanarkshire. While our esteemed friend, Mr. J. W. Secker, reports there are now two Lyceums in South Shields. And efforts are being made to open one at Jarrow-on-Tyne.

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A Tyneside District Council would work wonders for the Lyceums in that district, by imparting an enthusiasm they have hitherto been strangers to.

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The Lyceums in the Sheffield District have decided to form a District Council for the better and more systematic working of the Lyceums in that District. Mr. E. Wooller has been re-elected as its D.V.

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We note with regret that several Lyceums have lapsed during the past year. Some through lack of workers; others through loss of their halls. We look upon their closing as being only temporary, we feel sure both new halls and workers will be secured in due time, and the good work go on.

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In the meantime we would respectfully urge upon all Lyceumists who are of age the importance of joining their respective societies, and work for the building up of a strong, healthy body, caring for the welfare of both young and old.

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The LYCEUM BANNER has won many hearty commendations for the manner in which it has striven to cater for the tastes of all classes of readers, young and old, grave and gay. We hope to fully maintain the interest during 1907.

THE SHORT AND SERIAL STORIES have offered pleasure to adults, as well as the young, who could see the kindly lessons hidden in them intended to improve the daily lives of our readers.

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THE TEMPERANCE PAGE has fully maintained its high reputation for the scholarly manner in which the various topics handled have been dealt with, and which have won some of our youths from the seductive vices, and 'manish' habits which so freely beset them. We trust a greater number of members will be enrolled during the present year. Officers can help by setting the example. Remember that all vices not conquered on earth follow us into the spirit world. There is no Saviour to bear it all for us, we shall have to reap as we have sown.

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FLORA BELLE has done good work in winning many of our young readers to kindlier habits and gentler words. This is moral and spiritual gain which will be reflected in their home life, as well as on their companions.

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THE BOYS SPECIAL has become quite a feature of the BANNER, and has proved so successful that the Executive has been called upon to lend a helping hand. We hope the talents of our readers will be still more fully displayed in writing essays on the subjects that will be submitted to them by its able conductor.

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THE LESSON PLANS have met a long felt want in our Lyceums. They have acted as beacon lights to many conductors and leaders, showing them the way to explain and expound the Lessons contained in the teachings of the *Lyceum Manual*. Mr. Hudson Tuttle has expressed his high appreciation of them. And our esteemed and venerable founder Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, in a private letter to Mrs. Greenwood, which we have been allowed to see, says, 'My beloved sister in progressive work, I desire to acknowledge my profound appreciation of the much needed and truly hopeful lessons you have so faithfully and intelligently written for the LYCEUM BANNER from month to month, thus enabling officers, leaders, and scholars to *think*, and to advance by *thinking*!'

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Mr. W. Walker, of Palace-road, Buxton, in renewing his subscription says, 'I desire to thank you and your contributors for the high level to which the BANNER has attained, I hope the good things that are therein appearing for both the young and old, may serve the good purpose you desire they should.' To which we say, Amen!

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### OUR NEXT NUMBER.

Parcels of our next issue will be despatched so as to reach their destination not later than **SATURDAY, FEB. 2ND**. Will Secretaries please bear this in mind and call at the Station for them without expecting further intimation. They will be sent from Keighley G.N. or Mid. Ry. Stations, Carriage Paid. Should any Secretary be unable to obtain his parcel at the Station on the day specified he should immediately notify the Editor, Mr. Alfred Kitson, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

Our good friend, Mr. S. S. Chiswell, has sent us a cutting giving the strength of Sunday Schools in the Liverpool district, from which we quote the following totals:—Church of England, 33,310; Roman Catholics, 10,248; Free Churches, 43,155. Grand total, 86,713.

We do not anticipate that our totals will come up to the above, but if our Secretaries will promptly fill up and return the forms that have been sent to them, we hope to show that we have made a substantial increase over the returns made last year.

In tendering our thanks to all who have helped to place the good things in the LYCEUM BANNER within the reach of their scholars, and also to the many friends for their good wishes, we desire to bespeak their kindly help to still further extend its circulation during 1907.

Let our Motto for 1907 be :

STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

We wish all our Readers :

**A Happy and Prosperous New Year.**

## Lyceum Lesson Plan for Jan., 1907

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

### SESSION PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Jan. 6	368	367	* 30	145	310
„ 13	356	41	209	134	401
„ 20	368	40	211	135	396
„ 27	334	25	206	125	412

\* Tune "St. Oswald, Bristol." Impromptu Readings required.

### Golden Precepts.

(To be committed to memory by the Lyceum.)

Jan. 6th.—

"The heights by great men reached and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night."

*Longfellow.*

Jan. 13th.—

"When'er a noble deed is wrought,  
When'er is spoken a noble thought,  
Our hearts, in glad surprise  
To higher levels rise."

*Longfellow.*

Jan. 20th.—

"Each man's chimney is his Golden milestone ;  
Is the central point, from which he measures every  
distance

Through the gateways of the world around him."

*Longfellow,*

Jan. 27th.—

"Sail on, O, Union, strong and great !

Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee,—are all with thee !"

*Longfellow.*

## LESSON PLAN, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 1907.

*Longfellow's "Psalm of Life." (30 Manual.)*

### I. CONNECTING LINKS.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in 1807 at Portland, on the coast of Maine. On the mother's side he was descended from the John Alden and Priscilla, of the pleasant story of "The courtship of Miles Standish." As a boy he was fond of reading, and the book which above all others he loved was the 'Sketch Book' of Washington Irving. In after years he said 'The old fascination remains about it, and whenever I open its pages I open also that mysterious door which leads back into the haunted chamber of youth.' In 1822 he was at college with Hawthorne, at Brunswick, in Maine, and in 1826 he paid a visit to France and Spain, and met Washington Irving in Madrid. On his return in 1829 he became Professor of Belles Letters at Brunswick, and a few years later he was appointed Professor at Harvard University.

In 1835 he again visited Europe, accompanied by his wife, whom he had married in 1831. In England he was welcomed by many friends, and among others by Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle. He then visited Sweden to learn the Northern languages, and then Holland, where his wife sickened and died. He went sadly on to the Rhineland and Switzerland, and was back again in America at the end of 1836.

Two years later his first considerable poem, the "Psalm of Life" was published, and gained immediate popularity, and in 1839 he published a little volume of poems with the title "Voices of the Night." In the same year his beautiful prose romance "Hyperion" was published. It tells the story of his own wanderings through the beautiful Rhineland, and its sketches of Goethe and Richter are delightful. The beautiful English lady, Mary Ashburton, of the story, was a Miss Frances Appleton, who in course of time became the poet's wife.

Two years later a volume of ballads was published, containing such well known favourites as "The wreck of the Hesperus," "Excelsior," and "The Village Blacksmith." In 1847 Longfellow published what is perhaps his masterpiece, the sweet and mystic poem, "Evangeline," nothing can be finer than the long swell of the musical lines, and the story itself in its simple pathos is like a strain of sad music. In the close of the poem, Evangeline, after many wanderings, is a sister of mercy in a hospital, far away from the happy arcadia of her youth, and there she finds among the sick her lover, now old and weary and worn.

“ Heard he that cry of pain, and through the hush  
that succeeded  
Whispered a gentle voice, in accents tender and  
saintlike,  
‘ Gabriel! O my beloved!’ and died away into silence.  
Then he beheld, in a dream, once more the home of  
his childhood;  
Green arcadian meadows, with sylvan rivers among  
them,  
Village and mountain and woodland; and, walking  
under their shadow,  
As in the days of her youth Evangeline rose in his  
vision.  
Tears came into his eyes; and, as slowly he lifted his  
eyelids  
Vanished the vision away; but Evangeline knelt by  
his bedside.  
Vainly he strove to whisper her name, for the accents  
muttered  
Died on his lips, and their motion revealed what his  
tongue would have spoken.  
Vainly he strove to rise; and Evangeline, kneeling  
beside him,  
Kissed his dying lips, and laid his head on her bosom.  
Sweet was the light of his eyes; but it suddenly sank  
into darkness,  
As when a lamp is blown out by a gust of wind at a  
casement.”

