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ONE PENNY

After Many Days:

OR

James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER III. (continued.)

When the paroxysm of her joy had somewhat abated, she asked, in pleading accents, "Shall I meet my darling again when I cross the river of death? Shall I know him? Will he know me, or are we parted for ever?"

Florence has passed under control, and motioned for the mourner to draw near; upon her doing so she drew her affectionately to her and said, in low feeble accents, "Lizzie, my dear child, do not fret for your little one. God is good, and suffers not one of His children to be lost. Your sweet, innocent darling is in safe keeping. He is in my care for the present, where he will stay until he has grown sufficiently strong to be placed in company with other children of like age and nature, under the wise and loving tuition of spirit friends who will lovingly and faithfully train them in all that is good, noble, and pure, in large schools designed for that purpose. Your child will grow in angelic purity and develop in stature until he attains the state of manhood. Death does not hinder the soul, or the spiritual body, of the child from growing. God's laws are immutable and must be obeyed. Your child will be brought to see you occasionally, to keep up the tie of affection. And when your work is done, and the powers of the body are spent, your darling boy will be one of the first to greet you on entering your spirit home. Dry up your tears and be comforted. God is good." Such was the loving, soul-satisfying message given to this poor broken-hearted and sorrow-stricken mother. How she thanked God again and again for the blessed assurance, this glorious revelation, which brought new life and hope and joy to her heart.

Before her mother finally left control, she said: "Now, my dear daughter, I want you to promise me that you will no longer contemplate suicide. Think of the children who still demand your loving care and watchful eye, and your good, kind husband. And, above all, think of the awful condition such an act would plunge you into in the spirit world. The thick darkness, the unspeakable anguish and remorse at the remembrance of your deed that would not restore your lost child to you, but debar you from rendering any help to your husband and family. My dear daughter, a thousand deaths are not to be compared to the condition of the self-murderer."

"Oh! mother dear, forgive me for contemplating such a crime. I have been half-demented at the thought that my innocent babe was enduring tortures that were to be endless because the minister had not baptised it. Oh! the agony of heart that was mine. I cursed my pastor for thinking more of his pleasures than of his duty. Worst of all,

I cursed my God for ordaining such tortures, because the first beings He made disobeyed Him. Yes, mother, I can and will promise you not to contemplate such an act any more. You have given me new life and heart."

Such was the affecting scene witnessed in that private circle between spirit mother and physical daughter.

At the close of the circle the Whites learned that the lady's little babe had died suddenly of convulsions. When the minister was sent for that gentleman was away angling, and the child was dead when he returned late at night. She firmly believed, according to her creed, that her child was doomed to eternal perdition, and that had the minister been at hand to perform the baptismal ceremony it would have been with the redeemed. This had so preyed on her affectionate, motherly heart that she had at last contemplated suicide as a means to end her misery, which was fast becoming unendurable, and so save herself from being sent to the madhouse, as she felt her mind gradually giving way under the strain.

Let the candid enquirer ask such as this poor mother—and their name is legion—what is the good of spirit communion, if he really wishes to know.

At a subsequent séance a gentleman, a stranger who had recently come to reside in the town, was admitted. He had dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, with dark brown eyes, and clearly defined intellectual features. He was an avowed sceptic in all spiritual matters, and was thoroughly assured in his own mind that the whole thing was a huge fraud, but was open to conviction. In the course of the evening Miss White described, in a most minute manner, a lovely young woman by his side, who, she said, gave her name as "Emily Dixon."

"Is there anything peculiar about her?" he asked, manifesting deep interest.

"Yes; she points to the left side of her neck, on which I see a scar, as if caused by a scald or burn. She tells me it is a burn."

"What kind of a death did she die?" he next asked. "Natural or unnatural?"

"Unnatural. That of drowning."

"Was it on the sea, or lake, or what?"

"She tells me it was in the river C—."

"Did she jump in—that is, commit suicide; or was she forced in, or did she fall in accidentally?"

"She was forced in. These recollections seems to give her much pain. It is only her great love for you that induces her to answer your questions. She tells me she is your sister. That you were the last person seen with her, which caused you to be detained a fortnight on suspicion. Her body was a fortnight in the water before it was recovered." That well-read, complaisant, self-assured materialist was visibly affected. Big tears came coursing down his cheeks. His lips twitched nervously as he almost inaudibly said, "Answer me one more question. Who pushed her into the river?" And she answered, "Her lover,

to hide her shame and his guilt, as the only alternative to a speedy marriage."

Then he exclaimed, "I am satisfied that I have been holding communion with my sister. No one here but myself knew her. She was found in the river C——, as stated, I was the last person seen with her; and was detained a fortnight on suspicion, but was liberated for want of evidence. Her death has remained a mystery to this night; and the doctor's evidence at the inquest makes the case now assigned as a very probable one."*

Every member of that circle was deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. Here was a dearly-beloved and highly-respected sister, whose end was a mystery, speaking to her brother, who had to suffer imprisonment on her account, relating the details of her tragic death, supplying the clue to her destroyer. Here, too, was a well-read, conscientious member of society, who had lost all faith in religious creeds and all hope of immortality, receiving evidence that his sister was not dead, but still lived and loved, proving to his hard, sceptical mind that neither individuality nor memory were impaired by the change called death, and thus disproving that time-honoured adage, that "Dead people tell no tales."

Who can gauge the power that this fact will exercise over the minds of mankind when they realise it to the full? When men know that—let them hide the bodies of their victims never so deep in water or earth, or utterly destroy their parts in fire—they have no power to kill the indwelling soul, which lives triumphant over all, and only lacks the necessary conditions to prove its identity and reveal its murderer. This fact speaks with a voice whose tones will cause the would-be-murderer to pause in his dark designs, whether it be to gain a crown, a fortune, to hide an act of passion and indiscretion, or to rifle the pockets of belated pedestrians.

As the several members wended their way home that night from the séance they felt that every act in their daily lives had its witnesses; every word had its consequences.

CHAPTER IV.

MR. HENDERSON was still determined to do his utmost to win Miss White back to her childhood's faith by proving her present one unscriptural. We have seen how he failed most ignominiously on a former occasion, but he now hoped for better results. As a necessary precaution he consulted his minister, to whom he also showed the copious notes he had made, and that reverend gentleman examined them with a critical eye and a perplexed mind.

"What is this?" exclaimed the Rev. Mr. Dale. "Bishop Hutchinson on witchcraft, quoted to show that the Bible has been corrupted to please King James, and that there is no warranty in the Hebrew for using the term 'familiar spirit'?"

"Yes, sir; this professor seems to have the Bible at his finger ends, as the saying goes, and also the authorities for the definitions he gives, which are totally different from those generally accepted. For instance, he quoted Sir Walter Scott to show that what is rendered 'witch in our version, is in the Hebrew equivalent to 'poisoner.' And he quoted Maimonides' description of the proceedings of the wizard and the python diviner, and challenged me to prove that such practices were applicable to Spiritualists."

* The writer was a witness of the above facts. Gentleman's name changed.

"Indeed!" said Mr. Dale. "Such knowledge is strange in a class of people who are looked upon as being too credulous and easily imposed upon by designing knaves."

"Such is the fact, sir. And again, this professor corrected me when I assigned the sin of consulting the witch of Endor as the cause of Saul's death.

"You surprise me, Mr. Henderson. What had he to say about that event? Surely you did not fail to quote the passage as it is recorded in Chronicles?"

"Certainly I did, sir, but he referred me to the original narrative in 1st Samuel, where it expressly states that 'Saul enquired of the Lord, and the Lord answered him not,' neither by Urim, nor by dreams, nor by prophets before he commanded that a woman who had a divining spirit should be found him. He also referred me to the 15th chapter of 1st Samuel for the true and only cause of the king's downfall. Saul is there commanded to go and utterly destroy Amalek and all that he had, both men, women, and children, and cattle. Instead of doing as commanded he saved a part of the latter, which he intended for a sacrifice to God in Gilgal. I have examined the records, and am bound to admit that the kingdom was wrested out of his hands and given to David in consequence."

"And what did Mr. White say in reference to this matter?" enquired the Rev. Mr. Dale, evidently far from pleased at the result.

"He expressed himself as delighted with the scholarly style and masterly abilities the professor displayed, and thanked him most heartily for the service he had rendered him, as the facts which had been elicited by our discussion would enable him to defend himself in the future when those passages were quoted against Spiritualism."

"Ho, ho!" contemptuously ejaculated Mr. Dale. "So it appears Mr. White is determined not to heed the advice his friends gave him for his own good. He had better take care, or he will rue meddling with such evil and diabolical practices as holding communion with the dead. Why can he not let the dead alone? I should be very sorry if any evil were to befall him, but the Church of Christ must be defended at all costs, and if evil should come he has only himself to blame." And a dark frown settled on Mr. Dale's otherwise complacent features.

"But, sir," interposed Mr. Henderson, "I wish to win him back to our church, or at least, Miss White. It is for that purpose I have sought this interview with you. I need your assistance to advise me how best to renew the attack."

"Oh yes, to be sure; I had forgotten. Let me see. If I mistake not, you and Miss White were engaged before she became entangled in the meshes of Spiritualism. But, surely, my dear Mr. Henderson, you do not contemplate seeking the hand of one who is now an avowed enemy of the Church of Christ?"

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY. BUILDING FUND.

Since my last report the following subscriptions for bricks sold have been received from the Lyceums named:—Dewsbury, 9d; Todmorden, 1/-; Barrow-in-Furness (Barry's Buildings), 10/-; Wakefield 2/-; Belper, 4/-; Hindley, 1/-; Bethel Spiritualist Church (Leeds), 4/-; Elland, 1/6. My Committee tender their cordial thanks to the members of these Lyceums for their kind efforts on behalf of our building fund, and also to those who wish us success in our undertaking, although unable to subscribe. Such fraternal greetings stimulate our zeal to accomplish our purpose.—J. COOTE, Hon. Sec., Building Fund.

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

We arrived at Madeira on Wednesday, October 4th, 1905, at 6 a.m. I rose early and went on deck from which one had a good view of the island. The sight was indeed most beautiful; the houses seemed to rise one above another in the midst of the most luxuriant flowers, trees, and all kinds of fruits. Directly the ship was anchored, a crowd of Portuguese climbed up her sides like so many monkeys. All round the ship the sea was covered with small canoes painted green. Some of the canoes were filled with all kinds of basket chairs, made by the natives; others contained specimens of needlework, lace, shawls, and blouses most beautifully worked by native women. All these goods were quickly brought on deck for sale; they were spread out on chairs, and the whole length of the upper deck very soon had the appearance of an oriental bazaar. The men in broken English were praising their wares and trying to sell them to the passengers.

