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After Many Days:

OR

James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

JAMES HENDERSON, an intelligent, truthful, and honest young man, was a member of the Wesleyan denomination, which boasted the greatest membership of any chapel or church in Newtown. He entered the Wesleyan Sunday school when a wee boy, and graduated through all the classes until he entered the Young Men's Select Bible Class, under the tuition of the Rev. Mr. J. M. Dale, and had just passed at the "Teachers' Examination" with great credit.

Mr. Henderson had spent many a pleasant evening, in company with a few others, in Mr. Dale's study, receiving instruction in theoretical and historical Christianity, and was confident of being able to give some good reasons for the faith that was in him, and maintain his own in an ordinary debate.

At the time our story opens he was much depressed in mind on account of a Miss Florence White, to whom he was "engaged," and deeply attached. They had both been life-long Sunday school scholars, and at last become members of the Wesleyan Church. He aspired to be a life-long worker in that body, and to have a wife who would be a true helpmate, ably seconding his efforts, encouraging him when weary, and inspiring him with renewed hope and courage. The only young woman in the school whose mental, moral, and religious nature seemed congenial to his own was Miss White, who fully reciprocated his advances. For a few months he had noticed that she was gradually becoming less and less attached to the Christian faith and work, until at last she told him, amidst many tears, that she could not longer conscientiously continue a member of the Wesleyan Church, as she was fully convinced of the facts of spirit communion, and the teaching of the spirits were opposed to all cardinal points of the orthodox faith. For a long time she had refused to yield up her dear, precious Jesus and his atoning blood. By life-long indoctrination it had become part of her mental and religious nature to look upon his vicarious atonement as a veritable fact, and part of the plan of creation.

Mr. Henderson was greatly pained and shocked to find the woman of his choice, of his boyhood's fervid ideal, differ with him on that which lay nearest his heart—religion. He debated within himself long and earnestly as to the course he should pursue. Should he give her up on a mere matter of faith? Their affectionate natures had become so interwoven, he felt he could not live without her. Life would be too dreary,

too monotonous, too devoid of aspiration and impulse to be tolerable. On the other hand, could he make her his wife when she no longer believed in the redeeming blood, the atoning grace, and the fall of man from the perfect state in which God had placed him? Would not such a radical difference endanger the peace and happiness of their home by proving a bone of continual contention? And might it not imperil his own soul by leading him from the path of grace? Should he follow the dictates of his heart or the will of his God? Thus the question was continually in his mind, destroying his peace by day, and robbing him of sleep by night, until he determined to waive his final decision by resolving to argue the question with her and try to convince her of her error. He would even venture to discuss the matter with her father, and would seek the aid of his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Dale; and think himself well repaid if he could only convince them of their great mistake and win them back to the good old faith.

A few words of explanation are due to my readers as to how Miss White was led to the knowledge of the facts of Spiritualism, and thereby lost the respect of her dearest friends, and instead of genial meetings only their cold and scornful glances, that gave her the impression that they looked upon her as a dangerous person who must be shunned. But beyond all this, the fear of losing the esteem and affection of her first and only love, Mr. Henderson, told no little on her general health and spirits. She bore up bravely, and took comfort in the certain knowledge that, if he misunderstood and condemned her now, he would know her better "when the mists had rolled away."

Mr. White her father, had been a noted worker in the Sunday school for many years. He was an enthusiast, sparing neither time, labour, nor money. He had also been a member, and equally devoted to the interests of the parent society until Spiritualism demanded his attention. He had heard so many silly and childish reports of its phenomena and teachings that he was greatly surprised no one ventured to expose the tricks and vain pretensions of which he felt sure it was composed. And for the want of a better and more able man he conscientiously undertook the important task, feeling sure of a speedy and easy victory.

Like many others, however, when he came in actual contact with the manifestations he found, to his discomfort, that the public reports were misleading and gross caricatures of the real facts. For weeks and months he applied himself most assiduously to the investigation. He diligently sought to account for and explain the various phenomena he witnessed by the hypotheses that were floating on public opinion, such as electricity, magnetism, odyllic force, uncon-

scious muscular action, unconscious cerebration, etc., etc., but every one of them were shown to be utterly inadequate to account for one-tenth of the phenomena, and at last he reluctantly confessed that it did greater violence to reason and common sense to accept any one of these theories, or all of them compounded, than to admit that the phenomena were what was claimed for them, viz., the result of the action of spirit beings.

When his friends heard this, what a change took place in their estimate of his abilities to come to a rational conclusion. When he entered on the task they were quite certain he was too wide-awake to be deceived, and that they could put full confidence in his verdict, no matter what it was. But instead of so doing they remarked, "Well, we did think Mr. White had more sense than to be so easily misled and deceived. He is not the long-headed and acute-minded man we took him for."

The minister and a number of the leading members interviewed him with the fixed purpose of inducing him to make some statement that could go forth to the public which would throw discredit on Spiritualism. To add weight to their powers of persuasion, they were not slow to hint that it might be to his advantage to accede to their wishes, as there might be promotion at the firm where he was employed, the head partner of which was a distinguished Wesleyan, to all of which he accorded a courteous hearing, but to their entreaties turned a deaf ear. They then endeavoured to induce him to keep his own counsel about that "most dangerous of subjects Spiritualism, and continue, as before, a recognised member," and so save their fashionable and powerful body from the great disgrace which his avowed adhesion to Spiritualism would entail upon them.

But the only answer he deigned to give them was St. Paul's injunction, "Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good." "I have investigated," he added "with a set determination to expose the whole thing if I found it a fraud or a delusion; but, as I have proved it be a fact, I am in honour bound to affirm it before the world. In other words, I am going to hold fast to that which is good." His visitors and spiritual adviser left him thoroughly chagrined at their own failure and at his obstinacy, vowing vengeance on his head and the wrath of God, as "Spiritualism was the work of the devil."

CHAPTER II.

When Mr. Henderson called on Mr. White he was introduced to a Mr. Munroe, professor of phrenology and physiognomy, a person of great experience and a world renowned exponent of spiritual philosophy. Mr. Henderson at once made known that his object in calling was to discuss the question of Spiritualism, or, rather, to urge the Biblical objections to Spiritualism.

Mr. White replied: "I have no objection to discuss Spiritualism with you. I am quite ready to testify to the genuineness of the phenomena I have had the honour to witness. But I must decline to enter into a discussion of the nature you propose. I feel sure the Biblical statements do not apply to modern Spiritualism, because its teachings are of the highest

moral order. It gives a complete answer to the question, 'If a man die, shall he live again?' It supplies the demand of science for a demonstration of the continuity of life, and thereby it utterly confutes the materialist—an achievement which all the beliefs in Christendom are powerless to effect. But perhaps my esteemed guest, Mr. Munroe, will kindly hear what you have to urge against Spiritualism, and reply in the light and knowledge of his great research."

The Professor readily assented, merely remarking that Mr. Henderson appeared to have come thoroughly prepared for his task, if one might judge from his copious notes, and it would be a pity to disappoint him.

Turning to Mr. Henderson, he said: "I am ready to hear your objections and to deal with them candidly. I suppose they are the hackneyed ones—'Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live,' and 'There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.'"

"Quite so, sir, you have anticipated me. And I respectfully urge the importance of those injunctions as being sufficient to deter us from having anything to do with Spiritualism."

"But, before we can accede to your objections, you must first prove that they apply to Spiritualism, for instance, what is the meaning of the term 'witch?'"

"Why, sir, you surprise me by asking such a question. A witch is a—a person who—who," he stammered, being quite nonplussed at being called upon to explain the term, "calls up the dead to learn certain secrets which God, in His divine wisdom, has seen fit to conceal from us. Surely you remember the case of the *witch* of Endor, and the death of Saul for consulting her, instead of enquiring of the Lord."

"I am sorry to hear you repeat a common error," replied Mr. Munroe, "in applying the term 'witch' to the *woman* of Endor. Allow me to inform you that such an epithet is not to be found in the *text*. Another error you make is in stating that he died for consulting this woman instead of enquiring of the Lord."

Mr. Henderson consulted his notes, and, extracting a Bible from his coat pocket, he proceeded to turn over its pages to find the passage. Whereupon Mr. Munroe remarked—

"Allow me to assist you, sir. Find 1st Samuel, chapter 28, verses 6 and 7, which runs as follows: 'And when Saul enquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.' Here you have it distinctly stated that Saul only sought this woman when the Lord refused to answer him."

"But," added Mr. Henderson, "it is stated in 1st Chronicles, chapter x, that Saul died for having consulted this witch instead of enquiring of the Lord, as I quoted at first."

"Granted. But do you not see that one part of the

Bible contradicts another, which greatly weakens its authority. Both accounts cannot be true. I have quoted the original case as it stands in the narrative. And if you need further evidence you have only to turn to the 15th chapter of Samuel and read the narrative in an unbroken chain. There you will learn that Saul died because he disobeyed the following command: 'Thus saith the Lord, Go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.' He executed this fearful command, with the exception of sparing Agag, and saving the best of the oxen and sheep for a sacrifice unto the Lord God in Gilgal, and because of his rebellion in this respect he was rejected from being king. So much for those errors. Now, we must return to the question of—What is a witch?"

"I must confess my inability to answer your question, sir," said Mr. Henderson, "if the one I have already given is not correct."

"Then allow me to again help you. According to Professor R. Sullivan witches were formerly called 'Lot-tellers,' because lots were used as their means of divination. The same authority tells us that 'sorcerer' is derived from the Latin word *sors*, which means a lot. So that witch and sorcerer are synonymous terms for Lot-tellers. Again, Sir Walter Scott says the Hebrew word *Chasaph*—the original term—means 'poisoner, according to many learned writers. Now, sir, are you prepared to prove that Spiritualists practise casting lots as a part of their religion? Or are they recognised poisoners?"

(To be continued.)

In Memoriam.

BURNLEY (North Street).—We regret to announce the transition, on Jan. 14th, 1907, of Mrs. Jane Harrison, wife of Mr. William Harrison, in her 48th year. She was a good worker in our Lyceum. A procession was formed from the church to the end of Hebrew Road, consisting of 60 members of the church and Lyceum. Her scholars walked on each side of the hearse, marshalled by the Lyceum conductor and secretary. Many beautiful flowers evidenced the kind love and sympathy of friends. The Lyceumists sent a beautiful wreath as a token of affection for their arisen leader and wise counsellor. Mr. J. J. Morse, of Manchester, ably conducted the funeral services. A grand memorial service was held on Jan. 20th, when Mrs. H. L. Batie, of Halifax, was the speaker.—H. E. Laycock, Lyceum Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD.—It is with deep regret I have to report the passing on to the higher life, on Sunday, January 6th, after a very short illness, of a dear Lyceumist, Florence Irene Bown, aged 5 years. The interment took place in the Chesterfield Cemetery, January 9th. Our late Conductor, Mr. W. H. Lote, officiated. The Lyceum sent a wreath in affectionate remembrance, and sympathy to their little comrade. The sorrowing parents, who are the pioneers of Spiritualism in this town, have the consolation and the knowledge that their dear one is "not dead but gone before" to the more fuller life.

