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After Many Days:

OR

James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

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CHAPTER V (continued).

THUS were Mr. Henderson's suspicions regarding more misinterpretations confirmed, and his faith in the authority of the Bible was becoming shaken to its very foundations. He could no longer oppose the Bible, he had so steadfastly made his guide, to Spiritualism. Indeed, he felt that to attempt it was simply inviting the Professor to beat him on his own ground, and he therefore decided that "discretion was the better part of valour." He determined to watch and wait for favourable opportunities in the shape of inconsistencies in the teachings and philosophy of Spiritualism which he might chance to hear.

"Now that you have cleared away the misconception of the nature of angels, I suppose it would be an easy matter to show that the ancient Jews had similar manifestations of spirit power to those we have to-day?" Mr. White ventured to ask, in the hope of being able to obtain a further elucidation of the subject that was under consideration.

"You are quite right. It would be an easy matter to parallel the greater portion of the Biblical manifestations—I say the greater portion of them advisedly, for there are some that I could not parallel if I would, and most certainly I would not even if I could."

"And what particular manifestations are they?" eagerly asked Mr. Henderson, in the hope of having a weak spot discovered unto him, which he could turn into good account.

"Such as speak of his Satanic majesty in the shape of a talking serpent. The talking ass of the prophet Balaam, and the slaying of hundreds in a single night by an angel of the Lord, are altogether outside the pale of modern Spiritualism," answered the Professor, to the great discomfiture of his interrogator, "while we could easily parallel materialised spirit forms, giving instructions by writing both as to buildings and prophecies, handling of fire without being burned, writing by invisible hands, speaking in unknown tongues, and interpretations of the same; visions of spirit friends, and of heavenly scenery; the levitation of the human body, and the transportation of the same to a great distance; not by the grotesque method of carrying them by "a lock of hair," but in the loving arms of invisible friends; causing the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, and the mourner's heart to be comforted; and when the grateful heart of the receiver of any or all of these bountiful blessings would have fallen down and worshipped the spirit, they, too, have been admonished with the words, 'See thou do it not; I am thy servant. Worship God, who gives us the power to bless you.' Yes," he concluded, "the Bible is full of spiritual manifestations. And so are the bibles of other and far older nations. But even supposing they were not, their dearth of spiritual evidence would not invalidate the present outpouring of the spirit one jot or tittle. So that we do not point out these facts from any desire to win adherents, because facts are always able to stand by themselves, even though opposed by a world of superstition, but to show you that the book which is professedly taken as the guide of all Christendom is, when rightly interpreted, full of spiritual phenomena, though much of it is mixed with myth, allegory, and fable."

CHAPTER VI.

THE threat made to Mr. White when he was interviewed by the minister and a few prominent members of the Wesleyan Chapel, if he refused to belie his convictions regarding the reality of the

spirit phenomena he had witnessed, or did not keep his convictions to himself and continue a member and worker in that great respectable and fashionable body, was at last put into effect. His employers, who, be it remembered, were members and great supporters of that wealthy body, slowly but surely effected their ends with a cunning subtlety that would have done credit to the powers of darkness. Their first move was to find fault with his work; he did not get enough material through the hands of those under his supervision, when in reality he had got more since his conversion to Spiritualism, as its teachings had made him more considerate and humane in his treatment of the workers. He thus won their esteem, and they had increased their efforts out of love for him. The next move was to find grave fault with the quality of the work done, when in fact it was superior, owing to the above cause. Then having found great fault with the quantity and quality, they could not afford to pay the same wages for such defective and careless supervision, so his wages must be cut down twenty-five per cent. This last move in their design had the desired effect of inducing their victim to leave the firm. But in what position? With a blighted reputation, instead of that of a skilful and competent manager in his special department of the great woollen industry of the district.

Had they "noticed" him away from the firm at first, the cause would have been apparent to all, and he would have found ready friends and sympathisers—and work. This they readily saw, and laid their plans to avoid it with such splendid success, as above described.

For several weeks previous to this final act, Mr. White had been warned to be careful and circumspect at his work, that there was a dark cloud hanging over which meant him harm. But despite the warning of ever watchful spirit friends, his quondam orthodox associates achieved their end.

Mr. Henderson was pained and shocked at the treatment Mr. White had received. As a clerk in the office of the same firm, he had every opportunity of verifying the correctness, or otherwise, of the complaint, but found the work had not been defective in any way, there being no real complaints lodged by those who received it from Mr. White.

The threat the minister had inadvertently made in Mr. Henderson's presence was remembered, and he noticed, with some misgivings, the frequent visits the Rev. Mr. Dale had made to the office of late, and the engrossing conversation that had always appeared to take place.

Then, again, Miss White had informed him what had been said to her father at the interview with the church officials, which she had feared meant trouble for them. Mr. Henderson treated the matter lightly at the time; subsequent events, however, only too fully confirmed her fears.

But this was not the only trouble they had to bear. Miss White's pupils in singing and music dropped off, one by one, as their terms expired. She then turned her attention to dressmaking and millinery, in which fashionable arts she had made herself proficient, but her venture only added to their loss, as the shop and rooms were generally boycotted. And what added greatly to her annoyance and grief, the urchins of the streets, the thoughtless roughs too, led by a few "pious" malicious souls, would throw sticks, stones, old cans, and boots into the shop as they passed, making use of opprobrious epithets. The same kind of treatment was meted out to the family whenever opportunity presented itself.

If Mr. Henderson was seen walking out with Miss White, he too was included in the category of those who had dealings with the devil, to his great chagrin. So that on this one account he was greatly tempted by the promptings of pride to desist from accompanying Miss White. But on second consideration his better nature asserted itself, and he determined to stand by her in her hour of need at all costs. Her trials should be his; her battles too he would fight, and thus help to compensate the Whites in some

slight measure for their loss of friends, social standing, and situation, which had been effected through religious intolerance. But their troubles did not end here. Mr. White had loaned to an old and esteemed friend a large sum of money to help him commence in business for himself, in which he had succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations, so that he was no longer in urgent need of capital, as he had a handsome sum to his credit in the bank.

Mr. White now decided to withdraw the money he had lent to his friend and try to find some more congenial town, or emigrate to America, the land of refuge, so frequently the home of peace for the persecuted and outcast of all nations. To his great dismay, Mr. White could not find the document in which the loan was acknowledged and rate of interest stated. His desk and private drawers were searched with minutest scrutiny, without discovering the least sign of the precious document he now so sorely needed. At last being thoroughly convinced it was lost he decided to make application for the money, and tell his friend that he had failed to find the document. As they had been life-long comrades, and as he had advanced the money in the hour of need, and his friend had succeeded in business so well by its aid, he fully expected that it would be duly repaid without any trouble or difficulty. But, to his utter consternation, as soon as his friend, who could now boast of a fine place of business and handsome office attached to it, fitted up with all the modern improvements, learned that the document was lost, he turned round on him and denied the loan, adding, with a contemptuous sneer, "I suppose the 'sperrets' have put the silly idea into your head. You had better go and ask them to show you where some treasure is hid or bring it."

Mr. White was stunned—dazed by the change of front in the one he had trusted and treated as a friend all his life. To thus utterly deny his indebtedness was a deliberate falsehood, which meant robbing him of several hundred pounds at a time when he was sorely in need; and when all those who had so long professed deep and lasting esteem, respect, and friendship had turned their backs on him. Involuntarily he raised his hand to his forehead, as if to gather his scattered senses and satisfy himself that he was really awake; that it was not all some horrid, frightful dream born of a fever-heated brain. When he had done so, he said, "Mr. Sharpe, surely you are jesting. You cannot be in earnest, and if you knew half of the insult, injustice, and calumny I have had to endure of late you would choose a more fitting subject to jest on."

"I am not jesting in the matter. I deny the loan. You must be mistaken in the party you loaned it to; and because we used to be companions in our younger days, and you see I have succeeded in business and know that I am well known for my benevolence to charitable institutions, you thought by making your claim on me that I should take pity on you and advance the money. A clever idea; but it won't do here. I forgive you the audacity of the trick, old boy," he said, in his blandest tones, "for the sake of old friendship."

"I neither want your pity nor forgiveness, but justice. You know you borrowed the money to commence your present business with, and that Mr. Morris and Mr. Mapping were present at the time I handed you the money, and received in return a note stating the amount and the rate of interest for the same. And I tell you the note is lost or misplaced, and I trusted in your honesty to refund it. I never thought you could be so mean and dishonest as to want to swindle me because I am unable to produce my written evidence. I am not mistaken in the party, as you know."

"Then you had better produce your evidence and your witnesses if you will persist in your claim. I tell you again it is a very clever trick, an old dodge, that is entirely lost on me."

"You may well tell me to produce my evidence, when I tell you again and again it is lost. Or my witnesses, when you are fully aware that Mr. Morris is in America, and that Mapping is dead. It is these facts that make you so bold in your refusal and disclaimer of all knowledge of it."

"I cannot afford to waste my time listening to your maudlin story and tone of pretended injured innocence," remarked this calm, designing scoundrel. "I am very sorry for you, but I really cannot help. It is not my fault you have lost your document. So I must bid you good-morning." This he said in his most bland and patronising tone, as he saw his victim to the door, where he stood watching poor Mr. White wearily wending his way home with aching heart, gloomy face, and bowed head.