After breakfast many of the passengers went ashore. I went along with the Sisters. We travelled up the mountain side by train, for which service we paid 2s. 6d. We passed through groves of magnolia, banana and fig trees, and wonderful grape vines. The day was perfect, not a cloud in sight, and the sky a deep blue. Some of the people wore skin boots. The children have such pretty faces—they followed us everywhere crying, "one pen," "one pen." As we passed them they threw flowers into our lap, for I must tell you that the carriages were all open and the train travelled slowly. At the top of the mountain there is a church which we visited. We saw beautiful tapestry, figures of the Virgin Mary, and saints like big dolls in glass cases. Before one of the altars a red light was burning which I was told, was never allowed to go out—the Sisters knelt down before it and made the sign of the Cross. We then got into a sort of basket chair which held three persons, and tobogganed down the mountain. The streets of the town are all set with small cobble stones, and there is a pathway of them down the mountain side set in ridges. The cobbles are all smooth and round, and as the toboggan runs just over the top of the stones the sensation is most peculiar. Two men run on each side guiding the toboggan by ropes; often the speed is very great, and it is wonderful how they keep their balance, but we felt quite safe. The cost of the return journey was 2s. each. The women dress in oriental colours, and sell fruit; the men seem to do very little but lie about in the sun. After a little time spent in viewing the sights of the town, we again entered the small boats and returned to the "Saxon." The pretty canoes were still around the ship. They seemed to be full of native children whose little bodies were of the colour of copper. Passengers were throwing coins into the sea for which the children dived, bringing the coins to the surface in their mouths. These little ones seemed to be quite at home in the water.

We left Madeira about 12-30, the weather being still lovely. We had plenty of life and movement on deck, the passengers playing all sorts of games. For the last few days the heat was intense but all went well. In the evening there was dancing on deck. The night was most beautiful; the moon shone in a cloudless sky, and the stars seemed to hang low in the heavens like golden lamps. I am sure that some of my little Lyceum children would

like to see the pretty flying fish; they look like silver, and just skim over the sea a few yards, then drop back with a little splash. We also saw dolphins and whales. One day at sea is very much like another; we had concerts and a fancy dress ball. The children also had their own sports; they had a real good time and enjoyed themselves very much. Everyone seemed to live for pleasure, I often felt quite alone in the midst of it all.

One night the purser brought me a letter from a third class passenger containing a cutting from our own good paper "The Two Worlds," about my visit to South Africa. The writer stated that he was a spiritualist and invited me to meet him. After dinner I went down to the third class and found that he had a wife and three children with him. We struck up a friendship which lasted all the way. We find almost everywhere people who have been cheered and helped by the gospel of Spiritualism.

As we neared Cape Town, the weather changed and became very rough, and the ship rolled about a good deal. On Friday, the 13th October, we had a fancy dress ball. The ship was beautifully decorated. The entire length of the first and second class decks were used and covered in with white canvass decorated with the flags of all nations. At 8 p.m. there was a promenade of all those who were taking part. It was headed by the Duke of Westminster, in a motor car which had been on board. A prize was given to the best dressed person. I sat on deck watching the fête and truly it seemed to me like a dream. All that night the ship roiled and tossed about, and I lay awake listening to the great waves dashing against the sides of the ship, and thinking of the dear ones at home. I thought also of my mission to the friends whom I did know and my prayer was that I might be a true messenger for God and the angel world.

One day more and we should be in Cape Town on the 16th! After a dreadfully rough night, the weather was quite changed from the lovely first days out. We sat on deck huddled together, wrapped up in our rugs and furs. Many of the passengers were ill, and the doctor was kept busy.

We saw some very large birds, called by the sailors "Mollyhawks." They are between five or six feet wide when their wings are stretched out, and look like the albatross. We had the band playing for dancing, but no one felt inclined to dance; even the concert had to be given up. All who could do so, commenced writing letters to dear ones at home. I wrote seventeen for posting the next morning. Those who were to land were very busy packing. I had made friends with two very nice girls, who had helped me to form a sort of Sunday class for the children during the voyage. As this was our last night together, we had a little good-bye party in my cabin, with tea and biscuits, and had a real pleasant hour together. We are now expecting to arrive at Cape Town at 6 a.m.

(To be continued).

In Memoriam.

It is with deep regret that I record the passing to the higher life of two members of our Lyceum. Mr. Joseph Penny, a good and quiet worker in the cause, who passed away on Monday, February 25th, and Willie Edge, aged 11 years, who passed away on Saturday, March 9th, 1907.

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

—J. WORRALL, St. Peter St., Blackburn.

Bluebells' Page.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—

* I have a pleasant surprise for you this month in the form of a little story (a true one) from Mr. Hudson Tuttle, of America. You will have seen his name in the LYCEUM MANUAL, and will be pleased to read what he has to relate about

THE HOARDING SQUIRREL.

It was late summer when we became aware that a homesteader had pre-empted our attic. He had not asked permission, but came, and, finding the place to his liking, made it his home according to the law of the wild. He made no secret of his presence, scurrying over the floor and up and down between the walls, always in a desperate hurry to do something or get somewhere.

It was a long time before we had a sight of him. Then he was balancing on a swaying limb of a spruce at the corner of the house. He swung himself to a lower limb, sprang on the roof and disappeared in a hole he had gnawed in the peak. It was a red squirrel, a sleek little fellow, swift as a flash. There was a great walnut tree in front of the house, and the nuts attracted him. I think he had this tree in mind when he decided to leave the forest land, and take quarters in the attic. He had to spring from the roof to the spruce, cross over and jump to an elm, thence to a maple, and then into the walnut. It was a roundabout journey, but he avoided the ground by taking this natural bridge. When at the tree he selected a nut, and holding it in his mouth would spring up into the tree, where, sitting in the crotch of a limb, he would hold it in his paws and gnaw off the thick shell. Then he would away with the cleaned nut, or he would carry the whole directly to his nest, probably thinking he would finish the last on a rainy day.

As the weeks went by and gorgeous Autumn dreamily came, soft-breathed and veiled with haze, he became quite tame, and so intently busy that he paid little attention to spectators. As his nest was directly above our sleeping apartment we could hear only too plainly. He was on the move with the first streak of dawn and worked until night. When the first frost threw down all the nuts, he just carried them up into the crotches of the tree, making a temporary storage, then he carried them to his nest.

Even in the night he gave himself short rests. He was never satisfied with the place his treasure was stored. He would carry it from one corner to another, nut at a time, as a miser would count his hoard. He would make them rattle for the pleasure of the noise, as a man jingles coin in his pocket. Then, before it was light enough to go out, he would get his breakfast. This performance had the regularity of a clock. It began with a rattling as he selected a nut, and then the gnawing of a hole in its side to extract the kernel. This finished, we could hear him spring from the roof, returning in an incredible short time with a load. We could not enter the attic, and hence could not know how great his store. The tree must have borne at least a bushel of nuts, and the little miser had gathered nearly all before we were aware of his greediness.

He now spent most of his time in arranging and re-

arranging his store. Had we not been so interested in his industry and cunning in escaping the house cat and a watchful collie, his night performances would have been unendurable. We said he will get his store to suit him after awhile and everything will be quiet. This proved delusive, for it was rattle and move, with now and then a nut escaping and dropping between the walls, and hurry-scurrying after it. Or hunger came in the middle of the night, and the rasping and gnawing would grate on one's nerves for half an hour or more. Had one been superstitious there was material for a dozen haunted houses and the assembly of a score of ghosts.

A few nuts remained on the ground far away from the trunk of the tree. These had been left because of the danger in reaching them from the cat and collie. The squirrel would be concealed in the fork of a limb, and when the coast was clear he would scurry down the trunk head first, seize a nut and away. The collie, concealed in the shrubbery, would make a dash, always a little too late. Sometimes it would be a close call for the little acrobat, who appeared to enjoy the sport, and after getting out of reach would run round and round the tree just out of the collie's reach, or sit on a limb, keeping up a saucy chatter, or clean the shell from the nut, as though no danger threatened. This exasperated the collie, chafing beneath. The cat was more cunning, and I was sure, sooner or later, she would capture him. Every day the distance became greater, and he more reckless.

The skies began to take the sombre hue of winter with the passing days, and snow flurries came on the gusty air. It was time for all prudent people to keep indoor and be satisfied. The squirrel was an inordinate miser. He had stores for a dozen squirrels for the longest winter, but wanted more. He would have the last nut, and in getting it did not see the cat crouched behind the rose bush, near which it had fallen. He saw the swift descending shadow too late, and his lifeless body was brought in triumph to the door in the little tiger's mouth. It could not be undone, and a cat cannot be blamed for being a cat and true to cat nature. Yet we deeply regretted the fate of the little miser, though he had been a little disturber, and made our night's wretched. Even by the silence we missed him. The tragedy had almost human interest, for it was saddening to think of his continuous toil day and night laying up that great winter store, and then his busy, happy life cut short, leaving it all—not even an heir to claim and enjoy it.

And after all what is the difference between the life endeavour of this squirrel and thousands of men? Do they not as senselessly toil for stores they do not need, and die before they enjoy them? They are not satisfied until their last dollar in reach is theirs, and death takes them at the moment they attain their object.

A month later, before the severity of winter came, there was renewed rattling in the stores in the attic and we knew some adventurer from the wild had luckily found the treasure. And again the similitude to human effort became apparent. The enjoyer of this bounteous store received it without thought or knowledge of the toil of its gatherer, as thousands of heirs receive the treasures that have cost the lives of others and selfishly use them for their own enjoyment.

HUDSON TUTTLE.

I have a nice letter from a gentleman who signs himself Uncle John, who takes a deep interest in our Lyceum

Guild. I am sure you will all be pleased! to read his appreciative remarks of a concert he attended, given by Lyceumists. Here is his letter:—

Dear Flora Belle,—I wish to tell you of a visit I paid to a Lyceum concert held at New Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The sketch was called the "Sleeping Beauty." All the artistes, several of whom are members of the B.G. were dressed in character, and performed their parts so well that they were encored at the end of every act. I am sure this speaks well for instructor and trainer, Miss Turner, I would like to see more leaders follow the example, as it would not only help to increase our ranks, but would make the Lyceums helpful to the parent societies. UNCLE JOHN.

As there are no new members for me to enroll this month, and my space is full, I am your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

Our Boys' Special.

MY BONNIE BANNERITES,

Spring has burst in upon us once again, I say BURST advisedly. As we gaze upon the general sloppiness which prevails, we are compelled to believe that either the SPRING or something has burst. But a little thing like that does not prevent the poetic soul from soaring beyond the grimly-gathering gloom of mud and mist, into the ethereal blue of an exalted realm. This is the season when the occult power stimulates the Muses, and with its magic and seductive touch, sets free the well-spring of fancy—and the stream of poesy runs in a more deviating course into the WASTE PAPER BASKET. As all newspaper proprietors, and publishers of journals, appear to take a fiendish delight in crushing the aspirations of the Spring Poet, I fly to his aid, and would encourage his madness. Instead of an essay competition this month, I submit a subject for an original verse competition. The subject is "The Lyceum." Do not write more than 16 lines in four-line verses. The composition *must be original*, all copyings will be disqualified. Send your effort direct to me, not later than April 20th. A special prize will be forwarded to the sender of the best original verses.