Within the next few years Longfellow wrote  
“ Kavanah,” a beautiful little prose romance of  
American village life; “ The Building of the Ship,”  
one of his most stirring poems; and “ The Golden  
Legend,” a story of the middle ages. Then in 1885  
“ Hiawatha,” a masterpiece which is worthy to rank  
with “ Evangeline.” It is an idealised picture of  
Indian life, and in the sweet ripple of its melody it  
seems to carry us to deep forests and quiet streams,  
and its quaint parallelism seems specially fitted to  
describe a simple primitive people.

In the following lines Hiawatha is described  
lamenting the death of the sweet singer Chibiabos:—

“ He is dead, the sweet musician!  
He, the sweetest of all singers!  
He has gone from us for ever,  
He has moved a little nearer  
To the master of all music,  
To the master of all singing!  
O, my brother, Chibiabos!”  
And the melancholy fir-trees  
Waved their dark green fans above him,  
Waved their purple cones above him,  
Sighing with him to console him;  
Mingled with his lamentation  
Their complaining, their lamenting.”

After ‘ Hiawatha ’ Longfellow’s chief works were,  
‘ The Courtship of Miles Standish ’ (1858); ‘ Tales of  
a Wayside Inn ’ (1863); and the translation of Dante’s  
‘ Divine Comedy ’ (1870). He wrote many other little  
poems up to the time of his death, which came in  
March 1882. He proved himself the sweetest of all  
American singers. Longfellow, with his tones of pure  
melody, has added lustre to the literature of his age

and country. (Longman’s Handbook of English  
Literature.)

## II. PRACTICAL HINTS.

Let the children learn the poem and then induce  
them to say what they *think* about it. After interest-  
ing them with the history of the poet ask them to find  
all the poems and references to Longfellow in the  
*Manual*, and if possible, get them to read up one of  
the poems mentioned in the foregoing, e.g., ‘ Evange-  
line,’ ‘ Courtship of Miles Standish,’ ‘ Hiawatha,’ ‘ The  
Building of the Ship,’ &c., all of which might be used  
as delightful lessons in any of the higher Groups,  
especially Liberty Group.

Longfellow is regarded as a Spiritualist, and his  
poem ‘ Footsteps of Angels,’ certainly emphasizes the  
thought.

“ With a slow and noiseless footstep  
Comes that messenger divine,  
Takes the vacant chair beside me,  
Lays her gentle hand in mine.  
And she sits and gazes at me  
With those deep and tender eyes,  
Like the stars so still and saintlike,  
Looking downward from the skies,”

Instances like this may be sought for by the children  
in his poems.

**LONGFELLOW,  
AMERICA'S  
SWEETEST  
SINGER,  
1807-1882.**

## THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The Executive Council of the above Union will  
visit Huddersfield on Sunday, January 13th, 1907,  
when the local Lyceumists will hold an Open Session  
at 10-30 a.m., in the Spiritualists' Hall, Ramsden Street,  
attended by the members of the Executive. No  
Manuals required, as special hymn sheets will be  
provided.

Propaganda Meetings will be held in the after-  
noon at 2.30, in the above hall, and also at St. Peter  
Street. And also at 6.30, to be addressed by the  
President, Mr. R. Latham; the Vice-president, Mr.  
E. A. Keeling; the Treasurer, Mr. Councillor J.  
Venables; Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Mrs. Annie E.  
Bentley, Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, Messrs. H. A. Kersey, W.  
Johnston, A. Wilkinson, J. Colbeck, and F. B. Smedley.  
Collections at all meetings towards defraying the  
expenses.—ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

## Our Boys' Special.

JANUARY.

Hail! the white-robed infant year,  
January now is here;  
Month of many a merry chime,  
Party, ball, and pantomime.  
With hearts to cheer, and hopes renew,  
All take an earnest, forward view,  
And loud re-echoes far and near  
"A happy and a prosperous year."

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The last line of the above monthly rhyme expresses my heart-felt wish to all my readers. I am sorry I am unable to offer you any special reading with reference to this important season, but as space is so precious, I am content to submit to you a cheering and helpful letter written by Mr. F. H. Wright.

Sowerby Bridge,  
December, 1906.

DEAR BOYS.

In response to our friend Mr. Hepworth, I indite a few thoughts for your and my benefit. I might say in passing, that as an old boy I take a deep interest in the boys' column, and I congratulate our friend on the standard he keeps. We all know the saying: "Boys will be boys," and surely they ought so to be. I love to see boys happy and full of life. What does our Lyceum Manual say on the point? Let us turn to Musical Reading, No. 211, and we read as follows:—"Laugh, frolic, dance, and be merry, but be ye also innocent." And I say "hear, hear" to that. This saying bespeaks to us of the true boy who will one day be the true nobleman.

We all know what fun is, and don't we enjoy it. So I will leave that part and get on to the word "innocent." There is a great misconception among boys, yea, even amongst the grown-up ones in reference to its meaning. They have got the idea that the innocent boy is one who is a muff, a weakling, one who cannot hold his own in this rough and tumble world. But it is not so. It is the culmination of a grand sentence, "Laugh, frolic, &c.," (and be ye also innocent.) Be ye true to yourself, pure, unselfish, courageous in the fight for truth, kind to dumb animals, helpful to mother and father, treating sister as one who is worthy of the highest consideration, helping your teachers and conductors to make the Lyceum a truly "harmonious place." And boys, you can do it, if you only try to understand and carry it out. We should then have in our Lyceums the jolliest, happiest and kindest boys in the universe. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, and also success to the boys' page. From a boy in spirit, if not in years,

THOS. H. WRIGHT,  
Assistant Conductor,  
Sowerby Bridge Lyceum.

I have had three responses in the shape of "essays," but I have only room for one this month, therefore I

ask you to read Mr. Glennie's interesting contribution. Mr. Sutcliffe's will appear next month. The third is from Mr. W. Fletcher of Bury:—

"Are our Lyceums furnishing their due proportion of public advocates for Spiritualism? If not, why not?"

The above questions can only be answered in the abstract, as there are no means of ascertaining the number of trained Lyceum speakers amongst our workers, unless, indeed, the Editor of the *Two Worlds* were to invite the Speakers to send in their names, and that of their Lyceums to be compiled into a list, which could then be compared with the total number of speakers, if that could be ascertained, which in our present nebulous condition is doubtful.

The ordinary Spiritualist, content with private or public circle, cares very little indeed for the Lyceum movement, being in either ignorance of the fundamental principles of Spiritualism, and has no desire for higher knowledge beyond a certain amount of more or less contradictory statements from various speakers, as they follow each other on our platforms, mingled with a certain amount of Fortune Telling, and a mildly exciting display of Clairvoyance, and has no conception that the Lyceum movement embodies the sciences of the universe, the poetry, colour, life and harmony of nature, and that it teaches not only the life hereafter, but also how to live in the present, requiring for its exponents not only teachers of the highest order of intelligence, but opportunities of teaching. As a result of this ignorance, there is no demand for Lyceum trained speakers. When the demand arises, can it be met? Not by existing methods. There is a lack of funds which results in Lyceums struggling into being badly equipped, badly housed, and badly advertised; also a lack of cohesion one with the other, and the Spiritualist Societies generally. Were the claims of the Lyceum movement recognised by the majority of Spiritualists, the necessary funds would, I am persuaded, be forthcoming.