J. MARTIN.

LANCASTER.—We are sorry to report the passing on of Miss Bessie Roberts, aged 21 years, on January 13th, 1907. She was a member of our Lyceum for years. The inter-

ment took place on the 16th, Mr. Pollard, Unitarian minister, officiating. A number of Lyceumists and members were in attendance, and sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee," at the grave side.

She has broken away from the fetters of earth,
Her spirit has joined that higher birth;
But sweetest thought—she lingers near
To sooth and comfort the mourners here.

—MISS E. LUNT, Assist. Sec.

LEICESTER, QUEEN STREET.—Regret to report the passing on to the higher life of Mrs. F. Marshall, after a brief illness, on January 9th. Special references of the good work our late sister had done in the past in Queen-street Lyceum was given on Sunday, January 13th, by Mr. W. Wright, after which, appropriate hymns were sung by Lyceumists.

When we from dear ones part,
It gives us grief and pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And gladly meet again.

—J. BISHOP, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.—I am sorry to report the passing on of Mr. John Woods, 31 years, after a brief illness. He was a member of the Benwell Lyceum, and also a local medium, who was always willing to assist societies. The remains were interred at Heaton Cemetery on Sunday, January 20th, attended by about thirty Lyceumists. Mr. J. G. Gray, of South Shields, officiated.

From pain, and death, and sorrow free,
They join with us to sing—
Oh! grave, where is thy victory?
Oh! death, where is thy sting?

—J. W. SECKER.

WHALLEY.—Margaret Woodward passed to the higher life on December 30th, 1906, aged 63 years, and her mortal remains were interred at Whalley Church on Jan. 3rd, 1907. Mr. W. Mason, of Burnley, conducted the service at the house. Our arisen friend was for many years a member of the Hammerton-street Society, Burnley, and her family were active Lyceum workers, one of which is Miss Woodward, 70, Central Drive, Blackpool. She suffered long and patiently. We rejoice with her that her pain and suffering are o'er.—COR.

Correspondence.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Sir,—In giving my Lyceum experience in Manchester, I gave facts. I wish Mr. Chappell to know that my Lyceum work terminated some four years before the Manchester D.C. existed. So how could I know anything of the work of the present Council? I only know that it existed, and that it had held two demonstrations—the last one I promised to attend, but could not on account of business. I am pleased that it has done good work, which proves my assertion—"that first and foremost, in a D.C., is a real, good secretary who can attend the meetings." Sorry I was unable to accept the cordial invitation to your last meeting owing to business, but hope to attend on some future occasion.

J. B. LONGSTAFF.

Bible Studies, No. 2.

PROPHETS AND PROPHECYING.

BY THE EDITOR.

The term "prophet" is derived from the Greek *prophētēs*, and means one who foretells coming events. According to Cruden, the Hebrews at the beginning called them *Videns* or Seers, afterwards they called them *Nabi*, which comes from the root *Nabbi*, to foretell, to divine.

Samuel was a seer and hearer of the LORD'S (Yahveh's) voice. If Samuel were living now he would be called a clairvoyant and clairaudient medium, for we are informed in 1st Samuel, chapter ix, that he had been told by Yahveh of Saul's visit a day before it took place; and as Saul appears to have acted on the suggestion of the servant who was helping in the search for the lost asses, the seer must have been told a day before it entered into Saul's mind. So that this is not a case of telepathy, or mind reading, but genuine "foretelling."

In the following chapter we are informed that when the Seer was about to part with Saul, he described unto Saul all the leading incidents that would befall him on his homeward journey (verses 2 to 6). Which came to pass as they had been foretold.

Here we have, in the Bible, a case of foretelling the future, even to the extent that Saul would be made the King of Israel. If such a case occurred to-day it would be called "fortune telling," and the medium would be liable to a fine or imprisonment as a rogue and vagabond. But we learn from those two chapters that the Israelites did not call it "fortune telling," but "inquiring of the LORD," that is Yahveh, their tutelary God. (ix., 9).

We also learn from the seventh verse that it was customary for those who sought to "inquire of the Lord," to take a present with them for the Seer, or the "man of God."

It is quite evident that Saul was fully aware of this, for he asked of the servant who suggested the visit, "What shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God."

This custom continued a long time for we find Jeroboam, the King of Israel, whose son was ill, instructed his wife to go and consult the prophet Ahijah, as to what would become of the child, that is, whether it would recover or not, and she was to take as a present for the prophet, ten loaves and cracknels (or cakes), and a cruse of honey. (1st Kings, xiv., 3).

Here we see that even the King was not above consulting prophets or mediums in cases of sickness, and rewarding them. Other cases of a similar nature could be quoted, but those two are sufficient to prove that it was a well recognised custom.

Having learned that the term "seer" was used by the Israelites to signify a "foreteller" of events, we need not be surprised to learn that they used the term "prophet" and "prophesying" to signify other things than "foretelling." For instance, we read in Exodus vii, 1: "See, I have made thee as a God to

Pharaoh, and Aaron, thy brother, shall be thy prophet." The reason for this remarkable statement will be found in the fourth chapter, verses 10 to 16, where we learn that Moses was not eloquent, but slow of speech, and so Aaron was to be his spokesman, or prophet. Here we also incidentally learn that the term "God" does not specially mean the creator of the heavens and the earth, nor even Yahveh, the God of the Israelites, but a person in authority commissioned to carry out a certain project, as was Moses to deliver the Children of Israel from bondage; and the term "prophet" meant a "spokesman."

If we now turn to 1st Samuel, x. and read verses 5 to 12, we shall see the term prophet is used in another sense, namely, to signify minstrels. Here is a band of prophets coming down from the "high place," or hill, where the sacrificial altar was built, where they had evidently been officiating as minstrels at the sacrifices, they had a psaltery (a large harp), a timbrel (or tambourine), a pipe (a reed instrument with a mouthpiece, or a small flute were called pipes), and a harp (the harp was an instrument generally of ten strings, large ones had 24 and sometimes 30 strings), and with those instruments they were "prophesying." Perhaps this will sound strange to the casual reader. Miriam, Aaron's sister, was a "prophetess," and took a timbrel in her hand and "prophesied," that is, sang the praises of the Lord Yahveh. (Exodus, xv. 20. etc.) We shall find further evidence of this kind of "prophesying" if we read 1st Samuel xix. It is quite evident that these people were sensitive to spirit power, and were moved by it to sing and play, and perhaps "dance before the Lord," and that King Saul himself was overpowered by it, and made to "prophesy," that is, sing and dance in honour of God. The services of 248 of these kind of prophets were engaged to render service in Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem. (1st Chron., xxv., 6 and 7).

Saul is said to have "prophesied" when the evil spirit from God (Yahveh) was upon him, and David played on his harp to try and pacify him. (1st Sam. xviii., 10). We suppose the "prophesying" in this instance consisted in shouting and raving like a madman, for he threw his spear at David with intent to kill him. This incident gives us another sense in which the term "prophesying" was used.

In the book of Isaiah we find the term "prophet" used in its ordinary sense. He, Isaiah, charges both the prophet and the priest with erring in vision and judgment through using strong drink and wine. (Isaiah xxviii., 7).

There also appears to have been jealousy of one another's powers amongst the prophets, for in Jeremiah xxviii., 11, Hananiah makes a prophecy concerning the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar. And in verse 15 Jeremiah accuses him of having prophesied falsely.

In Chapter xxix., verse 8, he charges all the prophets and priests in Israel with prophesying and divining falsely.

Ezekiel, in chapter xiii., also accuses the prophets of following their own spirit of vain visions and lying divinations, etc. Much more of a similar nature might be quoted to show they were jealous of one

another's powers, and were not the moral people they are generally thought to be. But the foregoing instances must suffice for the present.

We will now take a brief glance at the term "prophets" as used in the New Testament. Jesus uses it in conjunction with the "law," as follows:—"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets." (Matt. vii., 12). Here is laid down a rule whereby men might be a law unto themselves, and also an expounder or interpreter of the law without the aid of either priest or scribe. That law or rule was, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Similarly Paul in his first epistles to the Corinthians, xiii., verse 2, uses the term "prophesy" as having reference to the understanding of mysteries relating to the hidden meaning of the Scriptures. By this means the unlearned who attended their seances or meetings would be convinced. (Chapter xiv., 24).

And even the prophets (entranced mediums in this case) themselves could be edified and comforted by listening to each others' controls as they explained the hidden mysteries, instead of several of them trying to talk at once, for, he adds, "the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets," (verses 31 and 32), which is to say that the mediums could hold their controls in check so that they would not all be talking together.

John gives the following warning against untruthful, or misleading controls: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1st John, iv., 1). This is good advice to-day, and if acted upon would save much regret to many young inexperienced mediums, who love to have controls with big names, and high sounding titles.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

On January 12th, the Executive Council of the above Union held its quarterly meeting at the Spiritual Hall, Ramsden-street, Huddersfield, all the members being present. A tea and social was held in honour of the event, and a good number of ladies and gentlemen were present and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

While the Social was in progress the members of the Executive were devoting their attention to the consideration of the important affairs of the Union, ably presided over by Mr. Latham, President, supported by Mr. E. A. Keeling, Vice President.

Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary to the Permanent Secretary Fund, and Committee on Literature were duly submitted, and dealt with. The Treasurer reported on the latest legal advice and correspondence on the late Mr. Ainsworth's legacy.

Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, Hon. Secretary, reported on her appeal for support to the Permanent Secretary Fund, and gratefully acknowledged the generosity of

the Rydal Press, Keighley, in supplying the appeal forms free of charge.

Estimates for printing a new service of song, entitled, "A Helping Hand," were duly considered and decided upon.

An application to form a District Council for Sheffield was endorsed, as also were applications for membership from the following Lyceums: London (Manor Park), Barry Dock, Lincoln, Falkirk and Motherwell.

Offers of MSS. were declined as being unsuitable for publication.

The "Lyceum Banner" report showed an increase of 3,050 copies over 1905. The question of more space for Essays, &c., was raised and discussed at some length. As one means of obtaining the desired space it was decided that Lyceum reports be limited to 120 words each. A suggestion that the Bluebell Guild, the Boys' Special, and the Temperance Page be limited to nine articles each per year was left in the hands of the Editor to try and arrange.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rochdale, Regent Hall, on April 6th and 7th, and the one following at Belper, on July 13th, propaganda meetings to be held on the Sunday in each instance. Other invitations were deferred till the July meeting.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Open Session by the United Lyceums was well attended by Lyceumists and friends, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity. Hymn sheets were provided. The various items were executed with celerity, giving one the impression that time was too brief for the morning's programme, which proved to be the case. Recitations were given by Misses G. Powell, Bessie Baxter, Ada and Polly Jagger. A solo by Miss Webster, and a pianoforte solo by Miss Smith. Mr. Thomas Wilson, St. Peter-street Lyceum, conducted the marching, and gave the friends a fine display of some smart evolutions.

The President, General Secretary, and Mesdames Greenwood and Bentley briefly addressed the Lyceums and congratulated them on their united effort, and the possibilities the future has in store for them. The time was all too short for the good things desired to be said.

In the afternoon the service was addressed by the President (who also distributed the prizes), Mr. J. Venables, Mrs. Nurse, and Mr. Kitson.