As Mr. Sharpe saw Mr. White disappear from view as he turned the corner of the street, he retired into his office, and burst into a

hearty laugh at the clever stroke of business he had just accomplished, and muttered to himself, "The old fool; does he think I am going to pay him several hundred pounds when he has no legal claim on me? Not much. I am not so chicken-hearted as that. He should have taken better care of the document instead of fooling with the 'sperrets.'" And the world called him good, honourable, and benevolent when it was reported that he had given an extra fifty-pound note to the hospital funds; £20 to the ragged school; and promised the same amount to the missionary funds when subscriptions were being solicited at the church, in which he was a prominent member, to enable them to carry the blessed Gospel of a Vicarious Atonement to the dark and benighted heathen.

Oh! glorious Gospel, that so admirably fits the dark, selfish, and cunning tricks and policy of Christendom's commerce, of which they can be redeemed by uttering the magical "*Hey presto*;" quick, change-form of salvation, Lord, I believe," and immediately have all their sins washed away and be made ready for heaven. How very nice and convenient, and how encouraging to practice morality, isn't it?

When Mr. White reached home he was the picture of despair. He took his seat mechanically, and as he did so a deep sigh escaped him which seemed to shake every nerve and fibre in his body. He asked himself what he had said or done to draw all this trouble upon him. He had injured or wronged no one by either word nor deed. He had lived more truly and devotedly to the dictates of his conscience and his God than he had known how to do before. Often had he sung with fervour and enthusiasm—

Dare to be a Daniel;
Dare to stand alone;
Dare to have a purpose firm,
And dare to make it known.

In which he had been joined by those very people who had turned so coldly from him when they had been brought to the test. Often had he, in those moments of religious fervour, wished he had lived in the times of Daniel or the persecuted apostles, so that he could have shown his devotion to the truth and testified it with the loss of home, of all, of life itself, if needs be. And when he had given expression to those sentiments, his friends had shouted their loud "Amen," and tried to excel his enthusiasm for the truth.

Now he was being tested; he was passing through the refining fire of persecution, in which process all the dross of religious rant and cant and summer friends would be purged from the true metal—the love of divine truth. The Truth voiced forth in the days of old had become a dead letter through the substitution of forms, creeds, ceremonies, and traditions, and, phoenix-like, she had risen from her ashes in her full pristine beauty and life, and both Truth and her votaries were repugnant and distasteful to the world. Mr. White had a desire to know and follow the truth, and when he had found it he had the courage to cherish and defend it and make it a part of his life, against the expressed wishes of his friends. And this was the great sin against Mrs. Grundy, for which he must suffer the penalty.

When he related to his dear ones at home the result of his visit to Mr. Sharpe's office, how he had been received, the denial of the loan, the charge of mistaken identity, and the whole being a stale trick to defraud; and when they further remembered that one of the witnesses was dead and the other in America, but as to his whereabouts in that vast country they had not the remotest idea, they felt that their cup of sorrow was full to overflowing, and both wife and daughter could restrain their grief no longer. Locked in each other's arms they wept tears of poignant sorrow at the great cloud of misfortune and adversity that was accumulating so thickly and darkly over their devoted heads. They now realised the fact that, although the fires of Smithfield were lit no more, to burn the victims of religious intolerance, that the fires of hatred, fed by malice, spite, and bigotry, burn as fiercely and relentlessly in the hearts of their votaries as ever.

After their tears had exhausted themselves Florence sought her own bedroom, and there poured out a most fervent petition to the All-wise and Good Father, who is the friend of the friendless, and the comforter of all, that courage and fortitude might be given to help them bear the trials of the hour; also for wisdom and light to show them the path of duty, that they might walk therein to the end of life's journey, be it long or short.

(To be continued.)

Bible Studies, No. 4.**OTHER GODS.**

In our first article we discovered that the god of Israel was not the God who made the heavens and the earth, but a human spirit, probably an ancient Egyptian whose name was Yahveh (pronounced Yah-wah), who constituted himself the spirit guide, and guardian of the children of Israel, and desired to make a great nation of them, and be their god. But as the neighbouring nations had their special gods whom they worshipped, Yahveh was afraid that his people would forsake him and worship some other god. Hence he became known as a jealous god, who became very angry at times, and threatened to visit the sins of the parents on their children to the third and fourth generations.

The gods of the other nations were represented as being equally jealous of their honour, and threatened vengeance on their worshippers if they were unfaithful.

Their priests and prophets had an adroit way of turning the events of their battles to good account, whether they won or lost. Thus, if they were victorious, they said their god had given the enemy into their hands; and when they were defeated the priests gave it out that their god was angry with them, and had given them into the hands of their enemies as a punishment, and advised that there might be days of atonement and sacrifice to appease the wrath of their god, and win back his favour. By this means the priests managed to keep the people in fear and subjection. This kind of teaching led parents to sacrifice their sons. This was done frequently by the worshippers of Molech; and if these failed when any national calamity threatened them, they would sacrifice themselves, along with their families, as a voluntary offering to their god.

Such being the custom of the nations by whom the children of Israel were surrounded, and they themselves being addicted to the same practices, and holding similar ideas concerning the power of the gods, you will readily understand why Yahveh was so very much afraid of his people forsaking him for some rival god.

In reading the Bible, all commands of "thus saith the LORD" should be understood to come either from the priest, the prophet, or Yahveh himself, and *never* from the great and eternal God, the maker and sustainer of the heavens and the earth, whom we as Spiritualists worship as being too wise to err, and too good to be unkind.

We will now describe the gods of the other nations.

BAAL.

The name Baal means Lord, Master, or Owner. He was the native god of the land of Canaan, and was regarded by his worshippers as the giver of their corn, wine, and oil. Baal presided over the labours of the husbandmen, and rendered the increase of their harvest. Baal was also the God of the Phœnicians, the Syrians, the Assyrians under the name of Bel and Belus. And to the Ekronites as Beelzebul, which the Jews changed into Beelzebub, which means the Lord of filth and flies. Baal was everywhere regarded as the god of the Sun,

as being the ruler and revivifier of nature. His worship was conducted on the top of hills. Incense was frequently presented to him, as well as sacrifices, the same as was done to Yahveh.

ASHTORETH.

Ashtoreth was the principal goddess of the Phœnicians and Syrians, and the consort of Baal. She was symbolised under the form of a cow, with a star for her emblem, or as sitting on a lion, her head surrounded with a halo. She held a thunderbolt in her right hand, and in her left hand a sceptre. Her worship was very widespread and very ancient.

CHEMASH.

Chemash was the god of the Moabites. His name appears on the famous Moabite stone, where he is praised by the King Mesha for having given victory to his army over his enemy, just as Yahveh is praised by the Kings of Israel for giving them victory over their enemies.

DAGON.

Dagon was the national god of the Philistines, and was represented as half man and half fish. Being a seafaring people, it was as natural for them to regard the fertilising power of the earth and the sea in this form as it was for an agricultural people to view it as symbolised by the bull or the cow:

MOLECH.

Molech means The King. The word is always written with the article the, as The King. He was the national god of the Ammonites, Canaanites, Phœnicians, and Carthaginians, and was known by the following names:—Molech, Moloch, Malcom, and Milcom. His worship was by ordeals of passing through the fire, human sacrifices, and, it is said, even by sacrifice of children, whose cries of distress were drowned by the priests with the clashing of cymbals. The object of worship seems to have been the fire, as a sacred emblem of the sun, the giver of light and life.

THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

The Queen of Heaven is generally understood to be identical with the moon, as the symbol of Ashtoreth. The Israelites worshipped her by burning incense, pouring out drink offerings, and making cakes for her, which greatly offended Jeremiah. See chapter xlv., verses 17, 18, 19, and 25.

RIMMON.

Rimmon was a Syrian god, and had a temple at Damascus called the House of Rimmon. The name is thought to signify The High One, whose symbol is the sun riding through the heights of heaven. There are other scholars who think the name signifies the pomegranate, and the god to be the symbol of the fertilising power of nature.

TAMMUZ.

Tammuz is thought to be the sun, and has been generally identified with the Greek Adonis, a youth of the most delicate beauty. Adonis appears to have been a symbol of the sun, departing in winter, and returning as youthful and vigorous as ever in spring.

(To be continued).

THE LYCEUM IN JOHANNESBURG.

[The following article is copied from *Industry* a magazine published in Johannesburg, and contains the Editor's impression of our Lyceum system.—Ed., L.B.]

It was Sunday morning. The sun shone brightly in the clear atmosphere as only the South African sun can shine, the blue dome of the sky overhead was without the faintest speck of cloud. A soft moisture-laden breeze from the Indian Ocean gently fanned the roses in the villa gardens and the faces of the passers by. A thunder storm the evening before had swept the streets of Johannesburg clean, and the entire absence of mud and dust lent an additional relish to existence. On a morning like this, to breathe the purified ozone-laden atmosphere and bask in old sol's genial rays is to live. The tolling of the church and chapel bells remind one of the house of worship, and the soul instinctively goes out in gratitude to the source and author of its existence. It may have been the joyousness of nature's bright environment, or the promptings of kindred spirits in the unseen that led the writer to wend his way to the Trades' Hall, and the happy faces of the children who meet there every Sunday morning to take part in the pleasurable instruction and exercises of the Lyceum. The memory of an invitation received months ago, and the promise to accept this invitation some day, finally decided me to visit the school, and in a few minutes the hall was reached. The word "Lyceum" leads the mind back to the far away times when Aristotle taught in the groves near Athens, in the Lykeion or Temple of Apollo, and in modern times, it is applied to halls of learning, universities and schools. In referring to the Johannesburg Lyceum, it is perhaps well to allow the Lyceum Manual to speak for itself.

