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## After Many Days:

OR

### James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER II. (continued.)

"No, sir, most assuredly not. I never intended to imply that they were." And he looked anxiously at Miss White, who had now become an interested listener.

"Very well, then," continued the Professor, "we see that at least a portion of the injunction is not applicable to modern Spiritualism. Do Spiritualists make it a part of their religion to work enchantments, or use charms?" he asked, with marked firmness.

"Not to my knowledge," Mr. Henderson reluctantly answered.

"Thank you. Now we came to the term 'wizard.' I suppose you will be able to supply us with its meaning?"

"Yes, I think I can give the correct interpretation of this at least," Mr. Henderson said confidently. "Wizard means a person who is in league with the devil, who, in return for giving himself to him, promises to assist him to do many wonderful things."

This definition provoked a smile from the Professor, and the retort, "I must again correct you, seeing that you commit an error common to the majority of Christian ministers. The Hebrew word is '*jideonim*,' as some Rabbis say, from their putting into their mouths, whenever they were consulted, the bone of an animal called '*jaduah*.' But Maimonides makes the *jaduah* to be a bird, for he says, 'They put the bone of a certain bird into their mouths; make a fumigation till their understandings are intoxicated, and then utter what they think most likely to pass.' Now, Mr. Henderson, I must ask you again, are you prepared to prove that Spiritualists put bones of a peculiar bird or animal into their mouths, and use fumigations until they are intoxicated in order to obtain spirit communion?" Again, he could only answer, "No, sir, I am not."

"Another term contained in your indictment is 'necromancer.' This word implies one who divines by the means of bones and various organs in dead bodies, either bird, animal, or man. Ancient history is full of accounts of instances of this kind of thing. Do Spiritualists practice this?" Mr. Henderson again was forced to answer in the negative.

"We now come to the last clause in the indictment, viz., 'those who have a familiar spirit.' Now on the authority of Bishop Hutchinson, we are told that the word *familiar* is not contained in the original, and most certainly it is not to be found in the Douay

Bible, which professes to be translated from the Latin Vulgate. The same authority tells us that this word was inserted into King James's translation of the Bible by the translators. After the king had written his book on "*Dæmonologia*," they received into it, by his particular desire, several phrases which favour the vulgar notion of witchcraft, which were not in the old translation, and first brought up that gross notion of a familiar spirit, so that the text of the Bible was corrupted, in this instance, to suit the whims and vagaries of the king."

"This is only one instance," continued the Professor, "of how the Bible has been corrupted. The Hebrew word is *Obhoth*, or *Obh*, as it is in the singular number, which may be derived from '*Ob*,' a bottle or hollow vessel, meaning such as talk with a hollow voice. And again *Obh* may signify a serpent, and accordingly *Obh* and *Obhoth* are always rendered in the old Latin version by *Pytho* and *Pythones*. I must again quote Maimonides as to their mode of procedure. He asks, 'Of what kind is that work of the *Pytho*?' and proceeds to answer as follows: 'He is one who offers a certain kind of fumigation. He flourishes a myrtle rod in his hand, and pronounces certain set words of enchantment; then he seems to consult one who is talking with him and answering him questions, as it were underground, with so low a voice that he cannot hear it, but must collect the meaning by his imagination.' And now, sir," turning to Mr. Henderson, "I ask you if you are prepared to prove that this mode of procedure applies to Spiritualism?"\*

But poor Mr. Henderson sat mute and crestfallen; and no wonder, for he had had all the wind taken out of his sails, and the little barque in which he set out with such high hopes, confident spirits, and fair breezes, was left becalmed in the mid-ocean of perplexity.

Mr. and Mrs. White and their daughter, Florence, sat attentive listeners through the whole of the interrogations, with a look of wonder on their faces, as clause after clause was taken up of this stock-in-trade theological impeachment with a masterly hand, and its utter inapplicability to modern Spiritualism shown. Florence cast repeated looks of pity and sympathy at her lover as she saw how his stronghold was being demolished.

Mr. White was delighted, and expressed his gratitude to his esteemed guest not only for answering Mr. Henderson's Biblical objections in such a thorough and scholarly style, but for thus putting himself in possession of facts that would be of service to him when placed in a similar position. "I have been as

\* See, "Is the Bible opposed to Spiritualism?" 6d. by post, 7½d. for sale at this office.

greatly surprised at your learning," he continued, "as Mr. Henderson himself. I had looked upon those passages as unanswerable, though I was thoroughly convinced of the facts of Spiritualism, and was quite satisfied with its high moral and religious teachings."

"My dear Mr. White," said Mr. Munroe, "I can readily understand your position. It was not to be expected that you could, in so short a time, make yourself thoroughly acquainted with these matters. But if you had to grapple with them in every Christian land, as I have had to do, besides a thousand and one other forms of opposition, they would have become quite as familiar to you."

"Is that the reason you called them 'hackneyed'?"

"Yes; they are the most hackneyed objections in all Christendom, trotted out by every minister and layman and theological mountebank as the most terrible orthodox scarecrow to frighten their flocks away from the spiritual vineyard. But," addressing himself to Mr. Henderson, "are you prepared to have Bible laws and commandments, from which you have taken those objections, applied to Christians, seeing you are willing to make the Bible your guide and authority in rejecting spirit communion?"

"Most assuredly. To be a consistent Christian, I must," he answered.

"Then you are commanded to eat no manner of fat, nor the flesh of the hare, or swine.

"In reaping the harvest you must not reap the corners of the field.

"You must put all adulterers and adulteresses to death. Also, you must hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof. You must not wear garments made of mingled linen and woollen, and much more of a similar nature, all of which is not observed, but sublimely ignored throughout Christendom to-day!"

"But," answered Mr. Henderson, "these laws and commandments were given to the children of Israel to be their guide, and to safeguard them against falling into that idolatry which was the common practice of the nations by which they were surrounded."

"It is a pity you did not remember this in your attack on Spiritualism. It is a pity the ministers in Christendom do not recognise it. When it is an obscure passage that can be used against a new revelation, a new outpouring of the spirit upon all flesh, it is used both in season and out, and is insisted on with the utmost rigour as binding upon the conscience of every faithful Christian, to be disobeyed at the peril of their eternal happiness. But when the same authority is quoted against orthodox Christianity, it is immediately discovered that the passage applies to the ancient children of Israel. Such are the methods of bigotry.

Mr. Henderson gathered his notes together—those he had made during the interview were copious—and took his leave of the party, a sadder but wiser young man. Conquered for the time, but not subdued.

#### CHAPTER III.

Miss White proved to be highly mediumistic, being frequently controlled to give messages of spirit

identity. And at times she would enter the clairvoyant state and describe, with the greatest accuracy, the forms and features of surrounding spirit friends. Occasionally she was able to hear messages given by the spirits and transmit them to the members of their private circle. At other times she would be permitted to see groups of little children surrounding the circle, bearing a profusion of flowers, whose shape and forms were quite new to her; their richness of colour and tints, too, defied description. On rare occasions the members of the circle had been able to sense the rich and delightful perfume arising from these heavenly flowers.

It was noticed that whenever the above conditions and influence obtained, the sitters all felt as if they had received a new lease of life. Physical weariness and depressed spirits were always dispelled; vigour renewed, hopes aroused, and a light heart made the trials and vexations of daily life appear small compared with the spiritual blessings they experienced. So that they were always pleased to learn of spirit children being in their company. Accompanying these little ones were angelic beings radiant in spiritual brightness.

Florence was delighted to be thus allowed to peep behind the screen of materiality at the inhabitants of the eternal Summer-land. It was a privilege to be highly esteemed, and afforded an experience never to be forgotten.

Occasionally a friend of some member of the circle was allowed to be present. Florence had been the means of comforting the mourner's heart on several occasions by giving unmistakable proof that the one mourned for was neither dead nor removed far away to a heaven of jasper walls, pearly gates, and golden streets, nor consigned to suffer eternal torture in a lake of quenchless fire.

On one occasion a respectably dressed woman was present; she was in deep mourning, and the traces of tears and great sorrow and grief were plainly visible. During the evening Florence described an aged female by her side, and gave name and age. The mourner exclaimed, "Mother can it really be you?"

"In her arms nestles a sweet-faced infant. It has clear blue eyes and dimpled chin; it does not look to be more than two months old. She tells me it died very suddenly of convulsions, unbaptised; its name is Willie; it is your mourned-for baby."

The poor woman exhibited signs of deep agitation during this description, holding her breath in awful suspense during the latter part, as if fearful of losing one precious syllable, and at its close she fell on her knees, with arms outstretched and hands clasped, exclaiming, with deep emotion, "Oh, my darling Willie! my darling whom I had mourned as being with the damned. Oh, I thank God for this great and glorious revelation, which is like balm to heal my wounded heart." The scene was pathetic, and touched the hearts of all assembled. The eyes of nearly all were suffused with tears of sympathy.

(To be continued).

## AFTER DEATH, WHAT?

Many are the questions put to those who are supposed to be in a position to answer, in reference to life beyond the grave. And many and varied are the answers given. Some with a certain amount of certainty and knowledge, others with that slow hesitancy that is born of doubt and uncertainty. While others will have no fear in stating that death ends all, and that there is no such thing, or condition, as a future state.

It behoves the student to carefully weigh in the balance all the evidence adduced by the various people to whom he may put his questions. Certainly the evidence that we have been able to glean from books written on the subject of life immortal, is at times both perplexing and doubtful, and has a large tendency to unbelief rather than belief. And as this is a question that concerns us all more or less, according to the interest displayed on the subject, it would, I think, be of intrinsic value to us if we endeavoured to sift the evidence, and arrive at a solution of the subject for ourselves.

In the first place, then, is there any reason whatever that we should live after the change called death? Of what good would it be? And what purpose think you it could serve?

Certainly the trials and troubles that have been passed through here, has given to us a large and varied experience, and none, I think, looking back over the path they have trod, would care to traverse it over again. And yet, we might very well ask ourselves: Why this experience, if it serves no end, and is to no purpose?

