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## After Many Days:

OR

### James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER V (continued).

Mr. Henderson, learning that Professor Munroe would be the speaker on the following Sunday for the Spiritualists of Newtown, determined to hear his exposition—"The World's Crucified Saviours." What the professor would make of it he was puzzled to conjecture. He only knew one saviour, Jesus.

Sunday evening came at last, and he found himself seated by the side of Miss White, in a clean, well-lighted, and ventilated hall, which was filled to its fullest capacity with a most intelligent audience, not at all likely to be satisfied with theory devoid of common sense and logical conclusions. No, the audience was one to inspire the critical onlooker with the fact that he was in the midst of men and women of mental ability and moral integrity, who demanded facts, and not fancies; truths, and not far-fetched theories; realities, and not barbarous suppositions. Having thus "taken stock" of the gathering he composed himself for the opening service, the devotional part of which was thoroughly reverential, though devoid of the usual phrases of orthodox cant about "blood," "the wrath of God," "redeeming grace," etc., etc., the absence of which Mr. Henderson duly noticed.

The lecturer, whose appearance on the rostrum was greeted with suppressed admiration, opened his discourse by laying down the premises that by the world's saviours he meant those noble-hearted reformers who were above and beyond their day in instructing mankind in social, moral, and spiritual knowledge, and leading them out of the lowlands of ignorance up the mountain of truth, which was better known as social, moral, and religious evolution. That such conduct always entailed poverty, contumely, and persecution, which often ended in the loss of liberty and life. That the persecutors were, in every instance, the ecclesiastical authorities, whose influence and power over the masses were always endangered. Such spiritual teachers, or saviours, marked distinct epochs in the world's religious history, and were evidences that God, the great Eternal Father, had never left his children to grope their way wearily in the dark uncertainty of life, but had always provided himself with a witness. The professor then enumerated a long list of saviours, or avatars, who had lived, taught, and suffered in the ancient Orient, whose histories are held sacred in the bibles of the East to-day. Then he reviewed in rapid succession the prophets of the Jews, the martyrs of the Greeks, the Christian Jesus, and the martyrs of science, all of whom were ruthlessly persecuted by the ecclesiastical powers in their several days. He concluded

his eloquent and able address with a brilliant peroration on the present outpouring of spiritual power, and prophesied its ultimate success despite all the powers of ecclesiastical interests that were in league against it, and resumed his seat amidst an outburst of applause.

Mr. Henderson was amazed beyond expression. In that brilliant discourse a new world of religious and spiritual life and activity had been opened up to him of whose very existence he had been almost entirely ignorant. He had never heard the Oriental nations spoken of except as heathens, idolaters, and superstitious people, who were in great need of bibles and missionaries. And now, for the first time, he learned they had saviours in plenty, whose acts and teachings were similar to his much revered Jesus. To such an extent did this similarity obtain that had they lived subsequent to Jesus, instead of prior, he would have come to the conclusion that their saviours were mythical beings, whose get-up had been stolen from the Christian's scriptures. Of course, it was out of the question that his Jesus was a mythical being whose life, acts, miracles, and teachings had been stolen from the Pagans.

On the following evening he sought an interview with the professor, being determined to carry out his original intentions, despite the pleadings and warnings of his minister.

After a little beating about the bush he ventured to remark that "it was very strange these spiritual manifestations should only make their appearance in the nineteenth century of the Christian era; and that the Old and New Testaments, which had been given for the guidance of mankind, and which alone made known to the world God's plan of salvation, should contain nothing of a like nature, or any prophecy concerning them."

"Do you urge that as a reason why we should be very reluctant to accept them, even supposing that your surmise as to scriptural silence is correct?" asked the professor of his interviewer.

"Yes: I refer to it as an objection which might be urged by every faithful Christian," he answered.

"Then every faithful Christian, in order to be consistent, must not accept any modern invention or discovery, simply because the Bible does not mention or contain any prophecy concerning it, and we must despise and ignore modern mechanical appliances, such as the steam engine, the locomotive, the steamboat, the telegraph and telephone, the printing-press, etc."

"But I did not mean the prohibition to apply to mechanical matters, nor yet scientific, but simply spiritual phenomena. The others are a real need of the age and we could not well do without them. In fact, to try to do so would unhinge society."

"You admit then there are exceptions to the rule, that the scientific and mechanical discoveries are necessary, but that proof positive of the continuity of

human life is not necessary to meet the wants of the age. But yet, strange to say, infidelity is on the increase; it is deplored on every hand by ministers of every denomination in Christendom, and each and all are powerless to stem the tide. The thinkers of the day demand facts, and they are offered articles of faith and creeds, which are an outrage to the better nature of every good man and woman. Spiritualism, with its facts, which give the required proofs that man is not merely a physical agent, but an immortal being, and, as such, survives the change called death, is counted of no moment, of no value in the world. Very strange, is it not?"

"But I am told it denies the fall of man through the disobedience of our first parents, and, as a natural consequence, the atonement offered by Jesus for the sins of the world; and so does more harm to mankind by these gross teachings than it does good by its facts."

"Charges," said the professor, "are not proofs. You must first prove that the teachings of Spiritualism are gross. Suppose you are about to visit a distant part of the earth, and you read in old books various conflicting ideas and conjectures concerning it by men who never visited it, and therefore know nothing as to its location, people, and custom; and, before setting out you meet a native of that distant country; but, unfortunately, his account of its location, people, laws, etc., conflicts almost in every essential with what you have read. Which of the two, the one speaking from experience or those speaking from conjecture, would you accept as the most worthy to be believed?"

"In such a case as you have so graphically presented, common sense would say the one who had lived there. But how does that apply to the subject in hand?"

"It applies as follows: The spirit world is generally believed to exist in the form of two places, one for the bad, called hell, and one for the good, called heaven, but their 'location' is an open question. The kind of people who reside there is also an open question, and the laws and conditions are in the same category. All is conjecture. The very description of heaven, of the throne, the lamb, the four and twenty elders, the sea of glass and abnormal beasts, the blood and fire, are all allegorical figures whose secret meanings are lost. It is on these conjectures that the creeds are mainly founded, on which the eternal happiness of mankind is said to hang. When these conjectures, and the beliefs that are based on them, are contradicted by those who live in the other world, those who have proved the great secret for themselves, common sense demands our acceptance of their testimony as being the only true and reliable one."

"Why do you say that the *kind* of people who are in heaven and hell is an open question, when it is everywhere taught that the good and the righteous go to the former, and the bad and wicked to the latter? The remark appears both uncalled for and unwarranted."

"Not at all, sir, when you remember that you are taught in one portion of 'the book' that men will reap that which they sow, which precludes the wicked from going to heaven, while other passages assert that faith alone is necessary to redeem us from our sins. And on this latter doctrine Christianity takes its stand. It calls on the drunkard, on the robber, the liar, the

cheat, the swindler, and even the murderer in the condemned cell, to repent, to believe in the blood of Jesus, and his sins, though as scarlet, shall be made as white as snow; so that I still assert it is an open question what kind of people occupy those two places; whether the good through want of belief are in hell, and the wicked through belief are in heaven, or whether each and all reap according to the deeds done in the body."

"That is the logical way of putting it," Mr. White ventured to remark; "but it is one that is too frequently overlooked, I am sorry to say."

"Now, as to the other point, touched on in your opening remarks," resumed Mr. Munroe, "namely, that spiritual manifestations should not make their appearance until the present century, and the inference that the Bible does not contain anything of the kind or prophesy concerning their subsequent appearance, allow me to assure you that spirit phenomena and communion run through the whole of both Old and New Testaments. I claim that every act and command and advice given in the book by other than physical human beings are cases of spiritual manifestation and evidences of spirit power."

"But you do not really mean to claim that visions and messages of the angels of God are in any way allied to Spiritualism?" exclaimed Mr. Henderson, in evident surprise.

"Such is the case"

"Surely you are aware that angels are spiritual beings who never had an earthly existence, but were created specially by God to be the bearers of His divine will to the chosen people on earth?"

"I am quite aware that such is the general opinion entertained by Christians, which has been foisted on them by a designing and interested priesthood, and I am also aware that such is an error. For the true significance of the Hebrew term *Malach* is angel, or messenger. While we have it on the authority of the Rev. Dean Prideaux that the Hebrew words *Sheliach Zibbor*, which is frequently rendered in our Bible 'the angel of the Lord,' really signifies 'the angel or messenger of the Church,' and hence it is that the bishops of the seven churches of Asia are in Revelation called the angels of those churches. The learned dean argues that as the messengers of God to his people were called angels, so the bishops who intercede for the people with God are also entitled to the term 'angels or messengers of the people of God.' And again," continued Mr. Munroe, "the New Testament was at first written in Greek, and the Greek term *angelos* means a messenger, which has been contracted into *angel* by the translators. Now, if the translators of the Old Testament even, had honestly fulfilled their trust and given the correct meaning of those passages and kept out the corruption I pointed out to you on a former occasion, what a different aspect would the Scriptures have worn with regard to spiritual manifestations, and what *millions* of human lives would have been saved from a cruel and ignominious death as witches to satisfy the fanatic demands of the masses, led on by a still more fierce and fanatic priesthood, who were blind leaders of the blind, and so they remain to this day."

(To be continued.)