I have received a splendid essay from Alice Hesp, of Leeds; and a very good one from A. Jagger, Huddersfield, (Ramsden St.) A present has been forwarded to Alice for her valued effort which appears below. I am anxious to establish a wakeful interest amongst adult readers of this page, equal with that which is manifest in connection with our popular puzzle solutions. Just fancy! 50 correct puzzle solutions this time, and every one receives a prize. The correct solution is Mrs. L. Nurse.

I ought to tell you that the Special prize for the original verses is to be one of the series of books lately advertised in the Lyceum Banner, any one of the series the winner likes best. Mr. J. Knight of Bury, has kindly promised to give this prize. And now for the National Puzzle, remember, any Lyceumist can compete.

"For the initials three you all must choose
From Job and Jacob—the letters you use,
The surname contains twice ten and one,
You'll find but seven when you have done.
In our ranks he figures very clear;
Alas! the end is indeed too near.
Your sympathy you all may show
By sending the name you so well know.

DISTRICT PUZZLE.

(For Lyceumists in the Rochdale District Council only.)

In energy, justice, and beauty, you'll find
The initials of him whom I have in my mind;
In the Lyceum Movement his name is well known
And in Conference too, he has gained some renown
His surname suggests a good farmer's retreat,
Where is stored all the provender—barley or wheat
He's Methodical too, though sometimes in a hurry,
And he lives not ten miles from the old town of Bury.

Mr. J. Knight gives the first prize (button or brooch) for this District Puzzle solution. Don't post your solutions for either National or District puzzles before the evening of April 9th, and not later than April 19th, or they will be disqualified. Many competitors send their solutions on Picture Post Cards, THESE I KEEP AS MEMENTOES. All others are destroyed at end of competition. If you send enclosed in envelope please affix a penny stamp, as I have been surcharged in a number of cases. The solution of the district puzzle appearing in the February number is Mr. J. Burchell, and the winner of the button is Master Harry Shackleton, Keighley. Only three solutions sent. The winner of the first prize for the national puzzle—(brooch) is Miss Clara Fletcher, Bury. Merit cards to all others.

Space forbids me publishing list of winners this month. 22 Lyceums are represented. Nelson supplies eight winners. Burnley, North Street, seven.

Yours lovingly,

2a, Cateaton Street, FRANK HEPWORTH.
Bury, Lancashire.

P.S.—A. Jagger's essay will appear next month.

ESSAY.

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS IN SUCCESSFUL LYCEUM TRAINING?

Before considering this question, it would be well to understand what is meant by "Essentials." The essentials of anything, are those things which are indispensable, or important to the highest degree the leading principles, without which the whole would be useless.

Taking this as the definition of "Essentials," what are the essentials in successful Lyceum training? Before we can have Lyceum training, we must have a good Lyceum; therefore the question resolves itself into, "What things are indispensable in a good Lyceum?"

First, the motto of our Banner—Unity. All Lyceumists must believe in the universal saying—"United we stand, divided we fall." Lyceumists must not only work together in Unity, but a feeling of unison with the Spirit world must reign supreme.

The Lyceum is the Sunday school for the children of Spiritualists (fathers and mothers as well), in which

the highest and noblest forms of worship are adopted. In all worship, sincerity is essential. Therefore we say, *sincerity* is essential in Lyceum training.

The next item, which is important to the highest degree, is *Punctuality*. How much depends on punctuality, for success in all things.

In our Lyceums can we have Unity without punctuality. Certainly not. By unity we mean the "At-onement with all" and when unpunctual scholars keeps forcing themselves into the already united circle of love and sympathy, which is felt in all good Lyceums, the cord which unites is continually broken.

Sincerity depends to a large extent on punctuality for if one is sincere in all undertakings connected with the Lyceum, one will at least be punctual.

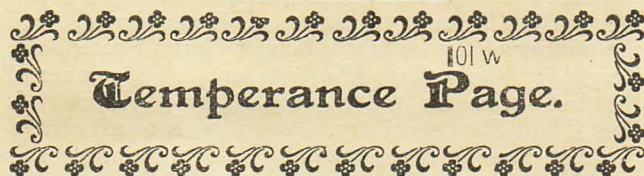
Now if we have, *Unity, Sincerity, and Punctuality* in a Lyceum, each of which is indispensable, *Harmony*, the leading principle which underlies all good Lyceums will prevail.

What is it that sets Lyceum training apart from all other modes of Sunday school training? Our *marching and calisthenics*, by these we accomplish the physical education, which is one of the two divisions of its study.

In a Lyceum each one should have that spirit of enquiry within, which urges one onward and upward, and which presses one to try to understand all things, so that they, in turn, may benefit others.

This is what the Angel's teach,
Better far to work than preach.

MISS ALICE HESP, Sec.



Temperance Page.

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.

I intend this month to begin a series of articles on the effects of alcohol on the human system. This course has seemed to me really desirable at the present time, both from a still-growing wish on the part of many to find out more as to the precise physiological effects of alcohol, and also from the circumstance that, within the last few years, scientific research has furnished a very instructive and more or less complete answer to the question raised.

The discussion as to the merits of alcohol falls naturally under two heads, viz.: (1) The use of alcohol as a beverage by persons in good health, and (2) the use of alcohol by sick and convalescent persons. In the first case attention must be mainly called to the claims that alcohol is a food, and that it assists and promotes the normal healthy functions of the body; in the second case we have to meet the claim that alcohol stimulates, strengthens, and possesses true medicinal properties, by which I mean the capacity of inhibiting, preventing, and removing disease.

The terrible results of excessive drinking are so well known to everybody that it will not be necessary to give much space for their consideration, especially as they are only the magnified form of what we shall have to more fully consider under moderate drinking.

ALCOHOL USED IN HEALTH.

(a) IS IT A FOOD?

Passing now to the consideration of our first point as

regards the use of alcohol by healthy persons, we may first perhaps inquire whether alcohol is, as has been claimed, a food stuff.

When we see a locomotive or steamship in rapid motion we naturally attribute its power of moving to the energy which it is constantly deriving from the fuel which the stoker or engineer is constantly supplying. Experience has taught us, in a way, to look upon the great physical principle of the conservation of energy as a matter of common-sense; we cannot conceive of energy appearing spontaneously out of nothing, creating itself; we always look for a source of energy in the transformation of one form into another. Applying this, for example, to the case of the steamship, we know that the energy of motion is due to the energy of the propeller, and this again to the energy of the steam, which drives a piston along a cylinder. And again we know that the energy of the steam is due to the rapid vibration of its particles given to it by the heat evolved in the burning of the coal. And the energy of the coal is the chemical energy of carbon and hydrogen combining with the oxygen of the air; while, finally, the energy of the carbon was given to it by the sun when the light of day was shining on the leaves of prehistoric trees, enabling them to break up and transform the gases of the air and the moisture and salts of the soil into the forms and structures which, after thousands of years in the earth, became coal.

Now in just the same way energy is being transformed in our bodies. We are able to move and think because our muscles and brains are charged with an energy capable of being changed into something else. When we are weary and depleted and tired, it means that our supply of energy has run low and must be renewed. We are kept warm, our hearts are kept beating, and all the manifold actions go on keeping us alive and well, simply by changing one kind of energy into another; and we are now to enquire as to the principal source of our vital energy, which is found in the nourishment of the body by food.

A food may be defined as a means by which the normal energy of the body is renewed, and its loss of substance resupplied. Let me explain what the last part of that definition means.

We know that although the coal provides means for the activity of the engine, it gradually disappears, and the supply must be renewed or the fire will go out. In the same way, the warmth and vigour of our bodies are due to the gradual decomposition of our bodies themselves, and every breath from our lungs bears with it the products of decomposition. This loss is made good by the food we eat and drink.

From what has been said it will be seen that foods are of at least three kinds. We made mention first of all of those which helped to fill the *energy* reservoir; other foods of equal importance are those which make good the loss of *substance* from the body; while the third kind includes those extremely valuable substances which *cleanse* and give tone to the organs of the body, and which *carry the other foods* to the places where they can be used.

If we enquire what are the main constituents of different parts of the human body, we may perhaps arrive at some conclusion as to the nature of the foods which perform one or other of the above offices.

A very simple series of tests will inform us that muscle and nerve essentially contain phosphorus and nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, and small quantities of

other elements; that fat contains only carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen; and that bones and teeth are strengthened with considerable amounts of mineral matter containing principally lime and phosphorus. We know, moreover, that the greater part of the mechanical energy of the body is supplied by the decomposition of substances containing carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, and to a less marked extent (mainly in the brain and nerve) to the decomposition of nitrogenous substances also. This, in a very unscientific way, is sufficient to tell us that those substances containing nitrogen and phosphorus, which can be digested, will go to build up flesh and bone and blood, while those not containing these elements will be used in providing energy, and in forming oily and fatty substances, which give to the body its plumpness and mobility. Finally, those liquids which are best able to dissolve the foods after they have undergone the necessary changes of digestion, will be most valuable in cleansing the body, and in conducting the food materials to those parts where they are most needed.

It will be understood that, though a sharp line has been drawn between the different varieties of foods as to their functions in the body, such a distinction is more or less artificial, as one class merges naturally into another. Thus, all nitrogenous foods necessarily contain carbon, and so two functions may be performed by one substance. Again, certain salts may serve the double purpose of supplying digestive material, and also of contributing to the development of the skeleton; while water, which is the indispensable solvent for the elaborated foods, is also the main constituent by bulk of the general tissues of the body. However, it may be convenient to make the classification already given.

We shall next proceed to find out what digestible substances contain the necessary materials for the building, warming, and vivifying of this bodily temple.

(To be continued).

The following list of names from Glasgow unfortunately escaped my notice last month. As they have now been in my possession since the middle of January, I must apologise to my Glasgow friends for the delay in expressing my sincere gratitude for this further evidence of their kind and true work. This is the third contribution from the great Scottish city, and it is most gratifying to know the labours of the workers at the Assembly Rooms are being crowned with such success. My thanks are due to Mr. R. B. Smart, and to all the ladies and gentlemen who are helping so nobly:—

GLASGOW LYCEUM.