Our friends of the Church have lost no chance (whenever it presented itself) to point out to us the glories and beauties of an eternal heaven where all would be peace and joy. When song and praise would be continually sung, and harps and other instruments would be the order of the day. A picture of this kind is put forward for the benefit of all. For the king upon his throne, for the beggar at the gates, for the thief in the gaol, for the sweeter in his London den, for the arab on the street, and for the storm-tossed souls who never did realize what home and comfort really did mean; a heaven of this kind is pictured for these and for the benefit of all, who may at the last moment say: "Lord I believe, help Thou my unbelief," and by so doing cast all the blame, all their sins and records of a misspent life, on to the back of an innocent person, and then expect to participate in the revels before mentioned. If there is anything that I know of calculated to make infidels and agnostics, I should think it would be to survey a picture like this. And these, mark you, side by side with those who have endeavoured to live an upright, honest, and true life, believing that this was a means to future happiness.

Of course this is a view taken on the supposition that there is a life beyond the grave.

But is this the only view that may be taken of the case as it presents itself to us? It is quite possible that after all we have not arrived at the true solution

to the question—does death end all? For a moment or two let us suppose that the old-time teaching is not true, that the heaven and the hell of the past does not exist. What then have you to offer in support of a life hereafter? Here we are brought face to face with a problem that must either be solved or shelved for a time, because it would be vain on our part to suppose for one moment that we have arrived at the acme of all knowledge, or that we have been inspired to such a degree that we can claim to know all that is to be known in reference either to this life, or the life beyond the change called death.

But, in the face of all this, we still may venture to air our opinions on the matter, and who shall say that our opinions do not contain a large amount of truth, and if universally adopted would give a considerable help to those who find this life difficult, and would also give a much calmer assurance to those who are meditating a change from this life to the life beyond the grave. Then let us consider the opinions that we may have in support of and against those of the Christian in reference to the question at issue.

But before so doing we should like to ask the Christian a few questions. Does it sound feasible that a person who has no inclination or love of music, or of beauty, or of grandeur, would be happy, or even contented, if he were transferred to a place or condition where singing and the twanging of harps were the order of the day? And would it be right to suppose that this individual would either be helped or elevated by the performance? Would this condition of life, think you, be more enjoyable or happy than the life he has just parted company with? And further, would it, think you, display any great amount of love or consideration on the part of the Father, whom we call God, for the future welfare and happiness of his children, whose we all are? And still further, would it be any good either to the persons themselves, or to anyone else? We venture to think not. Well then, what do you suppose happens to those who close their eyes in death and open them in another life?

Well, in the first place when the angel of death has visited our home and the bodily remains have been placed in mother earth, the spirit of the departed has already arisen and gone to that sphere or condition of being that it was fit or qualified to enjoy. In a word it has gone to the home that it has built for itself while here in the earth life. The conditions and surroundings may not be what it (the spirit) expected, but certainly it will be what it deserves, for we only receive reward according to merit. To speak in plain language, we are not in the twinkling of an eye transformed from a devil to an angel, but John Smith here is John Smith there, with all his faults and with all his failings, and therefore he must needs occupy that sphere of spirit life that is best suited to his nature and requirements, otherwise he would be out of his element, and instead of enjoying himself he would be, so to speak, in a hell of discontent, though not for one moment would we suggest that his condition would be lasting, for the time would come when he would aspire after more congenial company.

This would be his upward march or progression, from the lower to the higher life. But why should he be compelled to do this? Well, in the first instance the life of the average man on the earth plane is short at the longest, and if he attained the age of 80 years he could not in that time have gained all the knowledge that was obtainable; and further, the life that we are now living is only the school house of learning, and each generation finds itself further than the previous one, and therefore in this we find that progression is the order of the day here. If this is a fact, why should death step in and end it? Would it not be more reasonable to suppose that the spirit of the individual, when it has worn out the body or casket that it was confined in, would require another and more suitable house to dwell in, where it would be able to further pursue the instructions and experience that it had gained while here upon the earth; for mark you, we are not (thank God) all on pleasure bent, not all wine-bibbers, not all mad cricketers and footballers; there are a few who make it their duty to think of others besides themselves, and, therefore, they, as well as the pleasure-seeker, must be considered and provided for. So, therefore, a sphere or condition is provided for them where they can unfold more readily the great expectations, the gifts, the aspirations, that filled their minds while here in earth life, and whose development was limited because of their environment and surroundings.

But when the spirit finds itself free, without bar or hindrance, then it will unfold, and in its unfoldment, find the home it dwells in too small. It, therefore, seeks another and better, and so, in the sure but gradual development, it will become more spiritual in nature and character, and the work that is allotted to it is completed in a spirit of love. When it has thus unfolded and progressed, it is qualified to lead and guide others who are struggling with the adverse conditions, and, in the words of the poet, T. L. Harris, (L.M.86.) :—

“These are the angel friends who come  
When night is calm and still;  
With visions of their blessed home  
Our quickened hearts to thrill.”

“Yet the sceptic in his blindness  
Drives them from his heart away,  
Spurns their proffered aid and kindness,  
Draws night's curtain o'er his day;

Friends he loved, when roughly shapen  
In the flesh they met his eyes,  
Mourn in spirit, lone, forsaken,  
Whilst their presence he denies.” L.M.53.

May you avoid this error, and accept the truth where and whenever presented. Open your souls to the light that is shining, and in it discover the larger and further revelation of God to man.

That God and the angel friends will help you is the prayer of

PAUL DEVEREUX.

## NEWS FROM DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.

P.O. Box 755,

Durban, 25th January 1907.

[To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.]

You will be pleased to hear that the Durban Lyceum is now making rapid progress, quite a large number of new members having been enrolled since our anniversary service in December last. We can now count no less than 60 active members, excluding several who are permanent members but who cannot attend regularly. We have at last formed groups and had our first experience of this form of teaching on Sunday last. We have commenced with five groups only, and hope before long to be in a position to form the full number. We have also made a beginning with a Library, five suitable books having been presented for that purpose, an example which we trust will soon be copied by other friends. We have many schemes in view to make the Lyceum attractive during this present year in order that we may continue to progress, and I shall have much pleasure in occasionally sending you a short report of our doings. Miss Florence Morse has just completed a five weeks visit to Durban during which she regularly attended our morning service and gave us some very helpful and encouraging addresses as well as some valuable advice on the conduct of the service. While here she named and dedicated five children at the Lyceum and one at the evening service of the Society.

Ten months ago three of our most earnest members named Mahoney, left for England. If this should meet their eyes they will know that they are not forgotten, and we shall be glad to hear from them that the health of Lawrence has improved by the change, and whether they have joined a Lyceum at home.

With cordial greetings to all British Lyceumists and best wishes for prosperity in the present year,

Yours fraternally,

W. KNOX, Conductor.

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JESSY GREENWOOD.

## Temperance Page.

I MAY be permitted to call attention to a slight alteration in the arrangements as regards this page announced by the Editor last month. The difficulty of finding space for matter urgently craving publication has been long experienced, and I felt only justified in offering that this page should occasionally stand down in consequence. By the ready kindness of the conductors of the "Bluebells' Page" and the "Boys' Special," we have been able to come to the definite decision to publish nine times in the year instead of every month. This column will therefore not appear in the February, July, and November issues of the *Banner*, and I trust this notice will be taken as rendering explanation by our good Editor unnecessary at those times.

During the past two months I have been the recipient of enquiries from friends and workers in the Total Abstinence Movement, regarding literature on the question of the effects of alcohol on the human system. This is a matter of the very greatest interest in spite of its constant occurrence, and I hope next month to begin a short series of articles on some of the work which has been done in recent times. A considerable amount of what I shall then have to say will be found in two booklets published by the Church of England Temperance Society, and which any reader interested in the matter can purchase for the small sum of fourpence each. The point over which so much difference of opinion has prevailed, viz., as to whether or not small quantities of alcohol are harmful or undesirable, is quite definitely settled, as evidence has been forthcoming to prove the strictly poisonous functions of very dilute alcohol. This work has once and for all severed alcohol from the category of those drugs which in small quantities are medicinal rather than poisonous, and has added much strength to the movement in the medical world opposing the use of alcohol under any conditions whatsoever.

The position now taken by opponents of total abstinence is perhaps not an altogether strong one. It is argued that, allowing the deleterious effects of alcohol, life is a series of risks, and, moreover, experience has shown that within certain limits risks can be taken with impunity; in fact that nature has provided us with the means of combating the effects of dangerous risks, and hence we may open ourselves without fear to certain possibilities of hurting ourselves. It is pointed out that many of our food stuffs contain poisons which we take in moderation without ill-effects owing to the ability of our organisation to resist poisoning.

However plausible this theory may sound, I think we shall not have to go very far to entirely discredit it, principally from a more careful examination into the nature of the poisonous action of alcohol as compared with the physiological action of other stimulants. Nor are we convinced that Nature ever intended us to voluntarily run into the temptation of physical derangement: we rather conceive that she will in the end resent this constant call and reliance on her kindly attempts for our welfare. It is possible that our blood, healthily charged

with the friendly organisms which eat up the germs of disease, may render us immune once, twice, or thrice in the midst of an epidemic, but who shall say that it is anything but madness to rush needlessly into the danger zone simply from the fact that one dares to take a risk?

Indeed no prop is left for moderate drinking, and I am inclined to think that very soon we shall have more of the at present rare admission that people drink intoxicants for the sole reason that they like them. When that time comes the Temperance Movement will be regarded as we have ventured to regard it for years, namely, as an attempt to improve the ideals and feelings of our nation. As affairs are at present tending, I quite fail to see any other logical consequence of recent work, and except in so far as an unhealthy conservatism is concerned, which will fight for bad old ways because they *are* old, the reign of King Alcohol must be the mere reign of appetite, and come to the miserable end of vice in general.

We are sometimes met by a remarkable aberration to which humanity is apparently prone. The ancient philosopher declared that to err is human, meaning that the mere mortal is an imperfect creature; but many people have fallen into the error of interpreting the phrase as though it meant that *not* to err is *inhuman*, and so find in it a sort of recommendation to err. But it does not necessarily follow that because we are human we should encourage and practice what we know is neither right nor tending to the eternal. As I have said elsewhere, the fact that a man lays no pretensions to being good is not a sufficient justification for his being or doing evil.

These considerations I think meet the prevailing argument against total abstinence. There is perhaps one other which does not need many words of reply.

It has been said that God gave to man the knowledge of the manufacture of alcoholic liquors, and hence that it is good for man to avail himself of what was divinely taught.