Buildings, books, instruments, and other appliances, as well as musical and teaching ability are required, and altogether, besides being vastly more important, a Lyceum is more costly to establish than an ordinary Sunday School. Further, our organised method of dealing with destitute children, who are unable to attend the Lyceum from want of clothes, etc., is urgently required.

W. GLENNING,  
48, Ruskin Avenue, Manor Park, E., London.  
Conductor, Manor Park Lyceum.

Now for the puzzle portion.

The correct solution of last month's puzzle (national) is Mr. J. Venables.

The winner is Edward Smith, Centre Lyceum, Paradise Square, Sheffield, who will receive the usual button. Merit cards have been forwarded to Bertha Penny, John Edward Penny, of the North Street Lyceum, and to Nina Smedley, Belper. Other solutions were wrong.

The correct solution of the district puzzle is Mrs. Ruth Hey. As announced last month, Mr. R. Latham is giving two first prizes for this, a button and a brooch. The winner of the button is Roger James

Simm, and the winner of the brooch is Dora Kay, who are members of the Darwen Lyceum. Other correct solutions were sent by Claude Catlow, Joseph Haworth, Edith M. Laycock, all of Burnley (North Street), and Thos. Marsden, Alice Marsden, Joseph Marsden, Edith Sayers, and J. Pearce, all of Darwen, each of whom receive a merit card.

Here are the puzzles for January.

#### NATIONAL.

In every New Year the initials appear,  
In our ranks the owner is far from the rear,  
In build I am sure you'll say "He is fine,"  
(His surname is made from letters nine.)  
With kindness and love and wisdom combined,  
The whole of the letters you ought to find,  
For children he often provides a delight,  
Which makes them so happy, joyous and bright.

#### DISTRICT.

Limited to Lyceums in the Halifax and Huddersfield District Council

In twenty and two the initials appear,  
Of a gentleman known to the Lyceums here;  
He has worked for the cause in a prominent way,  
And has won your approval on many a day.  
Six letters are in the surname, I find,  
And they're hidden in wisdom, in love and in mind,  
I would honour him here because of his worth,  
May he long yet be spared to assist us on earth.

Mrs Jessie Greenwood is giving the first prize for this puzzle solution. Merit Cards will be sent to all whose solutions are correct. Who will offer a prize (button or brooch) for the winner of another District puzzle for February? Will any who are interested in the Bradford or Leeds District write and let me know? One gentleman has kindly forwarded 2s 6d towards defraying postage of Merit Cards. Will any others assist in this? Small donations will be thankfully received. I propose to furnish the Executive with a Quarterly Account of donations and costs, for the satisfaction of contributors.

Remember, *don't post your solutions* before January 9th, and not later than January 19th, and address them to yours lovingly,

FRANK HEPWORTH.

2a, Cateaton Street, Bury.

### ASHTON SPIRITUAL CHURCH.

BAZAAR IN AID OF THE BUILDING FUND.

#### HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

On Friday and Saturday, December 7th and 8th, a bazaar was held at the Ashton Spiritualist Church, the object being to reduce the debt on the building, The members of the church had been working for the effort for a long time, and a culmination of their labours was seen in the well-laden and attractively laid out stalls.

There were a number of attractions. A shooting range was in charge of the young men, and a fish pond was superintended by the members of the Lyceum Sunday School. There was also an ice cream stall and a splendid collection of curiosities arranged by Mr. A. Hodgson. During the evenings the Lyndhurst Mandoline Band played selections of music.

### In Memoriam.

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden Street).—I am sorry to report the passing on of Miss Lucy Sykes, which occurred on November 20th, 1906. She had been a member of our Lyceum for a number of years. On Sunday, November 25th, a vote of condolence was passed by the Lyceumists standing in silence in their places.

Oh! truly death is not the end!  
Our loved one who said farewell,  
Attends as angel comforter,  
And with us will ever dwell.

—A. Jagger, Secretary.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—We have to report the passing on to spirit life of another of our Lyceum scholars, Charlie, the son of our President, Mr. Worsley, this being the second scholar this year. The interment took place on November 27, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Heptonstall, which was kindly placed at our disposal by the Wesleyan friends, and for which we are most grateful. The funeral was entirely according to the Spiritualists' rites, Mrs. Greenwood, Ashleigh, officiating at the home, and Mr. Peter Lee, of Rochdale, performing the ceremony in the chapel and at the graveside. A large number of Lyceum scholars and members attended the cortege, carrying white flowers, which were thrown on the coffin after it was lowered into the ground—M. Rawson, Secretary.

### OUR BOOK TABLE.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE GOD AND CHRIST IDEAS.  
By Hudson Tuttle, Berlin Heights, Ohio, U.S.A.  
6/6, post free.

The book before us fully maintains the high reputation of the author for scholarly research into every subject he undertakes to write about. This book is divided into two parts. Part I deals with the evolution of the God idea, to which is devoted the first 148 pages, in which is traced, with marked clearness of expression, the idea of God, beginning with savage man, which he traces through its endless phases upward from primeval savagery through Assyria, Greece, and Rome, the Hebrew seers, the Alexandrian school, to its final interpretation by the scientific investigation as the cosmic mind.

Part II deals with the Christ idea of a mediator between God and man, to which is devoted 123 pages with seven pages of appendix. This idea of a mediator is traced through all the great world religions to its ultimate: the ideal perfect man. Redemption is by growth. If the teachings of individual spirits may be taken as representing spiritualism, then this book must be regarded as the message the cause of spiritualism presents to the world on the much-disputed questions of God and the Saviour.

The book is well printed and beautifully bound in dark green muslin, gilt lettered. We heartily recommend it to our adult readers as being a veritable storehouse of valuable information.

## What our Lyceums are doing.

**All Reports should reach us not later than the 23rd of Jan. to ensure insertion in our next issue. Short, pithy reports are preferred. Write on one side of the paper only. Commence with the name of your town, street in which your Lyceum is located, and date of session, and sign your name at the end. Any remarks for the Editor should be made on another sheet of paper.**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Dec. 2nd we had our usual open session, recitations being given by Misses Mabel Simpson, Jessie Plenderleith, and Master Alick Plenderleith. Mr. J. O. Wrigley gave a very appreciative address. The silver and golden chain recitations were well responded to. Marching and calisthenics were also gone through in a very creditable manner.—Wm. Dransfield, Sec.

ARMLEY.—On Dec. 14th the following officers tendered their resignation, owing to having to remove to Huddersfield:—Mrs. Smith (secretary), Mr. Dightam (librarian), Mr. F. Dightam (registrar), and H. Dightam (guard). We deplore our loss, which is Huddersfield's gain. The following were elected to fill the vacancies:—Mrs. Pitts (conductor), Miss Elsie Lambert (librarian), Albert Emmett (registrar), Sam Lee, jun. (guard), and Mr. S. Lee (secretary). We are hoping, by the application of a little of the old-time energy, to build up a good, strong Lyceum worthy of the town we represent.—S. Lee, Sec.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Abbey Road).—On Dec. 2nd we held our second anniversary, Mr. Lee, of Rochdale, being the speaker. In the afternoon there was a large attendance of parents and friends. Recitations and solos were given by the children, and Mr. Lee gave an address. In the evening Mr. Lee again addressed the children, also a large and attentive audience. Recitations and solos were again given by the scholars. Then Mr. Lee presented the prizes, and thus brought to a close a very pleasant day.—Miss Ada Lawton, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Dec. 2nd we held our annual election. Officers were elected to the following offices:—Conductors, Messrs. E. E. Laxton and Burroughs; secretary, Miss G. Reeves; treasurer, Mr. W. Laxton, financial secretary, Miss L. Stevens; trustees, Miss F. Price and Mr. L. Laxton; guardian, Mr. B. Everall; guard, Mr. W. Burroughs; librarian, Miss E. Burroughs; musical conductor, Miss E. Price. Committee: Messrs. H. Reeves, S. Shergold, and Miss L. Sheldon. On Dec. 16th Mr. Brian Hodgson gave us a most interesting address, which was well appreciated by all.—W. Laxton, Librarian.