710 Nancy Mackellar.....1 2 3 4	719 Nancy Barkley.....1 2 3 4
711 Mary Hayes.....1 2 3 4	720 Solomon Shearer.....1 2 3 4
712 Jenny Hayes.....1 2 3 4	721 James Macpherson...1 2 3 4
713 Agnes Love.....1 2 3 4	722 William Macdonald...1 2 3 4
714 Lily Watson.....1 2 3 4	723 Robert Love.....1 2 3 4
715 Kate Thoms.....1 2 3 4	724 William Thoms...1 2 3 4
716 Maggie Reid.....1 2 3 4	725 James Henderson...1 2 3 4
717 Jessie Aird.....1 2 3 4	726 George O'Hara....1 2 3 4
718 Nancy May.....1 2 3 4	

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester and Salford District Council was held on March 16th; the usual routine of business was

gone through, and the following were elected for the next twelve months—President, Mr. J. Tinker; vice-president, Mr. J. Jackson (Harpurhey); treasurer, Mr. Jackson (Pendleton); district visitor, Mrs. Bentley; assistant district visitors, Miss Sims and Mr. Turner; auditors, Mrs. Craig and Mr. Bentley.—J. C. CHAPPELL, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held their Quarterly Meeting at Royton on Saturday, March 9th, Mr. Chisnall in the chair. All the Lyceums were represented except one. The Lyceums in the Oldham District were invited to consider joining our Council and it was decided the districts remain as they are, and the Oldham Lyceums be invited to join our Council. The annual demonstration will be held at Bacup on Saturday, July 13th. The names of Conductors and colours to be worn by each Lyceum should be brought before the next meeting, proposed to be held at Oldham on the 1st of June. It was also decided to offer a Prize, valued at two shillings and sixpence, for the Lyceumist in our Council contributing the best essay on "What benefit do I derive from the Lyceum." This competition to be for children under 16 years of age. Another prize valued at two shillings and sixpence for Lyceumists over 16 and under 21 years of age is offered for the best essay on "How can we best improve our Lyceums." All essays to be sent to the Council's Secretary on or before May 25th, 1907. The judges will be the R.D.C. delegates. Associates will be enrolled at the next meeting. A representative was chosen to attend the Conference.—G. F. KNOTT, Secretary, 30, Whitehall Street, Rochdale.

SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, March 9th, in the Rotherham Rooms, when the following Lyceums were represented—Sheffield, Heeley; Sheffield, Central; Rotherham; Parkgate; Doncaster, Wood Street. We were favoured by a visit from Mr. George Darbyshire, the genial secretary of the Leeds Lyceum District Council, who gave us some valuable information regarding Council work. Our best thanks are due to our friend for his kind help and assistance. The election of officers was dealt with, and a good business agenda was gone through. Owing to the inclement weather there was only a poor attendance at the Tea and Concert which was provided by the Rotherham friends, to whom we wish to express our thanks. I trust Lyceumists will rally round us with more enthusiasm at our next meeting, of which notice will be given.—BRACE MAGNESS, Hon. Sec.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE GOD AND CHRIST IDEAS.

MR. HUDSON TUTTLE'S SPLENDID OFFER TO LYCEUMS.

My Dear Lyceum Friends,—The success of the Lyceum Work is the most hopeful sign in the Spiritual Cause. I have always regarded it as the most vital, and educationally the most desirable system. You can make the Lyceum everything that can be desired, I look back on the years when I conducted a Lyceum, as giving the most profitable instruction of my life.

It occurred to me when the Editor of the "Banner" gave my book "The Evolution of the God and Christ Ideas" such fraternal mention, I would offer it to such Lyceums as desired it for their Libraries at lowest discount, 85 cents postage paid. To others it is \$1 25 cents, postage 10 cents. Postal Money Orders can be made on Berlin Heights, Ohio, U.S.A., and I assure the reception. I began writing this volume by my guiding Spirit Friends over forty years ago, not until now have I felt it was finished and ready for publishing.

HUDSON TUTTLE,

Berlin Heights, Ohio, U.S.A.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Month by month we are cheered and encouraged by the con-
gratulatory remarks that reach us concerning the contents of the
LYCEUM BANNER. We are pleased to have these testimonies of the
helpfulness of the articles published.

Mr. A. J. Grove, of Littleton, writes to congratulate us on the
splendid articles contained in the LYCEUM BANNER, and adds that
they have commenced a Band of Hope, which is doing very well.
I am sure this item will cheer the heart of our esteemed contributor
Mr. H. E. Clarke.

Mr. J. Heywood, of Padiham, in increasing his order, says, "I
am delighted with your 'Bible Studies,' as they are giving me a
clearer view of the Bible. I hope you will be able to continue
them for some time yet." Our leaders and conductors have a big
task before them in correcting the general misleading ideas con-
cerning the Bible, and it is our earnest desire to help them all we
can. Our readers can help by showing the Bible Studies to their
Christian friends. Our Bible Studies and another important
article are unfortunately crowded out this month.

Another good friend, who is evidently deeply pained at the
attitude the United District Councils are assuming towards the
B.S.L.U. and its executive, as evidenced in their report last
month, says, "The B.S.L.U. dog grew a tail (the D.C.) and for a
time 'wagged its tail.' The tail, however, has now assumed an
abnormal size, and is so proud of its own strength that 'the tail
wags the dog.' Oh! the pity of it."

In our Notes for February we published a record series of atten-
dances at the Rawtenstall Lyceum. We are now informed that
the age of Tom Scott is 7 years, and not 6, as then stated.

During the past month we have had the pleasure of visiting and
speaking to the Lyceums at Rochdale (Regent Hall); Manchester
(Chell St. and Maskell St.); and Derby (Traffic St.). With the
exception of the latter, all are in a good, healthy condition. We
have good hopes that the one at Traffic Street will soon recruit its
forces and be a source of strength to the Society.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, the
writer of the LYCEUM BANNER's Lesson Plans, has the proud dis-
tinction and honour of being elected the first lady guardian of the

Todmorden Board. She was at the head of the poll, being 58 votes
in advance of the curate! The BANNER begs to congratulate her on
her splendid victory, and wishes her a successful career on the Board
of Guardians.

NO REPORTS NEXT MONTH.—The local arrangements for
the Conference are well in hand. We are able to announce that
plain teas will be provided at 6d. each. Those who wish to have
meat can be supplied. On the Sunday a hot dinner will be served,
consisting of beef, mutton, potatoes, peas, plum pudding, etc., at
1s. 3d., all to be served on the premises.

The list of nominations to come before the Conference are as
follows:—For the office of President—Messrs R. Latham, E. A.
Keeling, A. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Jessie Greenwood.

For the office of Vice-President—Messrs. E. A. Keeling, G. E.
Baker, F. B. Smedley, R. Latham, and Mrs. Greenwood.

For the office of Treasurer—Mr. J. Venables.

For the Executive—Mesdames Jessie Greenwood, Mary Law, and
L. Mortimer; and Messrs. F. B. Smedley, A. Wilkinson, G. Derby
shire, B. Dyson, R. A. Owen, R. Latham, J. A. Colbeck, E. A.
Keeling, J. E. Barnes, H. Holgate, J. J. Bennett, J. Kay, J. Wood-
cock, J. Mansfield, A. Barrouclough.

For the office of Auditor, Messrs. J. J. Bennett, E. J. Barnes, W.
S. Stott, W. H. Tomkins, and G. Baker.

NO REPORTS NEXT MONTH.—Owing to the great demands
on our space for the Conference, we shall be unable to insert any
Lyceum reports next month.

DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE.—A full list of dele-
gates has been supplied to the secretary of conference arrange-
ments, Mr. J. A. Starbuck, 16, Wellington Street West, Higher
Broughton, Manchester, to whom all letters concerning entertain-
ment of delegates should be addressed, and a stamped envelope
enclosed for reply.

Returns of officers and scholars from the following Lyceums are
urgently solicited to complete our list—Burton-on-Trent, Leicester
(Albion Street), Manchester (William Street), Morecambe, Newcastle
(Benwell), Salford (Chapel Street), Spennymoor, and Stalybridge
(Vaudry Street).

OUR NEXT NUMBER.

Parcels of our next issue will be despatched so as to reach their
destination not later than **SATURDAY, MAY 4TH.** Will
Secretaries please bear this in mind and call at the Station for them
without expecting further intimation. They will be sent from Keigh-
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(Chell Street), Derby (Traffic Street), and Armley, 20/-;
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acknowledged and the various Lyceum Committees are
thanked for their thoughtful interest in the above Fund.

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

Lyceum Lesson Plan for April.

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME FOR APRIL.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Apr. 7	376	32	229	104	356
" 14	381	48	220	134	370
" 21	368	306	238	141	363
" 28	338	302	237	125	358
May 5	339	47	*337	120	310

*Impromptu Readings.

Golden Precepts.

(To be committed to memory by the Lyceum.)

April 7th.—"The love of God is warm upon the fields."

George Macdonald.

April 14th.—"Earth crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God."

E. B. Browning.

April 21st.—"Covet earnestly the best things."—*Bible.*

April 28th.—"Nothing is ever done beautifully which is done in rivalry, nor nobly which is done in pride."

Ruskin.

May 5th.—"Failure is only when we cease to try."

Newbolt.

LESSON PLAN, SUNDAY, APRIL 7th, 1907.

"LOVE" (118 MANUAL).

I. EXPLANATORY NOTES.

"Love."—The old reading is "Charity," as you will notice in former editions of the MANUAL and in the Bible, but in the revised edition it is rendered "Love." The straightforward person who glories in his recitude and honour is more likely to have a lasting influence for good over his fellows than the clever talker. Children, beware of "showing off," mis-stating facts, or colouring the recital of events to produce effect, but ever try to say what was justly true as you understood it, and thus escape being known as one incapable of speaking the truth, or becoming as big a nuisance as the jingle of cymbals or old tin trays, etc. (Read 82).

"Suffereth," a word of variable meaning. Sometimes meaning "permit." "Suffer little children to come unto Me," etc. To bear pain, mental or physical, etc.

"Prophecy," foretelling the future. In symbolic language, one so gifted, being called a prophet or prophetess. Now we speak of such persons as mediums.

"Provoked." Love and anger are incompatible—where the one is the other cannot be. Hence love sees with eyes that register only the loveable traits it seeks.

"Despitefully." Mean, wicked actions, unworthy of a Spiritualist, because he at once fails before the one he so damaged to live out the religion he professes, and he needs our prayers and our love to help him to grow in grace until he can recognise his weakness and be ashamed of his actions.

II. COMPARISONS AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

Picture two homes in which love *is* and *is not* the ruling power, and see which place the child would rather be in, and why.

Show how love keeps father and mother to work to keep a home and its comforts together. What sacrifices they make for the children, which children do *not* understand perhaps until later in life they enter into similar circumstances.

Talk of the manifestations of love amongst animals and encourage children to speak of their own experiences

with dogs, cats, birds, etc.

Show the ill results of bad tempers, bad habits, and wilfulness—practically all summed up in the word "selfishness"—and is the all that is antagonistic to love.

Sweet tempered, amiable, genial-souled beings are always remembered for these qualities, their company is enjoyed and their absence deplored, whilst those affected with a bitter, envious, and ugly disposition are feared and disliked.

III. THE LESSON OF LIFE.

"Do all for others" and you are doing most for yourself. You are training and rearing a rare flower of humanity that will spread its fragrance in many a blighted home, giving brightness, sweetness, beauty, and a helpful influence that is infectious to many.

Read to the scholars 96 MANUAL.

BLACKBOARD LESSON.

Brethren **L**ove one Another

Correspondence.

OUR RIGHTS.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir.—In reference to the question raised in this month's 'Lesson Plan'. "Why do so many people lack the very things we call their rights, and how is it to be altered?" My answer is, that rights conflicting with injustice is defeated by the monstrosity of the latter. Well, if not, why not? To produce the desired effect we must eradicate the evil, or to simply: we must adduce to the just by deducting from and reforming the unjust. The cause we love must no longer be minor, but major. This will require more stamina, more moral courage, or a greater manifestation than we have exhibited in the past.