In the first place we contest the claim that the manufacture of these liquids was divinely taught; but even granting this, we entirely refuse to accept the assumed corollary that man was intended to drink them. When we look round and see our beautiful world darkened by the curse of strong drink, and when we remember that the valuable "fruits of the earth" are rendered worthless in the preparation from them of alcoholic liquors, we refuse to believe that in the sense now considered, i.e., apart from all scientific and technical applications, the preparation of such poisonous substances could have been the will of an all-loving Father. From the second point of view the argument fails, in that alcohol is the only one of the more familiar poisons which man has deliberately chosen to drink and intoxicate himself withal, knowing full well that the very physiological effects following on its consumption deny that Nature ever intended alcohol as a beverage for man.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE.

All notices of motion to come before the Conference to be held at Manchester on May 11th and 12th, 1907, must reach the Union's General Secretary not later than April 12th, as per Article XI, page 6, of the Union's Constitution. Copies of the Constitution, 1½d. each post free, or 9d per dozen. Apply to ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

### Mrs. Ellen Green's Missionary Tour in South Africa.—I.

In the month of July 1905, I had the honour of receiving an invitation from the Durban Society of Spiritualists, to visit them for the purpose of lecturing and to give messages from spirit people. After praying for right guidance from God and my spirit helpers, I wrote according to their advice and assurance that my mission would be blessed. Having accepted this kind invitation from friends and co-workers in our noble cause, my letter was placed before the executive of the Society, with the result that a cable message was at once sent to me bearing the words, "Unanimous, come." Therefore I no longer hesitated to obey the clear call of the angels, but at once prepared for this my first voyage across the ocean, and to leave home and friends, trusting in God that all would be well. At the July S.N.U. Conference, Mrs. Batie moved that the credentials of the Union be granted to me. The resolution was carried unanimously. I was provided with a letter of introduction to the Spiritualists of South Africa. I was also presented with credentials from the B.S.L. Union, and had the honour to be elected as their special agent and missioner to do all I could to help on the children's cause in our sister country, South Africa. It is with feelings of gratitude that I thank all my friends and co-workers in dear old England, who helped me in any way in making it possible for me to fulfil the work I was called to do.

On September 27th, 1905, the Manchester Central Association of Spiritualists gave me a social and send-off. Many old friends and new were there to bid me God-speed and to give me a parting hand-shake. I felt very sad when the time came for me to say good-bye, but on this occasion I also felt sure that I should return in health and strength, full of joy for the good work done.

On September 28th, my daughter and I left home for Southampton, many friends coming to the station for a last good-bye. Among them was my dear friend Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson, sister to our beloved leader Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten. A few tears were shed, and, with waving of hands we were off. Kind friends met us in London and helped us across that wonderful city. Saturday, the 30th of September, 1905, will live in my memory as long as I live, for on that day I left England for South Africa. My dear daughter and a friend from Yorkshire went with me to Southampton, and dined with me on board the beautiful mail steamer "Saxon." It was hard to part from my darling and friends, but the time came for going, and at 5 p.m. we sailed. All nature was lovely, the sun shining in a cloudless blue sky which seemed to me to be an omen for good. I went to rest this first night atsea, praying that I might at least help towards the betterment of humanity.

On Saturday, October 1st, we were out of sight of land. How strange it all seemed! On crossing the Bay of Biscay there was no sign of rough weather, nothing but blue sky and blue sea. At 11 a.m. we

had a service on board which I attended, but there was no singing or music and it all seemed to me cold and lifeless, without any inspiration. All the service was read like a lesson, by a clergyman. Among the passengers were four Sisters of Mercy; one of them I was strangely attracted towards—she seemed to be suffering from long service in the work she had so much at heart. Her name was Sister Agnes. We had a long talk and found that we held many opinions in common. When I told her of my childish thoughts of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory, she said I had been led by the holy spirit, but when I said I was a spiritualist, she said it was sinful! The sisters are going out on mission work, but in another way from mine. What a good thing it is that our Heavenly Father has more paths than one leading to the better land. I may meet this sister in the higher life, for we are all pilgrims travelling along the broad path of life seeking the Kingdom of Heaven, some one way, some another. We often forget that the way must first be found within ourselves before we can find it anywhere else.

When I awoke on the following morning the sun was shining gloriously, and the sea was a dream of beauty. Words fail me in trying to describe it; many who are more worthy than I am never see such wonderful works of God, but are forced by circumstances to remain in the most sordid surroundings.

In a few days we approached Madeira, and everybody became very busy writing letters to dear ones at home. I wrote a great many for posting on the island. Sister Agnes occupied herself with lessons in Kaffir to help her in her mission. I had more long talks with the sisters; they wore black dresses and each one had a thick cord round her waist with three thick knots. I asked Sister Agnes what these meant and she told me, poverty, charity and obedience. They wear rings and are married to the Church. These ladies were most kind to me.

Mrs. Dale Lace was on board; she had three beautiful big dogs. Their cleverness would have charmed the hearts of some of the little Lyceum friends whom I know. The heat was now getting intense—more like what it will be when we cross the line. During this part of the voyage the weather remained beautiful, the sea being like a sheet of silvery light. There were about a thousand passengers on board. Amusements of all kinds were indulged in, with music and dancing on deck. A pleasant incident was the passing of the Royal Mail on the way to dear old England and home; both ships sent up blue rockets as they passed each other. I shall tell of our calling at Madeira and arrival at Cape Town in the next number.

*(To be continued.)*

WINDHILL.—We held our open session on February 3rd, which was ably conducted by Mr. J. Hopwood. Recitations were nicely rendered by E. Tordoff, M. Stead, Geo. Hearthill, and A. Tordoff; solos were sung by A. E. Copley and J. Hopwood; and golden chain recitations were led by A. Netherwood, E. Tordoff, C. Hough, E. Hearthill, and H. Alderson. We have started a band of hope, by which means we hope to draw more children into our Lyceum.—H. Alderson, secretary.

## Bluebells' Page.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—I have invited our esteemed conductor of Our Boys' Special to say a few words to you this month, and I feel sure you will enjoy the change. Here is what he has to say :—

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—

"From our mysterious, kind-hearted sister, Flora Belle, I have received a request to contribute the Bluebells' Page this month. Is it not singular that, in the first month's issue of the "BANNER," when I had willingly agreed to the suspension of my own Boys' Special, in order to meet the pressing demands upon our "BANNER" columns—I should be invited to contribute a few thoughts through the Bluebell avenue? The note says that Flora is extremely busy just now. I am sure it must be a matter of huge importance if it takes precedence over her usual consideration for her Bluebells. Perhaps she is having a run round among her 2,089 charges, to see if we are all trying to be faithful to the objects of our Guild. If she is thus engaged, and should happen to be discovered in any of our Lyceums, I trust that Flora's eyes may sparkle with delight, as we reflect, by our words and actions, the three essential virtues of our Guild. So numerous are the opportunities which occur to us to manifest and strengthen these qualities of our Spiritual nature, that never a day passes but we may show some sign of interest in the promotion of the three essential virtues. The last-named quality, which adorns the head of this page, namely, GOOD BEHAVIOUR—is but a common duty which we owe both to ourselves and our neighbours. Without it we can never be successful, either in temporal or in spiritual life. See how much the well-behaved boy or girl in school or workshop is admired by the observant visitor or the "responsible management staff." "A wicked child is an enduring reproach." Wickedness is generally understood to mean the violation of Moral law to an intensified and alarming degree, and is rarely applied to the neglect of right and duty in *little things*; but, depend upon it, that if you are careless of the LITTLE THINGS in life which clandestinely undermine our moral constitution, the day will come when we shall wake to find the reptile of evil communications wound so tightly around us, that it will need the spontaneous effort of our whole soul concentration to prevent our becoming spiritually paralysed by the crushing power of evil. In order to prevent this dangerous condition overtaking us, we must commence, in boyhood and in girlhood, to encourage those good qualities of our being which will always be helpful to us in later life when we are tempted and tried. Good behaviour in all, and shall I say, especially in boys and girls, is one of those sweet qualities of the human spirit which all good men and women admire. Whilst writing this, I am thinking principally of those youths and maidens who have passed the tender days of babyhood, with its vague conceptions of right and duty, and who have hardly yet emerged into the sturdier state of a full manhood or womanhood. I would speak to those, chiefly, who have yet to make their way in life, and I am desirous that *that way shall be towards goodness*. Among the many helps in this direction none will be found more use-

ful and helpful than a free indulgence in, and application of the principles of our Guild, beginning with the last-named virtue—Good behaviour. This will necessarily lead to thoughts of kindness and expressions of gentleness. Do not think that even by the exercise of these virtues you will glide smoothly along through life unmolested. You will be tried many times, but fear not. Know that ye will be doing the Angel's will, and that your Heavenly Father will reward you with a spiritual consciousness of peace and content. As I stated at the commencement, there are many ways in which you may convince yourself that you are doing something towards promoting the objects of our Guild. I am desirous of showing you *one* way. It is contained in a letter which I have received from Alfred H. Smith, Centre Lyceum, Sheffield. I want you to read it.

12 Darville Mount,  
Sheffield.

Mr. Hepworth.

Dear Sir,—“You will think it very unkind of me not writing to thank you for the Merit Card I received from you last month, but I now take the pleasure of doing so. I would have answered before, but as I am an INVALID and have been very ill for several weeks, I could not write. I am not able to attend the Lyceum, BUT THE OFFICERS OF THE LYCEUM COME TO MY HOME ONCE A MONTH ON Saturday evenings, and we hold a Lyceum Session. We have quite a nice time. It consists of father and mother, my sister and two brothers, and several friends in the movement, etc., etc.”

There's an act of kindness—There's an expression of sympathy and gentleness—There's *Good Behaviour*.—Yours lovingly, for Flora Belle.

FRANK HEPWORTH, No. 1458.

Mr. J. W. Secker, of Gateshead, has sent me two nice lists of new members—one from Benwell Lyceum and the other from Robinson Street, South Shields. He is hopeful of being able to send us some more.

Mr. George Marriott, of the Sheffield Central Lyceum, also sends another list of members. To both gentlemen I desire to tender my best thanks for rendering such good service to our Guild.