The service held at St. Peter-street was addressed by Messrs. E. A. Keeling (Vice-President), H. A. Kersey, A. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Bentley.

The two parties exchanged halls for the evening services, when good audiences assembled to listen to the addresses. The expressed opinions were, "It has been grand to be here." "It has been a treat." "I wish we had more such like visits."

Let us hope the many beautiful lessons given will live in the minds of all and be a blessing to their daily lives.

ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

District Visitors Quarterly Reports.

BOLTON.

There are 5 Societies in this district. All of them have Lyceums. **Harwich** Lyceum has a good attendance. Responses fair. Room too small for a good display of exercises. They did well under the circumstances. **Bradford Street**.—Readings and responses excellently rendered. Marching and calisthenics splendidly executive. **Wood Street**.—There has been a great falling off in attendance here. Every effort is being made to revive the interest.

A. P. NIELD, D.V.,
44, Bullock Street, Bolton

BIRMINGHAM.

There are 9 Societies in this district. Only 4 of them have Lyceums. Four interviews have been sought, and one held, with the result of a promise for the early opening of a Lyceum. **Walsall** Lyceum is strong and healthy. The session was bright and full of interest from beginning to end. The attendance was also good. **Coventry**.—I have to report the closing of this Lyceum owing to interested friends leaving the town, and lack of sustained interest. Although I feel disappointed for the moment, yet I feel sure a strong Lyceum will ultimately be formed.

MRS. M. LAW, D.V.,
46, Earlsdon Street, Coventry.

BRADFORD.

There are 10 Lyceums in this district. The Lyceum at **Westgate New Hall** had a good session considering the few elders present who were about to close the Lyceum but the Society stepped in and took over its management. **Laisterdyke St. Paul's**.—As the Society has closed this splendid church the Lyceum is without a home. I hear it is on the look out for another hall in which to hold its sessions. **Keighley** has a good, well officered Lyceum. A member of Liberty group conducted, and a good session was well enjoyed. **Ivy Rooms** is on the improve, with good promises for the future. H. ARNOLD, D.V.,

44, Alderscholes Lane, Thornton, Bradford.

DERBY.

There are 3 Societies in this district, with Lyceums. **Belper** is in a most prosperous condition. **Burton-on-Trent** is improving nicely, and gradually increasing its membership. **Derby, Traffic Street**, is in a poor condition, owing to so many removals from the town.

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

LEEDS.

There are 16 Societies in this district, 13 of them have Lyceums. One interview has been held. Result, are considering the advisability of opening a Lyceum. **Liversedge**.—Although the Lyceum is small a deep interest in the session was manifested. **Castleford**.—

A good attendance, but conduct open to improvement. Too much stamping in the marching. Kindly advice was given. **Rothwell**.—This Lyceum is still on the improve and making headway. **Heckmondwike**.—A small attendance. Questions were invited and answered, to the interest of all. **Morley**.—A small attendance. Questions were invited and answered. An interesting session. JAMES KITSON, D.V.,

Leeds Road, Dewsbury.

LIVERPOOL.

There are 11 Societies in this district. 7 of them have Lyceums. One interview has been held, with the result, they hope to re-open in the New Year. **Daulby Hall**.—A good, strong liberty group. Exercises well rendered. An enjoyable session. **Warrington**.—Mental exercises fair, physical and deep breathing excellent. **Birkenhead** (Hamilton Hall)—A good all-round session. I recommend the formation of groups. **Wigan**.—A soul-inspiring session. Harmony reigned supreme. **Southport** (Nevill Street).—A poor attendance, but an interesting session. **Southport** (Hawkshead Street).—Progressing nicely. Exercises good. I am sorry to report an all round decrease in the attendances compared with previous visits.

R. A. OWEN, D.V.,
88, King Street, Bootle.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

There are 22 Societies in this district, all but 2 have Lyceums. **Clythoe** Society will be interviewed as soon as well formed. **Rishton**.—A good session, and a punctual start. **Nelson**.—A little late at starting. Session good. A little more attention to conductor is desirable. **Burnley** (Richard Street).—Good order and attention to conductor. A good session. **Padiham**.—A few late arrivals. Order well maintained. Reading a little too fast. A good session. **Clayton-le-Moors**.—A few late arrivals. Good conduct, and good session. **Rawtenstall**.—I had the honour of conducting this Lyceum. General conduct very good. **Accrington** (Carter Street).—Late start. Attendance small, but a fair session. **Blackpool**.—Election of officers. **Preston**.—An excellent session. A good improvement on my last visit.

G. H. EDWARDS, D.V.,
33, York Street, Blackburn.

NOTTINGHAM.

There are 7 Societies in this district, 5 of which have Lyceums. **Hyson Green** have removed to a new hall, and have better facilities. They have improved both in numbers and quality of the session, and mean to continue. **Mechanics' Hall**.—Excellent order is maintained, useful work done. I fear the conductor is being overworked, and should have some help. **Gladstone Hall**.—Some excellent papers are being discussed in Liberty group. A general improvement. J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.,

72, Hesketh Street, Nottingham.

OLDHAM.

There are 12 Societies in this district, 8 of them have Lyceums. No interviews have been sought. **Royton** seems to have improved a little since my last

visit. **Oldham** (Elliott Street) is in a very healthy condition, with well conducted sessions. **Dearnley**.—The members of Elliot Street paid them a friendly visit, which was well enjoyed. **Ashton-under-Lyne** is still making headway, and have some good sessions. **Crompton** was not quite up to expectations. I gave the leaders some kindly advice, and they seemed willing to try and improve. I hope they will succeed.

WILLIAM CHISNALL, D.V.,

58, King Street, Oldham.

ROCHDALE.

There are 10 Societies in this district, all but 2 have Lyceums. One interview has been held. No definite result. **Royton**.—Improvement in punctuality. Otherwise a fair session. **Bury**.—This is a strong and vigorous Lyceum, and has some good group lessons. **Rochdale** (Baillie Street).—This is a poor Lyceum with little prospects of improvement under their present conditions. **Rochdale** (Regent Street).—A good Lyceum. The comments on the chain recitations by the conductor, Mrs. Nurse, were excellent. **Whitworth**.—This is a new Lyceum. They show great interest in the work. I am hopeful of a good Lyceum in due time. **Bacup**.—This Lyceum is not so strong as formerly. The attention and conduct was very good. So was the session.

J. BROWN, D.V.,

154, Rochdale Road, Bacup.

SCOTTISH.

There are 9 Societies in Scotland, 7 of them have Lyceums. One interview has been held, with the result of a Lyceum been opened at Motherwell. I have paid close attention to **Falkirk** Lyceum in order to see it well established. Local friction has made my task more difficult. **Glasgow** is still in a flourishing condition, the attendance continues to maintain its high percentage.

A. ROBERT SUDALL, JR., D.V.,

287, Onslow Drive, Glasgow.

STOCKPORT.

There are 8 Societies in this district, all but 1 have Lyceums. This has been interviewed. Being near to Ashton Lyceum nearly all their children attend it. **Stockport**.—A good number were present. A splendid Lyceum. Every praise is due to the officers. **Stalybridge** (Bennett Street).—Only a small attendance. The chain recitations were nicely responded to. **Hyde**.—This Lyceum is still going ahead. The sessions are good, and always enjoyable. The chain recitations being well responded to.

W. H. POULTON, D.V.,

12, Lucas Street, Hyde.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

There are 18 societies in this district. Thirteen of them have Lyceums. Two interviews have been sought, but no replies received.

Rotherham I found a great improvement. A well-conducted session. The officers are to be congratulated. **Stanley Street**.—This is a new Lyceum, and promises to become a most successful one. **Sherde**

Road.—Although there was a poor attendance there was good order and good interest in the lessons. **Central Hall**.—Responses well rendered, singing hearty, a good number of elders present. A good session throughout. A Lyceum has been opened at **Marten Street**. I am glad to hear the friends at **Darnall** are thinking of re-opening theirs. We are applying for permission to form a District Council, which we feel sure will do good.

E. WOOLLER, D.V.,

166, Valley Road, Heeley, Sheffield.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

There are 13 Societies in this district, nine of them have Lyceums. One interview has been sought. No reply received. **Benwell**.—This is in an healthy condition, and promises well for the future seeing it is only a new Lyceum. **Gateshead**.—This is the largest Lyceum in the district. I was glad to see the enthusiasm of the adults. **South Shields**. (King Street).—Is the pioneer of our movement in that town. I hope to find two or three others before long. Earnest hearts are at the helm. **New Hirst** are still plodding on, although having to work under adverse conditions for lack of room and more willing helpers. I hope to find them in a better state on my next visit.

J. CLARKE, D.V.,

20, Grosvenor Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

The little hint given in last month's report to Lyceums whose secretaries had not replied to the circular card has resulted in a few more contributions coming to hand for 1906. They are as follows:—Mrs. Holden, 1s.; Mrs. Gretten, 1s.; Northgate Lyceum, Blackburn, 5s.; Mr. Walker, 2s. 6d.; Joseph Street Lyceum, Leeds, 5s.; Great Harwood Lyceum, 2s. 6d.; Toad Lane Lyceum, Salford, 5s.; Wakefield Lyceum, 1s. 6d.; Mr. Chisnall, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Wilkinson, 3s. 6d.; Mrs. Griffin's books, 19s. 8d.; Mr. Gavin, 5s.; Stalybridge Lyceum (Bennett Street), 5s.; Bury Lyceum, 6s.; Hyde Lyceum, 5s.; Cleckheaton Lyceum, 5s.; A.M.A., 5s.; Daulby Hall Lyceum, Liverpool, 10s.; Mr. E. Howarth, 2s. 6d.; Stockton-on-Tees Lyceum, 5s.; Mr. Venables, 21s.; Walsall Lyceum, 20s.; Mrs. Briggs, 2s. 6d.; Queen Street Lyceum, Leicester, 8s.; Hamerton Street Lyceum, Burnley, 5s.

For 1907:—Mr. Kitson's Service, Colne, 5s.; Blackpool Lyceum, 10s.; Batley Carr Lyceum, 10s.

I am glad to report such a lengthy list of contributors. All have been duly thanked.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.,

Ashleigh, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street) AT-HOMES will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, March 1st, 2nd, and 4th. Admission—Season tickets, 2s.; Day tickets, 1s.; Children half-price.

Sunday, March 3rd, Open Session, when Mrs. Annie E. Bentley will be the speaker and clairvoyant. Tea provided on Sunday at 4d. each. A hearty welcome to all.

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FEBRUARY, 1907.

Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Mrs. Ellen Green has promised us an article for March, describing her experiences in South Africa.

We have a few cloth bound copies of the Lyceum Banner for 1906, for sale, price 2s., 4d. extra for postage.

We desire to draw our readers attention to the list of 1s. books which we are offering at 10d. each. They are splendid value.

The friends at London, Manor Park, are working to raise a building fund. We should be glad to supply our readers with bricks at 1d. 3d. and 6d. in aid of the same.

In the P.S.F. report for January the donation of 10s. New Shildon, should be 10s Shildon Lyceum.

Mr. Hy. Barnes, late of St. Paul's, Bradford, writes to say he has accepted the office of Secretary, and Mr. Raw that of Conductor, of the Bradford Alliance Lyceum. They extend a hearty invitation to the members of the late St. Paul's Lyceum to join them.