The most expedient means to my mind to initiate these rights is to endeavour to ameliorate the social evils which are so rampant. Let us as true soldiers in the cause of reform recognise our weakness in the past, for such we must consider it, and by dint of strenuous effort make atonement for past deficiencies. Mr. Editor, should you favour the suggestion by placing it before the Lyceums, and in case it is reciprocated, but found inconvenient to organise a Union under our name as Lyceumists, everyone could do much to swell the ranks. Mr. Marklew's suggestion, as described in the March issue of the *Medium*, I feel confident in so doing we may add much to the story of the Fatherhood of God in a sincere attempt to accelerate the establishment of the Brotherhood of man.

GILBERT MAMON, Warrington.

[Correspondents are requested to use ink, and write on one side of the paper only.—Ed. L.B.]

WEDDING.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On February 23rd a marriage ceremony took place in the above Church. Mr. Chisnall, D.V., officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. Joseph Lester and Miss Louisa Calverley—two Lyceum workers. At 2-15 a good number of Lyceumists and friends had assembled to witness the ceremony, which was very appreciative and effective, all being pleased to hear such a well arranged and pretty service. Our organist, Mr. Bagley, played several selections, including the "Wedding March." Tea was provided in the schoolroom, after which all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The happy couple were the recipients of hearty good wishes and a numerous selection of presents.

CHRISTENING.

On our Lyceum Anniversary day Mr. Geo. Edwards, Blackburn, performed a very pleasing christening ceremony, in naming the baby of one of our co-workers, Mrs. Ward. Mr. Edwards said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of conducting this service, and gave a very interesting address on "The Children," followed by naming the baby "Agnes," its spiritual name being "Truth."

J. FROST, Secretary.

January 1st to December 31st, 1906.

Dr.	GENERAL FUND.				Cr.				
1906		£	s.	d.	1906		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	To Balance				Jan. 13	By Train Fares—Executive Council—			
	„ Collections at Propaganda Meetings—				„	„ Stalybridge	2	0	10
„ 13	Stalybridge	1	5	11½	„	„ Local Expenses	0	4	6
Apl. 8	Batley Carr	1	11	3	„	„ Hymn Sheets... ..	0	7	6
July 15	York	1	12	2	Apl. 7	„ Train Fares—Batley Carr ...	2	12	3
Oct. 8	Lancaster... ..	2	2	2½	„	„ Hymn Sheets... ..	0	7	0
					July 14	„ Train Fares—York	5	2	9
				6 11 7	„	„ Hymn Sheets... ..	0	7	6
May 12-13	„ Collections at Keighley Conference ...		6	4 1	„	„ Handbills	0	8	6
	„ Sale of Constitutions		0	8 4	Oct. 6	„ Train Fares—Lancaster ...	3	6	6
Dec. 31	„ Contributions from Lyceums		37	18 0	„	„ Hymn Sheets... ..	0	7	6
„	„ Proportion of proceeds of P.S.F. (one fourth)		14	17 5	„	„ Handbills	0	6	6
„	„ Bank Interest		5	4 5					15 11 4
					Jan. 27	„ Train Fares—Sub-Committee Burnley...	0	7 ½	3
					Feb. 15	„ „ To District Coun. Meeting	0	6	0
					June 30	„ „ Delegates S.N.U. Conference	1	15	0
					May 12	„ „ Conference—Keighley ...	7	5	3
					„	„ Reporting Minutes	0	19	9
					„	„ Hymn Sheets	0	12	0
					„	„ Printing, Advertising, Ballot Papers, etc.	3	4	9
					„	„ Hire of Hall	1	1	0
									13 2 9
					May-June	„ Conference Supplements in Banner ...	13	14	0
					Dec. 31	„ Advt. <i>Lyceum Banner</i> "List of Suitable Books"	0	14	0
					„	„ Train Fares—Auditing Accounts ...	0	14	6
					„	„ Advt. "Two Worlds" 52 weeks ...	0	12	0
					„	„ Train Fares—District Visitors ...	10	18	3
					„	„ Typing Minutes E.C. Meetings ...	1	2	10
					„	„ Gas Fire for Office	2	10	0
					„	„ Stationary and Sundries for Office ...	1	1	0
					„	„ Postages, etc.—General Secretary ...	8	0	0
						„ Secretary to P.S.F.	1	3	1
						„ Treasurer	0	9	7
									9 12 8
					„	„ Cheque Book	0	5	0
					„	„ Affiliation Fee S.N.U.	0	10	0
					„	„ Deposit on Hall for 1907 Conference ...	1	10	0
					„	„ Proportion (one fourth) Salary of General Secretary	26	1	8
					„	„ Balance	35	9	4½
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Dec. 31	„ Sales as under:—	...	...	...
	Lyceum Manuals, No. 1	1121		
	„ 2	306		
	„ 3	477		
	„ 5	221		
	„ 6	354		
	Outlines of Spiritualism (cloth)	121		
	„ (gilt)	34		
	Physical Exercises (paper)	79		
	„ (cloth)	111		
	Spiritual Songsters	350		
	Reminiscences—A. Smedley	174		
	Four-fold Pledges	16	272	3 0½
	Group Registers (large)	52		
	„ (small)	125		
	Hymn Sheets, No. 1	1625		
	„ 2	2800		
	„ 3	2600		
	„ 4	1950		
	Leaflets, A Lyceum, what is it?	15700		
	Services of Song—			
	Ministering Spirits	29		
	Rest at Last...	286		
	Badges—Brooches	2064		
	Buttons	794		
	„ proportion of proceeds of Permanent Secretary Fund (one-half)	...	29	15 1
		£586	5	11½

1906.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31	By Wadsworth & Co., Printing,						
	Binding, &c.—						
	Lyceum Manuals, No. 1	1000					
	„ 2	300					
	„ 3	500					
	„ 5	200					
	„ 6	300					
	Spiritual Songsters	379					
	Outlines of Spiritualism (cloth)	1000					
	„ (gilt)	200					
	Leaflets—A Lyceum, what is it?	20000					
	Carriage on same	...					
	Wadsworth & Co., printing new editions						
	Lyceum Manual	10000					
	Spiritual Songster	2000					
	Outlines of Spiritualism	2000					
	E. F. Roberts, Printing—						
	Hymn Sheets, No. 1	5000					
	„ 3	5000					
	„ 4	5000					
	(Extra Printing)						
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	Lyceum Banner—1 year's advt.	...					
	Invoice Books, brown paper, boxes, labels, price lists, &c.	...					
	Carriage and postage on parcels and office stamps	...					
	Proportion (one-half) of salary of General Secretary	...					
	Balance	...					
		£586	5	11½			

LYCEUM BANNER.

1906.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	To Balance:—Cash	28	17	8			
	Outstanding A/cs	1	8	8			
					30	6	4
Dec. 31	„ Sales to Lyceums and Subscribers				109	1	11
	„ Advertisements, including Publishing Department and List of Suitable Books				12	4	8
	„ Conference Supplements (May and June)				13	14	0
	„ Sale of Bound Volumes				0	10	0
	„ Sale of Photo Block				0	8	6
	„ Proportion of proceeds of P.S.F. (one-fourth)				14	17	5
	„ Outstanding A/cs.: Lyceums...	9	5	8½			
	Advertisers	2	2	0			
					11	7	8½
					£192	10	6½

1906.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	By Outstanding A/cs.						
Dec. 31	„ Wadsworth & Co., Printing 37,400 copies, inclusive of extras, Supplements, and Contents Bills						
	Carriage on Parcels				129	15	6
	Office Postages				16	6	5
	Photo Blocks				3	3	0
	Stationery, Labels, Wrappers, &c.				1	2	6
	Proportion (one-fourth) of Salary of General Secretary				2	3	6
	Balance:—Cash				26	1	8
	Outstanding A/cs.	11	7	8½			
					12	9	3½
					£192	10	6½

LYCEUM HOME FUND.

1906.		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1	To Balance at Bank	91	15	2
Dec. 31	„ Bank Interest	2	5	5
		£94	0	7

1906.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31	To Balance at Bank	94	0	7
		£94	0	7

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

1906.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31	To Donations from Lyceums	26	11	11			
	„ „ „ Subscribers	32	18	0			
					59	9	11
					£59	9	11

1906.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31	By Publishing Department (one half)	29	15	1			
	„ Banner „ (one fourth)	14	17	5			
	„ General „ „	14	17	5			
					£59	9	11

1906.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31	To proportion Secretary's salary—			
	Publishing Department (one-half)	52	3	4
	Banner „ (one-fourth)	26	1	8
	General „ „	26	1	8
		£104	6	8

1906.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31	By salary of General Secretary—52 weeks			
	1 day	104	6	8
		£104	6	8

Statment Showing Liabilities and Assets on December 31st, 1906.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	s. d.
To Balance, being amount of Assets over Liabilities...	861	2 7 ³ / ₄	By Cash Balances—			
			General Fund ...	35	9 4 ¹ / ₂	
			Publishing Department ...	244	4 1 ¹ / ₂	
			Lyceum Home Fund ..	94	0 7	
			Lyceum Banner ...	1	1 7	
					374	15 8
			„ Outstanding Accounts ...		11	7 8 ¹ / ₂
			„ Stock, as certified by Secretary ...		474	19 3 ¹ / ₄
	£861	2 7 ³ / ₄			£861	2 7 ³ / ₄

We have examined the books of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, and find them a correct record of the Union's affairs as contained in the Statements of Accounts of the General, Publishing, Lyceum Home, and Lyceum Banner Departments.

Walsall, 16th February, 1907.

JNO. J. BENNETT, }
THOS. H. WRIGHT, } Hon. Auditors.

VALUE OF STOCK AS ON DECEMBER 31st, 1906.