Hoping to be similarly favoured this next month, I am,  
Your loving sister,  
FLORA BELLE.

### NEWCASTLE (BENWELL).

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 2090 Nora Cole.        | 2095 Jennie Oliver. |
| 2091 Rose Farernan.    | 2096 Eva Britten.   |
| 2092 Nellie Armstrong. | 2097 Eva Armstrong. |
| 2093 Ella Armstrong.   | 2098 Miss Urwin.    |
| 2094 Cissie Thompson.  |                     |

### SHEFFIELD (CENTRAL).

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2099 Florence Junks. | 2105 Francis Smith. |
| 2100 May Beedham.    | 2106 Edward Smith.  |
| 2101 William Wright. | 2107 Alfred Smith.  |
| 2102 Marion Dunks.   | 2108 Ada Beedham.   |
| 2103 Joseph Dunks.   | 2109 Jack Richards. |
| 2104 Sam Smith.      | 2110 Sam Beedham.   |

### ROBINSON STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2111 Thomas Longstaff.   | 2123 John Longstaff.     |
| 2112 William Charlton.   | 2124 William Charlton.   |
| 2113 Annie Humes.        | 2125 Samuel Charlton.    |
| 2114 Robert Humes.       | 2126 John Scrimgour.     |
| 2115 Richard Longstaff.  | 2127 Ella Longstaff.     |
| 2116 Isabella Longstaff. | 2128 Emma Longstaff.     |
| 2117 M. Baines.          | 2129 Florence Thompson.  |
| 2118 Annie Groat.        | 2130 Jane Thompson.      |
| 2119 Isabella Longstaff. | 2131 Margaret Walker.    |
| 2120 M. Crosby.          | 2132 Isabella Scrimgour. |
| 2121 Thomas Humes.       | 2133 Jane McDonald.      |
| 2122 Herbert Humes.      | 2134 May McDonald.       |

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

We learn with great regret of the serious accident sustained by Mr. H. Arnold, the Bradford D.V. Our sympathies go out to him and his good wife, whose trials are made heavier on account of having their two children suffering from whooping cough. We hope our Bradford friends will rally round them in their hour of need.

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The sympathy of our readers will go out to the sister and brothers Smedley, of Belper, for the loss they have sustained by the passing over of their sainted mother. We are able to testify, from years of correspondence with her, that she was looking forward to the change with joyous anticipations. To those thus prepared, death has lost its sting, and the grave its victory, for it has no power to hold the immortal soul.

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The Lyceum movement has lost a generous supporter, and the children a good friend. We realise that our material loss is her spiritual gain. She has joined the great majority of the world's reformers and inspirers. Let us strive to be worthy and active recipients of their inspiration in carrying on the good work they loved so well.

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On the 3rd, of February we had the pleasure of visiting the Brighouse Lyceum, to take part in the celebration of its anniversary. While we missed many of the old familiar faces, we were pleased to find Mr. George Crowther remaining steadfast and true at the helm. Those who remain in office with him are able co-workers. May their labours continue to prosper.

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On February 17th, we had the pleasure of visiting the Lyceum at Walsall, along with Mrs. Jessie Greenwood and Mr. T. H. Wright. There was a good attendance of

officers and scholars. Mrs. Greenwood conducted in her usual entertaining manner, and received a hearty welcome, as did the other two.

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We are very grateful to those Secretaries who have confined their reports to within the prescribed limit of 120 words. We hope that others will follow their example, and save us the necessity of cutting them down.

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There was a great demand for our last issue. It was quickly sold out. Several Lyceums have increased their orders, and some new orders have been received. We hopefully anticipate a further increase.

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We are requested to state that the 5s. credited in the P.S.F. report last month to Salford, Toad Lane Lyceum, should have been Pendleton, Ford Lane Lyceum.

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We are also requested to state that the naming of Mrs. Evan's baby, at Stockton-on-Tees, the spiritual name was Ernest, not Victory. May the little one anifest "earnestness" during his life, and prove "victorious" in all its undertakings.

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We shall be very sorry if any Lyceum is unable to be represented at the forthcoming Lyceum Conference to be held in Manchester on the second Saturday and Sunday in May, on account of its contributions being owing to the Lyceum Union. It is possible that newly-elected Secretaries are unaware that their Lyceum return have not been made.

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In order to bring the matter before all Lyceums concerned, we beg to draw the reader's attention to the list of Lyceums whose annual returns are not yet to hand. If the name of your Lyceum appears therein, call the attention of your Conductor and Secretary to it, and request them to attend to it.

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There is no time to be lost, as the nomination forms will be sent out early this month, but only to those Lyceums whose contributions are paid. To be in order, the forms must be filled up and returned to the Union's General Secretary, not later than March 23rd. We are making the above facts generally known through the Lyceum Union's Official Organ, THE LYCEUM BANNER, so that all concerned may be made aware of them.

### OUR NEXT NUMBER.

Parcels of our next issue will be despatched so as to reach their destination not later than **SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH.** 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.



**Mrs. Selina Smedley, Belper.**

Our readers will learn with deep regret of the passing on to the higher life, in the early hours of February 1st, 1907, of Mrs. Selina Smedley, the beloved widow of the late Mr. Alfred Smedley, aged 82 years.

She had contemplated the change for several years, and looked forward to the release from her feeble physical body with joyous anticipation, as it would re-unite her to those she had loved who had preceded her into the great beyond. It would also mean for her the exchange of her feeble body for a glorified spiritual body which would never grow old, feeble, or dull of hearing. It also meant she would be able to live and work for ever among congenial souls in the morning land of eternal youthfulness, activity, and beauty. For it is the physical body alone which grows old and feeble, the soul is forever young and active. With these glad anticipations as her daily companions she lost consciousness to her earthly surroundings on January 30th, and calmly and painlessly slept until 1-20 a.m. February 1st, when she was released from the physical body, and awoke to a consciousness of that higher and grander spiritual life which she had so long anticipated.

The physical body was interred on February 4th, and the service was held in the Jubilee Hall, conducted by Mr. A. Kitson, of Dewsbury, and Mr. W. Walker, of Buxton. The hall was filled with mourners and sympathisers. After singing appropriate hymns, etc., Mr. Walker delivered the following address:—"They were met on a solemn occasion that

day. There might be in that room those who had no knowledge of what was known by Spiritualism, and they stand where he once stood himself, and where once their dead friend stood, her whose remains were before them that day. He had found consolation since he became a Spiritualist in the removal of the fear of death. He had nothing to fear. It also gave him great responsibilities, and the only fear he had to guard against was the fear of his own selfish actions. Their dear sister more than thirty years ago discovered that important point, and having discovered it, she felt it not only her duty to follow but to take every possible step, that others may have a similar knowledge. A more Christlike woman could not possibly be conceived, and he felt that she had been walking in the footsteps of the divine Master Himself. They had known of her good works in Belper a long, long time, and he had come to take his humble share with them in mourning her loss. For over twenty years, and long before that, he had known of the goodness of Mrs. Smedley, her kindness and sympathy. They knew perfectly well as a mother she fulfilled her duties as a mother should, with a mother's love and kindness. (Hear, hear.) They had been observers of that. She brought her great strength of will to bear, to reform any individual who was willing to try to exercise their will. How could they then stand with other than physical tears of sorrow that day when they knew of that helpfulness? She had gone forward, not dead but living still, with enlarged powers, still willing to help her dear ones and her family just the same. She had given largely of her wealth while on earth, but now she would give of her spiritual wealth and power. Therefore, they could only, as they had been singing, dry away their tears, and when they stood on the brink, the loving forms would be there to guide them. They would remember the lessons which she had taught them, and endeavour in their lifetime to do the work which God had allocated to them. Let them rise further and go forth, as their late sister would have them go. If they gave way to their feelings, their eyes would well with tears, but no good would be attained by that. May God help them to be charitable to all."

Mr. Kitson conducted a short but very impressive service at the grave-side.

Strange to say, it was just thirty years on the day of the interment since Mrs. Smedley, then Mrs. Ford, of Derby, entertained Miss Kate Wood, the wonderful materialising medium, whose marvellous seances are so graphically recorded in Mr. Alfred Smedley's Reminiscences.

Her transition is a great loss to the family, the local society, and the cause of Spiritualism generally. For a good number of years she has extended a liberal hand in helping reformatory movements. In July, 1903, she gave £100 to the general fund of the B.S.L.U., and £50 in aid of the Lyceum Home Fund. She also assisted the P.S.F., which she was anxious to see made into a success. And so in December, 1905, when feeling her strength rapidly failing, and wishing to still further help the fund, she sent a

cheque for £25 to Mr. A. Kitson, to be held in trust for the P.S.F., in the event of her passing over; or if spared a little longer, to be paid as she may direct. And so, in May last, she requested that £12 of it be paid to Mrs. Jessy Greenwood in aid of the P.S.F. No further advice having been received, the balance—£13—has been sent to Mrs. Greenwood since her passing on, and so her wishes have been faithfully carried out.

She has also been a generous supporter of the LYCEUM BANNER, as also was her esteemed husband, Mr Alfred Smedley. It was through his generosity that the Executive of the Lyceum Union were able to increase the size of the LYCEUM BANNER and have a special cover for it, as he promised to bear the extra cost for one year.

We refer our readers to the LYCEUM BANNER for September, 1903, for a fuller account of their lives.

Owing in a large measure to the joint efforts of herself and husband, the cause of Spiritualism spread rapidly in Belper. Their room becoming too small, she was desirous that the Spiritualists should have a hall in which they could hold their services. So, in the goodness of her heart, she purchased a piece of land and built the Jubilee Hall in 1887, which a few years ago was enlarged and provided with a beautiful organ by her husband, both of which are now owned by their devoted son, Mr. F. B. Smedley.

Along with her husband, she was always ready to help any good cause for the upliftment of humanity. It was always a great pleasure to them to help the poor of Belper, and for the last twenty years they gave a tea and entertainment every Christmas to about 150 widows in Belper; and for many years, in fact until she became too feeble, she always made a warm garment for many of the most deserving widows, and when she got too feeble to do it herself she hired someone to make them for her. Thus she has consistently lived her Spiritualism in doing good to and for others. Many have had their lives made brighter and happier by the loving services she has rendered them from time to time. Truly it may be said, "None know her but to love her, nor named her but bless."