BLACKBURN (Northgate).—We held our open session on Dec. 2nd, when about 60 were present. We had a good and bright session. The connective reading of M. R. 222 was taken by Mrs. Southworth, Misses D. Pidgeon and N. Rushton. Songs were sung by Misses N. Rushton, A. Place, and Payne. We also enjoyed the following recitations:—"The drunkard's dream," Miss E. Newell; "Almost a crime," Miss J. French; "Black-eyed Susan," little Miss Sharples. "Never give up the right way" was heartily sung as a closing hymn.—R. Sharples, Sec.

BLACKBURN (St Peter Street).—We held our open session on Dec. 9th, when we had a good time with old friends and new. Miss Holding conducted. Recitations were given by Miss N. Dalton, Martha and Albert Caville. Mr. Hindle gave us something to think of. Mr. Grime gave a reading. Miss Holding sang for us. In the evening a service of song was rendered by the Lyceum, entitled "The fireman's daughter." The choir was assisted by a string band of 20 performers. Mr. Holt conducted. The hall was crowded, a good many having to stand. Mr. Archer, of Cherry Tree, was the reader, to whom we tender our sincere thanks, and also to Mr. Holt for his splendid services. Thus ended another successful Lyceum day.—J. Ainsworth, Sec.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—We held a successful tea and concert on November 24th. The concert was ably presided over by Mr. Billsborough. Several good songs were rendered by members of the Lyceum. Miss Elliston was the accompanist.—E. Pilkington, Sec.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—On Sunday, December 2nd, we held our usual monthly open Session. Recitations were well rendered by Misses Nellie Simpson, Elsie Wright, Lily Court, and Olive Griffiths; also by Masters Geo. Holbrook, John A. Preston, and Willie Simpson; and songs by Muriel and Olive Griffiths; quartette by Elsie Burchell, Dorothy South, Gladys Grey, and Clara Ackroyd. There was a good attendance of scholars, and the Session was ably conducted by Mrs. E. Beardsworth.—J. Burchell, Sec.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—On December 1st we held our annual ham tea and concert, which was a success. Mr. Oldfield, of Shipley, was in the chair, and gave a few encouraging remarks upon the Lyceum cause. Mr. H. Alderson (Windhill Lyceum) gave a piano-forte solo, entitled "Victory March," and a song, entitled "Please Mr. Conductor, don't put me off the Train;" an operetta was given by the Lyceum children, entitled "Little Jessie's Dream," (by kind permission of Abel Heywood & Son); Miss Edith Boddy rendered, "The Gift," and "Sing me to sleep," in excellent fashion; recitations were given by Miss Greaves; comic songs by F. Holmes; an operetta by the Lyceum adults, entitled "Robin Hood and Maid Marian," (by kind permission of Abel Heywood & Son), and to bring the concert to a close, H. Birdsall gave a Chinese violin solo, which Mr. Hale accompanied upon the melodian. Mr. H. Birdsall was the accompanist for the evening. On Sunday, December 2nd, we held our Open Session, when the following took part in making it enjoyable: Miss Jones recited, "'Tis not long;" Solo by H. Birdsall, "No Right There;" reading by May Flatt, "The Sowers;" duets by F. Holmes and H. Birdsall, Masters W. and J. W. Hale, Harry Hale and George Flatt, Lily Flatt and Dora Marchbank, Marian Hale and May Flatt, Dorris Holmes and Carrie Holt, and a trio by Doris Holmes, Nellie Flatt, and Carrie Holmes. Altogether a most enjoyable session was spent.—F. Holmes, Sec.

BURNLEY (Richard Street).—On December 2nd we held our monthly Open Session, when there was a very good attendance. The following took part: recitations—Miss Annie Dyson, Master Joseph Potter, Arthur Woodcock, and Walter Cock. We were also favoured with a duet, "Rest for the weary," by Misses Edith and Annie Dyson; and two solos by Mr. J. Haworth, each one doing their best to make the open session a success.—Miss J. Cooper, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Sunday, November 25th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, the speaker for the occasion being Mr. John Adams, of London, President of the Spiritualist National Union. The Lyceumists gave a capital programme, songs, duets, and trios being sung. A most enjoyable day was spent by all. On December 1st there passed to the higher life Mr. William Fish, one of our most earnest workers for the cause of Spiritualism. His death is rather sad, coming so soon after that of his wife. Mr. Fish leaves a large family, and to them we tender our heartfelt sympathy.—L. Hewitt, Sec.

DONCASTER (Wood Street).—On December 10th our Lyceum scholars gave an entertainment in aid of the Lyceum Annual Outing Fund, to a very good audience, when a lengthy and varied programme was gone through, consisting of songs, recitations, readings, and gramophone selections. The songs and recitations were rendered in capital style, and were received with hearty applause. Great praise is due to Mr. Bates for the selections on the gramophone, which was an entertainment in itself. Also a sketch taken from the Teachings of Spiritualism from Manual, by two Lyceumists, caused roars of laughter. Refreshments were provided at the interval, and were highly appreciated. Altogether, a very interesting and enjoyable evening was spent, a great success for our Lyceum was achieved, which has inspired us to Progress Onward and Upward.—A Bates, Sec.

GLOSSOP.—On Saturday, December 8th, a spider web social and dance, which realised £1 13s. 10d., was given by one of our Lyceumists, Miss Gussy Bunting, in aid of the Organ Fund, for which we are very grateful.—Miss C. Hollingworth, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—On December 2nd we held an open session, when the following items were given:—A short address on the silver chain recitation, by Mrs. Eastwood; "Catch the sunshine," H. Eastwood; "Over the hills," Geo. Ward; "If and perhaps," Fred Ward; "Helping mother," Annie Thomber. Mr. Eastwood extended the remarks on the silver and golden chain recitations. Three of our scholars signed the Lyceum reform pledge.—Katie Ward, Sec.

**HUDDERSFIELD** (Peter Street).—On December 2nd, we held the open sessions all day, before a very good attendance. Readings were well given by the Misses F. Wilson and E. Webster, and Mr. J. W. Hemingway. Dialogues were well given by the Misses E. Brandon and Mildred Brook; recitation by F. Wilson; solo and duets were given by E. Brandon, M. Brook, C. Gledhill, Mr. W. W. Wallis, Mrs. Barrow, Miss E. Brandon, Mr. H. Moorhouse, and Miss Ada Webster; a pianoforte solo was given by Mr. L. Brook; the invocations were given by one of our Lyceum scholars, Miss E. Webster; also Mrs. Kaye, one of our scholars, gave a few clairvoyant descriptions, which were very good.—W. Wallis, Sec., Fartown.

**HADFIELD** (Albert Street).—Our Lyceum held a social on Saturday, November 24th, which was a success. Our conductor, Miss M. H. Beeley, presided. We began the programme with a hymn from the manual. Then we had a duet by Miss Agnes Kenworthy and Mr. C. Nuttall; recitation by Miss Ivy Booth; song by Mr. C. Nuttall; reading by Mr. H. Chorley; duet in costume by Miss Cissy Booth and Mr. C. Nuttall, which was encored; song by Miss Alice Booth; reading by Mr. H. Chorley; duet by Mrs. Bramhall and Mrs. Chorley. After this, we had refreshments served round. Then we spent the evening in games and dances, and at the close everyone seemed to go away cheerful and happy.—C. Nuttall, Sec.