"The Lyceum is a school of a liberal and harmonious education, and aims at the unfoldment of the faculties in their due order and degree. This is attained by removing obstacles to self-development, and providing the expanding intelligence with the food which it can assimilate according to its needs. The two divisions of study are the physical and the mental nature of the pupil. The physical education is accomplished by a series of calisthenics, arranged so as to exercise every portion of the body and the mental by such instruction as calls forth the powers of the pupils, through judicious information and careful discussion. The recitations and responses embody selections of great truths, thus impressed upon the memory, awakening the understanding and gladdening the heart. The chief or fundamental principle running through all education and instruction is harmony, and this is very prominent in the music and singing of the pupils in which unity of feeling and purpose is symbolised and expressed. Pleasure attends all the work and exercises, on the principle that that which is right is always delightful to the healthy spirit.

"The Lyceum methods are distinguished from

others by their comprehensiveness, variety, and tolerance, and their perfect accordance with the laws of nature, and their most characteristic feature is that they teach a religion of reason, beauty, truth and goodness. Its glorious aim is the spiritual, moral and intellectual elevation of its members (both juvenile and adult) and through them of the world at large." I am the happy possessor of one of these Lyceum Manuals, and advise every reader to get one.

On entering the large, clean, well-lighted hall the harmonious hum of youthful voices betokens pleasure and gladness. After the preliminary and usual opening exercises, the children and adults one by one, when called by the conductor, step forward and recite or read "pearls" or short extracts or literary gems, culled from many sources, and are encouraged by the subdued applause of their fellows, denoting approbation. Then more singing is followed by the "silver chain recitations," which consist of verses from the Manual, a few lines of which are read by the conductor, and the remaining lines of the verse are read in unison by the children as a response. A series of calisthenic exercises are then gone through to a musical accompaniment, and this is varied by marching and counter-marching, including figure-forming, still to the musical accompaniment and the sweet tinkling of tiny bells, held in the hands of the pupils. With more advanced pupils the "discussion" is sometimes introduced, but not on the lines of what is ordinarily considered a discussion. To quote again from the Manual:—

"The Lyceum is not a debating club, and it is an absolute rule that speakers must give their own thoughts on the subject under consideration, and not make any personal references to what anyone else has expressed or thought. United investigation thus pursued makes all friends, whilst discussion, as ordinarily practised, antagonises and produces in-harmony, and sometimes positive discord."

Apparently all too soon the varied hour's singing reciting, reading and responses, marching and calisthenics comes to an end, and the writer feels convinced that all present, and more especially the children, were sorry when the conductor's bell announced that the 60 minutes of the Lyceum hour had expired. There cannot be the least doubt but that if more parents alive to the necessity of careful and pleasurable training of their children, know of the existence of this model training school, the hall will soon prove too small to accommodate the pupils. Whilst listening to the musical intonation of the sweet voices of the pupils, and catching some of the sunshine of happiness refulgent in their intent and beaming faces, one felt that very near indeed were the gates of heaven, and that it was like going into comparative shadow, to step once more into the invigorating and warmth-giving rays of the physical sunshine of dear old Sol, the source of life to the physical world.—SAMOTH.

If one man conquer in battle a thousand times ten thousand men, and if another conquer himself, he is the greatest of conquerors.—*Buddha*.

Lyceum Lesson Plan for June.

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
June 2	339	47	*337	120	310
„ 9	376	388	233	123	410
„ 16	383	386	234	122	412
„ 23	396	384	239	129	401
„ 30	372	374	229	120	375

*Impromptu Readings.

Golden Precepts.

(To be committed to memory by the Lyceum.)

June 2nd.—“Failure is only when we cease to try.”
—*Newbolt.*

June 9th.—“Whilst I live I will never disguise the truth, nor speak otherwise than my duty requires.”—*Socrates.*

June 16th.—“They love truth best who to themselves are true, and what they dare to dream of dare to do.”—*James Russell Lowell.*

June 23rd.—“I have seen many embittered by criticism, and others enfeebled for the lack of a kind encouragement, but I do not come across any who have been spoilt by deserved praise.”—*Ian Maclaren.*

June 30th.—“All service ranks the same with God—
With God, whose puppets, best and worst,
Are we; there is no last nor first.”

Robert Browning.

LESSON PLAN, SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1907.

“THE SENSES” (See 129, MANUAL).

I. PROPOSED COURSE OF LESSON.

Read the G.C.R. with the class, duly noting all the explanations made by the conductor during the reading of the G.C.R. in Session. Refer to the sources from which this reading was culled. Enumerate various habits that go towards spoiling a healthy body, and contrast them with the observance of sensible habits.

If a blackboard is available sketch the circulatory system of the blood, and then show the similarity in nature.

Show what a beautiful structure the human body is, how its equipments are all necessary as ministers of good to the inward soul that actuates and directs all motion.

II. QUESTIONS.

Have we all got senses?

If so, do we use them when we do wrong?

What controls the actions of the body?

Which should be the master—the body or soul?

How can a person become a well-developed spirit (see last query in G.C.R.)?

III. LESSONS.

Observance of moderation in all things—eating,

drinking, working, studying, playing, in fact living generally (refer to G.C.R., 134 and 143).

Example is better than precept.

BLACKBOARD LESSON.

SOUL the MONARCH.

SENSES—Faculties of the Soul.

ORGANS—Subjects of the Soul

and

Conveyances of Truth to the Soul.

Lyceum Camp, Horrocksford, Clitheroe.]

Once again we are in camp—glorious health-giving camp; 23 of us came on the Saturday. On Sunday and Monday our numbers were largely increased by visitors from various North-East Lancashire towns. This year we have three tents and a living-in van, and if our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Barker-Holden, could bed and feed all those who desire to come, we should require ten tents. These grand workers in our blessed movement have fully established the need of these camps, and also that they are appreciated by our Lyceumists. Of their utility, after many years of experience, we are fully satisfied. The weather this week has been the worst and coldest we have ever experienced, yet we are happy and rejoice both with heart and voice, and all are in vigorous health and spirits. Our meetings have been well attended. Amongst our speakers, instructors and entertainers have been Mrs. Whittaker, Accrington; Mr. Alonzo Jackson, with his wonderful store of botanic and geological knowledge; and not the least, Miss Janet Crook and her friend Mrs. Vernon Harcourt. Their singing has been grand. We have with us in camp one of the grandest singers in our movement, Mrs. George Howarth, whose singing has charmed us all. We have close around us a large number of flowering and medicinal plants that I should have liked to talk to the readers of the BANNER about, but I know your space is limited. Birds, with the exception of the lark, are in large numbers and variety. In conclusion, let me say I hope the time is near when our Union will provide the opportunity for our Lyceum children to spend a week or two with Mother Nature.

May 23rd, 1907.

J. KNIGHT.

MOTHERWELL.—Sunday, 19th May, we held a farewell service in honour of one of our worthy brothers who leaves for Australia. On Saturday, 25th May, after a splendid selection of songs, readings and recitations, heartily contributed by our Lyceumists, and a few suitable remarks from our worthy conductor, all present marched round the hall and gave our departing brother the hearty hand-shake of the Lyceum, wishing him every success in the future.—James Porteous, Secretary.

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

At last the great day arrived when I landed in Durban, and said "good-bye" to the good ship "Saxon," for the voyage had been a pleasant and happy one. We arrived in Durban on Sunday, October 22nd, 1905, at 3 p.m. After passing an examination by the doctor and obtaining a permit, we were allowed to land. Then came the customs officers to overhaul the baggage; fortunately I had no difficulty in this respect. As the ship came alongside I saw my friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer and their son, friends whose names will be familiar to many in Dundee as good and true workers for Spiritualism in our dear old country. When Mrs. Lorimer pointed me out to those assembled on the wharf to welcome me, the waving of handkerchiefs and loud cheering was almost too much for me. Quite a crowd had come to greet me, and many hands were stretched out to clasp mine as I came down the gangway. Here I met Mr. Walter Knox who had taken such a great interest in arranging my visit to Durban. I am glad to say that afterwards he became one of my truest friends and helped me all through my mission. Half-an-hour was spent in greeting each other, and we then drove away in rickshaws, Zulu boys taking the place of horses. I found that I was advertised to speak in the Good Templar's Hall the same day that I arrived, and although suffering from a dreadful headache—the effects of the voyage, I made a great effort and made an appearance. The Good Templar's Hall is a fine large building, seating several hundred people. I found it crowded with an audience of intellectual people, who cheered when I seated myself on the platform. The room had been beautifully decorated with flowers, and over the organ was a red banner bearing the words "Welcome to Our Sister and God Bless her Mission" I am thankful to say that my first short address created a good impression. Mr. Knox and other friends accompanied me to the house of Mrs. Lorimer, which was also my home during my stay in Durban. Thus ended my first day in South Africa.

October 23rd. This morning I awoke in South Africa. It was a glorious morning, and Mrs. Lorimer came to me with a cup of tea. She made me most welcome. The house is Natalia Cottage, of small dimensions, but very pretty, with a large garden surrounding it, where lemons, oranges, mangos, peaches, and bananas grow in rich profusion. Mr. Lorimer is a good medium and every Tuesday night he has a home circle at which I was permitted to be present. This was a source of great pleasure to me, for my dear spirit friends brought me many sweet messages from my dear ones at home. Mrs. E. H. Britten and John Lamont often manifested. On Wednesday, October 25th, the friends gave a reception to welcome me; a great many were present by invitation. The President and Council were on the platform, and I was received and welcomed most cordially. We were entertained during the evening by music and singing. I described several spirit people

and gave messages to their friends. Miss Bessie Utton, a sweet little girl, presented me with a lovely bouquet of flowers, in the name of the Society, reciting these words:—

These bright flowers we present to thee,
Sweet messenger from o'er the sea,
As emblems of eternal love
Sent from our Father's home above.