N.B.—The family desire to acknowledge their deep appreciation for the many letters of condolence and sympathy they have received from Mrs. Smedley's personal friends, and also from many Lyceums through their respective secretaries.

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GLASGOW (Bath Street).—At our annual business meeting the following officers were elected:—Conductor, Mr. Stewart; assistants, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Nutt; guardian, Mr. Cowie; librarian, Mr. Thomas; treasurer, Miss A. Sudall; secretary, Mr. W. G. MacPherson; musical conductor, Mr. Healy; marching and calisthenic conductor, Mr. Sudall, jun.; assistant, Mr. Ken Sclater; captain of guards, Mr. Kerr; guards, Messrs. Arthur, Charles, and John Guild, Farquhar and Miss M. Stromberg; calisthenic leaders, Gertrude Guild and David Sclater; organist, Mr. Ross; elocution teacher, Mrs. Healy; teachers—liberty group, Mr. Burnett; excelsior, Mr. Stewart; ocean, Mr. Campbell; sea, Mr. Healy; river, Mr. Shearer; stream, Mr. Robertson; fountain, Miss Lizzie Sudall. Being so well officered, we are hopeful of a very successful session.—W. G. McPherson, Sec.

## Correspondence.

### BREAKERS AHEAD.

As the Children's Conference is once more approaching, it is perhaps opportune to draw attention to what might reasonably be termed, "Breakers Ahead."

On the Agenda for the 1906 Conference were four motions, from different Lyceums, asking for direct representation of District Councils on the Executive Council of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union. Like many of their predecessors, they were easily overcome by a little old-fashioned strategy, but, judging from the report of the United District Council meeting held at Bradford on Saturday and Sunday, November 24th and 25th, 1906, the desire for direct representation is still alive. Now this is certainly one of the "Breakers" which should receive the close consideration of all Lyceum officers. If the request for direct representation was conceded, of how many members would the Executive consist? Let us see:—Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, North-East Lancashire, Nottingham, Oldham, Rochdale, Scotland, Sheffield, Stockport, Teesside and Tyneside, would all be entitled to a representative. I'm afraid the claims would be too many.

Possibly, in some parts of the world, there may be active Lyceumists who, perhaps through no fault of their own, do not occupy a conspicuous position in a District Council, or even attend District Council meetings, yet whenever the opportunity for them to give the movement a little of their help arises, they do not allow the chance to slide. However, as these persons are *apparently* only stage assistants, *they* do not figure in the play.

Notice of motion has already been given "That District Visitors be not eligible for membership on the Executive Council." Is this another "Breaker?" Like its aforementioned companion it seems to suggest *that merit is of little value*. Can it be that we are forgetting ourselves and placing personality before principle? A quotation from the Lyceum Manual might prove helpful to us in our forgetfulness.—"Envy not the merits of another, but strive to improve thine own talents." The inspirers of that esteemed lady, Emma Hardinge-Britten, in the Golden Chain Recitation entitled, "Spiritual Commandments" expressed themselves as follows:—"All rights whatsoever that thou dost demand, thou shalt ever accord to others."

My friend, William Johnson, has also given notice "That the question of *uniform* teaching in our Lyceums be fully considered at the next Conference."

Perhaps it may be treading on dangerous ground to say anything about this matter before it is considered, but I cannot help but think that the veteran means *systematic*—a progressive teaching governed by a system, and not an undeviating doctrine.

Mr. Editor, if your space was unlimited, other "Breakers" might be presented, but should these few stray thoughts disturb the peacefulness of any lyceumist's mind, I hope he or she will at least consider them to be free from bias.—E. J. Barnes, Bury.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A BRADFORD LYCEUMIST.

It is with great regret that I am able to report that our Lyceum District Visitor, Mr. Herbert Arnold, happened a very serious accident, causing concussion of the brain, by a piece of timber falling on his head while following the course of his employment. Although this happened on the 16th of January, Mr. Arnold is, I am sorry to state, very little better. He is unable to leave his room, though he can converse quietly with his friends. Progress is very slow, and it is feared that he will not be able to take very active interest in Lyceum or platform work for at least some months. Should he have caused any disappointments in this direction, I trust he will meet with forgiveness. I pray that our brother, who has done excellent service in and around Bradford for our cause, may be soon restored to perfect health. May our sympathies and thoughts be extended to him and his good wife, upon whom falls in such a critical period a great responsibility.

H. DUDLEY WEST.

### **Bible Studies, Ro. 3.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD.

This phrase is commonly understood to mean the Bible, and we frequently hear the Bible referred to as "The Word of God," and its contents spoken of as being sacred and divine, and binding upon the whole world. This deep reverence for the Bible and its contents has been the cause of untold suffering and persecution. For if it be granted that it is the word of God, then it must be divine and true, and necessarily all that does not harmonise with it must be error and wrong, and therefore should be opposed. On this assumption has arisen all the bitter strife and opposition to all discoveries of science, such as geology, and astronomy, that did not harmonise with its teachings. Hence the bitter war that had been waged against science, and scientists, and reformers who sought to enlighten mankind above that which was written in the Bible. So long as people regard the Bible as the word of God, so long will this bitter hostility to new discoveries and revelations continue. So that our subject is an important one.

If I can show that the phrase, "The Word of God," found in the Old Testament, nowhere refers to a book, and so cannot be claimed to refer to the Bible, which is a collection of books, I may do a little towards lessening the bigotry and persecution arising from this mistaken assumption.

We have already learned that the word Lord when printed in the Old Testament in small capitals thus, LORD signifies Jehovah. And that Jehovah is a corruption of Yahveh. And that this name occurs 6,855 times in the Old Testament.

We have also learned that this Yahveh was a spirit, who wrestled with Jacob, and spoke with Moses face to face. He constituted himself the tutelary God of the Israelites, and desired them to implicitly obey his commandments, and was angry when they disobeyed, and jealous of any of them sacrificing to any of the gods worshipped by the surrounding nations. It is necessary for the reader to bear these facts in mind in order to understand what is to follow concerning "The Word of God."

The passages I may quote will be from the American Standard edition of the Revised Bible, and in place of Jehovah I shall give the correct name, Yahveh.

If we examine the Bible where it refers to "the word of God," we shall always find that it means a message from Yahveh, or refers to a previous message.

The earliest mention of "the word of God" is in 1st Samuel ix, 27, and reads as follows:—"As they were going down at the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, 'Bid the servant pass on before us,' (and he passed on), but stand thou still first, that I may cause thee to hear 'the word of God.'"

If we read on we shall learn that this "word of God" consists of certain instructions given by Yahveh to Samuel concerning Saul's future, he having been selected by Yahveh to be the first king of Israel, who were Yahveh's chosen people. In giving his message to Saul, Samuel exercised his gift of a seer, or clairvoyant, and by it was able to foretell to Saul all the incidents that would befall him as he returned home.

The next mention of it is in 1st Kings, xii, 22-24, and reads as follows:—"But 'the word of God' came unto Shemaiah (Shem-ī-ah) the man of God, saying: 'Speak unto Rehoboam (Rē ho-bō-am), the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, thus saith Yahveh, ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Return, every man to his house, for this thing is of me!'" In this case we have clear evidence that the so-called 'word of God' is a message received direct from Yahveh, in order to stop the King of Judah from making war on the newly-elected King of Israel.

The phrase next occurs in 1st Chron. xvii, 3, as follows:—"And it came to pass the same night, that 'the word of God' came to Nathan." The message, in this instance occupies verses from 4 to 15, and so is too long to quote. In verse 15 it says, "according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to David." So it appears that Nathan was clairvoyant as well as clairaudient, when receiving the message from Yahveh.

The foregoing are all the passages in the Old Testament in which "the word of God" occurs as a message. There are two passages in which 'the word of God' is referred to. The first is in Pro. xxx, 5, where it is referred to as being pure, and a shield. And Isaiah xl, 8, "'the word of God' shall last for ever." The first of these two means that Yahveh's message is pure, and a shield to those who trust in it. The other means that the promises made by Yahveh to the children of Israel shall last for ever. In none of them do they refer to a book. This fact should help to correct the common error that "the word of God" means the Bible. It means a spirit message.

In reading the Bible we should bear in mind that it is mostly a record or history of the Israelites, and the way they were led by their chief spirit guide, Yahveh. The commands to slay and utterly destroy other nations were his commands, and not those of the great eternal God of the universe Whom we worship as our Heavenly Father.

(To be continued.)

## Lyceum Lesson Plan for March.

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

### SESSION PROGRAMME FOR MARCH.

| Date.  | Opening Hymn. | S.C.R. | M.R. | G.C.R. | Closing Hymn. |
|--------|---------------|--------|------|--------|---------------|
| Mar. 3 | 375           | 96&88  | 225  | 135    | 378           |
| „ 10   | 391           | 94     | 241  | 124    | 351           |
| „ 17   | 395           | 83     | 224  | 143    | 340           |
| „ 24   | 407           | 13&15  | 223  | 136    | 398           |
| „ 31   | 357           | 19     | 212  | 139    | 408           |
| Apr. 7 | 376           | 32     | 229  | 104    | 356           |

### Golden Precepts.

(To be committed to memory by the Lyceum.)

March 3rd.—“Let your imports be more than your exports, and you will never go far wrong.”—*Dr. Johnson.*”

March 10th.—“He that has light within his own clear breast may sit in the centre and enjoy bright day.”

*Milton.*

March 17th.—“Have you missed in your aim? Well, the mark is still shining. Did you faint in the race? Well, take breath for the next.”—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

March 24th.—“To reach any place requires labour; this cannot be avoided: it is law.”—*James Allen.*

March 31st.—“The more a man extends and varies his acquaintance the better.”—*Dr. Johnson.*

April 7th.—“The Love of God is warm upon the fields.”—*George Macdonald.*

### LESSON PLAN, SUNDAY, MARCH 17th, 1907.

#### “OUR RIGHTS” (143, MANUAL).

##### I. EXPLANATORY NOTES.

‘Rights,’ just claim; prerogative, etc. (See Webster).

‘Immortal Intelligence’: Perhaps it would be better expressed by altering the words thus: an immortal intelligent being. (This is a point on which a good deal of discussion may rise, especially on the question, “What is an immortal intelligence?”).