We learn that an effort is being made to unite the two Societies and Lyceums at Barnoldswick, and so build up a good strong one.

Since the E.C. meeting on January 12, we have received 4 more applications for membership.

Darnall Lyceum, Sheffield, was re-opened by Mr. E. Wooller, D.V. on January 20th. We trust it will prove successful.

The Nottingham Progressive Spiritual Church, are about to open a Lyceum. This will make 4 for the County City. Well done!

The Editor begs to draw the readers' attention to Mr. Burchell's advertisement. He can honestly recommend you to try their remedies.

We have received a copy of McEwan's Amateur Journalist, and Literary Aspirant, Monthly, 3d. All Secretaries who wish to improve in writing for the press should read it. It will also be valuable to essayists.

The first number of the *Banner of Light* makes its appearance as a monthly. Its 56 pages are filled with deeply interesting matter. The subjects treated of cover a wide field. It is well printed on calendered white paper, price 25 cents.

Miss Carry Kelsey, aged 16, and Miss Amy Kelsey, aged 12 years, have attended Rawtenstall Lyceum, for 7 years without being either absent or late once!

Miss Olive Scott, aged 9, and Tom Scott, aged 6, have walked from Haslingden to Rawtenstall for 4 years, the double journey being over 5 miles. And have averaged 48½ marks per year out of a possible 52!

The three brothers, Arthur, Harry and Ernest, who are members both of the choir and committee, and never miss a meeting, walk 40 miles each per week. We believe the above is a record family.

The edition of our January Lyceum Banner is sold out. Ten new regular orders have been placed with us!

In order to relieve the pressure on our limited space the conductors of the Temperance Page, Boys' Special, and Bluebell Guild have generously promised to confine their articles to nine each per year.

As a further help the Executive have decided that no report is to exceed 120 words. Secretaries please note. Some of the reports to hand this month exceed 800 words.

It is quite a number of years since we had the pleasure of visiting Colne. quite a number of the old workers have made way for the younger ones, who are ably maintaining the efficiency of the Lyceum. To have had the presence of the Lyceumists at the afternoon service would have increased the pleasure of our visit.

OUR NEXT NUMBER.

Parcels of our next issue will be despatched so as to reach their destination not later than **SATURDAY, MAR 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.

Lyceum Lesson Plan for Feb., 1907

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Feb. 3	83	91&51	240	131	88
„ 10	322	8	220	132	338
„ 17	314	12	213	117	345
„ 24	83	27	221	119	346

Golden Precepts.

(To be committed to memory by the Lyceum.)

February 3rd.—“Character is a reserved force which acts directly by presence, and without means.”

Emerson.

February 10th.—“Time and space constitute no barriers to the influence of thought and motive.”—*Anon.*

February 17th.—“The object of life is happiness.”

A. Kitson.

February 24th.—“To struggle against powerful wrong, to try and raise men to the highest deeds they are capable of, this is to be great.”—*George Elliot.*

LESSON PLAN, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1907.

CHARACTER BUILDING (51, MANUAL).

I. ROUTINE.

Read the poem with the group, afterwards selecting certain words for definitions, and then proceed to elicit the principle traits of character portrayed in the poem.

II. EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Character as defined by Webster is, “The settled and distinctive qualities of a person,” &c. Suggest that the building of a house, a mill or school, be explained by one of the scholars and get a reason for each process as given in the first verse. Explain the difference between ‘physical’ and ‘psychical’ then compare the building processes as suggested in the second verse:—

‘Veneering,’ the act or art of overlaying a coarse or inferior wood with thin leaves of superior wood.

‘Pilfered,’ stolen; filched in small parcels.

‘Beacon,’ an object to give notice of danger; a light to direct seamen; therefore to be a beacon is to afford light like a beacon.

‘Benedictions,’ a solemn invocation of blessings.

‘Hint,’ a distant allusion; slight intimation.

‘Supernal,’ relating to things celestial, heavenly, above.

‘Domes,’ spherical or arched roofs, like cathedrals, &c.

‘Quiver,’ to shake or tremble; vibrate, to be agitated by a tremulous motion

III. LESSON OUTLINE.

The spiritual philosophy as preached by the various mediums, or rather, as given by the spirit people, as a

system of ethics stands supreme. A three-fold course is suggested as the basis of character building: (1) correct thinking; (2) correct feeling; (3) correct doing. Dissect these referring to verse two, particularly the last four lines. Also show the difference between the well-built soul, and the weak-kneed being, whom no one can trust or respect. Supposing our minds were continually thinking of goodness, always subjecting our nearest thought to the keen scrutiny of conscience—no moral squint in that inward gaze, but a clear, fine perception of right—the mental atmosphere would be clear, bright and wholesome, ourselves healthier in mind and right thinking be a regular habit. Show where it should operate—the home, the workshop, the street, the market, the temple or chapel (see verse 5), mark how complete is the ideal of a perfect character, how quality is added to quality; grace to grace; fruit to fruit. Any one of these directions faithfully carried out and constantly heeded enriches the life, the sum total will be a full-orbed, perfect life, a full-sized portrait of the perfect man or woman. The secret of the perfect life is found in the simple, thorough, whole-hearted love of good; a passionate love of righteousness. It is delightful culture.

IV. QUESTIONS.

What is perfection, character, culture?

By what methods may a perfect character be attained?

Is it possible to attain this ideal under present conditions of living?

Who composed the poem?

What should a Spiritualist do under circumstances of great provocation?

What is the best arguments for a truly good life, and how does this lesson answer the question?

V. AIDS TO CHARACTER BUILDING.

Love of good books.

Beautiful friendships.

Home influences, especially where Love is the presiding genius. “Love clears away the clouds and mists; it puts out the fires of anger; dries up the running sores of envy; shields the heart from hatred; disinfects and rescues from vanity the decaying mind substance, and thaws out the frost-bound vital energies of the timid man” (mind)

BLACKBOARD LESSON.

CHARACTER BUILDING	
	by
CORRECT	{ Thinking
	{ Feeling
	{ Doing
PRODUCES	
A full-orbed perfect life.	

Our Boys' Special.

DEAR BANNERITES,—Although the "Russian bearish" atmosphere has threatened to paralyse us on its European tour, it does not prevent me once more taking up my pen to contribute my usual page to our delightful little BANNER. Those of you who read Mr. Glennie's essay last month will agree with me that some very interesting points were raised *re* our Lyceums and the public advocacy of Spiritualism.

This month I submit another essay on the same subject. It is from the pen of Mr. O. Sutcliffe, of the Todmorden Lyceum. As this was the only essay to hand in November on the subject, and came to hand after my "copy" had been completed, I held it over for purposes of competition. I now have pleasure in forwarding a fountain pen to Mr. Sutcliffe for his effort. Mr. W. Fletcher, of Bury, deals with methods of mediumistic development rather than with the advocates our Lyceums are furnishing, but incidentally he suggests the formation of Lyceum Classes for the expounding of our principles, by encouraging members to speak upon certain aspects of our philosophy, and for the encouragement of phenomena, such as clairvoyance and psychometry.

ESSAY.

Are our Lyceums furnishing their due proportion of Advocates for Spiritualism? If not, why not?

In considering the above the first question that arises is, What is the object of the Lyceum—is it to provide advocates for Spiritualism or to be the backbone of societies? If the former, no, it is not furnishing its due proportion, neither directly nor indirectly. "If not, why not?" With the present method of teaching in the Lyceum it is impossible. The Lyceum receives only the philosophy of Spiritualism, and none of its phenomena. The foundation of Spiritualism is left out of the Lyceum, and the Lyceumists must wait until they graduate into the parent society before they receive the bedrock upon which to build their philosophy. So long as we work under our present system the Lyceum cannot furnish advocates for Spiritualism in a direct course, as it has no demonstration of phenomena, no developing class set apart for the Lyceum. If the object of the Lyceum is to furnish advocates for Spiritualism, it is robbed of its possibilities through lack of a chance of development, seeing the Lyceumists have to enter the parent society to find the opportunity for unfolding their spiritual nature and take up public advocacy of Spiritualism. There are also many more reasons "why not?" of the above question. How many Lyceumists, as they enter their teens, drift away, become indifferent, lose interest, and are lost to Spiritualism? And again, there are Spiritualist parents who allow their children to attend other places of worship, thus depriving the Lyceum of many chances of either building up the parent Society or furnishing advocates for Spiritualism. Parents are much too indifferent towards the Lyceum. One or both of them should attend the Lyceum each Sunday, if possible, and in so doing will

encourage their children, for children are very observant; they notice at once if father or mother are careless about religion and negligent in attending the Lyceum. It seems to be part of a child's nature to think father and mother the most important people in the world, so whom should they copy but their parents? In our official organ, the BANNER, we have a page devoted to What our Lyceums are doing, but we never read of our Lyceums sending forth workers into the world to reap the great harvest of souls. I should like to respectfully suggest that the title of the subject be changed to What our Lyceums *ought* to be doing, then we may, possibly, attain nearer an ideal movement, wherein the highest standard of platform efficiency may be reached. O. SUTCLIFFE.

6, Lever Street, Todmorden.

Our philosophy teaches us that the way to be happy is by making others happy. The Bury Lyceum and Society gave this philosophy practical application on New Year's morning in supplying a free breakfast to 364 poor children of Bury. On leaving the hall each child received a large bag containing sweets, nuts, an orange, and a halfpenny. Towards the cost of this the services of 24 of our Lyceum children were enlisted, who energetically disposed of £4 worth of Christmas cards, mottoes, and calendars, realising a profit of 30s towards the effort. To see the faces of those poor little children beaming with joy at the good things provided for them, and to know that their lives had been gladdened by human sympathy in the opening hours of the New Year, was overwhelming compensation for all little sacrifices which had been made in their behalf.

One of the mottoes of our little BANNER is "In things essential—Unity." This suggests to me an idea for essays, therefore I submit the following subject—"What are the 'essentials' in successful Lyceum training?" If your efforts reach me by March 15th they will be in time for this competition. I offer a special prize to the male or female Lyceumist whose essay I judge to be the best. Owing to a new arrangement for BANNER space, "Our Boys' Special" will be suspended in March, so you must look for our re-appearance in April. Our puzzle competitions are going strong. The popularity of the hidden name in last month's National Puzzle is evidenced in the 36 correct solutions received. The subject of the puzzle is the ever-popular Mr. Albert Wilkinson, of Nelson. The winner of the Button is Mr. George Selater, 297, Springburn Road, Glasgow. Merit cards are forwarded to the following:—Wilson Taylor, Bacup; Nina Smedley, Belper; Ronald Holden, Whitebirk, Blackburn; Kate Smith, Blackburn; A. C. Eaton, Blackpool; Evelyn Wigley, Belper; W. Sheldon, Bolton; Edith Roe, Bolton; Lily Roe, Bolton; Emily Crowther, Brighouse; Clement Blackburn, Brighouse; George G. Watson, Darwen; Bertha Penney, Burnley; John E. Penney, Burnley; Clara Woodcock, Burnley; Sarah Jane Pate, Burnley; Bertha Clarkson, Darwen; Edith Clarkson, Darwen; J. Pearce, Darwen; Ruth H. Marsden, Elland; Annie Stanton, Derby; Elsie Jessop, Huddersfield; W. S. Slinn, Moston, Manchester; Reggie Bowmer, Shef-

field; Alfred H. Smith, Sheffield; Frances M. Smith, Sheffield; Samuel Smith, Sheffield; H. Davis, Warrington; Edith M. Laycock, Burnley; Arthur Woodcock, Burnley; Claude Catlow, Burnley; Harry Clayton, Oldham; Wm. Fletcher, Bury; Ida Bentley, Nottingham; Laura Batty, Sheffield.