I kissed her, and thanked her and all assembled for their kindness to me, a stranger in their midst.

Durban is a lovely city and is called the "garden city of Natal." When storms come here they are terrific, umbrellas are of little or no use; the rain comes down like a deluge, the thunder seems to shake the earth and the lightning is incessant, very brilliant and beautiful. Any meat or dead thing left about is covered and devoured immediately by ants. They are wonderful little creatures and are most interesting to study. Butterflies are most gorgeous and almost as large as small birds, and one is never tired of looking at them.

My first public meeting was held Sunday, October 27th, Mr. Knox in the chair and the hall was packed. We had a splendid meeting and I believe many were helped spiritually.

One day Mr. Henry Lorimer took me into the "bush." We seemed to walk miles among thick trees of all descriptions; there were so many butterflies that we had to be careful that we did not tread upon them. We saw an insect—a "walking stick"—and it is just like one, with no visible means of propelling itself. Banana plantations extended as far as the eye could see; the plantations are cultivated by Indians and Kaffirs, living in huts made from old paraffin cans and bits of wood. All Kaffirs must be indoors by 9 p.m. A pretty Indian girl used to come to our door every morning with fruit and flowers, her name was "Mary." One day I gave her a little white shell necklace I had brought with me from England; as I placed it round her neck she lifted her hands and said "me call you sister, you give Mary something for nothing." She had large silver bracelets round her arms, and anklets round her ankles, rings on her fingers and toes and several round her ears. She was dressed in pale yellow silk with a red border and a muslin scarf round her head. Beautiful large black eyes, and gleaming white teeth, long jet black hair and dusky skin completed a picture of beauty I had never seen before. She walked with the poetry of motion. I had the happiness, with the help of my spirit doctor, of curing her of a bad eye, which service made her still more my friend. I also to a great extent healed a lady who was suffering, it was thought, from cancer, she had undergone an operation but no cancer could be discovered. During my visit in Durban I gave a great many private sittings successfully, also circles and public lectures during the week. I met a Mr. W. Sink, who afterwards became a dear friend. He is almost a native of South Africa and has healed a great many people by magnetism. He speaks the Zulu language like a native; I learned from him how the Kaffirs bury their dead. They place the body in the earth in a sitting posture, with an assagai and shield

as the grave is filled up the earth is handed in with bowls, great care being taken to pick out any pebble or stone that might cut the face. They then place a small stone to cover the head. Any Kaffirs afterwards passing by the place, and seeing this stone throw a pebble upon it, so that in time it grows into a mound. The Kaffirs believe that when they die the spirit enters a serpent which lives near the kraal; when the serpent dies the spirit enters another, and so on. When the corpse is placed in the grave the relatives often make use of these words: "Look upon us from the place whither you have gone; take care of us; cause us to prosper." They do not like anyone to die in the kraal; it is remarkable that they should speak to the departed. They never, or seldom kill a serpent. When they think the spirit is vexed they bring a serpent and send for the witch doctor who orders a beast to be killed and its flesh put in jars inside the kraal. They then shut the door and if the serpent eats any of it they say the spirit is pleased, after which the natives go in and finish the remainder.

(To be continued).

NEWS FROM DURBAN.

Dear Bro. Kitson, and fellow Lyceumists,—I know you will be pleased to see a line from me. I have been nearly eight months in Durban, and am to take a tour round Africa shortly. You will be pleased to learn there is a nice Lyceum here containing about eighty scholars, great credit is due to all the leaders. It delighted me on my arrival to find them so well established. But what pleased and cheered my heart most has been to see the little tots waiting for my arrival every Sunday with their floral tributes.

My thoughts often travel to the old country, and as thoughts are real things I fancy some of you have felt me with you in spirit.

With fraternal greetings to all,

Yours sincerely,

MRS. M. J. PLACE VEARY,

16, Coart Avenue, Durban, South Africa.

More Lyceumists for America.

BLACKBURN (Northgate).—We held a social and dance to commemorate the departure of our esteemed conductor and assistant, Mr. and Mrs. Southworth, for America. During the evening Mrs. Southworth was presented with a beautiful gold chain and locket, and Mr. Southworth with a splendid pendant, each having inscribed thereon the good wishes of the Lyceumists and friends. They also received many presents from a large number of friends. At the Sunday services Mr. McKnight and Mr. J. Cooke made feeling reference to the departure of these two noble workers who have done so much for the Society and Lyceum. Mrs. Southworth feelingly replied, and once more described the spirit friends present.

J. COOKE, pro. Sec.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On April 27th a tea and social was held to bid farewell and God-speed to Mr. Frank Beardsell, who has gone to join our late conductor, Mr. Jenkinson. During the evening Miss

Webster, our conductor, presented Mr. Beardsell with a portmanteau, subscribed for by all members of the Lyceum. Mr. Gibbons also made touching reference to the occasion. On receiving the present Mr. Beardsell broke down, the strain was too much for him. And many tears were shed on his behalf. He has been connected with our Lyceum for ten years. He sailed in the Saxonia on April 30th. Our prayers for his good and prosperity go with him. Our loss is America's gain.

R. BILLSBOROUGH.

In Memoriam.

It is with deep regret I have to report the passing on of John Edward Holt on April 18th, 1907. His mortal remains were interred at the Undercliffe Cemetery. A large number of Lyceumists and members of the Society were present. Mr. Hale (president) read a beautiful poem, and Mrs. Hale offered up prayer in the house. Mrs. Dodsworth and Mrs. Hale officiated at the grave side. The Lyceum and Society presented a beautiful artificial wreath as a token of respect.

He's only changed for higher birth,
To join the angel band,
And mingle with those from this earth
In that glorious Summer-land.

H. BIRDSALL, Conductor,

Otley Road Lyceum, Bradford.

HYDE LYCEUM.—It is with deep regret I have to further report the passing on of Mrs. Mattocks on April 31st. The interment took place on May 3rd at the Denton Cemetery. Many floral tributes were received, including one from our Church and Lyceum. She has been a consistent and diligent worker in our Church for 13 years.

"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."

JOSEPH SMITH, Sec.

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.

I have to acknowledge the following sums received from the Lyceums mentioned for Bricks sold on behalf of our Building Fund:—Oriell Hall, Hunslet, Leeds, 11s. 6d.; Grimsby, 3s. 3d.; Glasgow, 6s.; Leicester (Queen Street), 2s. 4d.; Bradford (Otley Road), 1s. 1d. The cordial thanks of my Committee are tendered to the members of these Lyceums for the invaluable help they have given to our Fund. Other friends send fraternal greetings for the success of our object, which are greatly appreciated. I shall be glad if those Lyceums who have not yet returned Bricks unsold will kindly do so at their earliest convenience.

—Yours fraternally,

J. COOTE, Hon. Sec. Building Fund.

Every man is a creator. He creates his conditions for the spirit-world day by day while in this. His happiness in the next world is the effect of his every thought and act in this.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The 18th Lyceum Conference was a record gathering. The "welcome" given to the Officers, Executive and Conference was unique, and will be long remembered. The Manchester Committee of Management are to be congratulated on the manner in which all the arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the delegates were carried out.

We give a full report of the Conference proceedings, and feel sure our readers will find pleasure and inspiration in perusing the same.

One fact will be noted, namely, that the Constitution, and all embodied in it, is to be given a five years trial before it can be further revised.

Copies of the revised Constitution will be mailed to the Secretaries of all federated Lyceums by the 12th, of this month. As these copies are for the guidance of the Lyceums they should be kept in the minute books so as always to be handy for reference.

Applications for membership with the Lyceum Union have been granted to the following Lyceums: Altrincham; Barnoldswick (Green-street); Benwell (Atkinson-road); Dundee (Barrack-street); Gateshead (Coatsworth-road), and Seacombe.

New Spiritual Societies are about to be opened at Failsworth, near Oldham, and Brownhills, near Walsall. Both of them are contemplating opening a Lyceum in due course. This is as it should be.

The Spiritual Society at Wolverhampton has decided to re-open its Lyceum after the lapse of two years. The Oldham (Coronation-street) Society has also decided to re-open its Lyceum. We heartily wish both of them a successful future.

A Lyceum was opened in New South Wales (Australia) on April 14th. One has also been opened in Vancouver (British Columbia). Both of them have sent good orders for our Lyceum Manual, Spiritual Songster, and Outlines of Spiritualism, which they have decided are the best ever published.

Pendleton (Ford Lane) Lyceum will hold its Open Session on June 9th, Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, the Manchester D.V. will be the speaker. All friends are cordially invited.

The Spiritual Society of Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, which has a membership of 80, who are sending their children to be trained in the orthodox creeds, are about to open a Lyceum. Surely one is greatly needed.

The London (Manor Park) Lyceum has been suspended until a larger hall can be secured. In the meantime the officers and members are attending the Lyceum newly opened at Little Ilford.

As announced last month all parcels of the LYCEUM BANNER will in future be sent per parcel post. This decision has been arrived at owing to the continual annoyance caused to secretaries by their parcels going astray. Eight parcels containing 258 copies went astray last month. The consequence was that the extra copies we had printed for the Conference had to be used to make good these losses, and even then there was a shortage.

As the postage on 12 copies is 4d. and the same postage is sufficient for 18, we venture to ask all Lyceums now taking 12 to help us by increasing their order to 18. In this way the loss incurred by the heavy postage will be minimised, and the hands of the Executive will be strengthened to maintain the increased size of the LYCEUM BANNER.

PARTS OF SPEECH.

Three little words you often see.

Are articles a, an, and the.