‘Immortal,’ never dying; ceaseless; imperishable, etc.

‘Intelligence,’ intellectual capacity; understanding; information.

‘Infinite,’ strictly without limits of any kind; boundless.

‘Uncontrovertible,’ undisputed.

‘Maintenance,’ support.

‘Monopolized,’ to engross the whole.

‘Ministrations,’ service.

‘Stimulates,’ rouse to action.

‘Sustenance,’ that which supports life.

‘Recuperate,’ pertaining to or tending to recovery.

‘Superior faculties,’ higher, greater powers of the mind, talents, gifts, etc.

‘Education,’ whole course of training moral, intellectual and physical.

‘Culture,’ improvement, to labour to promote, etc.

‘Ignorance,’ want of knowledge.

‘Superstition,’ bigotry; excessive rigour in religious opinions and practises; scruples in regard to religion.

‘Behests,’ command.

‘License,’ excess of liberty; freedom abused.

## II. ENUMERATION OF RIGHTS.

(a) PHYSICAL. Rights to fresh air and pure water, wholesome food, honest labour, warm clothing, good shelter, rest and leisure, a happy home.

(b) MENTAL. Right to education and culture, to think and reason, to break the bonds of ignorance and superstition, unbounded enquiry and form his own opinions thereon.

(c) MORAL. Right to obey the behests of his conscience; to see that liberty is not confounded with license; love and esteem of others, and give it in return; largest measure of happiness, tolerance with others.

## III. OBJECT.

The happiness of all even to the humblest. It is essential to their progress as children of God.

## IV. QUESTIONS.

What proof have we of the first statement—“Man is an immortal, etc.”?

Why do so many people lack the very things we call their rights, and how is it to be altered?

What is the reason so many young people give up their studies when they commence to work?

Would it not be a wise policy to cause such to continue their education to more matured years?

Define the limit between liberty and license.

What constitutes a happy home and who are responsible for it?

What is happiness?

Is a majority necessarily right?

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BURY (off Paradise Street).—Liberty Group, with an attendance of about 30, in charge of Mr. E. J. Barnes and a varied and versatile troop of essayists. Syllabus extending over February and March. Other groups equally well attended. It is with regret we announce the demise and transition of our sister, Mrs. J. Ramsbottom, which occurred on Feb. 12th. On her behalf a special service was held on Saturday, the 16th, at one o'clock (by written request of deceased), after which the body received interment at Bury cemetery, Mr. F. Hepworth officiating.—William Fletcher, Assist. Sec.

CARDIFF.—The annual election of officers took place on 3rd Feb., 1907. Conductor, Mr. W. R. Morgan; assistant conductor, Mr. Woodland; treasurer, Mrs. Pritchard; guardian, Mrs. Northam; organists, Mr. Northam, Mrs. Lewis, and Master White; musical director, Mr. B. W. Silby; librarian, Mr. W. Vincent; captain of guards, Mr. T. Davies; guards, Miss Rose Morgan, Master Gus Anderson; leaders, Mr. G. Harris, Miss A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clements, and Mr. Mrs. Northam. The outlook at present is rosy, and only requires a little more earnest effort to make the Lyceum a real power for good.—F. Silby, Sec.

## UNITED DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Meetings of the above Council were held at the Armley Spiritual Rooms, Armley, Leeds, on Saturday and Sunday, February 9th and 10th, and the following District Councils were represented:—North-East Lancashire, Liverpool, Rochdale, Halifax and Huddersfield, Bradford, and Leeds, and the B.S.L.U. were represented by Mrs. J. Greenwood, Mr. W. Johnson, and Mr. A. Kitson at the Saturday evening meeting. (Saturday) Mr. W. S. Stott was voted to the chair, and Mr. G. Darbyshire acted as secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were passed as read.

Moved that the business of the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. be recorded by publishing in the *Banner* the minutes of all E.C. meetings.—Carried.

Moved that the business of the U.D.C. meeting and all future meetings be forwarded to the *Banner* for publication.—Carried.

Moved that Mr. G. Darbyshire be appointed secretary pro. tem. of this Council.—Carried.

Moved that the motion for the next Conference "That the question of uniform teaching in our Lyceums be fully considered," be supported.—Carried.

Moved, that if brought forward at the next Conference, the motion "That district visitors be not eligible for membership on the Executive Council," be not supported.—Carried.

Moved, that if brought forward at the next Conference, the motion "To consider the advisability of issuing an Officer's Edition of the *Lyceum Banner*, to deal exclusively with matters helpful to the same," be supported.—Carried.

The question of holding the yearly Conferences of the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U. together, forming a joint Conference, was discussed, but the majority of the District Councils represented were not in favour of same, and the matter was dropped.

Moved that letters of condolence be sent by the secretary to Mr. and Mrs. Latham, Mr. Smedley, and Mr. Harrison, in their recent bereavements.—Carried.

## SUNDAY.

Mr. W. S. Stott in the chair. The minutes of Saturday's meeting were read and confirmed after one of the minutes being rescinded. A discussion took place with reference to the text book, and it was decided to leave the matter to the Lyceums.

The candidates for the Executive of the B.S.L.U. were considered, and the following were adopted by the Council to be supported at the forthcoming Conference:—As President, Mr. R. Latham; Vice-President, Mr. G. Baker; Executive, Mr. B. Dyson and Mr. G. Darbyshire. The other nominations for the remaining two vacancies on the E.C. to be forwarded to the Lyceum District Council secretaries by the secretary. The question of Mr. Mansfield as a candidate for the E.C. was brought up, and N.E.L. were asked to withdraw his name as a candidate.

The Constitution, with the suggested amendments, was then considered, and a motion was moved and carried that we appoint persons to introduce the various amendments to the Constitution.

The following were agreed upon:—

Article 12. (Finances) to stand as printed.

Article 13. That after the words Executive Council

the following be added, "who must make not less than 20 attendances at some Lyceum during the year immediately preceding his term of office and also in his capacity as auditor."

Articles 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 to stand as printed.

A motion was then moved that the amendments to the Constitution suggested prior to the last Conference should be apportioned out, and the District Council secretaries shall arrange for same to be introduced.—Carried.

The business of the meeting was then concluded with the usual votes of thanks. An open session was held in the rooms on Sunday afternoon, and the evening service was conducted by the delegates, and both were a great success.

GEO. DARBYSHIRE, Acting Secretary.

3, Belle Vue Grove, Leeds.

## SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the above Council will be held on Saturday, March 9th, in the Rotherham Society's Rooms, Howard Street, at 3 o'clock, to be followed by a public tea and entertainment, admission 6d. All Lyceumists and delegates please note, and let us make this a splendid success.

W. B. MAGNESS, Hon. Sec.

120, Duchess Road, Sheffield.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The above Council held its quarterly meeting at Elland on January 27th, Mr. Dyson, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance, Brighouse and Hebden Bridge being the only Lyceums not represented. It was decided, on the invitation of Miss Jessop, of Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, to hold the next demonstration at Huddersfield on June 15th, 1907. The first two series of the B.S.L.U. calisthenics for the Council's banner competition were decided on. The returns for the quarter showed the same number of scholars as the previous quarter, with an increase of 15 per cent. in the attendance. The action of the Council's E.C. in accepting the resignation of Mr. Curwen, D.V., and appointing Mr. G. E. Baker, was adopted. The resignation of Miss C. Holroyd, vice-president, was accepted with regret. May she soon be restored to good health so as to be with us again, as there are few with a better knowledge of Lyceum work.—G. E. Baker, Secretary.

## IMPORTANT TO CERTAIN LYCEUMS.

It is with deep regret that we print the following list of Lyceums whose annual returns and contributions are overdue. We believe many of them desire to be represented at the forthcoming Conference to be held at Manchester, on May 11th, and 12th, and in order to save them dis-appointment, the Executive adopts this means of notifying them so that they may at once put themselves in order by sending in their annual returns and contributions as specified on the form supplied December 30th, 1906. The following is a list of the Lyceums concerned:—Bradford, (Ivy Rooms); Burton-on-Trent, Crompton; Derby (Traffic Street); Doncaster (Netherhall Road); Dundee (Foresters' Hall); Horwich; Lancaster; Leicester (Albion Street); Liverpool (Mount Pleasant and Daulby Hall); London (Tottenham); Manchester and West Gorton, William Street; Millom; Morecambe; Morley; Newcastle (Northumberland Hall, and Benwell Co-op Hall); Pendleton (Broad Street); Rothwell; Salford (Chapel Street); Sheffield (Attercliffe and Heeley); Skipton; Slaithwaite; Spennymoor; and Stalybridge (Foresters' Hall).—ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary, February 26th, 1907.

## What our Lyceums are doing.

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

ARMLEY.—On February 2nd we held our anniversary tea and entertainment, which was well attended. The children provided the first half of the entertainment, which included songs, recitations, action-songs, sketches, and marching and calisthenics. The second half was provided by Misses Wells, Thewlis, Yarwood, and Croft; Messrs. Gaunt, Becher, and Harwood. On the following Sunday we had good sessions, when Mrs. Law, of Coventry, presented the prizes at the afternoon session. The Lyceumists contributed to the evening's service, and Mrs. Law gave a good address, in which she ably pleaded for the Lyceum cause. We continued our services on the Monday evening, when we had the services of Mrs. Belshaw, of Burley, and Mr. Lomax, of Darwen, to whom our thanks are due.—S. Lee, Secretary.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, February 3rd, we held our monthly open session. Recitations were given by Misses Mabel Simpson, Nina Jones, Bertha Cattrell, and Master Harry Hall, and a reading by Mrs. France. On Saturday (16th) we held a cobweb social in aid of Lyceum funds. During the evening recitations, songs, duets, and quartets were rendered; also various kinds of games were indulged in, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The amount realised was £1 10s. 7d.—W. Dransfield, Secretary.