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

The sea was still very rough, and we passed a dreadful night. We arrived in Cape Town on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, about 6 a.m.; it was also very cold, raining, and a white mist covered Table Bay Mountain. I was feeling a little sad, and wondering what I should do all the time if we remained in Cape Town until the following day. A number of my fellow passengers here found their destination, and others were going ashore for the day, so I was feeling all alone when the stewardess brought me letters and telegrams. She said, "Well, some people *are* greedy!" There were five telegrams and four letters! The first were sent from Durban, Johannesburg, and Kimberley, full of greetings and welcome to South Africa; the letters contained similar greetings—one from the Cape Town friends stating that a deputation would be on board the "Saxon" at 9 a.m. to conduct me ashore. I hastened to prepare myself for their reception with a heart full of gratitude to God and the angel friends for such loving kindness. When I arrived on deck I found several ladies and gentlemen waiting to receive me. A lady came forward carrying a large and most beautiful bouquet, which she presented to me in the name of the Society. I was much affected by this token of love. We then drove to the lovely residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tullett, whose guest I had the honour to be. Mrs. Tullett is an English lady, and formerly of Birmingham. Her house is at Sea Point. Standing on the verandah we can see the Lion's Head Mountain and Table Bay, but the "white tablecloth" (a mist) covered the latter nearly all the day.

At 7 p.m. we went to the Society's meeting room, where about twenty people were assembled, and as 8 o'clock came we held our first service in South Africa, in that little upper room in Cape Town. The lecture was sweet and good, and many of the loved ones gone before manifested to their relatives and friends that night. Once again I was filled with thankfulness to our heavenly Father that I had been chosen as a messenger of truth.

On the morning of the 18th I awoke in Cape Town. How very strange it all seemed—just like a dream! The lovely room in which I was, the beautiful birds and flowers, and the glorious sunshine! After breakfast Mrs. Tullett and a friend took me sight-seeing. It was strange to me to see so many coloured people and nearly all the vehicles driven by coloured men. We visited Green Point, where our soldiers camped on their first arrival in Cape Colony during the late Boer War. At 4 p.m. we returned to the good ship "Saxon." What a wonderful sight it was. Crowds of Malays, Kaffirs, and Indians. Here we saw a group of Malay women attired in most gorgeous dresses awaiting their lords. The Malays were, I was told, the happy possessors of three wives each. Many fresh passengers came on board, and I had another lady in my cabin. As we sailed from Cape Town it was quite a sight to see the crowds on the Quay, who had come to say "farewell" to their friends. Some of the Malays on board were going on a pilgrimage to Mecca. We had four more sisters and several

priests. Sister Maryella left us to go to a wild place named *Carla* to found a school for Kaffir children; she was a good and true woman. Just now we had a good view of Table Bay and Lion's Head. The sea became very rough, and the ship rolled and tossed about all night, creaking most discordantly. The waves were like mountains up which the "Saxon" climbed, then sank into the trough of the sea. But the same Divine Power rules the sea that rules the land, and we were all in our Father's safe keeping. I do not think one ever sees the majesty and power of God anywhere as one does at sea. The voyage was nearly over; two days more and I expect to arrive in Durban.

On Oct. 20th we anchored at Port Elizabeth, about three miles away from land. It was a very curious sight to see those passengers who were about to land, enter a huge basket with seats all round, which was lifted by a crane, then swung over the side of the ship, and lowered into a steam tug, where the people alighted, the basket returning for fresh "cargo." I did not go ashore this time. The Kaffirs—some of them very fine fellows, possessed of great physical strength—were busy all day unloading the ship; they wore a quantity of bracelets and anklets. Leaving Port Elizabeth the sea was again very rough, and all night the storm raged.

We arrived at East London, Saturday, 21st Oct., and anchored a few miles out. By means of constant dredging, the Bar, which prevented the ships going further inland, has been almost entirely removed, and with few exceptions vessels now enter the Buffalo River to the inner harbour; to this is due the great advance made by this port during the last few years. East London looks lovely in the distance. Kaffirs were again unloading, and the noise was deafening. We left East London at 4 p.m. One more night on board, and then Durban.

We had on the whole a delightful voyage, and I shall always look back with pleasure on the recollections of the three weeks spent at sea. I will tell you of a dream or vision I had on the last night at sea. In my dream I had passed away from the limitations of earth, and was away in space among the stars. I thought it was night, and all was darkness until suddenly there came a broad beam of dazzling light. I felt it came from the sun, which seemed to me like a great heart of fire. In this light I saw the earth away down below, looking like a small dark ball; these rays of light formed a pathway of golden glory from sky to earth, not dispersing rays, but a clear straight pathway of shining light. In my dream a spirit, veiled in purest white, came to me, and, taking me by the hand, led me back to my physical body and earth life. Then I heard a voice ask me if I was prepared, and I said "Yes;" and if I understood, and again I replied "Yes." The spirit kissed me on my mouth, and robed me in a pale violet robe; then I went away thinking it was death. But the voice, in sweetest accents, said, "No, my child; not death, but life eternal! Walk in the light, and be true to your high calling."

This vision I felt might be symbolical, and I tried to live up to it as nearly as I could.

(To be continued).

## ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.

## (a) IS IT A FOOD? (CONTINUED).

Nature provides us with all that is necessary for a healthy diet. In her great laboratory of plant and animal life, she builds up for us those complex and wonderful substances which we have learnt are right and proper for the sustenance of our bodies. It will be necessary to mention only a very few of the most important natural foods, principally with the object of showing how their composition renders them suitable and necessary. Starting from the simplest, we must notice the importance of water and salts, the former as a great solvent and medium for chemical reaction, the latter as the foundation upon which the skeleton depends and upon which also the tone of the digestive system rests in no small degree, for it should be remembered that some of the most important assimilative changes occur only in presence of acids, others only in presence of alkalies, and the salts have a great share in the formation of these essential acid and alkaline solutions.

This is the place to refer briefly to a very conspicuous difference existent between the highest animals and the highest plants. It is a matter of common experience that given moisture and sunlight, plants may flourish on a diet of salts containing, in simple union, the elements necessary for the complex forms which eventually appear. The capacity for such is connected with the power which green plants possess of absorbing and utilising the energy of sunlight. If, however, an attempt be made to feed a human infant on a diet which promotes the growth of a rose-tree or a grape-vine, there is no difficulty presented in discovering very soon that a serious mistake has been made.

The fact, put in plain words, is that we and all the higher animals are quite incapable of converting the very simple into the very complex; we cannot, like the plants, "live on air." That we may thrive we must start from the products already elaborated for us by plants. We are then able to modify these substances to a greater or less degree and so bring them into the forms found in our tissues. This is an important point, as it sets a limit to the functions which the simpler organic bodies may be expected to perform, and suggests their probable sphere of usefulness.

It will not be surprising, then, that the greatest foods are complex animal and vegetable products. We have seen that in absence of nitrogen and phosphorus, digestible substances may assist in the production of fat, or by their oxidation may perform the very valuable office of maintaining the normal temperature of the body. Evidently the value of such foods depends on two circumstances, viz., the readiness and completeness of absorption into the blood, and the ease of oxidation. If we take a meal of wood or straw, notwithstanding the fact that these excellent commodities contain the elements eminently fitted for the generation of heat by their burning, we shall derive little benefit, because we shall digest so little. On the other hand if we try to live on alcohol, though we may "digest" a portion, and though the elements are those found in sugar (carbon, hydrogen and oxygen), we shall not get fat on this diet since we are starting from a comparatively simple organic substance, nor shall we be warmed, because alcohol has no pronounced tendencies

towards decomposition when taken into the system. As this will furnish the subject matter for the next short section, it will be unnecessary to pursue this line further at present.

The most important foods of the non-nitrogenous class are starch, sugar and the fats, and they have furnished the staples of many nations on account of their ready assimilation, and their fat-forming and warmth-giving properties. Starch is the main constituent of the Hindoo's rice, the Englishman's bread, the Irishman's potato, fat of the blubber used by the Arctic dweller. But these foods alone could not replace nervous and muscular waste or provide new blood serum. For these, the most vital of all the life processes, we need the complex substances related to what are called by physiologists *proteids*, which come so near the medium of living energy, the *protoplasm*, as to be first decomposition products of it, or the last stage in the marvellous synthesis of it which is the token of life. The general source of these bodies is in the nitrogenous substances contained in all fruits, seeds, green vegetables and animal flesh, milk, cheese and eggs. We cannot always count the value of a food in terms of its nitrogen contents. Everything depends upon whether the proteid present is one suitable for digestion, and hence necessarily arises discussion as to the relative nature of two foods, let us say animal and vegetable, which in many cases cannot be more than an individual and not general discussion. It is very different however with regard to the claims of alcohol as a food for healthy persons. It does not contain the essential constituents of bone, sinew, muscle, blood or nerve, and even if it did it could no more help to make them than can urea, the waste nitrogenous product of the body. It cannot lead to the formation of fats, natural oils, acids and alkalies, and for a reason which I shall proceed directly to make more clear, it cannot give warmth, tone and endurance to the bodily members.

Let us compare it with water which purifies, stimulates, quenches thirst and aids digestion, with that most wonderful of all foods, milk, which contains every essential of a complete diet, *i.e.*, water, salt, sugar, fat and proteid, and we shall not hesitate in declaring most emphatically that alcohol is not a food in any sense of the term.

Before closing this section, one addition must be made to the above argument which is nothing more than the proving of a negation. While it may perhaps be admitted that a case has been made for the proposition "Alcohol is not a food," nothing has been as yet said to indicate that alcohol is an *anti-food*, by which I mean that it creates certain conditions which foods are intended to prevent or minimise, or reduces the efficiency of foods.