The correct solution of the Halifax and Huddersfield District Puzzle is Mr. T. Wilson. The winner is Clement Blackburn, 8, Church Lane, Brighouse. Mrs. Jessy Greenwood gives this prize (Button). Two other solutions were sent in, both being correct. These were Emily Crowther, Brighouse, and Mary A. Marsden, Elland, both of whom receive a merit card.

Here is yet another National Puzzle from the pen of Mr. E. J. Barnes. A good worker's name is hidden. Try and find it.

In all lessons the initials are found,
The worker is both willing and sound.
Her surname contains but letters five;
But the lady, I'm sure, is fully alive.
All children require the name complete;
You'll find it buried in "sure" and "neat."
Can you not find the name which is hidden?
Help from your parents is not forbidden.

I have a nice letter from Mr. H. Birdsall, Otley Road, Bradford. He offers a prize for the Bradford District, and asks that the subject shall be Mr. — Ha! I nearly told you that time. Here is the puzzle.

District Puzzle—for Lyceumists in Bradford District only.

In "Jubilant Bradford" initials appear,
Which stand for a name that is known far and near;
His home is approached by the sad and perplexed,
And he welcomes all friends from this world and the next.

If still you're in doubt as to whom I do mean,
Just open your Manual—there will be seen
In the first line of 31—surname so plain,
That all doubt will vanish—a prize you will gain.

The conditions are, Don't post your solutions for the National or District puzzles before February 6th, and not later than February 19th. The first correct solutions opened after the 6th are winners of button or brooch. All other correct solutions are awarded a merit card.—Yours lovingly,

FRANK HEPWORTH.

UNITED DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the above Council will be held at the rooms of the Armley Spiritualist Society, Theaker Lane, Armley, Leeds, on Saturday and Sunday, the 9th and 10th February respectively.

GEO. DARBYSHIRE, Acting Secretary.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at the Psychological Hall, Leeds, on Saturday,

January 5th, only a moderate number of delegates and visitors being present. The business of the meeting was very important and was very efficiently dealt with. The next meeting of the Council will be held at Heckmondwike on Saturday, April 6th, to commence at 3.15 p.m. prompt, and all Lyceums are specially requested to be represented.

STATISTICAL RETURNS for the Quarter ending December 30th, 1906.

Lyceums	Officers	Mems.	Total Mems.	Avr. Atten. of Officers	Avr. Atten. of Mems.	Total Avr. Atten. of Mems.
1 Armley...	14	55	69	10	24	34
2 Batley Carr ...	14	44	58	11.8	29.6	41.4
3 Dewsbury ...	15	42	57	12.5	16.5	29
4 Heckmondwike	8	20	28	5.8	12.1	17.9
5 Leeds Psycho ...	7	41	48	5	31	36
6 „ Bethel St.	No Returns					
7 Morley ...	No Returns					
8 Rothwell ...	6	48	54	4.2	21.9	26.1
9 Wakefield ...	10	44	54	9.0	27.3	36.3
Grand Total ...	74	294	368	58.3	162.4	220.7

GEO. DARBYSHIRE, Hon. Sec.

3, Belle Vue Grove, Leeds.

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.

BUILDING FUND.

At the general meeting of our society, held last Friday, 4th inst. (Mr. G. Taylor Gwinn in the chair) a resolution was unanimously passed cordially thanking those Lyceums who have kindly helped our building fund by purchasing bricks. The following Lyceums have subscribed the amount mentioned:— St. Paul's Lyceum, Bradford, 1s. 4d.; Ashington Colliery Lyceum, 10s. 7d.; Crewe Lyceum, 1s. 1d. Rawtenstall Lyceum, 1d.; Higher Openshaw, Manchester, Lyceum, 2s. 3d.; Padiham Lyceum, 6d.; Clapham (Assembly Rooms) Lyceum (per Mr. H. Boddington, 10s.; Manor Park and East Ham Lyceum, 6s. 9d.

We desire also to thank those members of Lyceums, who, whilst not being able to purchase bricks have sent us their good wishes for the success of our building fund.

J. COOTE,

Hon. Secretary to Building Fund.

MARRIAGE.

WEBB—HOLDING.—On the 31st December, 1906, two of our Lyceum and Society workers, Mr. Reuben Alexander Webb and Miss Elizabeth Holding, were united in marriage. Mr. Reuben Latham, president B.S.L.U., ably officiated. The address of our young friends will be 20, Whitehead Street, Blackburn.

J. AINSWORTH, Sec.

What our Lyceums are doing.

All Reports should reach us not later than the 23rd of Feb. 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.

ACCRINGTON (Argyle St.)—On January 12th we held a successful tea and concert, and annual distribution of prizes. Several recitations given by the Lyceum scholars, and a few tableaux and action songs were also ably rendered by the Lyceumists. Mrs. Thompson distributed the prizes, and gave each recipient a few words of encouragement. The accompanist was Miss J. P. Walmsley, to whom we tender our sincere thanks.—J. T. W. Hibbert, Sec.

ACCRINGTON (Carter Steet)—On December 29th we held our annual tea and concert. The concert was given by the Carter Street Pierrot Troupe, which consisted of songs, glees, recitations, and a laughable dialogue entitled "The Bobbie's Courtship." This was so well rendered that we were asked to repeat it January 26th.—G. R. Sutcliffe, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE—On January 6th we held our open session, when the following recitations were given: "The Psalm of Life," Miss Jessie Plenderleith; "Father is coming," Mabel Simpson; "The Blind Boy," Adam Plenderleith; "Here we have a group of dogs," Willie Plenderleith. Mrs. France and Mr. Shepley spoke on the pleasure and benefits of the Lyceum. On January 13th we held our Quarterly Lyceum day. Mr. Wrigley gave a very appreciative address on "Spiritualism." Miss Eastwood gave the phenomenal aspect of Spiritualism. In the evening we had the Lyceum session, when a fair number of elders were present. The following recitations were given—"To my Angel Sister," Nina Jones; "A Keepsake," Mabel Simpson; "Billy's Rose," Jessie Plenderleith. Mrs. France read "Elsie's Dream Brother."—Wm. Dransfield, Sec.

BACUP (Market Street)—On December 30th we held our Annual Election of officers, when the following were elected to do duty for twelve months—Conductor, Mrs. M. Friend; Assistant Conductor, Miss M. J. Hartley; Secretary, Mr. B. J. Ridings; Treasurer, Mr. T. Nixon; Guardian, Miss S. Senior; Assistant Guardian, Mr. A. Ambrey; Librarians, Miss Olive Martin and Master G. Embrey; Captain of Guards, Mr. J. Brine; Lady Captain, Miss M. J. Jackson; Musical Director, Mr. F. Ridings; Auditor, Mr. A. Embrey; and eleven leaders of groups—four males and seven females.—B. J. Ridings, Sec.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Berry's Buildings, Abbey Road)—On January 1st we held our third annual Children's Tea, which was well attended by the children of the Lyceum and their friends, but I am sorry to say, only a few adults put in an appearance. The tea was well served, and the children partook heartily of the good things provided. After tea, games were indulged in, and solos and recitations were given at intervals. All spent a very enjoyable time.—Ada Lawton, Sec.

BELPER (Jubilee Hall)—On Sunday afternoon, December 30th, Mr. J. J. Morse favoured us with a short address, after which he distributed prizes to 96 Lyceumists, with appropriate advice to each. Mr. Morse was asked, both by the Society and Lyceum, to kindly convey their very best wishes and heartiest greetings to Miss Florence Morse, whom we all know is doing such grand propaganda work in South Africa.—John H. Hawkins.

BIRKENHEAD (Hamilton Hall, Grange Road)—We gave the service of song entitled "Spirit Return," Mr. R. A. Owen, D.V., of Bootle, was the reader. The singing by the children was well rendered. Gladys Exton sang a solo, "Mother, come home," with

satisfaction, whilst recitations were well given by Francis Jones and Dorothy Hilton. Messrs. Willi: Hall, Reginald Hall, Ernest Eastwood, and Miss Amy Robb performed the calisthenics very nicely. We are pleased to state that the present school of children are really indeed "stickers," and also mean to try to add to their number. After the service was over Mr. Owen suitably presented various prizes to the children both for regular attendance and good conduct.—G. Exton, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM (Sattley)—On Jan. 6th we held our usual session. We had a good attendance. Several members gave recitations and readings. On Jan. 7th we held our annual masquerade ball. After supper the children's prizes were distributed by Mrs. Place-Veary, of Leicester, who also gave a few words of encouragement and advice to the members. We had a very enjoyable evening. On January 13th we held our usual session, about 40 members being present. Recitations were given by L. Bird and W. Shergold; readings by A. Everall and Miss L. Stephens. Our friend, Mr. Morris, of Smethwick, conducted the group for the elder scholars, and gave a very interesting lesson on "The realities of life," which was well appreciated by all.—E. Burrows, Librarian.

BLACKBURN (Northgate)—On Jan. 6th we held our open session, when the following recitations were given:—"Hot and cold," Martha Bradley; "Peter," Bertha Coupe; "Winter fruit," Evelyn Newell; "Our concert," John Holden; "Papa's letter," Doris Payne; solos, "Roses underneath the snow," Nancy Rushton, and "Waiting for us," Nellie Crump.—R. Sharples, Sec.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street)—On Dec. 25th we held our annual tea, when about 300 parents and scholars sat down to the good things provided, followed by a grand miscellaneous entertainment given by members of our Lyceum. On Saturday, January 19th, we had a social and presentation to two willing and much-respected workers of our Lyceum, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben A. Webb, in the form of a very handsome over-mantel, subscribed for by a few friends as a token of esteem in honour of their marriage, which was solemnised at our temple on Dec. 31st, 1906. The presentation was made by Mr. George Grim, our assistant conductor, in a few well-chosen remarks. Mr. and Mrs. Webb suitably responded.—J. Worrall, Sec. *bro. tem.*

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms, Carlisle Road)—On Sunday, Jan. 6th, we held our monthly open session, when there was a good attendance of scholars. Solos, duets, and recitations were well rendered by the following:—Solo, Clara Ackeroyd; duets, Olive and Muriel Griffiths, and Edith and Mary Walden; recitations, Dorothy South, Elsie Wright, and George Arnold Holbrook. Mr. C. W. Bates very ably conducted.—J. Burchell, Sec.