BARNOLDSWICK (Market Street).—On Saturday, January 26th, we held our annual tea and entertainment, consisting of recitations, solos, and dialogues. Mr. G. Edwards, of Blackburn, kindly distributed the prizes for good attendance during the past year. On the Sunday we held an open session, conducted by Mr. Edwards. Recitations were given by the following:—Mrs. Bell, Nora Coyer, Gertie Bird, Master Tom Ashley, Granville Bridge, Frank Hartley, and a solo by Miss Mercer. Altogether we had a very pleasant time.—Richard Ashley, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD (Hamilton Hall).—Our Lyceumists had a very successful day on Sunday, February 10th, by the rendition of a Service of Song, entitled, "Elsie's Dream Brother," which by the way, was taken from a recent publication of your valuable monthly, "THE LYCEUM BANNER." Songs were taken from "THE LYCEUM MANUAL" suitable for the reading. Recitations were well given by Misses Gladys Exton and Lillian Jones. All the groups did excellent marching and physical drill with calisthenic bells. Interwoven in the service peals of bells were successfully undertaken by Mr. W. Wareing, which added greatly to the enhancement of the piece. Altogether, the function proved a worthy item.—G. Exton, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—The Lyceumists held their annual tea and concert on February 2nd, which was very well attended. On Sunday, the 3rd, the anniversary services were held, open sessions morning and afternoon, both well attended by the parents. A novel feature was tried at the evening service, when several of the elder scholars gave short addresses and experiences to a nice audience. Miss Ada Moore, Daisy Naylor, and Elsie Burchell each sang a solo; also the following rendered recitations: Dorothy South, Olive Griffiths, G. H. Holbrook, J. H. Preston, H. South, Robert Griffiths, H. Bainbridge; solos by Annie Brotherton, Olive Griffiths, Lilly Ackroyd, Elsie Burchell; duets by Clara Ackroyd and Gladys Gray. Good collections. The conductor, Mr. C. W. Bates, presented about twenty very nice prizes for good attendance.—J. Burchell, Sec.

BRIGHOUSE.—On February 2nd we held our annual tea, entertainment, and prize distribution, ably presided over by Mr. G. Crowther. Songs were ably rendered by Miss E. Sykes and Mr. J. Sykes, while recitations were contributed by Misses R. Smith, G. Gaukroger, G. Hoyle, E. Sykes, and Master N. Allen. A bar drill exhibition was given by Misses C. and E. Sykes; dialogues, entitled, "Annie's Holiday" and "Hard-up Rivals," were contributed by seven girls and three young men respectively. The children, who

had been trained by Miss Crowther and Mrs. Brownhead, sang nursery rhymes, and gave drills and action-songs. On the Sunday Mr. A. Kitson delivered the anniversary discourses to good audiences. Mr. G. Crowther presided.—G. Crowther, Secretary.

CREWE.—During the month our sessions have been well attended. Piano solos have been given by Fred Henson. Songs, solos, and duets by Ada Buxton, Nellie Ford, Belle Henson, and Lily Oldham. Recitations by Gertie Robbins, Ethel Reay, Fred Homer, and Douglas Viggars. On Feb. 10th Mrs. Holden, of Accrington, gave an instructive address to the children on their duty to the Lyceum.—H. Walker, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—We held our open session on Feb. 3rd, when the silver chain recitation was led by Miss E. Myers; the golden chain was led by Miss Eastwood. Recitations were given by Misses Doris Baxter, Patience Birtwistle, Rachel Baxter, Annie Thornber, and Master H. A. Eastwood. Selections from the *Songster* were sung by Mrs. Eastwood, Misses R. Baxter, Annie Thornber, and Mr. Eastwood. A few comments were made on the silver and golden chain recitations by the conductor, Mr. Eastwood.—Miss Ethel Myers, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On February 3rd, we had a very good open session, which was well enjoyed. Recitations were rendered by Misses E. Lily, D. Lily, Elsie Lily, and E. Brandon. Solos were given by Mr. W. W. Wallis, Miss Gledhill and Mrs. Blackburn. Duets were given by Misses E. Brandon, M. Brook, E. Knight, and L. Blackburn. Marching was fair, but the calisthenics require much improvement by both the boys and girls.—W. W. Wallis, Secretary.

HYDE (Clarendon Street).—On February 17th we had our open session when a good number of friends attended, amongst whom were the Conductor and two Lyceumists from Hollinwood. The chain recitations were nicely rendered. Mr. Paulton, the D.V., gave a nice, encouraging address on "What our Lyceums are doing and what they are for." The marching and calisthenics were well performed. In the evening, solos and anthems were well rendered by Lyceum scholars and the choir, conducted by Miss McEwen. The sisters Merrick sang "Lift thine eyes," Mr. E. Meal "Seek ye the Lord," Miss Worthinton "My Mother's Prayers," Mr. H. Ashton "Arm, arm ye brave," Mrs. McEwen "Angel Land." Organist, Mr. J. H. Meal.—A. Bowden, Secretary.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, February 10th, we held our open session, the Excelsior Group boys providing the various items. Mr. F. Longbottom, the Group leader, took the position of conductor. Mr. A. Midgley sang "Swiftly Time is bearing us away," Miss Stair recited "A bunch of primroses," and Mr. J. Kay gave a very nice address on "Punctuality and Obedience." On Sunday, February 17th, we held our prize distribution. 33 first, and 15 second prizes having been gained. Mrs. T. Houldsworth, a Lyceumist, distributed the prizes and gave a very nice address. She spoke of the improvement both in attendance and conduct of the Lyceumists, and hoped they would go on improving and help to bear the banner of progress onward all through their lives.—Walter A. Kay, Secretary.

LONDON (Chiswick).—On Sunday evening, February 10th, our Lyceum anniversary service was held. Mr. W. Clegg gave an interesting address on "Reception, retention, and reproduction," speaking also of his work with the Lyceums in the north of England, which we here in London must try to emulate. Songs and recitations were given by Misses F. and E. Gillingham, and Masters Alfred Crompton and Hugo Smyth, which were much enjoyed by all present.—B.I.

MANCHESTER (Gorton).—On Saturday February 2nd, a tea and entertainment was held on the occasion of the closing of the Lyceum through lack of support and workers. The children turned up in good numbers. Several friends also attended. A good programme was gone through, after which Mrs. J. H. Jackson was called upon to present each child with a present as a parting gift. She expressed the hope that the Lyceum would soon be re-opened, and would have a flourishing career. Mr. Beesley officiated throughout the proceedings in an admirable manner.—A Visitor.

MANCHESTER (Harpurhey).—We had an open session and prize distribution on February 17th. Our conductor, Mr. E. Ashton, was assisted by "Owd Jonathan," the well-known Spiritualist. A pianoforte and violin duet was given by sisters Heaton. Mrs. Rankin sang "Heaven's recompense," Miss L. Cannon "Swiftly time is bearing us away," and Misses May and A. Jackson "Hand in hand with Angels." The following recited: Misses E. Craig, L. Carradine, R. Ramsbottom, and E. Jackson; Masters H. Hope, G. Smith, J. Thornton, E. Thornton, and H. Thornton. Mr. Jackson, our late conductor, presented the prizes in a pleasing manner. The evening meeting was addressed by "Owd Jonathan." Mrs. Craig gave clairvoyance. We had a very happy time.—T. Edmondson,

MANCHESTER (Princess Road, Princess Hall).—On February 3rd good attendance. Recitations were rendered by M. Hardcastle, E. Forrest, N. Robinson, E. Lousa, V. Henley, G. Roberts, C. Jenkins, Miss Parker; one of our late Lyceumists, (Louie Fielding), recited "Lucy Gray"; Masters C. Jenkins, H. Henley, N. Fitch, V. Roberts, A. Henley, W. Porter, F. Jenkins, O. Roberts, and E. Cridland. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley gave us a surprise visit, and helped us with our marching and calisthenics. On February 10th there was also a good attendance. Recitations were given by Misses N. Robinson, M. Hardcastle, W. Jenkins, M. Jenkins, G. Roberts, and Miss Parker; Masters N. Fitch, V. Roberts, C. Jenkins, O. Roberts, and W. Porter.—Miss T. Robinson, Secretary.

MOTHERWELL.—A new Lyceum has been formed here through the energetic efforts of the Scottish D.V. A contingent of the Glasgow Lyceumists paid them a visit on Saturday, January 26th, and after partaking of refreshments, proceeded to hold a Lyceum session, thus giving the local friends a demonstration of the Lyceum method of tuition. No. 3 hymn sheet was used, and all joined in the responses. Mr. Stewart, of Glasgow, offered suitable comments on the same. Marked attention was paid to the marching and calisthenics. Misses Nellie Scott and Gertie Guild gave suitable recitations. The session was closed in the usual manner. The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. The proceeds were in aid of manuals, etc.—R. Sudall, Jun., D.V.

NELSON (Every Street).—On Sunday, February 3rd, we held our annual prize distribution, when about 160 were present. Mr. R. Latham, the worthy President of the B.S.L.U., very kindly distributed the prizes with encouraging words, and in a very efficient manner. Mr. Latham also spoke highly of the entertaining and instructive items in THE LYCEUM BANNER, which was the means of our disposing of all our supply. Songs and recitations were splendidly rendered by the following artistes: Misses Ena Binns, Lena Rogers, Lucy Lister, M. A. Woiswick, Ena Martin, Chadwick, Ivy Matthews, Master Sydney Stotts, and others.—J. D. Butterworth, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliot Street).—Sunday, February 10th, was our anniversary day, and we had with us Mr. Geo. Edwards, of Blackburn. We held a special open session, which was carried out in an excellent manner, Mr. Edwards being delighted with our display, which he said was grand, and said we ought to be proud of such a Lyceum as we have. We were all pleased to hear such remarks, which will make us continue to press forward in our noble work. On Saturday, February 16th, the ladies connected with our Lyceum held a tea party and soiree, which was a grand success. In the evening there were songs, recitations, dancing, and a very amusing dialogue, all having an excellent time together.—John Frost, Secretary.

PADIHAM (Ightenhill St.).—On Feb. 3rd we held our usual open session, conducted by Mr. Capstick. The following recitations were given: "The tripper's choice," Unise Crowther; "The Soldier's Dream," Arthur Ward; Mary A. McManus and Grace Monroe gave a reading out of the Lyceum Manual, entitled "The children in spirit life." There was a good attendance.—J. W. Hoole, Sec.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On Feb. 2nd we held our Lyceum annual party and distribution of prizes. The attendance was not very large. After tea the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Cropper in her usual pleasing style. The following Lyceumists took part in the entertainment: Edna Kenyon, Annie Owen, Florrie Ellis, Grace Howarth, Arthur Bagnall, Edward Owen, Edward Sharples, Sydney Kenyon and Donald Kenyon. Credit is due to Miss A. Collins for training these children. Miss L. Dyson officiated at the piano for dancing. On Feb. 3rd the usual sessions were held. In the morning we were favoured with a visit from Mr. Starbuck, of Higher Broughton. In the afternoon the Liberty Group had a very interesting discussion on "Obsession."—John Jackson, Conductor.