The subject of the action of foods on one another is one of considerable difficulty, as we cannot in ordinary chemical work imitate exactly the conditions which prevail during the attack of the digestive fluids on foods undergoing digestion in the body. However, the question of the effects of alcohol in small quantities on the higher nitrogenous substances is now no longer left in doubt, and it is rendered certain that proteids are converted into coagulated and less soluble forms, which are much more stable than before and resist digestive and oxidising reagents. Alcohol thus renders

indigestible what without it might be readily assimilated. When fairly concentrated it is able to precipitate the ferments which are the acting agents of digestion, the rule being that while these substances are readily soluble in water, they are only sparingly so in alcohol. In conformity with a rule which prevails throughout chemistry that substances do not react at all readily in the solid state, it will be seen that the separation in the solid state of a substance essential to digestion, and which is effected by alcohol, must be prejudicial to efficient and complete digestion.

## Our Boys' Special.

BELOVED BANNERITES,

I had been wondering whether the spirit of the muse had been deeply slumbering within you, or your attention had been absorbed by the excited, boisterous influence which the close of the football season generates, and had thus omitted to notice my invitation for verse competition on "The LYCEUM"—when lo! as I sat down to compile my matter for this page, there came to hand, a visible sign that the page had not gone unread, or the invitation neglected. Dora Parker, of Princess Hall Lyceum, Manchester, sent along her effort, which I think you will agree is good. This was followed by verses from Mr. G. F. Knott, Regent Hall, Rochdale, and Mr. Wm. Fletcher, of Bury Lyceum. The two latter were delivered one day after the stated time for competition, and therefore the Special Prize of a book goes to Dora Parker, whatever the merits of each may be. I print all three efforts, because I think they are all worth reading and learning. Mr. James Knight, of Bury, gives the prize, and the winner will select one of the shilling series advertised in the LYCEUM BANNER.

Remember that the Boys' Special will not appear next month. Another verse competition for the July number, subject, "Angel ministry." Special prize for best verses. Limit to four 4-line verses. Post your effort not later than June 15th.

THE LYCEUM.

You may visit the Sunday schools all the world through,  
 But there's one that no other could beat;  
 And that is the Lyceum, the best school of all,  
 And its scholars all think it a treat.  
 The teachings are best that have ever been taught;  
 If you've heard them, I'm sure you will say  
 That if we applied them and lived as we ought,  
 We should soon have "Millennium day."  
 For reason and harmony, goodness and love  
 Forms the base of our Lyceum plan,  
 And we know that our loved ones from realms above  
 Come to help us whenever they can.  
 So onward we'll go, and the truth we'll hold fast,  
 Love and goodness our motto shall be;  
 And may each soul rejoice, e'en when this life is past—  
 That the truth has made all of us free.

DORA PARKER, Manchester.

THE LYCEUM.

A man, a couch, a vision,  
 The children in the spheres;  
 A prayer, a hope, a mission,  
 Death's sorrow disappears.  
 A villa, a knock, a spirit,  
 The truth reborne to earth;  
 A doubt, a fear, a visit,  
 Full of intrinsic worth.  
 A truth, a light, a dawning,  
 Angels unseen, made clear;  
 A change, a night, a morning,  
 Spirits on earth appear.  
 A school, a hope, a blessing,  
 Bid atheists to pause;  
 A sphere, a world, progressing  
 In the Lyceum cause.

G. F. KNOTT, Rochdale.

THE LYCEUM.

Oh! glorious is the Lyceum,  
 To children one and all,  
 As we gather on each Sunday  
 And answer the roll call.  
 Children of Spiritualists,  
 We welcome to our school;  
 Likewise to those of other sects,  
 We offer free thought rule.  
 Come, join us in our singing,  
 Responses and the march;  
 We practise body exercise,  
 That builds us like the "larch."  
 In groups we reason out and learn  
 Of life's perplexity;  
 Our daily pangs of care and woe  
 Are turned to ecstasy.

WM. FLETCHER, Bury.

This month I have to announce twenty-seven correct solutions received for the national Puzzle. The correct name is J. J. Bennett. The winner of the button is Master Cecil Norris, 225, Shirebrook Road, Heeley, Sheffield.

There are four correct solutions to the district Puzzle, the winner of the brooch being Miss Grace Crowther, 2, Clough Head, Calderbrook, Littleboro. The correct name is Mr. E. J. Barnes. Merit cards to all others whose solutions are correct. I have received during the month 15 picture post cards bearing solutions. These post cards are now adorning the pages of a special album, and I trust they will help to form a link of friendship that shall bind us for a long time to come.

21 Lyceums are represented in this month's solutions. North St. Burnley heads the list with four.

Now for the puzzles for our next "Special" in July. Remember, you will have six weeks allowed this time to enter the competition, as it is open until June 20th.

NATIONAL PUZZLE.

The initials are in the bone of the mouth,  
 The worker is known from north to south,  
 His work has truly been a good aid;  
 From letters seven his surname is made,

In honour and joy five may be found,  
The rest you will find in any sound,  
Can you now form the name complete,  
Send it on soon—but plain and neat.

DISTRICT PUZZLE.

(For Lyceumists in the Derby District only).

In the Lyceum Band of Hope movement, appears,  
The initials of one man who laboured for years,  
To strengthen a cause that has had for its aim,  
The suppression of drink—and the gambler reclaim,  
In river or boat and in dell will be found  
The surname of him who was staunch, true and sound.  
So don't shirk the puzzle when once you begin it,  
*A badge is the first prize for those who can win it.*

Don't forget the usual conditions. Send your solutions direct to me, and not to the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER. Do not post your solutions before May 9th or after June 19th.—Yours lovingly,

FRANK HEPWORTH.

2a, Cateaton Street, Bury.

P.S.—I promised last month that I would publish Mr. A. Jagger's essay. Here it is, if our Editor can squeeze it in, we shall all be grateful.

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS IN SUCCESSFUL  
LYCEUM TRAINING.

To be successful in our Lyceum Training there are many essentials. I think the first is Harmony. Harmony in thought, word, and deed. We must think pure and lofty thoughts, speak kind words, and do good deeds whenever we can; this will bring about a harmonious feeling. Another essential is Unity. The old saying, "Unity is strength," is a good one, for without unity of purpose our Lyceums could not carry on their excellent work. If we go to the Lyceum with the feeling of Unity we shall then receive the good thoughts and feelings that are constantly being thrown off (consciously or unconsciously) by each Lyceumist. Then there is Attractiveness. This is where the Orthodox schools fail, I think. We make our sessions attractive by the hymns, silver and golden chain recitations, and musical readings from our Manual, also recitations and solos by the members. Then we have a series of Marching and Calisthenics to strengthen the physical body, and when done properly they are a great feature of our Lyceums. We must also have good Officers and Leaders, who can give bright and useful lessons to the children, so that they may grow up true men and women, and take their places in the world benefited by their Lyceum training.—A. JAGGER, Secy., Ramsden Street Lyceum, Huddersfield.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM  
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, March 23rd, in the Burnley North Street Spiritual Church. Mr. Will Edwards presided over a fair assembly of Delegates and Associates. After the usual preliminaries, the following business was transacted. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were passed as correct, and duly confirmed. Correspondence was accepted, as also were the

Treasurer's and Visitors' reports. The Delegates' report of the combined Councils' meeting evoked much discussion, the meeting ultimately deciding that the Lyceum delegates have absolute freedom as to the measures and nominations they give their support to at the forthcoming Conference of the Union, but that it be a strong recommendation to all Lyceum delegates from the Council, that they shall seriously consider the business emanating from the respective Councils. It was resolved that the following notices of motion be forwarded, viz.:—"That the policy of having a Serial Story running through the columns of the LYCEUM BANNER be discarded, and in its place shall be inserted matter that shall be of practical use to teachers and leaders in our Lyceums. (Of course this does not refer to the one already running through, but to future Serials.)

"That we cause to be forwarded to the forthcoming Conference the following:—

"That it be an instruction to our Secretary that all District Visitors shall be supplied with a copy of each publication issued by the B.S.L.U. publishing department, such copies to be exhibited by the D.V. on his visits to the various Lyceums."

The election of officers for the year then took place with the following results:—Mr. R. Latham was elected President; Treasurer, Mr. G. Howarth, Rishton; Secretary, W. S. Stott; District Visitor, Mr. G. H. Edwards; Assistant Visitor, Mrs. R. Latham, Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. A. W. Scott; Auditors, Messrs. Holgate and Higham. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Gt. Harwood. Votes of thanks to retiring officers and local friends concluded a most successful business meeting.

W. S. STOTT, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

Mr. H. Arnold, the well-known Lyceumist, of Bradford, who happened a very serious accident at the commencement of this year, and which will perhaps leave its effects for life, as his friends will, no doubt, regret to hear, has not got very far on the road to recovery. He has from the commencement of his illness (although having made a little progress) had many back-slidings. However, it has proved to him that he has a great many friends, where he little thought to find them. Mr. Arnold appreciates this very much, and it comes as a great comfort to him in his misfortune. Otley Road gave, a short time ago, a concert for his benefit, and, thanks to Mr. Hale and Mr. Roe, it proved a great success. Considering that their room is so small, and that considerably over £2 was raised, it speaks well of Mr. Arnold's appreciation. Shipley and Windhill have raised £1 2s. by similar means, and a few small subscriptions have been forwarded by friends. Now, Mr. Arnold wishes his friends who have so helped him individually to accept his sincere thanks through the medium of the BANNER, and further says that, when he gets well again, if he can in any way do anything to prove his appreciation he will be ever ready to do so.

H. DUDLEY WEST.

## THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the above Union was held in the Regent Hall, Rochdale, on April 6th, 1907, all members being present except Mr. H. A. Kersey, who was detained at home by the serious illness of Mrs. Kersey.

A Tea and Social was arranged by the Lyceum and Society in honour of the visitors, and a good gathering was the result. Old friends and new, tried friends and true, met to greet the executive, whose presence seemed to cheer and stimulate the company.

While the friends were enjoying the lengthy programme of song, reciting and dancing, the executive were applying themselves to the consideration of the more prosaic and weighty items of a lengthy agenda.