**KEIGHLEY** (Heber Street).—On December 9th, the girls of the Fountain Group provided the items for the open session. Misses Fossy and Summers, the group leaders, filled the posts of conductor and guardian in an admirable manner. Misses Ada and Edith Fielding sang a duet; Miss M. Walker recited "Compassion"; Miss L. Fossy recited "The Watermill"; Mr. J. Kay gave a splendid address on it, pointing out its moral, and pleaded that it be acted upon. Mr. J. Collins, of Bradford, also gave a short address. The Lyceum choir rendered "Hark! 'tis the trumpet sounding." Miss Ada Holiday recited "The three gates," and Miss M. Wright recited "To a butterfly in church." Miss Houldsworth was the accompanist.—W. A. Kay, Sec.

**LEICESTER** (Queen Street).—On Sunday, the members of the Lyceum rendered the service of song, entitled "Rest at Last," on behalf of the parent society, Miss Wright and Miss Jackson, soloists, the reader being our Conductor, Mr. H. C. Shackshaft. Mr. Tye ably officiated at the piano. Glad to report success, financially and otherwise. Sorry to report the end of the year is bringing changes most inevitable in our Lyceum, by the resignation of our conductor, Mr. Shackshaft, who has filled that position for two years with honour and efficiency, endearing himself in the hearts of the children. His resignation was accepted with profound regret.—James Bishop, Sec.

**LIVERPOOL** (Mount Pleasant).—We celebrated our 1st Anniversary on Dec. 9th. Mrs. L. A. Griffin was our speaker, and her genial manner filled us with good will. At our afternoon session, we had the official opening of a splendid rostrum, presented by one of our members as a token of love and esteem, for which he has our gratitude. Misses A. & E. Brookfield gave a duet, "Life's Dream is o'er," which was received with applause, and Master J. Adamson sang, "Hail, Festal Morn." Our conductor, Mr. Langley, brought each of us a beautiful spray of flowers, which added to the brightness of the session. In the evening we were favoured with two professionals, who rendered a solo each. Miss B. Bradshaw sang "Gentle Shepherd" in fine style, and Mr. Commella "Nazareth," which was well received. Mr. Gresson conducted the Monday's meeting, and Mrs. Mossop gave splendid phenomena, every test fully recognised. On Wednesday we finished with a grand tea and social, and were pleased to have Mr. Clark, of Daulby Hall, with us. By way of a change, we had living pictures, which were a decided success, and I thank the ladies and gents, who took their part so well. Miss Lillie Macadam, of Crossfield Road, looked splendid in all her regalia as "Britannia," and her brother as a "Soldier of the king"; Miss A. Brookfield, a bonnie Scotch lassie; Miss G. Scubert, a fine Irish girl; and Madge Parker looked very quaint as "Wales." Miss Jowett looked pretty as the Fortune-teller, and Miss E. Brookfield and her brother charmed the audience as a Chinese Honeymoon. In conclusion, we all thank Mr. Cretney for the time and labour he spent on our behalf in making us a miniature stage, and Mrs. Jowett for all the decorations.—Madge Parker, Sec.

**MANCHESTER** (Collyhurst).—On Dec. 11th the Collyhurst Concert Party gave their first concert. The opening choruses, "O'er the downs" and "The comrades' song of hope," were well rendered. "Down the vale" was sung by Mr. Pearce in good

style. Miss Booth's songs, "Eileen Alannah" and "The band of gold," were well applauded. Mr. Batley sang "I was laughing all over my face," and the audience seemed to say the same. "Where the sunset turns the ocean blue to gold" and "The stars are angel faces" were sung by a very promising little artiste, Miss Annie Anyon. Herbert Booth sang "Two on Thursday," and did "Gallant deeds" for an encore. "The sun am shining," sung by Miss Lily Bragg, received great applause, as also did Mr. J. Cooper's songs, "Asleep in the deep" and "The wolf." Master Thomas Wills sang "If you want to have a row wait till the sun shines," and was encored. A Japanese song, "Tea tea," sung by Miss Edith Anderson, received warm applause. Mr. Tom Hassel gave "Spouty, the goalkeeper," and was encored. Little Lavinia Pearce gave a recitation, "The wind in a frolic." The concert closed with a sketch, "Fun in the studio," given by the party. Mr. Batley and Mr. Cooper were very able accompanists, and Mr. Pearce acted as stage manager.—C. T. Batley, Sec.

**MANCHESTER** (Maskell Street).—On December 9th we held our open sessions, Mrs. Bentley being the medium, assisted by Mr. Knight, of Bury. Afternoon: we had the usual session, marching, etc., followed by golden chain recitation, the responses being explained by Mr. Knight. Recitations by Masters A. Sims, Wardle, Porter, and H. Jones, and the Misses Olive Hardwick, Fiddler, and Wardle, followed by a few remarks by Mrs. Bentley. Evening: the Lyceumists occupied the platform, when they gave a musical reading, Mr. Knight then gave us a part of his experiences of Spiritualism, after which we had a golden chain recitation, Mr. Knight again explaining the responses. Mrs. Bentley gave a short address on "The Education of the Children," showing the necessity of our Lyceums, following on with clairvoyance, all being recognised. Thus ended a very enjoyable day.—H. Turner, Sec.

**MANCHESTER** (Princess Hall).—On December 9th, in the afternoon, we held our open session, the marching and calisthenics were very good. Recitations were given by the following: Misses W. Jenkins, N. Robinson, E. Forrest, A. Hardcastle, C. Jenkins, T. Robinson, and Masters C. Potter, W. Porter, N. Fitch, F. Jenkins, V. Roberts, and P. and V. Robinson. Solos were rendered by Nellie Robinson and Winifred Jenkins, also a violin solo by James Ianson. In the evening Mrs. Edwards (of Horwich) delivered an interesting address on "Man—One."—L. P. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**MANCHESTER** (Openshaw, Beaulah St.).—On Saturday, November 24th, we held our annual social and potato pie supper, in aid of the Lyceum prizes: it was a big success. The social consisted of singing, mandoline solos, sketches, and dancing. On Sunday, December 10th, we held our Lyceum open session at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., everything passing off very satisfactorily. The singing, silver and golden chain recitations, and marching being much appreciated by good audiences. The recitations and solos by the children and elders also made a good impression on the people, some of whom had never seen a Lyceum before, and were well pleased with the teachings which the children receive in the Lyceums. Mr. Crutchley addressed a few words to the Lyceum in the afternoon, and also to the congregation in the evening.—W.T.W., Sec.

**OLDHAM** (Elliott Street).—On December 1st, we held a social when a good number were present. Mr. Chiswell was with us, and rendered several selections on his gramophone. Songs, recitations and dances. Our annual Lyceum party was attended by 130, after which we were favoured with an excellent entertainment, presided over by the conductor, Mr. Worsman, who said he was pleased the Lyceum was retaining its reputation for efficiency. It was not perfect, he added, and urged all to band together and work together in love and harmony, and he was sure the Lyceum would be the gainer. Action songs, recitations, and a very laughable dialogue, entitled "Mixed Pickles."—John Frost, Sec.