BURY (off Paradise Street)—Jan. 1st, free breakfast to poor children. In the evening, Band of Hope annual tea party, etc.; unfurling of Band of Hope new banner (6ft. x 4½ft.), in blue and red, gold facings, bearing the words, "Bury Spiritualists Band of Hope," "Temperance in all things," and "Let not temptation conquer you," Mr. H. Jackson, pioneer of the fund, very ably acting as unfurler. About 120 persons sat down to tea. Jan. 20th, Lyceum day, open session; conductor, Mr. H. Metcalfe. In the morning, recitations were given by several Lyceumists, all receiving merited applause. A solo was rendered by Agnes Fox, who is a promising young singer. Mr. Knight gave a few encouraging words to the Lyceum, followed by Mrs. Kershaw on "Duty." There was a fair attendance.—W. Fletcher, Assist. Sec.

CARDIFF (Queen Street)—On Boxing Day our Lyceum held a very successful tea party and Christmas tree, presided over by our worthy conductor, Mr. W. R. Morgan. After tea we were provided with a limelight entertainment, during which Mr. Rands sang "The volunteer organist," illustrated with views. A good musical programme followed, contributed by Miss Mason and party, Miss Roberts, the Misses Gwen, Rose and Gertie Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Silby, Messrs. W. Vincent, S. Harris, H. Rands, C. Gill, B. Silby, G. Harris, Woodland, and Favener. We were pleased to see a number of friends from Barry and Newport present. After the presents were distributed off the Christmas tree, the proceedings were brought to a close.—F. Silby.

CHESTERFIELD—On Sunday, January 13th, our Lyceum began its second year of life, when officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows—Conductor, Mr. C. Welch; Assistant Conductor, Mr. W. H. Lote; Organist, Miss Lily Lote; Captain of Guards, Arthur Philpott; Guards, Fred Briggs and Willie Hand; Guardian of Groups, Miss Woodhead and assistant, Miss Stanford; Leaders,

Miss Stanford, Messrs. W. H. Lote and J. Martin; Conductor of Calisthenics, Mr. C. Welsh; Conductor of Marching, Mr. F. Lote; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Martin; Assistant, Arthur Philpott. After reading, singing, and recitations, by a number of Lyceumists, prizes were distributed to the scholars, who went away rejoicing, happy in the possession of interesting books, for their attendance and good conduct.—J. Martin, Sec.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, January 20th, when we again had a good many parents and friends present. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Mr. Hayward, of Leeds, was the speaker for the day, and he gave us a nice little discourse on "Precepts." We were also favoured by a recitation by Mr. Hayward, entitled "The Old Bachelor's Story." A solo was nicely rendered by Miss Lily Whiteley, "The Storm King." And a duet by Miss Bryan and Mr. Hodgson, "Lead us, loving Angels," ended a very enjoyable session.—J. Hodgson, Sec.

CREWE.—On December 29th our Lyceumists gave the pantomime of "Little Red Riding Hood" interspersed with songs and preceded by dances, etc. "Ten little Nigger Boys" was well done by twelve scholars. A Spanish dance was gracefully performed by six girls. An Irish jig, deftly danced by Cissy Robins and Bell Henson, was very pretty. "Flo's Letter" was well rendered. A Scotch dance was sprightly given. The characters in the pantomime were well sustained. Mrs. Baguley trained the children, and the manner in which they acquitted themselves reflected credit on her. During the January sessions, piano solos have been given by Fred Henson; recitations by Ethel Reay, Gertie Robins, Jack Reay and C. Gawthorne. Nellie Ford sang a "Spirit Melody."—H. Walker, Sec.

DARWEN.—On December 25th we held our annual "At Home." The entertainment was in the capable hands of Misses B. Holden and E. Kershaw, Messrs. J. & E. Pearce, who formed a quartette party, rendering excellent solos, duets, trios, and quartettes. We also had with us Miss J. Crook, of Clitheroe, and Mr. J. Jepson, humorist, of Darwen. Games of all kinds were indulged in, and a most enjoyable day spent by all present. On New Year's Day, a tea party and entertainment took place, and was a great success. This being the children's day, they provided the entertainment, which was carried out in an able manner.—I regret to announce the passing on of Mrs. Clarkson on January 2nd. She had borne her suffering for a long time with patience. The interment took place on January 7th. Messrs. J. T. Ward and M. Harwood officiating at the grave-side. Also the passing on of Miss Watson, who was deeply interested in spiritualism. The interment took place on January 10th. Mrs. Holgate and Mr. M. Harwood conducted the funeral service. Our deep sympathies go out to the mourners of the above risen ones.—L. Hewitt, Assist. Sec.

DUNDEE.—On Thursday, December 27th, the Lyceum held their annual Christmas treat in the Forrester's Halls. The programme was carried through entirely by the children. Action songs were rendered by groups of boys and girls. A display of fan drill was given by three of the youngest Lyceumists, and also by the older girls. A recitation was given by Alice Cairne. Solos were rendered by Sisters J. and M. Ogilvie, Ina Petrie, and Ada Shand, and by Bros W. Hoy and G. Duff, while Bro. D. Duff gave some gramophone selections. Prizes were also distributed. A most enjoyable evening was spent.—George Duff, Sec.

ELLAND (James' Street).—On December 30th we had a "Lyceum Day," the speaker being Mr. Stott, of Nelson. In the morning we had the usual session, and in the afternoon an open session, when musical readings, golden and silver chain recitations, marching and calisthenics were gone through under the conductorship of Mr. F. Marsden. Misses Elsie Sykes and Nellie Lord gave a duet, Hannah Bowes and Albert Smith giving recitations, after which Mr. Stott spoke for a short time. In the evening, Mr. Stott gave an address in place of the usual lesson. Mr. Richard Pearson (one of our Lyceum scholars) gave a short address, this being his second attempt at public speaking.—Miss Mary A. Marsden, Sec.

GLASGOW.—On Sunday, December 30th, we held our quarterly open session, Mr. John Stewart presiding. Supporting him upon the platform were Mr. George Young, president, and Mr. David Clarke, conductor of Dundee Lyceum. The usual Lyceum service was gone through, No. 2 hymn sheet being used. After silver and golden chain recitations, the usual recitations, duets, solos, etc., were interspersed throughout the session. Marching and calisthenics were ably ren-

dered under the guidance of Messrs. Guild and Sudall. Mr. D. Clarke was then called upon to address us, but as time was well spent, he had only time to remark that what he had witnessed in the beautiful display of marching and calisthenics would be of great assistance to him in his own Lyceum.—R.B.S., Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell St.).—On January 6th, we held our open session, when recitations were given by Masters Fred Ward, Harold A. Eastwood, George and Arthur Ward. A few remarks were made by the conductor on the silver and golden chain recitations. After which we held our Lyceum annual meeting and the election of officers for the year.—On January 19th we held our annual tea party and distribution of prizes, when we had a good time, Mr. Haughton, the president of the society, presiding. Out of our small Lyceum twenty-two scholars received prizes, twelve firsts, four seconds, and six thirds. The president said he hoped that at the end of another year this number would be doubled, and that we would go on in the paths of progress.—B. Eastwood, conductor.

HADFIELD.—We held a tea party and social on Saturday, January 5th, which was a success. Miss Alice Kenworthy sang "When the sunset turns the ocean blue to gold"; Mr. C. Nuttall sang "We drew his club money this morning." Miss Mary H. Beeley ably recited "Our Sal's Bonnet"; Mr. Harry Chorley a reading entitled "Letting New Year in"; Mr. Wilfred Chorley recited. Then we had the distribution of prizes by Mrs. Bolton, of Tintwistle. After refreshment the evening was spent in games and dances.—Mr. John Williams, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—On Saturday, December 29th, we held our Lyceum Annual Tea and Social. Mr. Hart, conductor, occupied the chair. The social began with marchings and calisthenics, conducted by Mr. J. Utley, after which the evening was spent in songs and recitations by the scholars, gramophone selections by a gentleman friend, also games, dances, etc. Oranges and apples were served to all present at half-time. Through the kindly efforts of all who willingly assisted in various ways, the children had a very enjoyable time. I am pleased to inform you we have formed a branch of the Hebdens Bridge Band of Hope Union. Eighteen members were enrolled the first meeting, and many more are intending joining. We are using the B.S.L.U. four-fold pledge.—W. Rawson, Sec.

HINDLEY (Bridge Street).—On the 13th we spent a very pleasant and interesting morning session with the friends here. Mr. Woodcock conducted. Quite a young Lyceumist, Miss Beatrice Jackson, delivered a sweet invocation. S.C. 55, M.R. 231, and G.C. 121 were all well read and conducted. The conductor's explanations at the end of each reading were a valuable part of the exercise. March very pretty and well performed. Calisthenics not according to the physical exercise-book, and lacked vigour. The singing and exercises were accompanied by the violin.—Reuben A. Webb, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On January 6th we held open session before a good audience, which was very much enjoyed. Readings were given by Mr. Wilson and Miss F. Wilson. A recitation was given by Miss P. Jagger; and a solo and duet were given by Miss E. Brandon and M. Brook, and Miss Barrow and Miss E. Boothroyd. Marching and calisthenics were very good.—W. W. Wallis, Sec.

HYDE (Clarendon Street).—On Christmas Day we held our annual tea party, followed by a cantata and operetta rendered by the Lyceum scholars. The cantata was entitled "The festival of the flowers," the flowers being represented as follows:—Rose, Miss M. Broadbent; Chrysanthemum, Miss A. Grey; Mignonette, Miss A. Sykes; Hollyhock, Miss E. Swainson; Buttercup, Miss C. Booth; Violet, Miss E. Sykes; Daffodil, Miss P. Gray. The principals in the operetta were as follows:—Inspector, Mr. J. Wild; Inspector's servant, Mr. J. Smith; School Attendance Officer, Mr. A. Bowden; Mistress, Miss E. Harrop; Johnny Stout, Mast. H. Fitton. There was a song by Miss P. Grey, a recitation by Miss E. Swainson, and a violin solo by Master N. McEwen.—A. Bowden, Sec.

IDLE.—We held our yearly meeting on Sunday, Jan. 13th, when the officers were elected for the ensuing year. We have 29 names on our register. We also decided to join the Lyceum Union.—Mrs. Whitworth, secretary.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, Jan 13th, we held our open session. The Excelsior Group Girls were responsible for the various items. Miss E. Kay, the group leader, took the position of conductor during the session. Miss E. Feather recited, Miss B. Kay played a

pianoforte solo entitled "A chorister's life," Miss M. Summers sang "The voluntary organist," and Miss S. Kay recited "The builders." Mr. J. Kay addressed the Lyceum. He showed that we were all architects and all builders, that characters were what we had to build, and it was our duty to build them so that when we mixed with our various associates we should leave our influence behind us, and they would say, "We have been in the company of a true man or a true woman."—W. A. Kay, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On January 13th we held a Children's Day, when many parents were present to enjoy the children's efforts. Prizes were distributed for good attendance and conduct during the past year. Recitations were given by the following—Alice Askew, John Gardner, Rita Newsham, Ada Gardner, Richard Askew, Jas. Jewitt, Lizzie Askew, and Maria Gardner. Solos—Emily Fisher, Annie Wildman, John Lloyd, John Askew, Victor Ensor, Isabella Gardner, Florence Stephenson, Annie Askew, and Miss Ford. It is pleasing to note that John Lloyd has for five years received a special prize for regular attendance. There was a feeling of subdued sadness owing to the word being brought of the passing on of Miss Bessy Roberts, a member of our Lyceum. But we know she is not dead.—E. Lunt, Assist Sec.