A noun is a name of any thing,
As school or garden, hoop or swing.

Adjectives shew the kind of noun,
As great, small, pretty, white, or brown.

Instead of nouns the pronouns stand,
Her head, his face, your arm, my hand.

Verbs tell us something to be done,
To read, write, count, sing, jump, or run.

How things are done the adverbs tell,
As slowly, quickly, ill, or well.

Conjunctions join the words together,
As men and women, wind or weather.

The preposition stands before
A noun, as in, or through, the door.

The interjection shews surprise,
As oh! how pretty! ah! how wise!

The whole are called nine parts of speech,
Which reading, writing, speaking, teach.

—Every Boy's Monthly.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The eighteenth annual Conference of the above Union was held in the Co-operative Hall, Downing Street, Manchester, on Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th.

The Conference opened at 6 p.m. on the Saturday by the singing of hymn "Shoulder to Shoulder." Mr. Wm. Johnson delivered the invocation. The President, Mr. Reuben Latham, Burnley, then remarked, that through an oversight, the names of Higher Broughton and Maskell Street Lyceums had been omitted from the list printed at the back of the hymn sheet, and proffered apologies for the same.

The following temporary appointments were made:—Tellers: Mr. R. Sudall, junr., Glasgow, Mr. George Derbyshire, Armley, and Messenger: Mr. E. J. Barnes, Bury.

The minutes of the previous Conference were read by the General Secretary and adopted on the motion of Mr. Owen (Liverpool), and seconded by Mr. Knott (Rochdale).

Mr. Jackson (Harpurhey) asked why notices of motion given at the last Conference were not included in the agenda?

The President explained that it was necessary for all motions to be sent in by affiliated Lyceums, and as the motions referred to had not been ratified by their Lyceums they were not in order.

Mr. Dyson (Huddersfield) enquired concerning the legal expenses in connection with the John Ainsworth bequest, and was referred to the Treasurer's report.

A letter was read from Mr. H. A. Kersey (Newcastle-on-Tyne) regretting his inability to be present owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Kersey. This being the first Conference he had missed in 20 years.

Mr. J. Venables (Walsall) moved, and Mr. F. B. Smedley (Belper) seconded: "That this Conference sends its sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kersey in their hour of trouble and sorrow. Messrs. Joe Kay (Keighley), J. Clarke (Newcastle-on-Tyne) and Mr. Johnson (Hyde), bore testimony to the good work done for the C.P.L. by Mr. and Mrs. Kersey. Mrs. Greenwood (Hebden Bridge) referred to the passing on of Mrs. A. E. Arthur, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. John Hy. Marston (Stockport) drew attention to the serious illness of Mr. T. Edwards, of Stockport. Mr. S. Northrop (Dudley Hill, Bradford) referred to Mr. H. Arnold's (D.V. Bradford), serious condition. And the President referred to Mr. T. Wilson of Huddersfield. The above friends were all included in the vote of sympathy, which was passed unanimously.

It was resolved to adjourn the Conference at 9 p.m.

It was agreed that the General Report be taken as read. The report was afterwards adopted on the motion of Mr. Smith (Hull), seconded by Mr. Knott (Rochdale).

The question of E.C. duties in connection with Propaganda meetings was discussed at considerable length, the following delegates taking part: Mrs. Greenwood, Messrs. Stott, Holgate, Johnson, Keeling, Kitson, Tinker, Latham, Knott, Simpson, Mrs. Law, and Mrs. Naylor. Messrs. Owen (Liverpool) and Jones (Southport) proposed and seconded "that the question of E.C. duties be deferred till the Bye-Laws are considered."

Mr. Alfred Simpson (Ashton-under-Lyne) moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Mrs. Law (Coventry). "That this Conference has full confidence in the way and manner in which the E.C. are carrying on the Propaganda work. 16 votes were recorded for the motion, and 92 votes for the amendment, which was declared to be carried."

The report was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

It was agreed that the Lyceum Banner report be taken as read. The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. R. Billsborough (Bolton), seconded by Mr. Stott (Nelson).

The statement of accounts, as printed in the April issue of the LYCEUM BANNER was accepted on the motion of Mr. Johnson (Hyde) seconded by Mr. Owen (Liverpool).

Mr. Knott pointed out that the postages of the P.S.F. were charged to the General Fund Account instead of the P.S.F. Account.

Mr. Jackson asked for particulars of P.S.F. donations, and was advised to await the report on that Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Mr. Councillor J. Venables, Walsall, had been making some comparisons in regard to the Lyceum Union's expenses, which he thought would prove of interest to the Conference. Previous to the Conference held at York in 1905, the

Executive Council was composed of eight persons, it would be remembered that at the Conference held at York it was decided to increase the Executive Council to twelve persons. He desired them to note the following comparisons:—

During 1903 the Executive held four meetings as follows:—

	Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nottingham	3	6 2	2	13 9
Keighley	3	1 0	2	6 7
Sowerby Bridge	1	19 0	2	9 2
Darwen	3	5 8	2	14 8
	£11	11 10	£10	4 2

A gain on the meetings of £1 7s. 8d.

Conference held at Blackburn, receipts £8 0s. 0½d., expenditure £4 19s. 1d. A gain on the Conference of £3 0s. 11½d.

During 1904 the Executive held four meetings as follows:—

	Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Rochdale	3	12 3	2	4 2
Bootle... ..	2	0 6	2	6 10
Barrow	1	8 10	2	10 6
Liverpool	2	0 3	2	11 7
	£9	1 10	£9	13 1

A loss on the meetings of 11s. 3d.

Conference held at Blackpool, receipts £8 1s. 6d., expenditure £5 9s. 5d. A gain on the Conference of £2 12s. 1d.

During 1905 the Executive held five meetings as follows:—

	Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Hebden Bridge	2	4 7	3	19 0
Bradford	2	14 2	4	5 8
Middlesbrough	4	1 11	7	19 10
Bolton... ..	2	17 9	4	1 8
Skipton	1	16 9	4	7 6
	£13	15 2	£24	13 8

A loss of £10 18s. 6d.

Conference held at York, receipts £6, expenditure £15 19s. 8d. A loss on the Conference of £9 19s. 8d.

During 1906 the Executive held four meetings as follows:—

	Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Stalybridge	1	5 11	2	12 10
Batley Carr	1	11 3	2	19 3
York	1	12 2	5	18 9
Lancaster	2	2 2	4	0 6
	£6	11 6	£15	11 4

A loss of £8 19s. 10d.

Conference held at Keighley, receipts £6 12s. 5d., expenditure, £13 2s. 9d. A loss on the Conference of £6 10s. 4d.

It will be seen that while there is a gain on the Executive Meetings and Conferences during the years 1903 and 1904 of £6 9s. 6d. when there was an Executive Council of eight persons, there is a loss during the years 1905 and 1906 on Executive Meetings and Conferences of £36 8s. 4d.

Then, again, he might draw their attention to the increase in the travelling expenses of the District Visitors. Previous to the Conference held at Blackpool in 1904, District Councils had paid the travelling expenses of their respective District Visitors. At the Blackpool Conference it was decided that they be paid out of the Lyceum Union's General Fund, with the result that while in 1903 the travelling expenses were only £1 13s. 4d., during 1904 they rose to £6 16s. 6d., 1905 to £8 1s. 3d., and in 1906 to £10 18s. 3d. As the Treasurer, whose duties were to watch and safeguard the financial interests of the Union, he thought it his duty to present these facts, and warn the Conference as to the serious consequences of further increasing the responsibilities of the B.S.L.U. unless ways and means to increase the Union's income could be devised. (Applause).

Mr. Johnson commented on the Treasurer's statement of D.V. expenses. The discussion was taken part in by Messrs. Stott, Barnes,

Jones, Marston, France, Haworth, Kay and Simpson, after which it was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Hon. Sec. to the P.S.F. then read the following report:—

THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND REPORT.

The fund has done well this year and compares favourably with recent years. It was formed at the Conference held at Blackburn in May, 1903, and realised £49 17s. 7d., during that year. The following year £71 5s. 0d., were produced, which was the high water mark, for the succeeding year the receipts dropped to £49 8s. 1d., whilst this year the accounts show a sum of £59 9s. 11d., just £11 15s. 1d., behind the receipts for 1904.

This year the Lyceums have evinced a greater interest in the Fund. In 1903, the first year, 30 Lyceums subscribed; in 1904, 45; in 1905, 49; and in this last year, 1906, 63; a gain of 16 on last year's subscribing Lyceums. There are 166 Lyceums in affiliation with the B.S.L.U., so that it is self evident the big majority do not evince any interest in this part of the Union's welfare. Last year I suggested an annual grant of not less than 10/- be given by each Lyceum to help the Union to pay its own officer, instead of the constant begging which has now to be done. I am sure that that course would be more satisfactory to all concerned, unless this Conference can devise a more effective course for adoption; of which one would be to increase the contributions. According to contributions from Lyceums £37 18s. 0d. is the total amount at 1d. per member; hence 2d. per member would not be sufficient to cover the sum of £104 required.

The Editor of the BANNER has duly recorded all subscriptions, and helped the Fund personally by his services at various Lyceums to the extent of £4.

Mr. A. J. Davis, the founder of Lyceum work, has also sent his usual donation, accompanied by a letter full of good wishes for the Children's Movement, its Union, and its General Secretary. Friends in Johannesburg, too, have remembered us, and quite recently our own Mrs. Veary sent her contribution from that country.

The friends of the children's interests are scattered all over the country and perhaps the one fear of all is that should the Fund cease to be a separate department it would mean the loss of the help so willingly given by these good folks.