**RIHTON**.—On Dec. 9th we had the very pleasing ceremony of naming the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, members of our Lyceum. We were delighted to see so many parents present to witness the ceremony, and trust to have their presence in the future. Mrs. Gretton, of Blackburn, performed the ceremony. The baby's name is Amy, and her spirit name is "Progress." She asked the children to be loving and considerate one to another, and when little Amy was old enough to be enrolled a member of the Lyceum to be sure and take her by the hand and lead her in the spiritual pathway of life. We then sang "Open the door for the children." The following have been elected officers:—Conductor, Mr. Lofthouse; assistant conductor, Miss M. Duckworth; secretary, Miss Ada Capstic; guardian, Mr. J. English; musical

directors, Mr. J. Cook and Miss Nellie Duckworth; leaders—males, Messrs. Turner, W. Duckworth, and E. Holden; females, Misses L. Ellison, B. Plummer, and H. A. Holden.—Miss Ada Capstic, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—We held our annual tea party on Saturday, December 15th. After tea the evening was spent in songs, recitations and dancing. The scholars went through the marching and calisthenics, under the direction of Mr. Brown, in an appropriate manner, which were much enjoyed by those present. Songs were sung by J. J. Howarth, Miss Shore, Mr. Pollard, A. T. Dixon, A. L. Pollard, Miss Tattersall; recitations were said by D. Dixon and E. Bradbury. Mr. J. J. Howarth gave the Lyceum scholars their prizes, he being the oldest Lyceumist, which he did in an appropriate manner. Mr. Pollard, the Lyceum conductor, presented Mr. Howarth with a prize. Mr. E. Sanderson was the pianist. Mr. W. Brown presided.—W. Brown, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Regent Hall).—We held our annual tea party on 1st of December. There was a good attendance at an enjoyable tea. A programme of recitations, songs, dialogues, dances and action songs were rendered by the Lyceumists. The chairman, in introducing Mrs J. Nurse to distribute the prizes, spoke of the strength and unity of the Lyceums of the B.S.L.U. and of every Lyceum through the D.V.'s coming under the notice of the E.C. Our senior conductor suitably spoke to the recipients, one Lyceumist who had attended three years without being late or absent came in for hearty applause and commendation. The entertainment concluded with dancing.—G. F. Knott.

ROTHERHAM (Heber Lyceum).—On November 25th, we held what I call the first open session since I have been connected with this Lyceum, seeing that each child was allowed to take any part they wished, we found several willing workers most anxious to do something. Miss Edith Metcalfe recited "Children"; Miss Martha Hardy, Miss E. Kendal, and Master Joe Kendal sang "Seeds of promise." Mrs. Southworth Rye gave a short address, which was much appreciated. Thus ended the most enjoyable open session I have ever witnessed.—R. Papworth, Sec.

ROYTON (Union Street).—On December 1st, we held a social to clear off the debt on the piano: It was a great success, 70 persons being present. Solos were well rendered. Mr. Stretton was the M.C., and yours truly was the pianist.—J. W. Cockroft, Secy.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—I am pleased to report that our Sunday evening services for children are making great progress. Mr. J. T. Ward, of Blackburn, gave a short but stirring address to the children on Dec. 9th on "Three shoeblacks." Mr. Smith, of Attercliffe, occupied the rest of the evening. I confidently expect the future to win many adherents to our ranks as a result of these services.—W. H. Nuttall, Sec.

SHEFFIELD (Central).—Mr. Wilson, of Newcastle, opened the afternoon session on Dec. 2nd. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and join us. On Dec. 3rd we held our second of a series of concerts to be held on the first Monday in each month. Songs were sung by Misses N. Caunt, K. Mason, and Master J. Richards. Recitations and readings were given by Misses Marion Dunks, Florence Dunks, and Mary E. Dunks, and Messrs. W. H. White, Padley, and Master J. Richards; and a sketch by Messrs. Green, Caunt, and Needham, entitled "Honesty is the best policy." Mr. J. Caunt was the pianist.—R. Beedham, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Hall).—On Dec. 2nd we held our monthly open session. Our programme was a decided improvement on previous efforts. A trio, "The Angels," was rendered in a pleasing manner by Misses Bolton and Senior, and Master Cecil Holdcroft, as were also the following recitations:—"A little Quaker maiden," by Miss Sophie Farrand; "The Stowaway," by Miss Bolton; "Jaques Speech," from Shakespeare's "As you like it," by Master Cecil Holdcroft. Our Lyceum choir is making steady and satisfactory progress.—Miss Florrie Mason, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, the children of the above Lyceum gave two services for the benefit of the Society, and in many respects they were the best services they have ever given. There was a large and appreciative audience at night, and they thoroughly enjoyed the service from beginning to end. The hymns were all chosen out of the large hymn-book. Great praise is due to our assistant musical conductor, Mr. H. Hardy, for the able way in which he trained the children. He had two new tunes which have been given to him inspirationally by Spirit friends, one for "Catch the sunshine," and the other was for "Lead kindly light," which was ably rendered by Miss E. Harrison. Other solos were given by Miss V. Harrison and Miss Dorrington, while we had a good selection of recitations by Ivy Harrison, Joseph Bowes,

Wm. Salmon, Maud Dawson, Lily Williams, Lovell Heslop, Lilian Jones, Lizzie Cattermob, and Amy Heslop.—Richelieu Jones, Sec.

TODMORDEN (Dale Street).—On December 2nd we held our open session when there was a good attendance. The following recited:—Miss Sarah Ridgeway, Miss Ruth Sutcliffe, Miss L. Sutcliffe, Master W. Sutcliffe, and Mr. Stell. Miss B. A. Crossley, Masters Willie Sutcliffe and Ben Pellow, and Mr. Charles Golding sang "The golden rule;" and Miss Annie Stansfield sang "Hail the day of Jubilee." Mr. Henry Stell and our conductor, Mr. O. Sutcliffe, gave short addresses. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the session.—George Crossley, Secretary.

YEADON.—We held our open session on December 2nd, and the marching and calisthenics were very good. Recitations were given by Miss Nellie Myers and Miss Lily Lumb. In the evening we had Mr. Williams, of Bradford, who gave a good address to parents and children.—Miss A. Lumb, Secretary.

YORK (St. Saviourgate).—On Tuesday, December 18th, we held our second annual concert. The first part consisted of a children's operetta entitled, "A Bundle of Sticks." The leading roles of Mabel and Molly were well rendered by Laura Rush and Bertha Middleton. Several of the songs were encored. Miss Parker played Aunt Rachel, and Mr. Hall, Santa Claus. The second part was occupied by the dramatic society, who gave a sketch entitled, "Mrs. Baxter's Baby." The artistes were Miss Nelson, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Fawcett, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall. Mr. Smith favoured us with selections on the phonograph. Mr. Simpson and Miss Parker gave a duet.—C. Hall, Sec.

### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

Several Lyceums have responded to the appeal to subscribe to this fund before Dec. 31st. It is encouraging to find such genuine interest in the work of the B.S.L.U., as is evidenced by the many kindly expressions accompanying the postal orders. In some cases the cards have been acknowledged and a reason given for the inability of the Lyceum to contribute, whilst others remain in silence.

I trust this little hint may bring about the desired effect and make the postman remember it is New Year Season.