The General Secretary reported that 90 Lyceums had applied for 148 credentials to attend the Lyceum Conference, as against 118 applications from 75 Lyceums last year. There were also 16 D.V.'s as against 11 last year; eight delegates from district councils, two auditors, eight members of the executive, and four officers; total 186, as against 148 last year.

The General Secretary was instructed to grant no late applications for credentials, but adhere strictly to the constitution.

It was also decided that the notices of motion given at the last Conference were not in order if they had not been subsequently ratified by their Lyceums.

Applications for membership were considered and duly endorsed from the following Lyceums:—Barnsley, Bradford (Dudley Hill), Brighton, Cardiff, Dukinfield, Idle, Littletown, Nottingham (Parliament Street), Parkgate, Sheffield (Darnall), South Shields (Robinson Street and King Street), and Whitworth.

Mr. A. P. Nield's resignation as D.V. to the Bolton Lyceum District was accepted, and Mr. Robert Billsborough was duly appointed to fill the vacancy.

It was decided to dissolve the Oldham Lyceum District, and allow the Lyceums concerned to join either the Rochdale or Manchester District.

It was also decided that newly-appointed D.V.'s by District Councils cannot be accepted till after the Conference.

Several Lyceums were reported as owing for six months' Lyceum banners. The General Secretary was instructed to stop the supply until the accounts owing were paid.

It was decided not to issue a double Conference Number owing to the extra cost, and that the report of the Conference proceedings has precedence over all other matter inserted in the banner.

The treasurer's report, P.S.F. report, and the report on the meeting of the United District Councils were duly considered and accepted.

The Sunday morning's session was well attended, and a good programme of interesting items was ably conducted by Mr. R. Latham, the Lyceum Union's President. The recitations, pearls, solos, duets, marching and calisthenics won words of warm appreciation from the members of the Executive who addressed the session.

A little girl, Miss Cissy Sanderson, stepped lightly forward and recited the following:—

### WELCOME.

As toiler's in life's journey,  
We greet you here to-day;  
The leaders in our movement,  
Who guide us on our way.  
We tend an earnest welcome,  
And words of counsel greet,  
Upon our Lyceum morning,  
As we in session meet.

Angels of truth and wisdom,  
Be with us here, we pray;  
Consolidate our mission,  
Send forth a heavenly ray;  
Encompass our young children,  
With truth and love and light,  
Inspire the earnest leaders,  
And guide their thoughts aright.

In peaceful, sweet communion,  
The world may some day live;  
Give of these thoughts, blest angels,  
To our Executive.

We feel the holy purpose,  
In which we now are met;  
May purest thoughts inspire us,  
Nor others' woes forget.

The afternoon and evening services were ably addressed by the Executive, whose words of counsel seemed to inspire and enthuse the audiences.

### In Memoriam.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE: HIGH FRIAR STREET.

I regret having to announce the passing on of Mrs. E. A. Arthur on Saturday, April 13th, 1907, after a severe illness. Her transition to the higher life released her from painful suffering, how much so none but she can tell. We held a memorial service on Sunday, the 14th, which was very impressive, revealing to us the full value of a bright, noble, and beloved friend, and a diligent and persistent worker in our Lyceum. Her connection, as an active worker in our Lyceum, extends over the past 13 years, the latter part of which she has been our assistant conductor. The interment took place at the Elswick Cemetery on Tuesday, the 16th, when a large number of officers and scholars from our Lyceum, and members of our Spiritual Church paid their last respects to the mortal remains of her whom they loved so much. Many floral tributes were received from personal friends, and from our Lyceum and Church, testifying to the wide expanse to which her friendship had flown. We fully realize that hard as she has worked for us in her earth life, her real work has only begun, and in her new life we pray she will come and help us with that unceasing energy and perseverance which characterised her while here on earth.

"There is no death in God's wide world,  
But one eternal scene of change;  
The flag of life is never furled,  
It only taketh wider range."

ALBERT BROWN, Secretary.

Stockport friends have removed into Churchgate Hall, Churchgate, where their sessions and services will be continued as usual.



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MAY, 1907.

### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Lyceum Conference, to be held in Manchester on the 11th and 12th of this month promises to be a record of all previous gatherings; 186 credentials have been issued to delegates, reaching as far north as Glasgow, as far south as London, as far east as Grimsby, and south-west as Cardiff.

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Yet we are sad that there should be those who are disappointed on account of their applications being out of order. We tried to save all such by specifying, in **black type**, when the time limit expired, and also drew attention to the matter in our Notes and Comments for March. It appears these have been overlooked.

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Delegates are requested to quote the number on their card when presenting it to the Credential Committee, Messrs. J. J. Bennett and T. H. Wright.

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The Maskell Street Prize Choir has kindly promised to assist at the Sunday evening meeting, and render their prize selection.

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For the convenience of delegates, two of the Manchester friends will be in attendance at the main entrance of the Central Station, two at the Exchange Station, two at the London Road Station, and four at the Victoria Station, from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. These friends will each wear a red badge, in addition to the Lyceum badge, for easy recognition. Their duty will be to meet and direct all delegates.

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Delegates are requested to wear the Lyceum badge, and make for the main entrances where those friends will be stationed.

We are glad to announce that the following societies have decided to open a Lyceum:—Birmingham (Handsworth), Dunfermline, and London (Little Ilford). We wish them every success, and invite them to join the B.S.L.U.

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It will be seen by the report of the Executive meeting that 13 applications for membership were duly considered and endorsed, since which we have received 5 more. We hope the remainder will speedily follow their example.

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We beg to congratulate Mr. W. Glennie, the founder of the London Manor Park Lyceum, on his nomination to the position of General Secretary to the Amalgamated Society of Engineers Trade Union, which numbers over 107,000 members. We wish him every success in his important office.

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### OUR NEXT NUMBER.

Parcels of our next issue will be despatched so as to reach their destination not later than **SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST**. Will Secretaries please bear this in mind and call at the Station for them without expecting further intimation. They will be sent from Keighley G.N. or Mid. Ry. Stations, Carriage Paid. Should any Secretary be unable to obtain his parcel at the Station on the day specified he should immediately notify the Editor, Mr. Alfred Kitson, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

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Some time ago, when the postage on one dozen copies of the LYCEUM BANNER was risen from 3d. to 4d. owing to the increase in the size of the BANNER, we made an effort to reduce the heavy charges for postage by adopting the railway newspaper rates. The efforts has had many drawbacks, and the patience of our secretaries has often been sorely tried by the annoyance of failing to receive their parcels, causing a delay from one to three weeks. Having tried all reasonable means to effect a prompt despatch, and failed, we have decided to adopt the parcel post again on and after July 6th, so that the above notice of our "Next issue" is the last that will appear.

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Fourpence for postage on 12 copies is a heavy charge. As the same postage is sufficient for 18 copies, we sincerely trust that all Lyceums having parcels of 12 copies will do their best to help the Executive to maintain the extra size of the LYCEUM BANNER by increasing their order to 18 copies, commencing with July.

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We beg to acknowledge reports from the following Lyceums:—Ashton-under-Lyne, Birkenhead, Bradford (Dudley Hill and Ivy Rooms), Dundee, Huddersfield (St. Peter Street), Lancaster, Manchester (Princess Road), and Nottingham (Mechanics' Hall). These we are unable to use owing to pressure of Conference matter as announced last month.

## THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION

WILL HOLD ITS EIGHTEENTH

*ANNUAL CONFERENCE*

In the CO-OPERATIVE HALL, DOWNING STREET, MANCHESTER,  
On SATURDAY and SUNDAY, MAY 11th and 12th, 1907.

SATURDAY at 6 p.m., and SUNDAY at 10 a.m.

Teas will be served both days on the premises, on the Saturday at 4 p.m. Price 6d.  
Hot Dinner on the Sunday, 1/3.

*A Grand Public Meeting* will be held on SUNDAY EVENING at 6-30 in the above Hall, to be addressed by

THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, supported by the Officers, and the Executive Council. President: MR. REUBEN LATHAM (Burnley).

The MASKALL STREET PRIZE CHOIR will render their PRIZE SELECTION.

## AGENDA.

- 1.—Opening Exercises.
- 2.—Appointments, *pro tem*.
- 3.—Minutes of the last Conference.
- 4.—Correspondence.
- 5.—Reports: (a) Secretary's General Report. (b) Lyceum Banner Report. (c) Treasurer's Report. (d) Permanent Secretary Fund Report. (e) Auditor's Report. (f) Delegates to S.N. Union Conference Report.
- 6.—Unfinished Business on the Agenda. Further consideration of the Draft Copy of Constitution, and amendments thereto as follows:
  - (1) That in future, the Vice-President shall be elected from the accredited members of the Conference, and shall, after serving one term in the said office, serve one in the capacity of President.
  - (2) That all District Councils be granted direct Representation upon the Executive of the B.S.L.U., ratio, one member per Council, such member to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the District Council, and also come before the Annual meeting of the Union for confirmation of their nomination.

*Burnley, Richard Street Lyceum.*

Mr. A. Ormerod, Secretary.

- (1) That all Lyceum District Councils have direct representation upon the E.C. of the B.S.L.U.
- (2) That the President of the B.S.L.U. shall have served twelve months upon the E.C., and that the Vice-President serve as President after twelve months.
- (3) That all Lyceums must be members of the B.S.L.U. to be eligible for admittance to District Councils, and *vice versa*, providing always that a District Council exists in the District in which the Lyceum is situated.

*Sowerby Bridge Lyceum.*

- (1) *Re* Direct Representation of District Councils on the B.S.L.U. E.C.
- (2) That the President of the B.S.L.U. should have served on the E.C. twelve months previously, and that the Vice-President elected serve as President after twelve months.