These pleasant letters, too, have cheered me many times when I was in need of a little sunshine.

It may not be considered as showing any partiality by mentioning our Belper friends in particular. Every year I have received a goodly sum from the many admirers of our Secretary and of the Union—perhaps no one being more generous in this respect than the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smedley—the latter's last bequest having recently come to hand. To-day we remember her kindly ways and generous actions and feel assured of her continued interest in to-day's issues.

Also Walsall Lyceum and friends have evinced a staunch and constant concern in all our doings.

To all our friends and supporters the E.C. returns its thanks and trusts that whatever course the Conference may adopt as to the future basis for this useful branch of the Union's receipts, that the Union may continue to prosper, and its Secretary live to see it a thriving, sturdy child, developing its infinite possibilities, and enlarging its borders until not one secretary, but many, will be required to carry on the work so gloriously conceived in spirit-life, so beautifully portrayed by A. J. Davis, and so intelligently carried on by this great army of Lyceum officers and workers, from the General Secretary to the least scholar in the Lyceum movement. (Loud Applause).

Resolved unanimously that the report be adopted.

Mr. Knott (Rochdale) moved, Mr. Owen (Liverpool) seconded, "That the P.S.F. bear its own expenditure." Carried.

The Auditors' Report was given verbally by Mr. T. H. Wright (Sowerby Bridge), and supplemented by Mr. J. J. Bennett (Walsall).

Mr. E. A. Keeling asked if 5 per cent. was sufficient depreciation on the stereo plates, calisthenic blocks, and book press?

Mr. Bennett replied that in his opinion 5 per cent. was not sufficient, and suggested that advice be taken on the matter.

The credential committee reported the following attendance:—

Officers, 4; Members of the E.C., 7; Auditors, 2; District Visitors, 13; District Council Representatives, 8; Delegates, 127; total, 161; being an increase of 29 on the attendance of last year's Saturday evening's session.

The Conference was adjourned till 10 a.m., May 12th.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Hymn "Hold Fast," was sung with fervour. The President invoked a blessing on the day's deliberations. 8 08 02

The General Secretary read a letter from Miss Florence Morse, on behalf of the Johannesburg Lyceum, conveying cordial greetings and brotherly wishes to the assembled Conference. 11 00 00

Mrs. Ellen Green addressed the Conference concerning her recent visit to South Africa conveying messages from the Lyceums she had visited. 11 00 00

Resolved "That we place on record our deepest thanks, and pleasure to the Lyceums and workers in South Africa for their kind messages and fraternal greetings." 14 00 00

The Delegates to the S.N.U. Annual Meeting, 1906, presented their report, which was accepted with thanks.

The President, Mr. Reuben Latham, gave his address as follows:—

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

TO THE 18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE B.S.L.U.

MANCHESTER: MAY 12/07.

FELLOW WORKERS,

It is with extreme pleasure that I extend a hearty welcome to all delegates from Lyceums, large and small, from all parts, who, I feel justified in saying, have been drawn together this day by a bond of common interest, in a movement which claims us for its own—The Children's Progressive Lyceum—wherein are trained the Spiritualists of to-morrow.

To the many visitors here assembled, whose presence denotes their interest in the Children's Cause, I extend, on the behalf of my Executive and Delegates gathered here, a cordial welcome.

As President I send, on your behalf, our good wishes for the success and prosperity of the staunch workers who have stood "shoulder to shoulder" with us during the past, and I am proud to say are now taking their places as pioneers of our Cause in countries beyond the sea. Our thoughts go out to them, and I feel I can truly say their thoughts are now with us.

Our minds also reflect on the loss we have sustained during the past year, by the passing to the higher life of our esteemed and revered sister, Mrs. Smedley, and other valuable workers in the Children's Cause, who have entered into their harvest. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones, but we also rejoice to know that they have the consolation of spirit return to cheer and comfort them.

I would here like to utter a warning word to those who are apt to regard the Lyceum as an end in itself, and assure them that it is but a means to an end.

There are questions now before us greater than mere tinkering with the Constitution. We ought to work at once for uniform teaching in our Lyceums, to devote less time to drill, and more to lessons dealing with the laws causing and regulating the phenomena of our movement. A better system of education in our Liberty Groups is necessary, as the haphazard ways of carrying on some Lyceum Groups is deplorable. The Liberty Group should be regarded as the source from which spring our acceptable platform speakers. Let us hope that all officers and leaders will become filled with the desire to work for this end, and then we shall realise the true value of a Lyceum training.

It is a cause for regret that out of the Affiliated Lyceums, according to the statistical returns, we have only added 187 new names during the past year to the registers of the Lyceums in our Union, to those recorded by the returns for 1905. When we learn that during that same period there has been an increase of 14 Lyceums, as shown by the returns, the question "Where is the leakage?" at once arises. I judge it to be due to the fact that we have not made in our Lyceum Constitution provision for an attendance officer, whose duty should be to visit the sick and absent scholars, and to report the result of his work from time to time to the Lyceum Committee. I think that this method would prevent a repetition of the past year's experience.

I have now great pleasure in reporting that in September, 1906, your President and Mr. Johnson, of the Executive, paid a visit to the Glasgow Lyceum. The same two also opened a new Lyceum at Falkirk. This is especially mentioned because of the high standard of efficiency in Lyceum work that was found, and the enthusiastic spirit displayed by the leaders for the welfare of the children under their care, and the sight of which was a pleasurable surprise to the two visitors.

I am sure the thanks of all assembled are extended in sincere fraternity to our brothers across the border for their noble efforts on behalf of the children. I ask our Scottish District Visitor and Delegates from Glasgow to carry back to all Lyceum Leaders and children of Scotland our full appreciation of their efforts.

During the past year your Executive has had the question of "Summer Camps" for weakly Lyceum children under consideration, it having been introduced by Mr. Knight, of Bury, by letter, as he has had considerable experience in this matter. I mention this in case any of our children are suffering through our neglect in this direction. We are not putting our teachings into action. We have a "Lyceum Home" Fund, which has done nothing but gain interest, and I ask you candidly what gain it will ever be to us if this policy is continued? The fund is of no use whatever unless we make use of it. The question might be asked, "What would be the expense of maintaining a child in camp?" I have, on good authority, reason to state that the cost would be 2½d. per meal for each child. Thus, if Lyceums, proposing to send a child to camp, were to bear the travelling expenses, the Union would be able to accomplish a great amount of good at little cost. The experiment could be made for one year at least.

The Agenda before you is very important in many respects. It plainly indicates that Lyceums and District Councils are taking keen interest in the legislation of our movement. That alone speaks well for our progress, if we will only bear it in mind, *and see that it stops there*, being the main principle and purpose to which, I hope, all of us have dedicated our lives—*i.e.*, TO THE WELFARE AND PROGRESS OF THE CHILDREN. I thus appeal that our voices be raised in that spirit and for that end.

I sincerely trust that the clouds that hover over us (and remember they also overshadow our children) will at once disperse before the higher principle which guides us all—*viz.*, "The greatest good of the greatest number." As we are progressive beings, let us, though reverencing the toilers of the past, not stay in the same place, but go forward with our face towards God, and our hearts and minds open to both give and receive the light that leads us onward, and with our hands firmly clasped in all fraternal love. Thus we shall most assuredly become one strong united body, working for the intellectual, moral, and spiritual welfare of our children, and through them, and by our own example, of the world at large. (Loud applause.)

Resolved "that the President's address be accepted with thanks, and that it be printed and issued to Lyceums."

A very pretty ceremony of greetings to the officers, executive, etc., was performed by children representing the combined Lyceums of Manchester, who marched on to the platform, conducted by Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Starbuck, and Mr. Chappell. The children stepped forward in their turn and delivered themselves of the following verses, composed for the occasion by Mr. Frank Hepworth, Bury, the worthy conductor of the "Boys' Special." Flowers were presented to each one in turn.

GREETINGS TO OFFICERS AND E.C. MEMBERS.

To MR. REUBEN LATHAM (President).

To you, Mr. President, I would present
This token of love, which our Council has sent;
And sincerely I wish you may always excel
In the good work you're doing for our C.P.L.

To MR. E. A. KEELING (Vice-President).

If you please Mr. Keeling, I hope you'll receive
This token of friendship, from those who believe
That your labours of love will be crowned with success;
In the children's cause may you still onward press.

To MR. J. VENABLES (Treasurer).

Our dear Mr. Venables—friend of our youth;
In the sweet names of Unity, Freedom, and Truth
I hereby ask you to receive at my hand,
This token of love from our Lyceum Band.

To MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD.

'Tis with pleasure and pride, Mrs. Greenwood, I stand
To ask you to accept this sweet flower from my hand;
May your work in our BANNER, and in Council too,
Prove a blessing to us, and a pleasure to you.

To MRS. A. E. BENTLEY.

My dear Sister Bentley, I can't speak too loud
In praise of a "Worker" of whom we are proud;
Please accept this sweet flower, as a token sincere,
Of the highest esteem in which you are held here.

To MRS. L. NURSE.

To you, Mrs. Nurse, I am delighted to bring
This beautiful spray which has bloomed in the spring;
As an emblem of love I present it to you,
May you live long to work with the B.S.L.U.

To MR. H. A. KERSLEY.

Uncle Harry the good—from Newcastle-on-Tyne,
Your work for our Cause yet through long years shall shine;
Please accept this small token affection doth give,
And remember the children as long as you live.

To MR. WM. JOHNSON.

If you please, Grandpa Johnson, permit me to state,
That I'm one of the Army you've helped to create;
I'll be true to the service in which you've grown gray,
And in token of promise I offer this spray.