Contributions since last issue of the BANNER:—Belper Lyceum, 30/-; Aaron Wilkinson, 2/6; Bethel Spiritualists Lyceum, Leeds, 10/-; Preston Lyceum, 2/6; North St., Burnley, 10/-; Mr. Coupe, 2/6; Mrs. Batie, 1/-; Mrs. Longbottom, 1/-; Lancaster Lyceum, 5/-; Wood Street Lyceum, Bolton, 5/-; Bacup Lyceum, 10/-; Mrs. Wadsworth, 2/6; Mr. George Spriggs, 13/6; Mrs. Shaw, 2/6; Miss Mortimer, 2/6; Chell Street Lyceum, Longsight, Manchester, 5/-; Royton Lyceum, 5/-; Sowerby Bridge, 10/-; Mr. A. E. Sutcliffe, 10/-; Elliott Street Lyceum, Oldham, 21/-; Harpurhey Lyceum, 7/6; Wigan Lyceum, 10/-; Keighley Lyceum, 10/-; Richard Street Lyceum, Burnley, 5/-; St. Peter's Street Lyceum, Blackburn, 10/-; Mechanics' Hall Lyceum, Nottingham, 10/-; Mrs. Rowley, 1/-; Edinburgh Lyceum, 3/8; St. Saviour's Gate Lyceum, York, 10/-; Mrs. Griffin's books, 3/4; Hebden Bridge Association, 10/-; New Shildon Lyceum, Durham, 10/-; Barnoldswick Lyceum, 10/-; Rishton Lyceum, 10/-; Alma Street Lyceum, Halifax, 5/-; Regent Hall Lyceum, Rochdale, 5/-; Hindley Lyceum, 2/7, (collection); Hull Lyceum, 10/-; Dearnley Lyceum, 6/6; Newcastle-on-Tyne, 20/-; Dundee, 10/-; Higher Broughton, 5/-

These have been duly acknowledged and the various Lyceums and officers concerned have the gratitude of the E.C., for their generous donations.

On behalf of the Executive Council,  
JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