*South Manchester, Princess Hall Lyceum.*

- (1) That the Vice-President be elected from the accredited members of the Conference, and, after serving in the said office, that same service shall qualify such officer for the position of President for the succeeding year, to which office he (or she) shall be elected.
- (2) That all Lyceums desiring affiliation with the B.S.L.U. must, as a condition of their being accepted by that body, also affiliate themselves with the local District Council (if one exists) and pledge adherence to same.
- (3) That District Councils be entitled to direct representation. One member per Council, such representative to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the District Council, and to come before the Conference for confirmation.

*Nelson, Every St Lyceum.*

J. D. Butterworth.

GENERAL MOTION.—To consider the advisability of issuing an Officers' Edition of the LYCEUM BANNER, to deal exclusively with matters helpful to the same.

*Coventry Lyceum.*

per Mrs. M. Law.

## NEW AMENDMENTS.

Article 4, page 9. — The Officers shall consist of Conductor, Guardian of Groups, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Musical Director, Instructor of Physical Culture, Instructor of Elocution, Captain of Guards, a Corps of Guards, and other assistants as required. The aforesaid officers shall constitute the Lyceum

Committee. All offices may be filled by either sex if age and capacity warrant.

Article 6, page 10, sect. 1.—That the Conductor shall act as presiding officer. His or her duties during the Lyceum Session shall be to superintend the order of exercises and otherwise perform such duties as the office involves.

Article 6, page 10, sect. 2.—The duty of Guardian of Groups shall be to superintend the several groups during Lyceum Session. To keep a register of all officers, also Lyceumists, through their respective group leaders. To confer periodically with group leaders in selecting suitable lessons of a progressive educational nature.

Article 6, page 10, sect. 6.—The duty of the Musical Conductor shall be to superintend the exercises of the Lyceum under the direction of the conductor. To train and encourage the Lyceumists endowed with musical potentialities.

Article 6, additional sect. 9.—The duties of Instructor of Elocution shall be to train the Lyceumists in the proper delivery of recitations, and form special classes when necessary.

Article, additional sect. 10.—The duties of Instructor of Physical Culture shall be to superintend the marching and calisthenics, and all other forms of physical culture the Lyceumists may be engaged in.

Article 7, page 11.—“The Lyceum officers (as per Article 4) shall constitute committee of management, and shall hold periodical meetings to hear the reports of the various officers, and transact the business pertaining to the Lyceum. . . . to form a quorum. The conductor, or a majority of the Officers, may call a special meeting as circumstances necessitate.

Article 8, page 11.—Alter Board in 7th line to Committee.

Bye-laws 1, sect. 5.—All motions arising out of the business of the Conference, must be submitted in writing. (The previous wording to be deleted as covered already by Article 10, page 5.)

Bye-law 1, sect. 7.—To be deleted, ruled out of order by Articles 10-11, pages 5-6.

Bye-law 4, page 21, additional sect.—In cases where new Lyceums are being formed, and application for membership has been filled in compliance with Article 6 (constitution, page 4) they shall, upon the recommendation of the District Representative be entitled to purchase Union goods at members' prices.

For the Secretary,

J. M. Stewart, Conductor, *Glasgow Lyceum*

That the business of the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. be recorded by publishing in the BANNER the minutes of all E.C. meetings.

Miss Mary A. Marsden, Sec., *Elland Lyceum*.

That this Lyceum suggest to the Conference the advisability of the consideration of the question of the *Lyceum Manual* and its position in relation to the

Trustees, and that a committee be appointed to consider the whole matter, and confer with the donor.

Mr. S. Lee, Sec., *Armley Lyceum*.

1st—That uniform teaching in our Lyceums be fully considered.

2nd—That the Conference consider the advisability of issuing an Officers' Edition of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Mr. J. D. Butterworth, *Nelson Lyceum*.

1st—That it be an instruction to our General Secretary that all District Visitors shall be supplied with a copy of each publication issued by the B.S.L.U. Publishing Department, such copies to be exhibited by the District Visitor on his visits to the various Lyceums.

2nd.—That the policy of having a Serial Story running through the columns of the LYCEUM BANNER be discarded, and in its place shall be inserted matter that shall be of practical use to Teachers and Leaders in our Lyceums.

Signed on behalf of the *Accrington (China St.) Lyceum*,  
Wm. Fish, Conductor.

Jas. F. Shuttleworth, Secretary.

8.—Notices of Motions for next Conference.

9.—Elect place of next Conference.

“Our church joins our Lyceum in inviting The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union to hold their annual Conference at Middlesbrough in 1908.”

W. Cowell-Pugh, Lyceum Secretary.

10.—Election of Officers.—The following have been nominated, and are attending as delegates.

*President*: Mr. R. Latham (Burnley); Mr. E. A. Keeling (Liverpool); Mr. A. Wilkinson (Nelson); Mrs. Jessie Greenwood (Hebden Bridge).

*Vice-President*: Mr. E. A. Keeling (Liverpool); Mr. G. E. Baker (Elland); Mr. F. B. Smedley (Belper); Mr. R. Latham (Burnley); Mrs. Jessie Greenwood (Hebden Bridge).

11.—*Executive Council*: Mrs. Jessie Greenwood (Hebden Bridge); Mrs. Mary Law (Coventry); Miss Lizzie Mortimer (Batley Carr); Mr. F. B. Smedley (Belper); Mr. A. Wilkinson (Nelson); Mr. G. Derbyshire (Armley); Mr. B. Dyson (Huddersfield); Mr. R. A. Owen (Liverpool); Mr. R. Latham (Burnley); Mr. J. Colbeck (Batley Carr); Mr. E. A. Keeling (Liverpool); Mr. E. J. Barnes (Bury); Mr. H. Holgate (Darwen); Mr. J. J. Bennett (Walsall); Mr. J. Kay (Keighley); Mr. J. Woodcock (Hindley); Mr. A. Barraclough (Halifax); Mr. R. Sudall, Jr., (Glasgow).

12.—*Auditor*: Retiring Auditor, Mr. J. J. Bennett (declining re-election); Mr. E. J. Barnes (Bury); Mr. W. S. Stott (Nelson); Mr. G. Baker (Elland); Mr. W. H. Tompkins (Walsall).

12a.—Elect two representatives to the S.N.U.

12b.—Elect Hon. Secretary to the P.S.F.

13.—Votes of thanks to retiring officers, etc.

14.—Votes of thanks to local Lyceums and Societies.

15.—Closing exercises.

ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

# Statistical Returns to the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1906.

No.	Name of Lyceum.	Officers.	Mems.	No.	Name of Lyceum.	Officers.	Mems.	No.	Name of Lyceum.	Officers.	Mems.
1	Accrington, Argyle Street...	9	23	57	Gateshead ...	6	44	113	Nelson ...	6	98
2	,, Carter Street...	6	30	58	Glossop ...	4	8	114	Newcastle, High Friar St.	18	43
3	,, China Street ...	6	46	59	Glasgow ...	20	90	115	,, Benwell ...	5	25
4	Altrincham ...	4	26	60	Great Harwood ...	6	22	116	,, Heaton ...	9	41
5	Armley ...	14	55	61	Greenock ...	5	15	117	New Hirst ...	4	34
6	Ashington ...	6	24	62	Grimsby ...	9	33	118	Nottingham, Gladstone Hall	7	30
7	Ashton-under-Lyne ...	11	62	63	Hadfield ...	8	16	119	,, Hyson Green ...	8	40
8	Bacup ...	22	57	64	Halifax, Alma Street	14	106	120	,, Mechanics' Hall	4	34
9	Barnoldswick, Green Street	6	34	65	,, Raven Street	20	130	121	,, Parliament St.	5	55
10	,, Market St.	8	48	66	Hebden Bridge ...	15	57	122	Oldham, Elliott Street	16	86
11	Barnsley ...	1	17	67	Heckmondwike ...	8	20	123	Padiham ...	15	56
12	Barrow-in-Furness ...	11	44	68	Heywood ...	7	53	124	Parkgate ...	6	24
13	,, Abby Road	6	32	69	Higher Broughton ...	11	44	125	Pendleton, Broad Street...	8	42
14	Barry Dock ...	4	26	70	Hindley ...	6	35	126	,, Ford Lane	8	79
15	Batley Carr ...	14	44	71	Hollinwood, Bower Lane...	2	18	127	Preston, Walker Street	5	55
16	Belper ...	24	120	72	,, Byrom Street	12	101	128	Rawtenstall ...	17	55
17	Birkenhead ...	4	26	73	Horwich ...	8	41	129	Rishton ...	14	46
18	Birmingham, Saltley ...	9	41	74	Huddersfield, Ramsden St.	16	31	130	Rochdale, Penn Street	8	36
19	,, County Chambers	10	46	75	,, St. Peter Street	4	23	131	,, Regent Street	8	74
20	,, Smethwick	8	36	76	Hull, Lime Street...	11	53	132	Rotherham...	10	40
21	Blackburn, Northgate	8	52	77	Hyde ...	8	52	133	Rothwell ...	6	42
22	,, St. Peter Street	17	143	78	Idle ...	5	15	134	Royton ...	10	38
23	Blackpool ...	17	85	79	Johannesburg ...	6	34	135	Salford, Chapel Street	4	20
24	Bolton, Bradford Street	9	81	80	Keighley ...	12	66	136	Scarborough ...	9	28
25	,, Wood Street	8	58	81	Lancaster ...	10	50	137	Seacombe ...	5	25
26	Bradford, Ivy Rooms	15	45	82	Leeds, Bethel Street	8	40	138	Sheffield, Attercliffe	10	92
27	,, Otley Road	10	43	83	,, Church Street	5	28	139	,, Central	7	22
28	,, Shirley Road	3	15	84	,, Grove House Lane	6	42	140	,, Darnall...	4	36
29	,, Westgate	7	29	85	,, Joseph Street	11	30	141	,, Heeley	12	49
30	Brighouse ...	5	35	86	Leicester, Albion Street	5	42	142	Schildon ...	8	48
31	Brighton ...	6	28	87	,, Queen Street	10	70	143	Skipton ...	10	34
32	Burnley, Hammerton Street	7	69	88	Lincoln ...	4	26	144	Slaithwaite ...	10	30
33	,, North Street	20	181	89	Littletown ...	6	22	145	Southport, Hawkshead St.	4	28
34	,, Richard Street	8	51	90	Liverpool, Daulby Street	8	46	146	,, Nevill Street...	6	30
35	Burton-on-Trent ...	3	27	91	,, Mount Pleasant	8	22	147	South Shields, King Street	4	32
36	Bury ...	16	110	92	London, Battersea	4	56	148	,, Robinson Street	3	15
37	Cardiff ...	3	45	93	,, Chiswick	4	8	149	Sowerby Bridge	20	100
38	Castleford ...	6	63	94	,, Clapham	2	20	150	Spennymoor	2	10
39	Chesterfield ...	8	40	95	,, Manor Park	6	24	151	Stalybridge, Bennett Street	7	42
40	Clayton-le-Moors ...	5	25	96	,, Tottenham	7	10	152	,, Vaudrey St.	5	32
41	Cleckheaton, Old Robin St.	8	13	97	Longton ...	6	47	153	Stockport ...	14	42
42	Colne ...	29	79	98	Macclesfield	7	43	154	Stockton-on-Tees	14	69
43	Crewe ...	7	30	99	Manchester, Cheetham	8	40	155	Todmorden	16	34
44	Crompton ...	4	20	100	,, Collyhurst	10	58	156	Uppermill ...	5	22
45	Darwen ...	24	138	101	,, Harpurhey	7	59	157	Wakefield ...	8	44
46	Dearnley ...	12	36	102	,, Hr. Openshaw	7	73	158	Walsall ...	12	113
47	Derby, Traffic Street	6	18	103	,, Junction St. Hulme	6	30	159	Warrington	7	26
48	Dewsbury ...	15	45	104	,, Longsight	19	47	160	West Pelton	8	42
49	Doncaster, Netherhall Road	10	32	105	,, Maskell Street	12	60	161	Whitworth	6	8
50	,, Wood Street	5	22	106	,, Princes Road	13	51	162	Wigan	11	40
51	Dukinfield ...	5	28	107	,, West Gorton	6	24	163	Windhill	9	15
52	Dundee, Barrack Street	6	60	108	Middleton, Gilmour Street	10	50	164	Yeadon	11	21
53	,, Foresters Hall	11	47	109	Middlesbrough	20	100	165	York, Cromwell Road	6	19
54	Edinburgh ...	6	38	110	Millom ...	4	19	166	,, St. Saviourgate	16	50
55	Elland ...	10	31	111	Morley ...	8	43				
56	Falkirk ...	6	18	112	Motherwell...	4	20				

Total 1474 7419

## PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

Since last issue the following contributions have come to hand, and been duly acknowledged:—Rothwell Lyceum, 1/6; Mr. Kitson's services at Armley, 5/-; Mr. Jos. Horne, 6/8; Mr. Wilkinson, 10/-; Mr. Smith, 5/-; Stockport Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Kitson's services, Belper, 5/-; Hebden Bridge, 5/-; Mrs. Law, 5/-; Mrs. Veary, 5/-. The E.C. are thankful for continued interest in our Union.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.

## HYDE LYCEUM.

It is with deep regret I have to report the passing on of one of our scholars, Joe Cunliffe, on April 16th. The interment took place on the 19th, at the Hyde Cemetery, Mr. Frank Hepworth officiating. The Lyceumists and Society bought a beautiful wreath, and attended the funeral, singing suitable hymns at the grave side. Much sympathy is felt for the family in their bereavement.

JOSEPH SMITH, Secretary.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Mission.

### ANNUAL REPORT.

To the President and Delegates in Conference assembled, Greetings!

Once more we beg to present our Annual Report on behalf of your Executive Council for your consideration. In so doing we are pleased to say there has been a steady forward movement during the past year, notwithstanding the closing of a few Lyceums. It should be borne in mind that the closing of six of them, viz., Bootle, Bradford (St. Paul's), Coventry, Gateshead, Rishton (Back Eachill St.), and Toronto, were on account of the Societies having to close their halls. This fact shows us the value and necessity of urging all adult Lyceumists to support their Societies by joining them, and working harmoniously for the up-building of good, strong Societies capable and willing to provide accommodation for their Lyceums.

We desire to record our deep appreciation of the services of the District Visitors for their labours during the past year, and we note with pleasure that the increase of membership is largely due to their labours. Much still remains to be done in inducing Societies who have no Lyceum in which to train their children to realise the importance of their duty to the young, and take steps at an early date to "open their doors for the children, and gather them into their fold."

They can also do valuable service during the coming year by impressing upon the attention of the officers of those Lyceums who devote undue attention and time to the study and practice of the physical exercises the importance of devoting more attention to the inculcation of lessons on temperance, social reforms, our duties, our intellectual, spiritual and moral natures, and all those kindred subjects which tend to broaden man's ideas of life, and so fit our future men and women for the duties awaiting them.

Your Executive desire to draw your attention to the necessity of defining the duties of those who serve on the Executive Council. If you deem it important that the propaganda meetings be sustained by the presence and support of all members attending the business meetings, we beg to suggest that such be stated before the election, so that each one may fully understand the nature and responsibilities of the offices sought, and that the same be clearly set forth in the bye-laws of the constitution. We draw your attention to this important matter, as the question has arisen in the Executive during the past year, when it was decided that it should be referred to you for consideration and decision.

During the past year your Executive has printed another edition of 2,000 copies of *Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young*, which is an excellent text book for teaching our facts and religion to the young. We have also printed another edition of 2,000 copies of the *Spiritual Songster*.

We are unable to report much progress *re* the legacy left to the Lyceum Home by the late Mr. John Ainsworth. Your esteemed Treasurer, Mr. Councillor John Venables, has done all that lay in his power to have your claims satisfied, and deserves your warm appreciation and thanks.

We are pleased to be able to report to you an increase of £2 6s. 6d. in the past year's contributions, but sorry to add that our income does not keep pace with our expenditure, which is increasing at a rapid rate, and means must be taken either to curtail it, or increase our contributions.

We are also pleased to report an increase of £10, 1s. 10d. in the receipts of the Permanent Secretary Fund. Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, the esteemed Hon. Secy. to this Fund, reports that only £1 13s. 7d. of this increase has come from Lyceums, 63 having subscribed to it out of 152 as reported to you last year. The Sunday services of your General Secretary have realised £4, which represents 16 Sundays. Great praise is due to Mrs. Jessie Greenwood for the splendid efforts she has put forth to make the Fund a success; and also to Messrs. J. Wadsworth & Co., the Union's printers, for their generous donation of all printing in connection with this Fund.

It will be noticed that while the sales of the Lyceum Manuals have increased by 481 copies over last year, nearly all the other goods have suffered a slight decrease, resulting in a decreased turnover of £14 2s. We hope the present year's sales will more than compensate for those of last year.

You will also notice that in accordance with your instructions to the Auditors to charge a fair share of the General Secretary's wages to the Lyceum Banner account, that one-fourth has been charged to it, one-fourth to the General Fund, and one-half to the Publishing Fund. And also that these three Funds have shared, in the same proportion, of the amount collected in aid of the P.S.F. We feel sure you will heartily endorse the action of the Auditors in adopting this course.

This Executive is sorry Mr. J. J. Bennett, the retiring Auditor, declines re-election, and begs to record its high appreciation of his past services.

The further consideration of the Constitution demands your careful attention. There are several new notices of motion to be added to those left over from last year. We sincerely trust the Conference will be able to complete it in such a satisfactory manner that the question will not need to be re-opened for several years to come.

### THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S REGISTER.

	Possibles	Attend-
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1. Mr. Reuben Latham, Pres.	4	4
2. " E. A. Keeling, Vice-Pres.	4	3
3. " John Venables, Treasurer	4	4
4. " Alfred Kitson, Gen. Sec.	4	4
5. Mrs. Jessie Greenwood ...	4	4
6. " Annie E. Bentley ...	4	3
7. " Lizzie Nurse ...	4	4
8. Mr. H. A. Kersey ...	4	3
9. " Wm. Johnson ...	4	4
10. " Joseph Colbeck ...	4	3
11. " Albert Wilkinson ...	4	4
12. " F. B. Smedley ...	3	3

Mr. F. B. Smedley being the next on the list, filled the place vacated by Mr. George Howarth, who secured a situation in Canada.

These attendances, it should be noted, refer to the Saturday business meetings only.

### THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

We are able to once more report to you the continued success of your official organ, the LYCEUM BANNER. The circulation has increased by 3,050 copies during the past year, thanks to the ability of the LYCEUM BANNER staff of contributors, and also the co-operation of the Lyceum secretaries, conductors, and district visitors. We thank one and all for their past services, and hope for a continuation of the same. We also ask for the united assistance of all to help us to place a copy monthly in the home of every Lyceumist. Increased circulation will enable us to still further increase its usefulness.