LEEDS (Psycho).—On Sunday, December 30th, we held our half-yearly election of officers, when the following were elected—Conductor, Mr. Wm. Barnes; Assistant, Mr. Kirk; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Griggs; Financial Sec., Mrs. Beman; Guardian, Mr. E. Webster; Assistant, Miss Carter; Musical Directors, Mr. E. Barraclough, and Mrs. Beman; Leader Calisthenics, Master H. Russell; Leader Liberty Group, Mr. F. Hynes; Lyceum Visitor, Mrs. Parker; Capt. of Guards, Mr. Osborn; Assistants, Masters P. Beman and Noel Pindar; Registrar, Mr. Osborn; Assistant, Master H. Russell; Delegate, Mr. Wm. Barnes. On Saturday, Jan. 5th, we had a visit of the Leeds District Council. After the business was over, the rest of the evening was spent in an enjoyable social.—Wm. Barnes, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Dec. 29th we held our annual Christmas tea and dance, uniting ourselves with Albion Street Lyceum on this special occasion, which proved a good time both financially and otherwise. Mr. H. C. Shakeshaft spoke a few words of encouragement, asking for more enthusiasm to be thrown into the Lyceum work, such as was done in the northern counties. He also urged the elders to support their officers more than they had done in the past. On Jan. 6th we held our meeting, when the following were elected—Conductor, Mr. S. Hunter; Assistant, Mr. W. Wright; Secretary, J. W. Bishop; Assistant, C. Welbourne; Treasurer, Mr. W. Wright; Musical Conductor, Mr. H. Hill; and an able corps of Leaders.—J. W. Bishop, Sec.

LIVERPOOL (Daulby Hall).—We held our annual social and prize distribution on Wednesday, Jan. 9th. The social included tea, games, concert, and dancing. The concert comprised musical sketches, songs and recitations, which were well rendered by the members of our Lyceum. Mr. Fletcher, of Wigan, very kindly distributed the prizes with encouraging words and in a very able manner. We thank all who tried to make it an enjoyable evening, and I am glad to say it has been a success in every way. We hope that it will be the means of making our ranks larger, and also of encouraging more to help in our Lyceum work.—E. Clarke, Sec.

LONGTON (Staffs).—Considering that we are here isolated from all other Lyceums, we are getting along famously. Our numbers are increasing; there is not a discordant note, everyone having full confidence in our conductor—Councillor Barker. Our children had a treat on January 7th, when between sixty and seventy, including parents and friends, sat down to tea. A Christmas tree was provided, laden with presents for the children enough to go three or four times round. Games, songs, and amusements filled up the evening, not forgetting the entertaining antics of good friends in costume, and the clever ventriloquial sketches of Professor Casnall. Mr. Barker also put the children through marching and calisthenic exercises, and was himself surprised at the efficiency displayed by them.—J.S.B.

LONDON (Battersea, Henley Street).—On Friday, Jan. 4th, a New Year's party was given to the children of the Lyceum. After tea they were entertained by games, songs, general fun, and a fine Christmas tree. The evening was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.—Mrs. E. Bolton, Sec.

LONDON (Chiswick).—On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13th, the Lyceum re-commenced its sessions with six new members. Miss M. Trowbridge was elected conductor, and the new members thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. Mr. Percy Smyth gave an address to the

scholars, explaining "Lyceum work." The hope was expressed that the Lyceum would be a power in the district, and that ultimately there would be an increase of members from among the friends of the new adherents.—P. Smyth.

MANCHESTER (Beaulah Street).—On Saturday, Jan. 5th, we had our annual Lyceum party and prize distribution, when 76 prizes were awarded for regular attendance during last year, and 3 specials, which were distributed by our President, Mr. Turner, assisted by Mrs. Sykes. After the distribution of the prizes the rest of the evening was spent in games, everybody having an enjoyable evening.—W.T.W., Sec.

MANCHESTER (Harpurhey).—On Jan. 1st we held our annual tea and entertainment, when about 150 enjoyed themselves. During the evening Messrs. E. Ashton, J. H. Jackson, and H. Nield distributed the toys from the Christmas tree. There was much fun when the adults present were presented with toys along with the children. There was a good programme, ably presided over by Mr. E. Ashton, consisting of songs, solos, duets by violin and piano, trios, recitations, and a dramatic sketch entitled "The birth-place of Podgers." Great praise is due to Mr. Blackie for his knowledge of the art of making-up. On Christmas morning a free breakfast was given to 100 poor children of the district. The Lyceum tender their sincere thanks to all friends who contributed.—T. Edmondson, Sec.

MANCHESTER (Longsight, Chell Street).—On Christmas Day we held our annual Lyceum party, when 110 sat down to an excellent tea, after which a good programme was given, and consisted of a piano solo, sixteen recitations, seven solos, a quartette, and a dialogue entitled "Bumps," given by the Misses P. Stringer, E. Cundiff, and B. Cutts; also an Highland dance by Miss Hackett. After the conclusion of the programme, 51 toys were distributed to the children. Much laughter was caused by presents sent by the elders to one another. The musical director, Miss Stringer, and the assistant, Mr. J. Topliss, ably presided at the piano. Praise is due to the committee of ladies and gentlemen for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties.—J. Shepherd, Conductor.

MANCHESTER (South).—On January 6th, very good attendance. Recitations by Misses Roberts, Henley, Forrest, Robinson, Jenkins, W. Jenkins, C. Jenkins, Parker; Masters C. and F. Jenkins, Fitch, O. and V. Roberts, Potter, H. and A. Henley, E. Cridland. Mr. Tinker, of Higher Broughton gave a short address.—On January 13th, there was a good attendance. Recitations by Misses W. and C. Jenkins, Cliffe, Robinson, Wood, Roberts, Forrest Henley, Parker, Skinner, and Robinson; Masters H. and A. Henley, E. Cridland, C. Potter, N. Fitch, V. and O. Roberts, C. and F. Jenkins. Mr. Horrocks, of Collyhurst, gave a few remarks on the recitations.—Miss T. Robinson, Sec.

MIDDLESBORO'.—The following officers are elected for 1907:—C. H. Rorder, conductor; Miss A. Naylor, assistant; Rev. George Cole, guardian; W. L. Rorder, musical conductor; John Buckingham, treasurer; W. Cowell-Pugh, secretary; Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Lister, Miss Harrison, Miss Gale, Miss Alice Naylor, M. L. Rorder, Rev. George Cole, A. Hicks, Geo. Harrison, E. Lewis, leaders; T. H. Wells, T. Harrison, F. Robson, W. Cowell-Pugh, A. Bessant, leaders.—On January 2nd we held our annual tea, after which fifty prizes were given for good attendance and knowledge of the Lyceum Manual. Every Tuesday night the leaders and elder scholars meet and go over the golden chain lesson for the following Sunday. We find this a great help both to leaders and scholars.—W. Cowell-Pugh, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—A promising commencement of the New Year was made with an open session and prize distribution. There was a good programme, all the items being well rendered. Mr. L. Shepley conducted. Mr. Masters, who is always a power for good in our midst, distributed the books obtained through our book club, recently formed in connection with the Lyceum. He also spoke on the temperance question. Mrs. Twelvetree, supported by Mrs. Lill, of Leicester, distributed the prizes, and quite captivated all present by her gracious manner and appropriate remarks. Officers and scholars alike felt stimulated by the interest shown in the work by the presence of those who have borne the heat and burden of the day in the past.—D. McCaig, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL (Back Ormerod Street).—On Dec. 30th we held our annual election of officers, the result being as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Charles Riding; assistant, Mr. E. Coupe; secretary, Arthur W. Scott; assistant secretary, Master H. Pinchbeck; treasurer, Mr. A. Haworth; leaders of marching—calisthenic, Master H. Scott; assistant, Miss C. Kilsby; guards, Misses Amy Kilsby and Minnie Greenwood; guardians, Masters Harry and Fred Haworth.

Teachers: 2nd class, mixed, Mr. H. Mansfield and Mr. G. Tunstall; 2nd class, girls, Miss M. Dewhurst and Mr. Wm. Haworth; infants' class, Miss M. J. Ormerod and Mrs. Blunt.—Arthur W. Scott, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—Our election of officers took place on Jan. 6th as follows—Conductor, J. J. Howarth; assistant, T. Dixon; guardians, Miss E. Whiteley and Mr. B. Dixon; captain of guards, Mr. J. Brown; leader of exercises, Miss S. E. Brown; musical directors, E. Sanderson and Miss Dixon; teachers, Mr. T. Dixon and Miss Howarth; auditors, E. Sanderson and Mr. Pollard; treasurer, Miss S. E. Brown; secretary, Wm. Brown.

ROTHERHAM (Howard Street).—On December 30th we held our usual open session, with about 70 children and adults present, which speaks well for the future. Recitations were given by Miss Edith Metcalfe and Master Clifford Metcalfe, entitled "Love each other," "The slave's dream," and "The village blacksmith." The following trio then sang "Hail, festal mom,"—Miss Alice Hardy, Miss Ethel Kendal, and Mr. R. Papworth. Mrs. Spittlehouse, of Wombwell, gave us all something to think about in a pleasant and instructive address, after which she presented the regular officers and children of the Lyceum with a New Year's card, the gift of our conductor, Mr. J. Smith. At the morning service the re-election of officers took place.—R. Papworth, Sec.