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

- Accrington**, Argyle st., 10-30 a.m., Miss E. Houghton, 9, Hindle-st.  
" China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 5, Bank-st. Church  
" Carter St., 10-30, Miss Annie Walmsley, 26, Marsden-st.  
**Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Lee, 12, Paisley-st, Armlay, Leeds  
**Ashington Colliery**, 2 p.m., Mr. C. Smith, 25 Roslynd terrace, Hirst, via Morpeth  
**Ashton - under - Lyne**, Burlington street 10-30, Mr. W. Dransfield, 13, Russell-st., Hurst  
**Bacup**, Market street, 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m., Mr. Arthur Embrey, 81 Todmorden road  
**Barnoldswick**, Market-st., 10, Richard Ashley, 10, Powell-st.  
**Barrow-in-Furness**, Lyceum Hall, Mr. J. Kendall, 25, Osborne st.  
**Barrow-in-Furness**, Berry's Buildings, 10 and 2, Miss Ada Lawton, 16, Dalkeith-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.  
**Birkenhead**, 228 Grange road, 11 a.m., Mr. G. Exton, 151 Rodney street, Tranmere  
**Birmingham**, Saltley, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 3 Marlborough-place, Mount-st, Nechells  
" 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. John Ainsworth, 171 Hr. Audley-st.  
" Northgate, 9-30 1-45 Mr. R. Sharples, 7, Mary Ann st.  
**Blackpool**, Albert rd, 9-30, Mr. W. Barlow, 4, West Caroline st.  
**Bolton**, Bradford st., 10 a.m. Mr. E. Pilkington, 27, Lytton-st.  
**Bolton**, Wood st., 10 and 2-30, Miss E. Rostron, 32, Phillip st.  
**Bradford**, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Burchell 65, Gillington-rd  
" Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Mr. F. Holmes, 68 Dover street.  
" Westgate new hall, 10 a.m., Mr. Horace West, 44 Kirkham-rd., Horton Grange.  
**Brighouse**, Martin st., 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10, Piggott-st.  
**Burnley**, Hammerton st., 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st  
**Burnley**, Fullede, Richard st., 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.  
" North st., 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.  
**Burton-on-Trent**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. G. H. Porrester, 54, Gorden-st.  
**Bury**, Paradise st., 10 a.m. and 1-45, Mr. F. Hepworth, 2a Cateaton-st.,  
**Castleford**, Britten hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Atack, 100, High street, Beancoft road  
**Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 15, Valley-road, Spittal  
**Clayton-le-Moors**, 10 a.m., Mr. David Miles, 41, Arthur-st., near Accrington.  
**Cleckheaton**, Old Robin-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Hodgson, Goodall buildings, Littletown, Liversedge  
**Colne**, Cloth hall, 9-30, C. W. Bean, 5, Ivegate  
**Coventry**, Clarion Fellowship Rooms, Broadgate, 10-30 a.m., Mrs. M. Law, 46 Earlsdon-st.  
**Crewe**, Mill-st., 10-30, G. H. Baguley, 20 Richard Moon-st.  
**Crompton**, near Oldham, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m., and 2-15, Mr. Cecil Pears, 109 Milnrow-road, Shaw, near Oldham  
**Darwen**, Church bank-st., 9-30, & 1-45, Mr. J. Clarkson, 116 Elizabeth-terrace, Red Earth-rd.  
**Dearnley** near Rochdale, 10 Mr. A. Crowther, 2, Cloughhead, Calderbrook, Littleboro'  
**Derby**, Traffic st., 10-30 Mr. E. W. Stanton 80 Yates st.  
**Dewsbury**, Bond st. 10 and 1-45, Miss B. Jackson, 50 Whitley-st., Boothroyd-lane.  
**Doncaster**, 11, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. A. Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Balley  
" Netherhall Road, 10-30, Miss Hilda Hilson, 42, Childer's-st., Elmfild.  
**Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, 12-20, Mr. George Duff, 2, Tullock crescent  
**Edinburgh**, Queen-st., 2-30, Mr. J. Lewington, 72, Marchmont-rd.  
**Elland**, James st., 10, Miss M. A. Marsden, 82 Longdale-street  
**Falkirk, N.B.**, Co-op. Hall, Mr. C. H. Wann, 7, Glebe st.  
**Glossop**, Edward-st., 10-30 a.m., Miss C. Hollingworth, 17, Charlestown-rd, Cheshire.  
**Glasgow**, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., 4 p.m., Mr. Robert B. Smart, 23 Gayfield-st  
**Great Harwood**, Westwell-st., 10 a.m., Miss Katie Ward, 52 Clayton-st.  
**Greenock**, Cathcart-st., Shepherds' Hall, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71 Ann street  
**Grimsby**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stanb. st., New Clec  
**Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Christopher Nuttall, 14 Station-rd  
**Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45, Mr. Fred Townsend, 4 Green terrace sq., Savile Park  
" Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. W. Boot, 4, Grove-st, South, Gibbet-st.  
**Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. W. Rawson, Post Office Mytholmroyd, S.O., Yorks.  
**Heckmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. W. R. Lunn, 3, Commercial-st.  
**Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Harry Diggles, 103, Miller-st.  
**Higher Broughton, Salford**, Hilton st., 10-30 and 2, Mrs. Craig, 16, Harrietta st. Higher Broughton.  
**Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. H. Hutchins, 5, Hill st.  
**Hollinwood**, Byron-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape 91, Chapel-rd., nr. Oldham.  
**Hollinwood**, Bowes Lane, 10-30, Mr. John Goddard, 17 Derby-st., Failsworth, near Oldham.  
**Horwich, nr. Bolton**, Beatrice st., 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 8 Abraham st.  
**Huddersfield**, Ramsden st., 10, Mr. A. Jagger, 8, School-st., Mold Green  
" St. Peter st., 10-15, Mr. Wallis, 43, Clara st., Fartown  
**Hull**, Lime-st., 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.  
**Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Amos Bowden, 31, Rockfort-st.  
**Johannesburg**, Mr. Joseph Horne, P.O. Box 6299, Johannesburg, South Africa.  
**Keighley**, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay; 54 Cavendish street.  
**Lancaster**, Athenum-st., St. Leonard's gate 10-30 Mr. A. H. Dawes, 31 Sterling rd., Moorlands.  
**Leeds**, Bethel st., 10 a.m., Mr. A. Robinson, 10, Coupland place, Lady Pitt-st., Beeston Hill  
" Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr. H. Pearson, 8, Grosvenor place, Blackman lane  
" Joseph-st., 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Alice Hesp, 33, Sunbeam-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.  
" Hunslet, Church-st., 10-30, Miss Warburton, 3, Brandling-st., Hunslet.  
**Leicester**, Queen st., 10-30 Mr. James Bishop 10, Mere rd  
" Albion-st., 10 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. S. W. Davis, 224, Melton-st.  
**Lincoln**, Frances Court, High-st., Mr. Sidney A Miles, 50, Belmont-st.  
**Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Miss Madge Parker, 2 Spofforth-rd  
" Dauby hall Dauby st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. W. Morgan, 30, Argyle st., South, Birkenhead  
**London**, Battersea park, Mrs Bolton, 35 Beauchamp-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.  
**London**, Clapham, Gauden-rd., 11-30, Mr. H. Bodington, c/o Assembly Rooms, Gauden-rd., Clapham.  
**London**, Manor Park, Wakefield-street, East Ham, 3-15 p.m., Mr. T. Glennie, 48 Ruskin-avenue, Manor Park, Essex  
**London, W.** Chiswick, 2-45, Mr. Percy Smyth, 25, Homefield-rd, W.  
" Tottenham, 193, High-rd., 3 p.m., Mr. E. H Jones, 61, Clyde rd., South Tottenham, N.  
**Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 46 Vincent-st.  
**Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. Williams, 28, Bellott st., Cheetham  
**Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10-30, Mr. Cyril T. Batley, 48, Vine-st., Newton Heath  
**Manchester**, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. Geo. Vernon, 73, Mytton st Hulme  
**Manchester**, Harpurhey, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington rd., Crumpsall.  
" Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. T. Weitzel, 90, Church lane, Gorton  
" Gorton, Trade and Labour Hall, 10-30, 1-45 Mr. H. Green, 71, Harold-st, Whyatt-st Openshaw  
" Longsight, Chell-st., 2-30, Mr. S. R. Bolton, 43, Forbes st., Hyde rd., West Gorton.  
" 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30 Miss L. Simms, 96, Cranworth-st, C. on M.  
**Manchester** South, Princess Hall, Princess rd., 2-30 p.m., Mr. L. P. Potter, 67, Carter-st. Greenheys  
**Manchester**, West Gorton, William-st., 2-30, Mr. Humphiers, 3, Giles st, North rd, Longsight  
**Middleton**, nr. Manchester, Gilmour st. 10-15, Miss Annie Marcroft, 38 Thornley st.  
**Middlesboro'** Grange rd., 10 a.m., Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul s-rd.  
**Milom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. Wm. Tyson, 71, Queen st.  
**Morecambe**, New Queen st., 10-30, David Ditchfield, Victoria Cottage.  
**Morley**, Fountain-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Lewis Close, 2 King-street  
**Motherwell**, Park-st, 4 p.m., Mr J. Winning, 83 McNeill-street, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, N.E.  
**Nelson**, Every st., 10 a.m. Mr. Jehu D. Butterworth, 53, George st.  
**Newcastle** Northumberland hall, High Friar-st 2-30, Mr. Albert Brown, 8, Chesterfield rd.  
**Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. I. Armstrong, 110, Meldon-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
" Heaton Spiritual Institute, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle  
**New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m. Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.  
**Nottingham** Gladston hall 2-30, Miss E.H Yates, 75, Brighton st.  
**Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter. 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E. Gratton, 13, Claypole-rd, Hyson Green.  
" Mechanics' hall, 2-30 Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195 Wollaton-st  
**Oldham**, Elliott st, Lower Moor, Mr. John Frost 203, Rochdale road  
**Padiham**, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Miss G. Hargreaves, 33, Garden-st., near Burnley  
**Pendleton**, Broad-st., Leaf-square, 10-30, Miss Nellie Dean, Seaton st., Clarendon rd., Salford  
**Pendleton**, Junction: Ford Lane and Broad-st. 10-30 and 1-45, Mr. T. B. Heap, 22, Westminster avenue, Salford  
**Preston**, Walker-st., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Mr. A. I. Longbottom, 35, Christ Church-st.  
**Rawtenstall** Back ormerod st., 10-15 to 11-45 Mr. Arthur W. Scott, 59, Heyes st., Haslingden, Lancs.  
**Rishton**, 10 a.m., Miss Ada Capstic, 2, Shuttleworth-st., near Blackburn  
**Rochdale**, Baillie-st., 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. Mr. Wm. Brown, 7 Grafton st.  
**Rotherham**, Howard-st., Mr. R. Papworth, 43, Orchard-st., Masboro'  
**Rothwell nr. Leeds**, Commercial-st., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Johnson, Clement Terrace, Carlton Lane nr. Leeds  
**Royston**, Union st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. N. Cockerroft, 2, Highlands-rd., nr. Oldham.  
**Salford**, Chapel-st., 10-30, Mr. Harold O'Neill, 11 Ford Terrace, Pendleton.  
**Scarborough**, North st., 10-30, Mr. V. Davison, 5, St. John-st  
**Sheffield**, Central Paradise square, 9-45, S. Beedham, 17, Wath road.  
**Sheffield** Attercliffe, 10 a.m. Mr. W. H. Nuttall 46 Coleridge-rd., Attercliffe  
**Sheffield**, Heeley, 379, Bramhall lane, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Horton, 27, Cecil-square, London-rd.  
**Shildon**, 2 p.m. Mr. Henry Blenkins, 20, Adamson-st., New Shildon, R.S.O., Co. Durham.  
**Skipton** Temperance hall, Sackville-st., 10 a.m. Miss Edith Erunt, 32, Milton-st.  
**Slawthwaite** Laith lane. 10-30. Mr. John Sutcliffe, 45, Carr lane, nr. Huddersfield  
**Southport**, Hawkshead Hall, Miss Florrie Mason, 22, Marsden road.  
**Southport**, Nevill-st., 10-0, Mrs. A. Kay, 48a Shakespeare-st.  
**Sowerby Bridge**, The Lyceum, Hollins lane, 10 a.m., Mr. Ernest Bottomley, 59, Wakefield-rd.  
**Spennymoor**, High st, 11 a.m., Mr. R. Christopher, 72, Durham rd, Co. Durham  
**Stalybridge**, Bennett street, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. J. Croasdale, 43, Melbourne street.  
" Forester hall, Vaudrey-st., 10-30, Mr. Ernest Etchill, 66, Albion-crescent Huddersfield rd.  
**Stockport** Albert hall, Willington-st, 10 and 2, Mr. J. H. Marston, 223, Chestergate.  
**Stockton-on-Tees**, Silver-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Richelieu Brown, 3, Edward-st.  
**Todmorden**, Dale-st., 10 a.m. Mr. George Crossley, 16 Broad-st, Harley Bank  
**Uppermill**, Court-st., 1-45, Mr. J. Shaw, Court-st., near Oldham.  
**Wakefield**, Kirkgate, Dixon's Yard, 10 and 1-45, Mr. A. Badwin, 12, Gaskell st., Lowfield lane  
**Walsall** Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tompkins, Hagley, Lyswasnes-st.  
**Warrington**, Sankey-st., Mr. H. Foster, 30 Thewlis-st.  
**West Pelton**, Old Store Hall, 1-45, Mr. Reuben Nicholson, Alma terrace, Grange Villa, near Chester-le-Street  
**Wigan**, Miners' Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Walter Omerod, 27, Caroline-st.  
**Windhill**, School hill, 10-30 and 1-30, Mr. J. W. Clegg, 15 Wellington-st., near Shipley.  
**Yeadon**, Town side, 9-30, Miss Alice Lumb, 20, Swaine Hill Terrace, near Leeds  
**York**, Cromwell-rd, 10-30, Miss F. Pearson, Knavesmere Gate  
**York**, St. Saviourgate, 10-15 and 1-30, C. Hall, 13 Herbert-st., South Bank