1906				£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Dec. 31	By Lyceum Manuals, Unbound ...			74	1 3		
	„ „ Bound No. 1 style ...			0	9 8		
	„ „ „ 2 „ ...			2	2 10 ¹ / ₂		
	„ „ „ 3 „ ...			2	18 11		
	„ „ „ 5 „ ...			6	0 4		
	„ „ „ 6 „ ...			1	4 5 ¹ / ₄		
						86	17 5 ³ / ₄
	„ Outlines, Unbound ...			13	16 0		
	„ „ Bound (cloth) ...			31	14 0		
	„ „ „ (gilt) ...			8	6 0		
						53	16 0
	„ Physical Exercises (paper covers)...			6	2 11		
	„ „ (cloth covers) ...			2	8 6		
						8	11 5
	„ Spiritual Songsters, Unbound ...			40	0 0		
	„ „ Bound (cloth) ...			5	16 5 ¹ / ₄		
	„ „ „ (leather) ...			4	4 7		
						50	1 4 ¹ / ₄
	„ Reminiscences ...					85	5 0
	„ Pledge Books ...					0	6 0
	„ Registers (large) ...			2	2 3		
	„ „ (small) ...			1	7 8 ¹ / ₂		
						3	9 11 ¹ / ₂
	„ Hymn Sheets, No. 1 series ...			1	17 11 ¹ / ₂		
	„ „ 2 „ ...			0	14 7 ³ / ₄		
	„ „ 3 „ ...			1	18 6		
	„ „ 4 „ ...			1	10 10		
						6	1 11 ¹ / ₄
	„ Leaflets ...					0	12 10 ³ / ₄
	„ Miscellaneous Books ...					0	16 8
	„ Services of Song—Ministering Spirits ...			3	16 7		
	„ „ Rest at Last ...			4	3 0		
						7	19 7
	„ Badges—Brooches ...			45	16 10 ¹ / ₂		
	„ „ Buttons ...			8	4 0 ³ / ₄		
						54	0 11 ¹ / ₄
	„ Spiritual Songster Stereo Plates ...			117	6 6		
	Less 5 % depreciation ...			5	17 4		
						111	9 2
	„ Marching and Calisthenic Blocks...			3	11 7		
	Less 5 % depreciation ...			0	3 7		
						3	8 0
	„ Book Press ...			2	5 1 ¹ / ₂		
	Less 5 % depreciation ...			0	2 3		
						2	2 10 ¹ / ₂
						£474	19 3 ¹ / ₄

March 4th, 1907.

(Signed) ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union. Propaganda Meetings

will be held in the

**Regent Hall, Regent Street, Rochdale,
On Sunday, April 7th, at 2-30 and 6.**

when the following ladies and gentlemen will address the Meetings. Mr. Reuben Latham (President), Burnley; Mr. E. A. Keeling (Vice-President), Liverpool; Councillor John Venables (Treasurer), Walsall; Mrs. Jessy Greenwood Hebden Bridge; Mrs. L. Nurse, Rochdale; Mrs. A. E. Bentley, Manchester; Mr. H. A. Kersey, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. W. Johnson, Hyde; Mr. A. Wilkinson, Nelson; Mr. J. Colbeck, Dewsbury; and Mr. F. B. Smedley, Belper.

A Lyceum Session

will be held at 10 a.m., in the REGENT HALL, on the above date, at which the Members of the Executive will be present. Collections at all meetings to defray expenses. Alfred Kitson, General Secretary, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

What our Lyceums are doing.

No Reports next Month.

ACCRINGTON (Argyle Street).—On March 16th we held a splendid tea party, which was attended by a very nice gathering. After tea there was a children's carnival, conducted by Mr. J. H. Jones, of Clayton-le-Moors. The parts were taken by the Lyceum scholars and Mr. Ormerod, the conductor. Great credit is due to Mr. Jones for the way he has trained the children and supplied them with their costumes.—J. T. W. Hibbert, Secretary.

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—Our annual tea, social, and prize distribution was held on March 3rd, when 60 partook of the tea. Mr. Wm. Fish, conductor, presided over the social, etc., and made an earnest plea to the parents to support the Lyceum. The Society's President distributed the prizes. Ten scholars were entitled to prizes, and one special to Miss Holmes, who has sung 24 solos during the past year. Mr. Ben Chew and Miss E. Almond sang for us, Miss A. Entwistle recited, and Mr. B. Powell gave selections on the gramophone. There was also a little dancing, and a pleasant evening was spent.—J. F. Shuttleworth, Secretary.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, March 3rd, we held our monthly open session. Recitations were nicely rendered by Miss Mabel Simpson, Masters Harry Hall and Adam Plenderleith, and a reading by Mrs. France. The conductor then introduced a new feature in our Lyceum, re the giving of pearls, and several Lyceumists responded to the call. The silver and golden chain recitations were well responded to, and the marching and calisthenics were gone through in a very creditable manner. We had a very good attendance, and a pleasant morning was spent.—W. Dransfield, Secretary.

BACUP.—On February 24th we held our monthly open sessions. There was a record attendance in the afternoon, ably conducted by Mrs. A. Friend. Misses N. Howarth and M. Harrison, and Master W. Taylor recited; Mrs. A. Friend and Mr. A. H. Harris contributed vocal solos; duets were given by Misses S. Senior and M. J. Jackson, and Mr. Nixon and Miss M. J. Jackson. It was a most enjoyable session. On Saturday, March 2nd, a large and appreciative audience assembled to witness the repetition of the new Spiritualist Dramatic Operetta, entitled, "The Lamp of Life," by Amos H. Harris. All the artistes acquitted themselves admirably, the interest being kept up from beginning to end. The proceeds were in aid of the Lyceum prizes.—Amos H. Harris.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Dalkeith Street).—We held our annual tea and social on Friday, March 1st, in aid of the Lyceum funds, and I am glad to say it proved a grand success, both numerically and financially. The room was beautifully decorated by our lady friends, to whom great credit is due. About 100

persons sat down to a splendid repast, provided by our lady workers. After tea the room was cleared for dancing, etc., which was carried on until the early hours of the morning, and I am sure everyone, both young and old, spent a most enjoyable evening.—J. W. Huddleston, Treasurer.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Sunday, March 3rd, we had a good attendance; several members gave recitations and readings. On March 10th our friend, Mr. Warner Clark, gave a very interesting address, after which he presented Mr. Reeves, our late conductor, with a handsome case of silver dessert knives and forks, on behalf of the members of the Lyceum, as a token of our esteem for his earnest work for the Lyceum during the last ten years. Mr. Reeves suitably responded.—Miss E. Burroughs, Librarian.

BLACKBURN (Northgate).—On February 23rd we had a grand entertainment, ably managed by Mr. and Mrs. Southworth. Mr. McKnight, the President, distributed the prizes for good attendance. On March 3rd we had a good open session. Miss Swarbrick sang "Swiftly time is bearing us away." The following recited: Alice Swarbrick, "Brownie"; Miss Rushton, "Triumph of Love"; Clara Newell, "Over the River of Light," and Doris Pidgeon, "No Night There." All the items were well rendered.—R. Sharples, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Saturday, March 16th, we had a grand children's effort, provided entirely by the children, to help to pay off the debt on our temple. About 300 sat down to a splendid tea. We hope to realise about £12 by their effort.—J. Worrall, Secretary.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, March 10th, Brother J. MacBeth Bain paid us a visit, and gave the scholars helpful and instructive advice. I am glad to report numbers steadily increasing; children taking a living interest in the work, and officers working with a will. Our best thanks are due to volunteers for kindly services in painting floral designs on banners, &c, also to Misses French, Thake, Scoggins, Leach, Faulkner and Goodwin, and Masters Severn, Curry and Scoggins for vocal and instrumental entertainment.—Frank G. Clarke, Secretary.

BURNLEY (North Street).—On March 3rd we held our Lyceum anniversary, when Mr. G. H. Bibbings ably conducted the services. In the morning an open session was held, superintended by Mr. Reuben Latham, president of the B.S.L.U. Mr. G. H. Bibbings delivered a short and encouraging address to the Lyceum. Miss Bertha Ingham (Guardian) succeeded in arranging a good programme, which was much appreciated. The following persons took part: John Penny, Ethel Gray, Janey Gray, Alice Myers, Annie Horne, Dorothy Gore, Mary Parker, Edith Mary Laycock, Lena Lord, George Carter, Emilene Carter, Annie Procter and Frank Gray. Selections were also well rendered by the Juvenile Choir, conducted by Mr. Fred Carter, of Burnley.—Herbert E. Laycock, Lyceum sec.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Sunday, February 24th, Mr. Bilsborough, Bolton, Bradford Street, visited, and conducted marching in an efficient manner. On Saturday, March 9th, the Lyceum and Society's anniversary tea and prize distribution was held. A splendid tea and grand gathering for prize distribution. Mr. Hepworth distributed the prizes as follows:—First, 17 females, 11 males (double previous records); second, 4 females, 3 males; third, 2 females, 2 males; total 39. Winners all had choice of prizes. A very good social was held, and included songs, duets and recitations by Mr. J. Swarbrick, Misses Hepworth, M. E. Clough, E. Carr and A. Wood, and Leonard Taylor. Gramophone selections by Mr. Chadwick. Dancing and games were also indulged in, and a happy day was spent.—Wm. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary.

CREWE.—On March 3rd we held our first open session. We were favoured with a good number of visitors. Songs were given by Bell Henson, Lily Oldham, Nellie Ford, Jack Reay and Willie Sinclair; recitations by Gertie Robins, Ethel Reay, Winnie Spencer, Clifford Gawthorne, Leonard Sinclair, Albert Reay and Wynne Spencer. A pianoforte solo was splendidly rendered by Fred Henson, our musical conductor. Mr. A. Henson acted as conductor of Lyceum. Jack Reay and Nellie Ford acted as marching and calisthenics conductors respectively.—H. Walker, Secretary.

DARWEN.—I beg to submit the following syllabus of subjects dealt with in our Liberty Group afternoon session, in the hope that it will be helpful to others. February 3rd, "British birds," by Mr. Arkinstall; February 10th, "Equality of the sexes," by Mrs. Ruth Heys; February 17th, "Physiology," by Mr. J. Ainsworth; February 24th, "The Sun, and the good it does for us," Mr. M. Ainsworth; March

3rd, "The life and power of the human race," Mr. T. Sayers; March 10th, "How best to unfold our spiritual natures," Miss E. Holden; March 17th, "Modern commercialism: its evils and its remedy," Mr. W. Atkinson; March 24th, "The life and character of Charles Bradlaugh," Mr. S. Townsend.—J. Clarkson, Secretary.

DONCASTER (11, Wood Street).—Our Lyceumists gave an entertainment in aid of the Society's funds, as a token of gratitude to our parent body. A very good programme was enjoyed by an appreciative audience, all the parts being admirably gone through, reflecting great credit on our methods of training. A dialogue, "Kindness to children," by Misses N. Jackson, F. Senior and P. Smith was greatly applauded. Our youngest Lyceumists took their characters remarkably well, a surprise to all who listened. A song with actions by two of our smallest Lyceumists, Master George Kemp and Miss Rosie Jackson, won great praise. A reading, "Our rights questioned," by Mr. Hought, was interesting. Mr. J. Bates gave gramophone selections. A most enjoyable evening was spent.—A. Bates, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Bath Street).—I am glad to report that the interest in everything connected with the Lyceum work continues to grow. It is with feelings of regret that we part with one of our active workers, Mr. Ken. Sclater, who has left for India. The occasion has been taken advantage of to present him with a handsome gift, in token of the esteem in which he is held by our members. Our thoughts towards him were fully expressed by our conductor, Mr. Stewart, who, in presenting the gift, said he carried away with him the esteem and warm wishes of all the members, and the earnest hope that his future career would be bright and successful.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secy.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—We held our open session on March 3rd, when the silver chain recitation was led by Mrs. Holt, and the golden chain recitation was led by Mr. J. T. Eastwood. Recitations were given by Misses Edith Birtwistle, Doris Baxter, Rachel Baxter, and Master Eastwood. Selections from the Songster were sung by Misses Martha Haughton, E. A. Waring, and Mr. R. Baxter. A few comments were made on the silver and golden chain by the conductor, Mr. B. Eastwood.—Miss Ethel Myers, Secy.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 24th, a paper was given by Mr. E. Howarth, Sowerby Bridge, before the Liberty and Excelsior groups. The subject was "Physical Culture: its uses and abuses," illustrated by diagrams and photos. On Sunday morning, March 10th, instead of forming classes, a paper was given before the Lyceum scholars by a local friend, Mr. J. H. Greenwood. The subject was "A talk on local geology." Specimens collected from various parts of the district were handed round for inspection.—W. Rawson, Secy.