During the past year three double numbers have been issued at single number prices. The extra cost of those for May and June was charged to the General Fund Account as Conference Numbers. Your Executive very much regrets its inability to repeat the same kindly service this year owing to lack of funds. An intimation from all Lyceums who would be pleased to have a Conference Double Number at 2d. would enable your Executive to make the necessary arrangements, and give you full satisfaction. Failing this, we must give preference to Conference reports to the exclusion of other important items, in order to make the best possible use of the space at our disposal.

The question of space for Lyceum reports became so pressing during the past year that your Executive decided that each Lyceum report be limited to 120 words. We were bound to adopt this course, as we were unable to increase the size of the LYCEUM BANNER.

For the first time the LYCEUM BANNER has been charged a fair share of the working expenses. This has reduced the balance from £30 6s. 4d. to £12 9s. 3½d. As this sum is only sufficient to pay for one month's issue, we trust all Lyceums will make it a strong point to pay their quarterly accounts promptly. You will see our reason for these remarks when you note that £11 7s. 8½d. out of the £12 9s. 3½d. balance is entered as outstanding accounts.

As in previous years, free copies have been mailed to all federated Lyceums who do not take the LYCEUM BANNER, whenever they contained any important announcement. By this means such Lyceums, through their Secretaries, are kept informed on all important matters affecting the welfare of the Lyceum Union.

In conclusion, we deeply regret the passing on of Mrs. Selina Smedley, of Belper, on February 1st, 1907. In her transition to the higher life the Lyceum cause has lost a valued friend who has done much for the financial support of our movement. It will be remembered that in July, 1903, she donated £100 to the General Fund, and £50 to the Lyceum Home Fund. The P.S.F. and the LYCEUM BANNER Fund have also benefited by her liberality. For these, and her general goodness we call her name blessed.

Signed on behalf of the Executive,

REUBEN LATHAM, President.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec. P.S.F.

ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### District Visitors' Quarterly Reports.

#### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 9 Societies in this district, 5 of them having no Lyceum; 3 interviews have been sought and 2 held, with the result that the Coventry Society has called a meeting to consider the formation of a Lyceum. Mr. Bartlett, of Leamington, is unable to obtain the requisite assistance to carry on a Lyceum.

General remarks:—At **Saltley** I found a good Lyceum in a healthy condition. Singing, recitations, etc., well rendered. Groups were formed, good order and attention were maintained. It is to be regretted the room does not admit of marching and calisthenics. —MRS. M. LAW, D.V.

#### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 28 Societies in this district, 17 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought.

General remarks:—**Keighley**. A good Lyceum. The session was well conducted. The choir rendered several selections, and several recitations were given by Lyceumists. This Lyceum seems to be united in love for, and devotion to, the good work. **Dudley Hill** Lyceum is improving both in numbers and conduct, and promises to become a good strong Lyceum. **Westgate Hall** Lyceum is not making the headway it should do. Being in a central hall we look to it taking a leading part in the Lyceum work of the district. I hope it will yet arise to a realisation of its position and mission.—H. ARNOLD, D.V.

#### BOLTON DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 5 Societies in this district, all having a Lyceum.

General remarks:—**Horwich**. I am sorry to report a falling off in the attendance. I would like to see the parent society paying more attention to the needs of this Lyceum. The reading and responses were very good. A nice session **Bolton** (Wood Street), I am afraid this Lyceum will have to close for want of a hall. I trust they will be fortunate to obtain another one. (**Bradford Street**). Order and punctuality seem to rule here. The reading and responses were excellent. Good sessions are being held. A good Lyceum.—ROBERT BILLSBOROUGH, D.V.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 10 Societies in his district, only one is without a Lyceum. No interview has been held, or sought with the Society.

General remarks:—The Lyceums in the district are in a flourishing condition. The one great need is classes. May they soon be formed. **Brighouse**, good, though few in numbers. **Elland**, below the average in attendance. A fairly good Lyceum. **Halifax** (Raven Street). This is the best in the district, and also the largest. (**Alma Street**). This has made good progress since my last visit. **Hebden Bridge**. The

attendances have fallen off, otherwise a good Lyceum. **Slaithwaite** Lyceum is making steady progress. **Sowerby Bridge**. A fairly good Lyceum. An inclination to rest contented with the progress gained. **Huddersfield** (St. Peter Street), a fairly good Lyceum, but would do with a little more energy. (Ramsden Street), a very good session. This Lyceum has increased its membership one-half since my last visit, the new members being mostly young men and young women.—GEORGE E. BARKER, D.V.

#### HULL DISTRICT.

There are 4 Societies in this district, all having Lyceums.

General Remarks:—**Clarendon Hall**, new officers have been elected and they are hopeful of getting the Lyceum in proper order soon. I have hopes of them joining the Union soon. **Lime Street**. Good and punctual attendance by both officers and scholars. Liberty group not so well attended as in the past. **Grimsby** (Strand Street). This Lyceum suffers from late comers and lack of officers. The few officers work well. I think they will do better in the future.—GEORGE SMITH, D.V.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 15 Societies in this district, 3 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been held or sought.

**Batley Carr**. The chain responses well rendered. Group lessons highly interesting. **Leeds (Bethel Street)**. This Lyceum is making nice progress. I hope to see groups formed. (**Joseph Street**.) A good Lyceum, good order and responses. No groups held owing to the practice of a service of song. (**Psycho**.) There was a small attendance, but fairly good session. **Wakefield**. Good attendance, Anniversary Day. Mr. Todd spoke well for the children's cause. **Dewsbury**. There has been a falling off of interest at the morning sessions, but the afternoon sessions still keep up their usual interest.—JAMES KITSON, D.V.

#### LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 11 Societies in this district, 3 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought.

General remarks:—**Birkenhead** (Hamilton Street). Children lack confidence in the various exercises. Bible lessons good. **Seacombe**. Lyceum has re-opened with brighter prospects than formerly. **Liverpool** (Mount Pleasant). Not so strong as previously reported. **Warrington** Lyceum had two good sessions. Conductor's remarks on the G.C.R. very helpful. **Wigan**. Singing and reading can be improved. Groups were formed but more groups are required. **Southport** (Queen's Hall). This Lyceum is progressing nicely. (Hawkshead Hall). This Lyceum is progressing slowly. It being Easter Sunday, only a short session was held.—R. A. OWEN, D.V.

#### MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

There are 17 Lyceums in this district.

General remarks:—**Chell Street**. There is a marked improvement in this Lyceum, **Ashton-under-Lyne**. Lyceum very much improved since last visit. A

greater interest in the liberty group. **William Street**. This Lyceum has been re-organised with marked results. There was a good session. **Hulme Junction**. I am very pleased with the marked improvement throughout the session. **Higher Broughton**. This Lyceum has been labouring under difficulties, I was glad to see them resuming their old interest and activity. **Cheetham Hill**. The session was both entertaining and instructive. **Leaf Square**. There was only a poor attendance in the afternoon at the open session, but a good attendance at night. I hope to have a better report to record next quarter.—MRS. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

#### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 23 Societies in this district, 4 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been held or sought. General remarks:—**Darwen**. A most excellent session. All the items most ably gone through. **Great Harwood**. A good session, general order good, all their work ably finished. **Barnoldswick**. I had the pleasure of conducting the anniversary services. A good day. **Accrington** (Argyle Street). Open session, many of the scholars rendered suitable items to make it a success. **Burnley** (North Street). One hundred present. The whole session good, reflecting great credit on the conductor and officers. **Colne**. There was an excellent programme, the items being well rendered. A good attendance and good order. There has been a general improvement in this district during the past year. I am looking forward to the time when two sessions per Sunday will be adopted. Conductors are realising the importance of explaining to the young the meaning of the chain recitations. I hope it will become general.—GEORGE H. EDWARDS, D.V.

#### NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 8 Societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum. He learns that the Loughboro' Society has re-opened their Lyceum and hopes to visit them shortly.

General remarks:—**Nottingham** (Parliament Street.) Miss Twelvetree, the conductor of the newly opened Lyceum, makes a good enthusiastic conductor. Every prospect of a good Lyceum. (Gladstone Hall), has some good sessions, but needs more officers. **Leicester** (Queen Street.) This is an excellent Lyceum, its sessions being well attended and deeply interesting. (Albion Street.) I regret to say this Lyceum is not filling the high hopes we had for its future usefulness. A fuller compliance with the B.S.L.U's. method of conducting the Lyceum would, I believe, be beneficial.—J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

#### OLDHAM DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 13 Societies in this district, 4 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been held or sought.

General remarks:—Pleased to find good results in all Lyceums visited. Gilmour St. **Middleton**, much improved. Good responses and attention. **Uppermill**. A well conducted Lyceum. Good order and responses. **Hollingswood** (Byrom Street). This is a

well sustained Lyceum. **Oldham** (Elliott Street). Sessional programme well rendered. **Royton** seems to have improved since my last visit. I am pleased to inform you that the Lyceum at Waterhead, **Oldham**, has been re-opened. [I shall be glad to have particulars of time of sessions, secretary, etc.—General Secretary].—WM. CHISNALL, D.V.

#### ROCHDALE DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 8 Societies in this district, all but one having a Lyceum. No interview has been held or sought.

General remarks:—**Whitworth**. This Lyceum is making steady progress, good interest in the session was shown. **Penn Street**. I was pleased to see a better interest on the part of adults. The attention and conduct was good. **Todmorden**. This Lyceum is making good progress. Good interest is taken in the group lessons. Love and harmony was the order of the day. I am sorry to report the closing of the Oldham Road Society, also the Lyceum at Baillie Street. I am informed that the greater portion of the scholars have joined either Regent Hall or Penn Street Lyceums, so that our loss is not great.—J. BROWN, D.V.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 18 Societies in this district, 5 of them being without a Lyceum. Two interviews have been sought and held. Result:—Mexboro' hopes to re-open their Lyceum; Peniston Road, no prospect of re-opening.