ROYTON.—I am sorry to report the passing on of two of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Emma Cockcroft, the beloved wife of our Lyceum secretary, and W. Raberner. They were interred at the Royton Cemetery, Mrs. Gardner, of Werneth, officiating at the interment of Mrs. Cockcroft. Though lost to us in the physical form, we still have their spiritual presence to cheer and guide us.—J. W. Bamford, Guardian.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—We held our annual children's treat on New Year's Day, when 100 partook of tea, etc., after which recitations and games gave the children two hours of joy and mirth. They were dismissed at 9 p.m. The officers and elders kept up the fun for two more hours. The funds for the treat were raised by carol singing and donations by friends, for which we tender our hearty thanks.—Wm. Hy. Nuttall, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead St.).—We held our open session on January 6th, when the following items were well rendered, "Joy-bells," by Sophie Farrand; recitation, "Our daily bread," by Lizzie Bolton; solo, "Open wide the gates," by Laura Senior. We also received a visit from Miss Chadderton, who gave an address.—Florrie Mason, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Nevill St.).—On Sunday, January 13th, the first anniversary of the Lyceum and the tenth of the society, was held. Our speakers being Mr. Councillor Fletcher, of Wigan, who gave good stirring addresses to both parents and children which were listened to very attentively, and were highly appreciated. The following scholars also took part in the various sessions:—Morning sessions—recitations were given by Masters Jack, Albert, and Miss Lizzie Careful, Winnie Butterworth, Maggie Jones, and Miss Minnie Hunt. Afternoon session, we had a golden chain recitation given by Willie Jones and Eva Greenwood; also a solo, duett and trio by Miss Minnie Hunt, Miss Kenway and Willie Jones, entitled, "A glad New Year." The services were well attended.—J. Jones, Conductor.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson Street).—We opened our Lyceum on October 28th, 1906, with eight scholars; we have now eighteen. Mrs. Crossley is our conductor. We are mostly new to both the Lyceum and Spiritualism, but we intend to persevere. We have decided to join the Union, and have a supply of LYCEUM BANNERS. We have prospects of some new scholars soon. Mr. Secker, of Gateshead, visited us on January 6th, and gave us a good outline of the Lyceum methods of tuition, and taught us some marching and calisthenics, which deeply interested the children. Wm. Charlton, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On December 30th, we held the half-yearly election of officers, when a good and efficient staff were duly elected, Mr. T. H. Wright being the conductor.—On January 6th, we held an open session, when recitations were given by Misses Eliza Atkinson, Alice Wild, Laura Cox, Alice P. Blackburn, and Marion Wright. A dialogue was given by Misses A. Wild, and E. Atkinson; and a solo by Marion Wright. Our speaker, Mrs. Beardshall, of Bradford, named a baby, Joe Redihalg, spirit name, "Steadfast." She said if we watched as he grew up, we should find that he was steadfast in whatever he undertook to do. We hope and trust he will be a noble character.—Ernest Bottomley, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On January 6th we held a very interesting ceremony at the above Lyceum, naming the child of two of our Lyceumists—Mr. and Mrs. Evans. We had Mrs. Shannon, of Middlesbrough, to conduct the services. The child was given the name of Charles Edward Benjamin Evans, and the spirit name of Victory. The children sang "Open the door for the children" after the giving of the names. The services at night were also conducted by Mrs. Shannon, and we had a very happy time altogether. We have inscribed his name on the register, and we think we have one of the youngest, if not the youngest, Lyceumist in the movement.—Richelieu Brown, Sec.

STOCKPORT.—On Jan. 6th we held our quarterly open sessions. The collections were in aid of the Lyceum funds. In the afternoon we had with us the district visitor and a few friends from Hyde. A glorious time was spent together. The recitations had to be curtailed so as to be able to execute the various evolutions of marching and calisthenics. In the evening Mr. Poulton gave very eloquently and lucidly the history of the Lyceum movement. Comparing the difference in the ordinary Sunday school training and the instruction given by the Spiritualists. The knowledge to be derived from the Lyceum, he claimed, could be placed before the children, though on the other hand he could not say the same for the Bible.—J. H. Marston, Hon. Sec.

TODMORDEN.—On January 6th we held a successful session, when the following took part—Mr. W. Law, a speech; Mr. C. Goulding, a song, "Something sweet to think of"; Miss Crossley sang "Trust in God"; Mr. H. Stall, Mr. J. W. Braund, Miss S. Ridgway, and Mr. W. Sutcliffe recited. There was also the installation of the new officers for 1907. The past year has been highly successful, and we are hoping the present will be even more so.—Geo. Crossley, Cor. Sec.; Miss A. Emmitt, Fin. Sec.

WALSALL (Central Hall, Bradford Street).—On Sunday, Jan. 6th, we held our usual "Banner Sunday" and open session, Mr. A. O. Thomas being the conductor. There was a record attendance of officers and Lyceumists, and a most enjoyable session was held. The President (Councillor J. Venables) joined Mr. Thomas on the rostrum, and in the course of his remarks urged the officers and Lyceumists to devote their energies during the year 1907 to the Lyceum cause. He trusted everyone would have a happy and most prosperous New Year. The following contributed to the harmony of the session by giving recitations—Jenny Bird, Joseph Jenkins, Nellie Bird, Rose Smith Sidney Bird, Lily Thomas, Polly Smith, Harold Thomas, Leslie Faulker. Arthur Joynes, Margery Madge.—W. H. Tomkins, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL.—We held our meeting on Jan. 6th to elect officers, which were as follows—Conductor, Mr. J. Hopwood; Secretary, Mr. H. Alderson; Treasurer, Mrs. Copley; Conductor of Calisthenics, Miss E. Tordoff; First Leaders, Miss A. E. Copley and Mr. L. Hopwood; Second Leaders, Miss J. Slater and C. Hough; Guardian, Master V. Alderson. I hope we shall have a prosperous year together.—H. Alderson, Sec.

UPPERMILL.—We had an excellent gathering at our annual tea party and Christmas tree on Christmas Day. The room was beautifully decorated with an abundance of mistletoe and holly. After tea a good programme was gone through; recitations were given by Mr. John Hirst, our Lyceum conductor, Leonard Shaw, Thomas Gartside, Lizzie Gartside and Edith Robinson. The dialogue, "Mischievous Moses" was well done by Master Fred Shaw, Arthur Hirst, Gilbert Hirst, and Albert Shaw; they also sang in good style. The dialogue, "Ma-in-law," was gone through with great credit by Mr. John Shaw, Misses Lena and Annie Shaw. Selections on the phonograph were given by Mr. Charles Nicholls. The meeting was presided over by our president, Mr. Carter.—J. H.

YORK (St. Saviourgate).—On Sunday, Dec. 30th, the following were elected—Conductor, Mr. Apedaile; Assistants, Miss Longley and Mr. Frank; Calisthenic Conductors, Misses Brown and Barker and Mr. Hall; Musical Conductors, Miss Longley and Mr. Frank; Secretary, C. Hall; Treasurer, Mr. Frank; Librarians, Lily Apedaile and Bertha Middleton; Guardian, Laura Rush. And a full complement of Group Leaders. On Sunday, January 13th, Prizes were given to Lyceumists under fourteen, who had gained their full complement of marks for attendance. Names of first prize winners—Sarah, Edwin, Harry, and Frank Apedaile, Ruth Wells and Hilda Jackson. Daisy Stead, Sarah Apedaile and Ruth Wells won first, second, and third prizes, respectively, for singing and reciting. Daisy Stead also received a special prize for reciting. Charles Hall, 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., J. T. Hibbert, 181, Burnley Road
" China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 5, Bank-st., Church
" Carter St., 10-30, G. R. Sutcliffe, 60, Pendle street
Armley, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Lee, 12, Paisley-st. Armley, 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. B. J. Riding, 1512, Rochdale 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.
Barry Dock, Newland-street, 2-30, Mr. E. Brittan, 117, Woodland-rd.
Batley Carr, Town st., 10 and 2, Mr. Bowers Hartley, 7, Mount terrace, Batley
Belper, Jubilee hall, 10 and 2, Mr. J. Hawsins, Brook side.
Birkenhead, 228 Grange road, 11 a.m., Mr. G. Exton, 15, Rodney street, Tranmere
Birmingham, Salfley, 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 Werrall, 29, Suffolk-st., Mill Hill
" 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. Henry Barnes, 95, Grangefield-avenue, Leeds-road
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, Fulledege, 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. Forrester, 54, Gorden-st.
Bury, Paradise st., 10 a.m. and 1-45, Mr. F. Hepworth, 22 Cateaton-st.
Cardiff, 58, Queen-st., 2-45 p.m., Mr. W. R. Morgan, 69, Portcanna-st.
Castleford, Britten hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Atack, 100, Hugh street, Beancroft road
Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 15, Valley-road, Spittal
Clayton-le-Moors, 10 a.m., Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington
Cleckheaton, Old Robin-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Hodgson, Goodall buildings, Littleton, Liversedge
Colne, Cloth hall, 9-30, E. Hargreaves, 28, Patten street
Coventry, Clarion Fellowship Rooms, Broad-gate, 10-30 a.m., Mrs. M. Law, 46 Earlsdon-st.
Crewe, Mill-st., 10-30, Hy. Walker, 26, Stamford avenue
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 C. Falla, 96, Upper-rd., Batley Carr, Batley
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., Elmfield.
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, 1 p.m. 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 Ethel Myers, 130, Queen-st.
Greenock, Cathcart-st., Stephens Hall, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71 Ann street
Grimsby, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stanley-st., New Cleve
Hidfield, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Williams, 59a, Osborn Place
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, Byrom-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape 91, Chapel-rd., nr. Oldham.
Hollinwood, Bower 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., Farnworth
Hull, Lime-st. 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.
Hyde Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Amos Bowden, 31, Rockfort-st.
Idle, Back Lane, 10-30 & 2-0, Mrs. M. J. Whitworth, 151, Bolton Hall rd., Bolton Woods, nr. Bradford
Johannesburg, Mr. Joseph Horne, P.O. Box 6209, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Keighley, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay; 54 Cavendish street.
Lancaster, Athenæum st. St. Leonards gate 10-30 Mr. A. H. Dawes, 31 Sterling rd., Moorlands.
Leeds, Bethel st., 10 a.m., Mr. A. Robinson, 10, Coupland place, Lady Pit-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, 225, Melton-st.
Lincoln, Frances Court, High-st., Mr. Sidney A Miles, 50, Belmont-st.
Littleton, Well-st., 10 and 2, Miss F. Brook, Ramsden-st., near Liversedge
Liverpool, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Miss. Madge Parker, 2 Spoforth-rd.
" Dauby hall Dauby st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. E. Clarke, 160, Watford-rd., Anfield-road
London, Battersea park, Mrs. Bolton, 35 Beauchamp-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
London, Clapham, Gauden-rd., 11-30, Mr. H. Boddington, 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.
Loughton, Stone-rd., 10 and 2, Mr. H. McCartney, 12, Littlehall-st., Florence.
Macclesfield, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 40 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., Miss T. Robinson, 8, Churchill avenue, Whalley Range
Manchester, West Gorton, William-st, 2-3 Mr. Humphiers, 3 Giles st, North rd, Longsight
Middleton, nr. Manchester, Gilmour st. 10-1 J. R. Dooley, 371, Oldham-rd.
Middlesboro' Grange rd., 10 a.m., Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul s-rd.
Millom, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. Wm. Tyson, 71, Queen st.
Morecambe, New Queen st., 10-30, David Dilchfield, Victoria Cottage.
- Morley**, Fountain-st., 20 a.m., Mr. Lewis Close 2 King-street
Motherwell, Park-st, 4 p.m., Mr J. Winning, 83, McNeil-street, Larkhall, Lanarkshire, N.B.
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 Gratten, 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
Padham, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. J. W. Hoole, 83, Lowerhead lane
Parkgate, Ashwood-rd., 10 a.m., Mrs. Frances Hague, 48, France-st., near Rotherham
Pendleton, Broad-st., Leaf-square, 10-30, Miss Nellie Dean, Sedan 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. C. Fisher, 27, Ashton-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, 3, Orchard st., Masbore.
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. Cockcroft, 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. Nutta II 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 Blenkin, 20, Adamson-st., New Shildon, R.S.O., Co. Durham
Skipton Temperance hall, Sackville-st., 10 a.m. Miss Edith Erunt, 32, Milton-st.
Slaithwaite 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, Miss Minnie Hunt, 22, Tithebarn-rd.
South Shields, Robinson-st., Wm. Charlton, 94, Steven-st., Westoe, S.S.
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., Lowefield lane
Walsall Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tomplins, Hagley, Lyswasley
Warrington, Sankey-st., W. Massy, 37, Gaskell-st., Slockton Heath
West Poleson, 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, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30., Mr. H. Alderson, 4, Birklands-rd., 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