To MR. ALBERT WILKINSON.

Our dear Uncle Albert, although you're so tall,
You don't overlook such as I—though so small—
You brighten the lives of each Master and Miss;
So I'll give you this flower, if you'll give me a kiss.

To MR. F. B. SMEDLEY.

Mr. Smedley, of Belper, how strongly the name
Reminds me of dear ones gone higher, to claim
The soul's sweet reward for a well-spent career;
May their rich, hallowed influence be with us here.
And may that sweet mantle of Peace, Truth and Love,
Which adorned the bright souls of our friends gone above,
Be transferred—to be worn in wisdom away,
By Mr. Fred Smedley, who's with us to-day.

To MR. J. COLBECK.

Mr. Colbeck, dear sir, I should like to present
This token of love, for the time you have spent,
In helping the children, whoever they be,
And for your valued services on the E.C.

To the AUDITORS.

I should like to present Messrs. Bennett and Wright
With a button-hole flower, I think it but right;
They have worked in the background with book and with pen,
And I think you'll agree that they're two worthy men.

To MR. ALFRED KITSON (General Secretary).

Beloved Alfred Kitson!—The Children's Friend!
For nigh thirty years your life you did lend
To our Liberty's Cause; in the dark days when Creeds
Warped the judgment of parents; YOU FOUGHT FOR OUR NEEDS.
We honour you for it; we bless you with thanks
For the noble work done that has strengthened our ranks;
May this simple pure gift, remind you for ever
Of affections displayed, which we trust nought will sever.

GREETINGS TO CONFERENCE.

Our United Lyceums, with hand and with heart,
Would welcome all friends who have come to take part,
In the Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U.,
Whose objects and teachings are wise, good, and true.

The Manchester District—and Council—to-day,
Have appointed yours truly, to step up and say,
That the Council extends hearty greetings to all,
Who are here to respond to the Children's Call.

With the wisdom of age—and the zeal of our youth,
We'll exterminate error—establish the Truth,
So that in the near future, with Spirit and voice,
We'll extend the glad gospel in which we rejoice.

Our brave pioneers who have borne battle's brunt,
In the struggle for freedom, are still to the front,
May their presence to-day, stimulate our resolves,
To accomplish the object our good work involves.

May our Union's forces, some 9,000 strong,
By mutual effort, be doubled ere long,
And into the life of each girl and each boy,
Be grafted the trinity of peace, love and joy.

And now in conclusion, I venture to ask—
On behalf of those thousands—that in your love task
You may not by side issues be led or beguiled,
But in all your resolves—*Please remember the child.*

Author of Greetings—FRANK HEPWORTH, Bury.

Loud applause greeted the performance, deep emotion being manifested by the recipients and Delegates.

After agreeing to adjourn for dinner from 12-45 till 2 p.m., the further consideration of the draft copy of the Constitution as submitted to the Conference held last year at Keighley, was proceeded with, commencing at Article XI. The following amendment was duly moved, "That the President and Vice-President must have served on the Executive Council for at least one year," be deleted. This was lost on being put to the vote.

Another amendment, "That in future the Vice-President should be elected from the accredited members of the Conference, and should after serving one term in the said office, serve one in the capacity of President," was also lost, and the original motion carried.

Article XII was agreed to without discussion.

Article XIII, The following amendment was proposed, "That members should at the Annual Conference under this Constitution appoint from their own number two auditors, who should make not less than 20 attendances at some Lyceums during the preceding twelve months, and also during their term of office." This was lost on being put to the vote, and the Article as printed was carried.

Articles XIV, XV, XVI and XVII were agreed to without discussion.

Article XVIII. Mr. Keeling submitted an amendment of this Article which was accepted by the E.C. in place of the Article as printed, which read as follows:—"The constitution of this Union shall not be amended oftener than once in five years, and then only by a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Conference as defined in Article XVIII. All notices of revision must be sent in writing, duly signed by the proposer, to the General Secretary not less than eight weeks before the Annual Conference at which it has to be considered, and the General Secretary shall send a printed notice to all Lyceums in the Union setting forth the proposed amendment, and shall also publish the same in the official organ for the time being, if there is one."

A rider to the amendment was proposed by Mr. S. Northrop (Dudley Hill, Bradford), seconded by Mr. G. C. Higham (Padiham), "That the constitution be not revised oftener than once in 3 years." This, however, was lost on being put to the vote.

Mr. Holgate (Darwin) proposed, Mr. Auyon (Collyhurst) seconded, "That Article XVIII be passed as printed in the revised constitution."

After considerable discussion Mr. Keeling's amendment was carried by 91 votes to 48.

The Credential Committee at this stage of the business reported the attendance as follows:—Officers 4, Executive Council 7, Auditors 2, District Visitors 15, District Council Representatives 8, Delegates 132, total 168, being an increase of 32 on last year's Sunday attendances.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Johnson "That from 3 p.m., Agenda items 9 to 14, dealing with the elections, take precedence over all other business."

On reassembling after the adjournment for dinner the session was opened by singing "Wave the Banner," and an invocation by Mrs. Nurse. The constitution for Lyceums was proceeded with. Articles 1, 2, and 3 were agreed to.

The amendment to Article 4 standing in the name of the Glasgow Lyceum "That 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," was moved by Mr. Stewart, and seconded by Mr. R. Sudall, junr., both of Glasgow. The Article as printed in the constitution was carried.

Article 5 was agreed to.

Mr. Stewart moved, and Mr. Sudall, junr., seconded the amendment to section 1 of Article 6—"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." This was lost.

Their amendment to section 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," was also lost after a brief discussion.

A further amendment was moved and seconded, "That the words "bearing the Guardians' Banner" be deleted. This was carried by 65 votes to 36."

Sections 3, 4 and 5 were agreed to.

Mr. Stewart then moved, Mr. Sudall, junr. seconded their amendment to Article 6, section 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."

After some discussion the amendment was lost.

Sections 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Mr. Stewart then moved, and Mr. Sudall, junr. seconded: "That the following additional section to be called section 9 be added.—The duties of Instructor of Elocution shall be to train the Lyceumists in the proper delivery of recitations, and form special classes when necessary."

During the discussion it was pointed out that the appointment of an Elocutionist need not depend on it being specified in the Constitution. The section was ultimately withdrawn.

Mr. Stewart moved, Mr. Sudall, junr. seconded, the following amendment to Article 7.—"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."

This was lost by 61 votes to 31.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. E. J. Barnes (Bury), seconded by Mr. J. Jones (Southport), which read as follows: "The following words be added: unless special arrangements are made between Lyceums, and Societies locally." This was carried, but another amendment was proposed by Mr. W. Edwards (Accrington), seconded by Mr. C. H. Roder (Middlesbrough), "That the Executive Committee shall be formed by each Lyceum as they think best meets their requirements. The voting resulted in the last amendment being carried by 88 votes to 81.

The election of Officers was now proceeded with as follows:—

President:—Mr. E. A. Keeling, 85; Mr. Latham, 68; Mr. Wilkinson, 7.

Vice-President: Mr. Latham, 98; Mr. Wilkinson, 22; Mr. G. E. Baker, 17; Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, 15.

Mr. Councillor J. Venables was elected Treasurer unopposed.

Executive Council (four wanted): Mrs Greenwood, 121; Mr. Wilkinson, 92; Mr. J. J. Bennett, 69; Mr. F. B. Smedley, 75; Mr. G. Derbyshire, 59; Mrs. M. Law, 57; Mr. R. A. Owen, 54; Mr. Joe Kay, 39; Mr. E. J. Barnes, 38; Miss L. Mortimer, 23; Mr. Bentley Dyson, 21; Mr. R. Sudall, junr., 12; Mr. J. Woodcock, 3; Mr. A. Barraclough, 1.

Auditor: Mr. W. H. Tompkins, 107; Mr. E. J. Barnes, 24; Mr. W. S. Stott, 16; Mr. G. E. Baker, 6.

Moved by Mr. W. Edwards (Accrington), seconded by Mr. J. Worrall (Blackburn), that the District Council Constitution be passed as printed with the necessary alterations to bring it into harmony with the Lyceum Union's Constitution. This was carried with one dissentient.

Resolved "That the whole of the remaining portion of the Constitution be passed as printed, after the necessary amendments have been made to bring it into agreement with the articles already passed.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jones (Attercliffe), "That the Constitution as amended shall become law from the conclusion of this Conference."

Mr. Will Edwards proposed "That it shall be left over until the next Conference."

A vote was taken and the proposition was carried with only two dissentients.

Invitations were given for the next year's Conference to be held at Middlesbrough and Sowerby Bridge. The voting was for Middlesbrough, 81; Sowerby Bridge, 55.

Mr. R. A. Owen (Liverpool) moved, seconded by Mr. J. Jones (Southport), "That next year's Conference be held on Whit Saturday and Sunday."

An amendment was moved, "That next year's Conference be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 9th and 10th." The amendment was carried.

Nominations were taken for the two representatives to the S.N.U. Annual Meeting to be held at Blackpool in July. The voting was as follows: Mr. R. Latham, 80; Mr. A. E. Keeling, 66; Mrs. A. E. Bentley, 44; Mrs. L. Nurse, 30; Mr. F. Barraclough, 21; Mr. G. Derbyshire, 20.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the local friends for the accommodation of the Conference, etc., etc.

Mr. Chappell and Mr. Starbuck suitably responded.

It was resolved that all outstanding business on the Agenda be deferred until next year's Conference.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETING.

The Sunday Evening Meeting was well attended, and ably presided over by the President, supported by the President-elect, the General Secretary, Treasurer, and Members of the Executive. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Green invoked a blessing on the service.