General remarks:—**Attercliffe**. Good order, interesting session, large attendance, no room for marching. **Martin Street** New Lyceum, conductor ill. I conducted and had good order. I hope to see its number grow. **Darnall**. This, too, is a new Lyceum. I conducted two short sessions and pleaded at the meeting for more support of the Lyceum. **Barnsley**. Small attendance, but good order and attention to lessons. General improvement since previous visit. **Chesterfield**. I was invited to conduct owing to absence of conductor and the assistant on account of sickness. Responses and singing good. Should like to see more elders interested in the work. **Doncaster** (Wood Street). Good gathering, singing (no music), readings, etc., nicely rendered. A bright session throughout.—ERNEST WOOLER, D.V.

#### SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 10 Societies in this district, 3 of them having no Lyceum. One interview has been sought. Result:—The forming of a Lyceum under consideration.

General remarks:—A new Lyceum has been opened at **Motherwell** which has proved to be a decided success. The attendance is about 35. The earnestness of its leaders is commendable. **Greenock**. This Lyceum is still holding its morning sessions, but the attendance is small and lacking in enthusiastic workers. **Falkirk** have abandoned their meetings but intend to re-start in the near future. **Glasgow** Lyceum is in a flourishing condition. The attendance

is gradually increasing and the many branches of Lyceum work are being enthusiastically engaged in.—ROBERT SUDALL, JUN., D.V.

#### STOCKPORT DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 8 Societies in this district, all of them having a Lyceum.

General remarks:—**Hadfield**. A bright and effective Lyceum. The Lyceumists rendered several chain recitations from memory. **Glossop**. This Lyceum is not strong in numbers but there was a good session. Clairvoyance was introduced, a test to myself being very accurate indeed. They are to be complimented on their efforts, the session being ably conducted. **Stalybridge** (Vaudrey Street.) I found a marked change for the better. An increase of numbers and good interest in the session. Mr. Myatt is to be complimented on the improvements effected. **Hyde**. This Lyceum maintains its high reputation for energy and progressive efforts. **Dukinfield** Society has re-opened its Lyceum. I have not made them a visit yet, but hope to do soon.—W. H. POULTON, D.V.

#### TEESIDE DISTRICT.

The D.V. report having 5 Societies in this district, all having a Lyceum.

General remarks:—**Stockton-on-Tees**. I am very sorry to say this Lyceum is not as strong as it was. Perhaps protracted depression in the trade has something to do with it. Great credit is due to the few who have stood firmly by the children's cause. They have some good and well conducted sessions and I hope will soon see more prosperous days. **Middlesbrough**. This Lyceum has greatly improved both in officers, scholars, and interest. The sessions are marked by enthusiasm and harmony. If this can be sustained it will soon be the largest and best in our movement, or one of them. So may it be.—MRS. M. H. NAYLOR, D.V.

#### TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 12 Societies in this district, 3 of them being without a Lyceum. No interviews have been held or sought.

General remarks:—**Gateshead** Lyceum is doing fairly well. More attention to punctuality is desirable. **Northumberland Hall**. The membership of this Lyceum has been greatly reduced owing to the opening of the Gateshead and **Benwell** Lyceums. They are striving to recover their former strength. **Heaton and Byker**. This is a flourishing Lyceum, but suffers much inconvenience when their conductor is unable to attend, through lack of an efficient assistant, a matter they would do well to attend to. **South Shields** (Robinson Street) is a new Lyceum with willing workers who require assistance to enable them to win success. (King Street). I was agreeably surprised to see the progress made since my last visit. The question of joining the B.S.L.U. was introduced. I hope they will come into line. [Application for membership received.—Gen. Sec.]—JONAH CLARKE, D.V.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM MAY 1890

Secretary: Mr Alfred Kitson, Bromley Road, Hinging 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
- Altrincham**, Station rd., 2-30 p.m., Mr. J. Bardsley, 1, Daisy Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, Timperley
- 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**, Green street, 10-30 and 1-30, Miss N. Pickering, 4 Sturart-st.
- 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**, Carr st, 10 and 2, Mr. Bowers Hartley, 7, Mount terrace, Batley
- Beiper**, 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**, Saltley, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 3 Marlborough-place, Mount-st, Nechells  
 ,, B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street, Mrs. F. H. Knibb 146, Bristol-st., 2-45  
 ,, Smethwick, Central hall, cape hill 2-45, p.m., Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road
- Blackburn**, St. Peter st, 9-30 and 1-45, Mr. John Werrall, 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.
- Bradford**, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m., Mr. Harry Akeroyd, 91 Woodlands road, Whetley lane, Girlington  
 ,, 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, 10, Piggott-st.
- Brighton**, Manchester-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret s-place
- Burnley**, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulledge, Richard st, 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.
- Burnley**, 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. F. Silby, 56 Clive street, Canton
- 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, Littleton, 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, 96, Upper-rd., Batley Carr, Batley
- Doncaster**, 11, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. A. Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Balley  
 ,, Netherhall Road, 10-30. Miss Hilda Hilson, 42, Childers-st., Elmfield.
- Dukinfield**, Railway st., 10-30, Geo. Ellis, 26 Portland place, Portland st., Ashton-u-Lyne
- Dundee**, Camperdown Hall, Barrack st., 12-30, Mr. J. Inglis, jr., 22 Dundonald st., Clepington
- Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, 12-20, Mr. George Duff, 2, Tullock crescent
- Edinburgh**, Queen-st., 2-30, Mr. J. Lewington, 72, Marchmont-rd.
- Elland**, James st., 10, Miss M. A. Marsden, 82 Longdale-street
- Falkirk, N.B.**, Co-op. Hall, 1 p.m. Mr. C. H. Wann, 7, Glebe st.
- Gateshead**, Coatsworth rd., Beaconsfield Hall, 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. Hall, 33, Goschen street
- 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
- Grimby**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stanley-st., New Clew
- Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. John Williams, 59a, Osborne Place
- Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45, Mr. Fred Townsend, 4 Green terrace sq., Savile Park  
 ,, Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. 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, 4 Abraham st.
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden st., 10, Mr. A. Jagger, 8, School-st., Mold Green  
 ,, St. Peter st., 10-15, Mr. Wallis, 43, Clara st., Fartown
- Hull**, Lime-st. 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.
- Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Joseph Smith, 11 Melbourne street, Denton, Manchester
- 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. J. Harris, 2 Moss street, Keighley
- Lancaster**, Athenaum st. St Leonards gate 10-30 Mr. A. H. Dawes, 31 Sterling rd., Moorlands.
- Leeds**, Bethel st, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Robinson, 10, Coupland place, Lady Pit-st., Beeston Hill  
 ,, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr. H. Pearson, 8, Grosvenor place, Blackman lane  
 ,, Joseph-st, 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Alice Hesp, 33, Sunbeam-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.  
 ,, Hunslet, Church-st, 10-30. Miss Warburton, 3, Brandling-st., Hunslet.
- Leicester**, Queen st., 10-30 Mr. James Bishop 10, Mere rd  
 ,, Albion-st, 10 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. S. W. Davis, 225, Melton-st.
- Lincoln**, Frances Court, High-st., Mr. Sidney A Miles, 50, Belmont-st.
- Littletown**, Well-st., 10 and 2, Miss F. Brook, Ramsden-st., near Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant 2-45, Mrs. Madge Parker, 2 Spofford-rd'  
 ,, Dauby hall Dauby 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, Gavden-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.  
**Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2, Mr. H. McCartney, 12, Littleshall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert E. Mutton, 99 Ryle street
- Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. Williams, 28, Bellott st., Cheetham
- Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10, Mr. Arthur P. Anyon, 88, Thornton-st., Collyhurst
- Manchester**, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. Geo. Vernon, 73, Mytton st Hulme
- Manchester**, Harpurhey, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington rd., Crumpsall.  
 ,, Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. T. Weitzel, 90, Church lane, Gorton  
 ,, 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, 11 Wellington 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.
- Middlesbro'** 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.
- Morley**, Fountain-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Lewis Close 2 King-street
- Motherwell**, Park-st., Socialist Institute, 3 p.m. Mr. Jas. Porteous, Gardners place, Shields road, Flemington
- 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. Frank E. Brittain, 3 Victoria street, Newcastle  
 ,, Heaton Spiritual Institute, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle
- New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.
- Nottingham** Gladstone hall 2-30, Miss E H Yates, 51 Broak Oak street
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter., 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E Grattan, 13, Claypole-rd, Hyson Green.  
 ,, Mechanics' hall, 2-30 Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195 Wollaton-st  
 ,, Parliament Street, 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.
- Rawtenstall** Back ormerod st., 10-15 to 11-45, Mr. Geo. Henry Foster, 17 Haslam street
- Rishton**, 10 a.m., Miss Ada Capstic, 2, Shuttleworth-st., near Blackburn
- Rochdale** Regent hall, Regent st., 9-45 & 2 p.m. Mr. J. Farrow, 67 Grouse street  
 Penn st, 10 a.m. Mr. Wm. Brown, 7 Grafton st.
- Rotherham**, Howard-st., Mr. R. Papworth, 43, Orchard st., Masboro'
- Rothwell nr. Leeds**, Commercial-st., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. Ernest Heaton, Cross-st.
- Royston**, Union st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. N. Cockcroft, 2, Highlands-rd., nr. Oldham.
- Salford**, Chapel st., 10-30, Mr. Harold O'Neill, 11 Sligo street, Pendleton.
- Scarborough**, North st., 10-30, Mr. V' Davison, 5, St. John-st
- Seacombe & Egremont**, Brighton street, 2-30, Mr. H. Williams, 20 Edith road
- 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.