HINDLEY (Bridge St.).—On Sunday, March 17th, we held an open session in the afternoon, when Councillor J. Belshaw, of Wigan, gave an interesting address. A duet was also given by Misses Crook and Murphy. In the evening Councillor R. T. Fletcher gave an instructive address on the golden chain recitation, "Parents and children." On Saturday, March 23rd, the Lyceum held their first tea party and concert in connection with the prize distribution, the prizes being distributed by Mrs. R. T. Fletcher, of Wigan, who spoke very highly on the benefits to be obtained from reading good books. Her address was very much appreciated. Songs and recitations were given by Lyceumists and friends from Wigan. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.—J. A. Hutchings, Secy.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On March 3rd we held open sessions all day. Invocation was given by Miss E. Webster afternoon and evening, and silver and golden chain recitations were well rendered. Marching and calisthenics only moderate. Recitations were given by Doris Liley, Elsie Liley, Ethel Liley, Ada Jagger, Minnie Blackburn, C. Gledhill. Readings by H. Wilson, M. H. Barrow, M. Brook. Solos by Miss France, E. Brandon, W. W. Wallis, M. H. Barrow, C. Gledhill, which ended a very good day.—W. W. Wallis, Secy.

KEIGHLEY.—On March 10th we held our open session, the members of Liberty group providing the items, which were of a high order of excellence. Mr. Joe Kay addressed the Lyceum, as also did Mr. J. Whitaker, one of the trustees, who said that never during his connection with the movement had he seen a better disciplined Lyceum, and he was proud that they belonged to Keighley. Mrs. Stair spoke in a similar strain, and said that during all her travels in every part of the country she had only seen two Lyceums which were in a healthier condition, and she saw no reason why we should not be the

best in a short time, if we kept up our present effort.—W. A. Kay, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On March 3rd we held our open session, which was well attended. Mr. W. B. Wright spoke on the good Lyceumists could do for the Lyceum. On the 11th we had a social. The following friends helped to make the event enjoyable—Master H. Hill, a pianoforte selection; Master A. Sibson, a banjo solo; Mr. S. Smith, a song ("Bonnie Mary"). On March 17th we were delighted to have our D.V., who spoke highly of our Lyceum sessions. He named a little boy in a pleasing manner. The following gave recitations—Misses Jackson and Geary, and Master D. Burton. Thus ended a very enjoyable and instructive session.—James Bishop, Secy.

LONDON (Tottenham).—On March 3rd we held our half-yearly election of officers, as follows—Conductor, Mr. C. Barrington; assistant, Miss N. Turner; secy., Miss P. Cole; treasurer, Mr. Percy Cole; guardian, Miss A. Barnes; musical conductor, Miss N. Turner; captain of guards, Mr. H. Jones; librarian, Miss D. Roche. On March 17th we held our second anniversary, which was very successful. Recitations were given by Kathleen Jones and Ada Barnes. Miss Elsie Barnes sang "Joy Bells." Mr. Mosbury spoke some kind and encouraging words on "Never be down-hearted," and Mr. Barrington gave clairvoyance, all the descriptions being recognised.—Phyllis Cole, Secy.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—A successful series of "At Homes" was held on March 1st, 2nd, and 4th, which realised £11 5s. On the opening evening the hosts were Mrs. Butterworth, of Blackpool, and Mr. Morse, of Manchester. Mr. A. Wilkinson, of Nelson, was in the chair. On the second evening the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepworth, of Bury, Mrs. Butterworth in the chair. On the third evening the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Herring, of Manchester, Mr. Aronovich in the chair. The Collyhurst Lyceum concert party gave their services, for which we tender our sincere thanks. Recitations by Misses Cheetwood and Hepworth, and Mr. Aronovich, and piano solos by Mr. J. Reed and Mrs. Parker, of Liverpool, were all much appreciated.—Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER (Princess Hall, Princess Road).—On Mar. 20th we held a Lyceum tea party, provided by a general effort for the children. We thank all friends for their gifts and kindly assistance willingly rendered. I am happy to say that 200 attended the effort. The programme consisted of a song and dance by Miss D. Pickford; a humorous recitation by Mr. Henley; a song, "Star of the desert," by Mr. Robinson; a Spanish dance by Miss G. Roberts; and a series of tableaux, in which several of the Lyceumists took part with great success. The elders indulged in dancing for the rest of the evening.—Miss T. Robinson, Secy.

MOTHERWELL.—We are making good progress. Each boy and girl come to the Lyceum with the sole intention of making the session the brightest and best two hours in the week. On March 17th we had a visit from a dear friend of the Lyceum, namely, Mrs. Scott, who has been an active worker and advocate of our beautiful religion for 30 years. She spoke to us on how to conduct ourselves during the Lyceum session, giving us to understand that a quick response to the conductor's bell was one of the essentials of a good Lyceum.—John Winning, Conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (High Friar Street).—On March 3rd we held our usual monthly open session, and there was a hearty response to our conductor's invitation. Miss Nelly and Master Jack Bentley sang "We are trying to follow the angels." Their effort gave good promise that with careful training they will become accomplished vocalists. Miss Clara Servant gave a violin solo, "Home, sweet home," and Master Willie Slater selections on the concertina, followed by recitations from the Misses Isabella and Maggie Sead and Master E. Mien. A pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by the successful rendering of those two delightful songs, "The beautiful land of Nod" and "The promise of life," by Miss Cora Smith and Miss Lily Clarke.—A. Brown, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—March 3rd was our open session or temperance Sunday. After the opening we had recitations by H. Dobney, Nancy McCaig and Harold Huntback, which were very well rendered. These were followed by a short address on Temperance by Mr. Elvidge, and a few remarks by our old friend, Mr. Masters, from his old text, "Where there's drink, there's danger."—Miss E. H. Yates.

OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—On Sunday, March 3rd, we held our Lyceum open session at 2-30 p.m., the singing, recitations and marching being gone through very satisfactorily, after which our

friend, Mrs. Sykes, addressed a few words to the Lyceums and visitors on the teachings in our Lyceums. In the evening the elders of the Lyceum rendered a service of song, entitled "The silver lining, or the poor student," in a very creditable manner, Mrs. Sykes being the reader.—W.T.W., Secretary.

PADIHAM (Ightenhill Street).—On March 3rd we held our open sessions. There were 60 present in the morning, and 80 in the afternoon. The responses to the chain recitations were good. The following recitations were given:—"Owd Joe and his jackdaw," Miss Unise Crawshaw; "The outcast," Miss Grace Munro; "A happy New Year," Master A. Ward; "Marmion," Miss M. F. Danby; "The sick doll," M. A. Oates. Misses M. A. McManus, S. Hoole and Annie Broadley sang "Strike your harps." Great credit is due to our young Assistant Conductor, Miss Mary Ann McManus for the able manner in which she conducted the session.—J. W. Hoole, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane) Lyceum gave their second annual Poor Children's Treat, on Saturday, March 9th, to about 600 children. After tea a good entertainment was given by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Master H. Partington sang very sweetly "The better land" and "The fisherman and his child"; Miss Stableford, "Convent bells"; comic songs by Messrs. A. Starbuck and W. Mayers; selections on the violin by Mr. Stableford; good selections from Mr. Prince's gramophone, concertina selections also very much enjoyed; recitations by Misses Starbuck and A. Owen, and Masters A. Bagnall and E. Stubbs. The troupe of nigger minstrels well pleased the young folks. Miss L. Dyson officiated at the piano. Oranges were distributed at the close.—John Jackson, Conductor.

PRESTON (Walker Street).—On Sunday, March 3rd, we had our monthly open session. There was a good attendance. Recitations were given by Miss Savage, Annie Jones, Alice L. Fisher, Maggie Wilkinson, Florrie Dickinson, Ada Kenyon, Esther Cartmell, Annie Dawkins, Lena Fozackerley, Beatrice Robinson, Ivy Porter, Ivy Pullan, May Pullan, John Cartmell and Peter Gregson. We are pleased to say that our Lyceum is increasing every week. In the afternoon we had a Liberty Group, conducted by Mr. W. Kilday, subject "Symbols," which was very interesting. On the whole we had a successful day.—C. Fisher, Secretary.

RAWTENSTALL.—On February 23rd we held our annual tea party and distribution—41 firsts, 2 seconds, and 1 third prizes. An excellent tea and entertainment were provided. Mr. Coupe, in the chair, made special reference to some notable attendances as follows:—Miss M. T. Ormerod and her sister, Miss S. E. Ormerod, who have received a 1st prize for 15 consecutive years; the Bros. Abraham and T. T. Warburton, 1st prize for 12 years; Mr. G. H. Foster, 1st for 11 years; also his two daughters, M. T. Foster, 11 years old, 1st for 10 years; Sarah Elizabeth Foster, 9 years of age, eight 1st prizes; Mr. Mansfield and his son and daughter, five years 1st prize; Miss E. A. Tomlinson, nine years 1st prize. The prizes were distributed by Miss T. Jeffery, of Collyhurst Lyceum.—A. W. Scott, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM (Howard Street).—On February 24th we held our usual open session, which was attended by between 70 and 80 children and adults. The session was one of the brightest we have had, each child responding to the conductor with great promptitude, which shows to us we are still progressing, and with the help of God and the Spirit friends we hope to do so. On March 9th the first meeting of the Sheffield District Lyceum Council was held in our rooms, there being a good muster of delegates present. After the meeting tea was provided, of which about 50 partook of the good things provided. An entertainment followed, provided by Lyceumists from different parts of the Sheffield district, which was much enjoyed.—R. Papworth, Secretary.