PRESTON (Walker St.).—On Saturday, Jan. 26th, we held a tea and Lyceum demonstration to celebrate the inauguration of the Lyceum movement. There was a good attendance. After tea we had a Lyceum session with marching and calisthenics. Great praise is due to Miss Bessie Wilkinson and Mr. J. Cartmell for the able manner in which they led the marching and calisthenics. Mr. Thomas gave an address on some of the benefits gained by the Lyceum work. Mr. Airey gave a few encouraging remarks, and advised all to work together in harmony. Our resident speaker, Mr. Wm. Kilday, hoped this year would be the most successful one we have ever had. A number of recitations were well rendered.—C. Fisher, Sec.

RISHTON.—We held our annual tea and concert and prize distribution on February 16th, which was well attended. Mrs. Holden presided, and said it gave her great pleasure so to do, as the children of to-day were the men and women of the future. Mr. Knight, of Bury, presented the prizes, consisting of 15 firsts,

10 seconds, and 1 third. Mr. Knight advised the children not to be late in their attendances. He hoped that their attendance would not be solely for prizes, but for the grand helpful teachings they received. The following were the artistes:—Misses Walton, Ellison, Green, Duckworth, Plummer, Capstic, and Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Hodgson, humourist. A most pleasant evening was spent.—J. English, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—On February 3rd, we held our open session, when, despite the severe weather, we had good sessions morning and afternoon. The responses to the chain recitations were good. Miss Edith and Master Clifford Metcalfe gave recitations which were heartily applauded. Great credit is due to Mr. J. Smith, and Miss Ada Roberts for the able manner in which they have trained the children in marching and calisthenics. On Shrove Tuesday, February 12th, the choir held its first tea and entertainment. The programme was long and varied. During the evening 18 Lyceumists went through the calisthenics, with sleigh bells, and their efforts won hearty applause. Mr. Walker, choir master, said that his three months connection with us had been the happiest of his life.—R. Papworth, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Hall).—Having only recently been appointed Secretary, through the resignation of Miss Mason, I have very little to report on this occasion. On February 3rd, Messrs. Woodcock and Hayes, of Hindley, paid us a visit. The former delivered an address and gave us the benefit of his varied experience in Lyceum work. We are eagerly looking forward to the visit on Sunday next, February 24th, of Mrs. A. E. Bentley, one of the best friends and ardent workers in connection with our Lyceums.—Miss Elsie Guest, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson Street).—On February 4th we held a tea and social, in which our Lyceum scholars took part. On February 10th we were pleased to receive a visit from Mr. Jonah Clarke, the D.V., who taught us some new marches which greatly interested the children. The following officers have been elected: conductor, Mr. Thomas Longstaff; guardian of groups, Mr. Robert Hulmes; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Hulmes; leader of marching and calisthenics, Mr. Richard Longstaff; and Wm. Charlton, secretary.

STALYBRIDGE (Bennett Street).—On Feb. 2nd we held our annual tea party. After tea, Mr. Croasdale in the chair, urged upon the parents the great importance of children attending the Lyceum and preparing them for taking useful positions in life when they grow up to be men and women. It was in the Lyceum that good work could be, and was being done. If only the parents and friends would come in and see for themselves, he felt sure they would be induced to come in as workers. Mr. Lappin presented 20 beautiful book prizes for good attendance. Mr. Poulton, the D.V., also pleaded for the Lyceum cause, and urged them to increase their efforts.—J. Croasdale, conductor.

TODMORDEN.—On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, we met to do honour to the memory of our arisen sister, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, a former worker both for the Society and the Lyceum. There was a short Lyceum session, after which the ceremony of unveiling a memorial photograph was gracefully performed by Mrs. Turner, one of our sister's most intimate friends. Short speeches were given by the president, Mr. Wm. Law; the Lyceum conductor, Mr. O. Sutcliffe; Mr. Wallace, of Littleboro; Mrs. Johnson and Miss Sunderland, two of our local mediums. Refreshments were served, and the rest of the evening was spent in a social manner. Lyceumists under 15 years were admitted free, and there was a profit of £1 15s. for the New Banner fund.—G. Crossley, for Sec.

#### MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.

On behalf of the Committee of our Building Fund, I desire to tender our thanks to those Lyceums who have assisted our Fund by purchasing Bricks. The following Lyceums have kindly subscribed the amounts mentioned, since our last report:—Castleford Lyceum, 2s. 6d.; Bacup Lyceum, 1s. 0d.; Sheffield (Central Paradise Square) Lyceum, 1s. 10d.; Burnley (Fulledge) Lyceum, 1s. 3d.; Salford Lyceum, 6s. 0d.; Huddersfield (Ramsden Street) Lyceum, 4s. 3d.; Blackpool Lyceum, 11s. 10d.; Hollinwood (Byrom Street) Lyceum, 5s. 0d. The good wishes of other Lyceums who regret their inability to subscribe, are much appreciated. "Nothing is lost."—J. COOTE, Hon. Secretary Building Fund,

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

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

- Acerington**, Argyle st., 10-30 a.m., I. 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., Amley, 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, 151a, 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. Hawkins, Brook side.  
**Birkenhead**, 161 Grange road, 11 a.m., Mr. G. Exton, 151 Rodney street, Tranmere  
**Birmingham**, Sattley, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 3 Marlborough-place, Mount-st, Nechells  
" **B.S.U.**, at 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 Worrall, 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, 983, Grangefield-avenue, Leeds Old road  
" **Dudley Hill**, Shirley-road, 10 and 1-45, Mrs. J. Ramsden, 17, Loris-st.  
**Brighouse**, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10, Piggott-st.  
**Brighton**, Manchester-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret's-place  
**Burnley**, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st  
**Burnley**, Fullede, Richard st 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.  
" **North st**, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.  
**Burton-on-Trent**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. G. H. Forrester, 54, Gorden-st.  
**Bury**, Paradise st., 10 a.m. and 1-45, Mr. F. Hepworth, 2a 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. Attack, 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, Littletown, Liversedge  
**Colne**, Cloth hall, 9-30, E. Hargreaves, 28, Patten street  
**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. W. G. McPherson, 10, George Drive, Govan  
**Great Harwood**, Westwell-st., 10 a.m., Miss Ethel Myers, 130, Queen-st.  
**Greenock**, Cathcart-st., Shepherds Hall, 4-30 p.m., Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann street  
**Grimsby**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stanley-st., New Clew  
**Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. John Williams, 59a, Osborne 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.  
**Heekmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. W. R. Lunn, 3, Commercial-st.  
**Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Harry Diggle, 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., Falsworth, near Oldham.  
**Horwich, nr. Bolton**, Beatrice st., 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 8 Abraham st.  
**Huddersfield**, Ramsden st., 10, Mr. A. Jagger, 8, School-st., Mold Green  
" **St. Peter st**, 10-15, Mr. Wallis, 43, Clara st., Fartown  
**Hull**, Lime-st. 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.  
**Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Amos Bowden, 31, Rockfort-st.  
**Idle**, Back Lane, 10-30 & 2-9, 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**, Athenaeum-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 Pitt-st., Beeston Hill  
" **Psychological hall**, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr. H. Pearson, 8, Grosvenor place, Blackman lane  
" **Joseph-st**, 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Alice Hesp, 33, Sunbeam-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.  
" **Hunslet**, Church-st, 10-30. Miss Warburton, 3, Brandling-st., Hunslet.  
**Leicester**, Queen st., 10-30 Mr. James Bishop 10, Mere rd  
" **Albion-st**, 10 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. S. W. Davis, 223, 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, Mrs. Madge Parker, 2 Spofforth-rd.  
" **Daulby hall** Daulby st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. E. Clarke, 16, 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.  
**Longton**, Stone-rd., 10 and 2, Mr. H. McCartney, 12, Littlehall-st., Florence.  
**Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 46 Vincent-st.  
**Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. Williams, 28, Bellott st., Cheetham  
**Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10, Mr. Arthur P. Anyon, 88, Thornton-st., Collyhurst  
**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, 2-30 Mr. Humphiers, 3 Giles st, North rd, Longsight  
**Middleton**, nr. Manchester, Gilmour st. 10-15 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., 10 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** Gladstone hall 2-30, Miss E H Yates, 75, Brighton st.  
**Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter. 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E. Gratton, 13, Claypole-rd, Hyson Green.  
" **Mechanics' hall**, 2-30 Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195 Wollaton-st  
" **St. Nicholas Church** Walk, 10-30, Mr. D. Hutchinson, 54, Alberta Terrace, Sherwood Rise  
**Oldham**, Elliott st, Lower Moor, Mr. John Frost, 203, Rochdale road  
**Padiham**, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. J. W. Hoole, 83, Lowerhouse 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 Blaxburn  
**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., Masboro'  
**Rothwell nr. Leeds**, Commercial-st., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Johnson, Clement Terrace, Carlton Lane nr. Leeds  
**Royton**, Union st, 10 a.m., Mr. J. N. Cockcroft, 2, Highlands-rd., nr. Oldham.  
**Salford**, Chape! 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 11 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 Florie Mason, 22, Marsden road.  
**Southport**, Nevill-st., 10-0, Miss Minnie Hunt, 22, Tithesbam-d.  
**South Shields**, Robinson-st., Wm. Charlton, 94, Stevenson-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. Crossdale, 43, Melbourne street.  
" **Forester hall**, Vaudey-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. Tompkins, Hagley, Lyswags-st.  
**Warrington**, Sankey-st., W. Massy, 37, Gaskell-st., Stockton Heath  
**West Felton**, Old Store Hall, 1-45, Mr. Reuben Nicholson, Alma terrace, Grange Villa, near Chester-le-Street  
**Whitworth**, Market-st., 10-30, Miss S. A. Mills, 194, Albert Terrace, nr. Rochdale  
**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