ROYTON.—We held our delegates party on March 9th, which was a grand success. The following gave solos: J. G. Mellor, A. Rayburn, Miss Carter, of Elliot Street, Oldham; Miss L. Garside, and Mr. Pike. Prizes were awarded to the following: L. Garside, May Garside, and F. Jones.—J. W. Cockcroft, Secretary.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Silver Street).—On Sunday, March 10th, the children of the above Lyceum gave a Service of Song—"A Terrible Lesson"—to a large audience, which was very much appreciated. Solos were rendered by Miss E. Harrison and Miss V. Harrison, and a recitation by Amy Heslop. The reading was given by the assistant conductor, Mr. Heslop.—Richelieu Brown, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Hall).—On February 24th the anticipated visit of Mrs. A. E. Bentley became an accomplished fact, and beneficial results accrued therefrom from every point of view. On March 3rd our open Lyceum Session proved one of the best since its inception. The following programme was effectively consummated:—Solo, "Ora pro Nobis," Miss Chrissie Aspinwall; recitations, "The Drunkard's Wife," Miss Bolton; "The Lifeboat Man," Miss Senior; prologue and recitation, "Ulysses story," Miss Bell; Part of Portia's speech—"The quality of mercy," from the "Merchant of Venice" Master Cecil Houlicroft, concluding with clairvoyant delineations by the conductor, Mrs. Scholes.—Miss Elsie Guest, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Queen's Hall, Neville Street).—On Sunday, March 3rd, we held our monthly open session, when the following items were rendered:—Recitation by Misses Alice and Linda Smart, Maggie Jones, Lizzie Careful, and Kenway; and Albert Careful. Pleased to be able to report good, steady progress in Lyceum; conduct good, and also Lyceumists attentive to duties.—Miss M. Hunt, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson St.).—On March 3rd we held our open session, when we had a good number of children present. The responses to the chain recitations were good. Great credit is due to our conductor for the able manner in which he has trained the children in marching and calisthenics. On Sunday, 17th, we presented the children and officers with the Bluebells Guild membership cards. All were delighted. We also enrolled five new members, and are hoping to have more.—Wm. Charlton, Sec.

TODMORDEN.—On March 3rd we held our open session. There was a good attendance and a varied programme. The following recited: Misses B. A. Crossley, S. Ridgway, A. M. Sutcliffe; Mr. G. Crossley and Master W. Sutcliffe. A series of pearls were given by W. J. Braund. A short essay on Bells was given by H. Stell, special mention being made of the Lyceum bell and its uses. Miss Stansfield gave a solo from the Manual; C. Golding gave two songs, and Masters W. Sutcliffe and J. Broadbent a duet. By request Mr. Stell recited "The Gin Fiend." Thanks to our devoted conductor, ably seconded by the elder scholars, the Lyceum continues to make steady progress.—Miss A. Emmott, Fin. Sec.
Mr. G. Crossley, Cor. Sec.

WAKEFIELD.—On March 10th we held our anniversary services. In the afternoon we had an open session. Mr. Todd, of Bradford, was the speaker for the day. Recitations were given by Harriet Bedford, Alice Appleyard, Mary Cope, May Stokes, Berty Laverack, Mr. Beety, and Florrie Anthony sang a solo. After the exercises, Mr. Todd gave a very interesting address on "The lad who duffed, and the lad who didn't." Mr. Smith, of Rotherham, and Mr. J. Kitson, D.V., were also present. We had a very enjoyable session. The evening service was well attended. Mr. Todd gave a very good address on "Your sons and daughters." The text was taken from the LYCEUM MANUAL golden chain recitation.—A. Baldwin, Secretary.

WALSALL (Central Hall, Bradford Street).—On Sunday, March 3rd, we held our usual open session and Banner Sunday, Mr. A. V. Thomas being the conductor. There was a good attendance: of officers and Lyceumists, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The following list of reciters contributed to the harmony of the session:—Sydney Bird, "The battle of Flodden"; Violet Wilkinson, "The sand piper"; Harold Thomas, "Love one another"; Lily Thomas, "The shepherd"; Hilda Faulkner, "May morning"; Mabel Thomas, "The tempest"; Pollie Smith, "The farmer"; Rose Smith; Margery Madge, "When I was at the party"; Jennie Bird, "The sins of omission."—W. H. Tompkins, Secretary.

YORK (St. Saviourgate).—On Sunday, March 10th, we held an open session. The morning and afternoon sessions were well attended, there being a splendid rally of Lyceumists. Bright singing and good order prevailed. Calisthenics and marching were well executed, Miss A. Barker conducting calisthenics. There was a moderate attendance in the evening, the programme being bright and varied. All the items were well received. The following contributed to the day's proceedings:—Recitations by Mrs. Parker, Mabel Parker, Daisy Stead, Evelyn Apedaile, George Stead, Frank Apedaile and Ronald Rush; solos by Mrs. Parker, Beatrice Webley, Sarah Apedaile, Ruth Wells, Laura Rush and Harry Apedaile. The church choir, assisted by Lyceumists, also rendered "Hear the angels sing." Mr. T. Apedaile conducted, and Mr. Frank and the Lyceum Secretary took the golden and silver chain recitations.—Chas. Hall, Secretary.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

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

- Accrington**, Argyle st., 10-30 a.m., J. T. Hibbert, 181 Burnley road
- " **China-st.**, at 10 a.m., Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 1 Lion-st., Church
- " **Carter-st.**, 10-30, G. R. Sutcliffe, 60, Pendle street
- Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Lee, 12, Paisley-st. Armley, Leeds
- Ashington Colliery**, 2 p.m., Mr. C. Smith, 25 Roslynd terrace, Hirst, via Morpeth
- Ashton-under-Lyne**, Burlington street 10-30, Mr. W. Dransfield, 13, Russell-st., Hurst
- Bacup**, Market street, 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m., Mr. B. J. Riding, 151a, Rochdale road
- Barnoldswick**, Market-st., 10 & 1-30, Richard Ashley, 10, Powell-st.
- Barnsley**, George Yard, 10-30 a.m., and 2 p.m., Mr. C. H. Scholey, 26 Blenheim road
- 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**, Salfrey, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 3 Marlborough-place, Mount-st, Nechells
- " **B.S.U.**, 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Mrs. F. H. Knibb 146, Bristol-st., 2-45
- " **Smethwick**, Central hall, cape hill 2-45 p.m., Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road
- Blackburn**, St. Peter st., 9-30 and 1-45, Mr. John Worrall, 29, Suffolk-st., Mill Hill
- " **Northgate**, 9-30 1-45 Mr. R. Sharples, 7, Mary Ann st.
- Blackpool**, Albert rd., 9-30, Mr. Wm. Critchlow, 69 Albert road
- 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 985, Grange-field-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, 19, 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**, Fulledge, 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. Atack, 100, Hugh street, Beacroft 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. J. Dransfield, 23 Horton terrace, 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, 66, 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, Childers-st., Elmfield.
- Dukinfield**, Railway st., 10-30, Geo. Ellis, 26 Portland place, Portland st., Ashton-u-Lyne
- Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, 12-20, Mr. George Duff, 2, Tullock crescent
- Edinburgh**, Queen-st., 2-30, Mr. J. Lewington, 12, 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
- Grimshy**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stanley-st., New Clec
- 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. J. Whiteley, 6, Cromwell-st.
- Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. W. Rawson, Post Office Mytholmroyd, S.O., Yorks.
- Heckmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. W. R. Lunn, 3, Commercial-st.
- Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Harry Diggles, 103, Miller-st.
- Higher Broughton, Salford**, Hilton st. 10-30 and 2, Mrs. Craig, 16, Harrietta st. Higher Broughton.
- Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. H. Hutchins, 5, Hill st.
- Hollinwood**, Byrom-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape 91, Chapel-rd., nr. Oldham.
- Hollinwood**, Bower Lane, 10-30, Mr. F. Clark, 177 Chapel road, 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., Far-town
- Hull**, Lime-st. 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.
- Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Amos Bowden, 31, Rockfort-st.
- Idle**, Back Lane, 10-30 & 2-0, Mrs. M. J. Whitworth, 151, Bolton Hall rd, Bolton Woods, nr. Bradford
- Johannesburg**, Mr. Joseph Horne, P.O. Box 6209, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Keighley**, Heber st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Walter A. Kay, 54 Cavendish street.
- Lancaster**, 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, 225, Melton-st.
- Lincoln**, Frances Court, High-st., Mr. Sidney A Miles, 50, Belmont-st.
- Littletown**, Well-st., 10 and 2, Miss F. Brook, Ramsden-st., near Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Miss 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., Miss Phyllis Cole, 31 Pembroke rd., South Tottenham, N.
- Loughton**, Stone-rd., 10 and 2, Mr. H. McCartney, 12, Littlehall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Hays, 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. Wentzel, 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. Noel Pearson, 7 Bunyon st., Ardwick
- 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, Socialist Institute, 3 p.m. Mr. Jas. Porteous, Gardeners place, Shields road
- Nelson**, Every st., 10 a.m. Mr. Jehu D. Butterworth, 53, George st.
- Newcastle** Northumberland hall, High Friar-st 2-30, Mr. Albert Brown, 8, Chesterfield rd.
- Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. I. Armstrong, 110, Meldon-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- " **Heaton Spiritual Institute**, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle
- New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.
- Nottingham** Gladston hall 2-30, Miss E H Yates, 51 Brook Oak street
- 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. Joseph E. Lister, 1 Lake street, Hyson Green
- 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.
- Rawtensall** Back ormerod st., 10-15 to 11-45 Mr. Arthur W. Scott, 59, Heyes st., Haslingden. Lancs.
- Rishton**, 10 a.m., Miss Ada Capstic, 2, Shuttleworth-st., near Blackburn
- Rochdale** Regent hall, Regent st., 9-45 & 2 p.m. Mr. J. J. Farrow, 67 Grouse street
- " **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. and 2 p.m., Mr. Ernest Heaton, Cross-st.
- Royton**, Union st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. N. Cockcroft, 2, Highlands-rd., nr. Oldham.
- Salford**, Chapel-st., 10-30, Mr. Harold O'Neill, 11 Ford terrace, Pendleton.
- Scarborough**, North st., 10-30, Mr. V. Davison, 5, St. John-st
- Sheffield**, Central Paradise square, 9-45, S. Beedham, 17, Wath road.
- Sheffield** Attercliffe, 10 a.m. Mr. W. H. Nuttall 46 Coleridge-rd., Attercliffe
- Sheffield**, Darnall, Staniforth road, 9-45 and 2, Miss Alice Mason, 240 Alfred road
- 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.U., 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**, Hawkhead Hall, Miss Florrie Mason, 22, Marsden road.
- Southport**, Nevill-st., 10-0, Miss Minnie Hunt, 22, Tithebarn-rd.
- South Shields**, Robinson-st., 2-30, Wm. Charlton, 94, Stevenson-st., Westoe, S.S.
- Sowerby Bridge**, The Lyceum, Hollinslane, 10 a.m., Mr. Ernest Bottomley, 59, Wakefield-rd.
- Spennymoor**, High st, 11 a.m., Mr. R. Christopher, 72, Durham rd, Co. Durham
- Stalybridge**, Bennett street, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. J. Croasdale, 43, Melbourne street.
- " **Forester hall**, Vaudrey-st., 10-30, Mr. Ernest Etchill, 66, Albion-crescent Huddersfield rd.
- Stockport** Albert hall, Willington-st, 10 and 2, Mr. J. H. Marston, 223, Chestergate.
- Stockton-on-Tees**, Silver-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Richelieu Brown, 32, Mitre street
- 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. Baldwin, 12, Gaskell st., Lowefield lane
- Walsall** Central hall, 2-30, Mr. W. H. Tompkins, Hagley, Lysways-st.
- Warrington**, Sankey-st., W. Massy, 37, Gaskell-st., Slockton Heath
- West Pelton**, Old Store Hall, 1-45, Mr. A. Connell, 29 East st., Grauge 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