The President remarked that they had arrived at the last stage of the 18th Annual Conference. He made feeling reference to the old pioneers of the movement, and said they owed their present position to those old workers. He referred to the law case of Archdeacon Colley v. Prof. Maskelyne, and hoped they would value their principles too high to bandy them about in the form of challenges as so many pennies. It was essential to the future welfare of Spiritualism that they, as Spiritualists, should hold its facts, its teachings, its religion as being too sacred for commerce. And when they respected their Spiritualism in the manner he indicated, the world would respect it too. He had much pleasure in installing Mr. E. A. Keeling, the President-elect, into the honourable office of President for the ensuing year. He had much pleasure in congratulating him on his election, and heartily wished the Union every success during his year of presidency. (Applause.)

Mr. Keeling made feeling reference to the good work done by his predecessor. He felt very conscious of the deep responsibility of his position. He was pleased to say that he had had a Lyceum training, and believed he was the youngest President. He referred to the great need there was in the Lyceum movement for sick and absentee visitors, and gave an instance of the good work done in his Lyceum. He promised to do his best during his year of office, to so watch over and care for the best interests of the Union as to make it a credit to all concerned.

The Manchester (Maskell Street) prize choir ably rendered the selection "Weary wind of the West."

Mrs. Nurse said she was happy at being able to be present at that day's Conference, and hoped each and all would return home and try to put its lessons into practice. She hoped that those societies who have no Lyceum would soon take the necessary steps to open a Lyceum in which to instruct and train the children, and remove the stigma that rested upon them, that while they were trying to convince the Christian of the facts of spirit communion and win them over to Spiritualism they were feeding Christian Churches by sending their children to fill their schools.

Mr. Johnson said he stood for the children, and nothing else. If they wanted to do their duty to the children they must do it now. The actions of the political powers were, in a measure, undoing their work. They must have secular education in all their day schools, and so stop all the pernicious teaching that were being instilled into the child's mind. The reformation he wished to see must be worked through the ballot box.

Mrs. Greenwood, under spirit influence, said they could see an influence at work that would travel over the waters to far away countries. The vision of A. J. Davis gave the plan of the Lyceum movement, and the mighty Angels who were working for them, and giving them inspiration to carry on the good work. They appealed to all fathers and mothers to use their influence in their homes. For it was in their homes where all true reformation was effected.

Mr. Wilkinson said he had been in that hall on many former occasions with pioneers who were with them still, although invisible to the physical sight. He pleaded for the children's cause, and referred, in terms of commendation, to the unity displayed by the United Lyceums in Manchester for the splendid arrangements that had been made for their convenience. All had been done that could be thought of to make their Conference a success. And so he wanted all of them to do their little best, by unity and love, to make the Lyceum work a bigger success in the future than it had been in the past.

Mrs. Bentley paid a marked tribute of praise to the Manchester friends. She said that ever since she came to reside amongst them she had found them to be a band of willing workers. Spiritualism is one of the grandest religions possible. She pleaded with them to plant it in the minds of the children, and then their future would be bright and useful, and their lives joyous and happy.

Mr. J. J. Morse said that although the Constitution kept him out of the Lyceum Union, no Constitution could keep his thoughts out. He had been wondering how many boys and girls there were in the Lyceums? Because these boys and girls would in time become fathers and mothers, and he attached great importance to the adage

'that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,' always providing that the hand which guided the hand was a wise and intelligent head, and they were training them in the ways of wisdom and intelligence, and they were sure of the harvest in the future.

Mrs. Green said she had seen Mr. Alfred Smedley, and she felt she must give them his message, which was "God bless the children." She referred to her missionary labours in South Africa, the Lyceums she had opened there and the good work they were doing and the splendid increase in their numbers they are making. She said that a society without a Lyceum is not complete. It is neglecting one of its most important duties—the teaching and training the children in Spiritualism. The prize choir then rendered the selection "Hymn to Music," and so brought to a happy close what was declared to be a record Conference.

* ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

IN ANGELS' FOOTSTEPS.

IF Angels help us on our journey
As we travel day by day,
Should we not in turn help others
In their work or in their play?
Should we not uplift the fallen,
Help upon the weary road
Those who seem to be forsaken,
And assist them with their load?
If Angels give us words of comfort,
Should we not to others give
Words of sympathy and kindness,
Make them feel it's good to live?
In their sadness and their sorrow
Bid them look to God above,
Tell them God will ne'er forsake them?
For our God is a "God of Love."
If Angels help us bear our burdens,
Should we not help others bear?
Loads of sorrow we might lighten
If we only did our share,
Little deeds of kindness often
Helps one when they're sore oppressed,
And our kindly aid may give them
What they needed: Peace and Rest.
God the Father sends His Angels
Here to help both me and you,
And it is our duty clearly,
Help to give to others too.
Let our hands and hearts be willing,
There is work for us to do;
We must walk in Angels' footsteps,
Ever seeking what is true.

Mrs. E. K. MORGAN, Walsall.

DON'T LOOK FOR THE FLAWS.

DON'T look for flaws as you go through life;
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind,
And look for the virtue behind them.
For the cloudiest night has a hint of the light
Somewhere in its shadows hiding;
It is better far to hunt for a star
That the spots on the sun abiding.
The current of life runs every way
To the bosom of God's great ocean;
Don't set your force 'gainst the river's course
And think to alter its motion.
Don't waste a curse on the universe;
Remember it lived before you;
Don't butt at the storm with your puny form,
But bend, let it fly o'er you.
The world will never adjust itself
To suit your whim to the letter;
Some things must go wrong your whole life long,
And the sooner you know it the better.
It is folly to fight with the Infinite,
And go under at last in the wrestle.
The wiser man shapes into God's plan,
As the water shapes into the vessel.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE GOD AND CHRIST IDEAS.

MR. HUDSON TUTTLE'S SPLENDID OFFER TO LYCEUMS.

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

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

HUDSON TUTTLE.

Berlin Heights, Ohio, U.S.A.

What our Lyceums are doing.

All Reports should reach us not later than the 23rd of June to ensure insertion in our July issue. Short, pithy reports are preferred. No report must exceed 120 words. Write on one side of the paper only. Commence with the name of your town, street in which your Lyceum is located, and date of session, and sign your name at the end. Any remarks for the Editor should be made on another sheet of paper.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, May 19th, the Lyceum scholars rendered a service of song, entitled "Her Good Angel." Mrs. Pitts (conductor) was the reader. Mr. Pearson, musical director. It was a splendid effort. On Whit-Monday we processed through the streets, singing our Lyceum hymns. About 50 from York St. Saviourgate, and 20 from Morley joined us, and helped to swell our ranks. About 200 partook of tea in the hall. A display of marching and calisthenics followed. The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, games, dancing, etc., which was enjoyed by old and young alike. Allow me to thank our visitors and friends for helping to make our effort such a grand success.—S. Lees, Secretary.

BATLEY CARR.—On May 4th we held a tea and splendid entertainment. The Lyceumists were ably assisted by Mr. Croft, a splendid elocutionist, and Master Holmes, the child mimic (aged 9 years) who caused roars of hearty laughter. On Sunday, May 5th, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Lyceum, when Mrs. L. Nurse, of Rochdale, delivered two splendid addresses, which made a deep impression on her audience. The Mayoress of Dewsbury, Mrs. Parr, presided over the evening service. The children sang a selection of hymns from the Spiritual Songster in an able manner.—Cor.

BRADFORD (Dudley Hill).—Our open session was a new and pleasing feature, consisting of singing, reciting, marching and calisthenics splendidly conducted by Mr. Fearnley. Miss Carter sang "Beautiful Home, so bright and fair"; Mrs. Carter and Miss Ada Fearnley sang "Gentle Words," Miss E. Higham sang "Angels lead my footsteps," Mr. R. Platts sang "Scatter Seeds," Mr. Fearnley sang "Roll On," Misses Amy Ramsden and Alice Carter gave the

musical readings. Miss Hilda Ramsden was the accompanist. Mr. John W. Gerrard sang "Speak Gently," Mrs. Gummingsall, an aged lady, recited "Old Dobbin's Three Warnings," and Miss Lily Butler recited "The Bachelor's Story." All joined in singing "The March of Life," which concluded a happy morning.—Mrs. J. Ramsden, secretary.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—The open sessions were held in the above rooms on Sunday, May 5th. There was a very good attendance. Mrs. Beardsworth conducted. Mr. Harry Akeroyd put the scholars through the marching, and Miss Clara Akeroyd led them in the calisthenics. Recitations were given in excellent style by George A. Holbrook, "A strange sleeping place"; Miss Elsie Wright, "The river"; Master Stanley Broadley, "The singers"; Miss Cora Broadley, "Mother's little maid"; song by Miss Clara Akeroyd, "Angel care"; pianoforte selections, which were very good, by Master Harry South and Miss Ethel Broadley. A trio sang out of the manual No. 222 by Misses Daisy Naylor, Lily Akeroyd and Dorothy South.—J. Wright, Hon. Secretary.
10, Agar Terrace, Girlington.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our open session, when a good number of scholars were present. The readings and recitations were gone through with much promptitude, every scholar responding in unison. Great variety was shown in the marchings, but I am sorry to say that the scholars were rather disorderly. The calisthenics were more effective, more energy being shown. Recitations were given by Cecelia Edmonds, Lily Padley, Thomas Foster and Jack Holt. Solo by L. Padley. Duets by Doris Holmes and Nellie Foster, Carrie Holt and D. Holmes, Marion Hale and May Flatt, and Harry Hale and James Holmes.—F. Holmes, Sec.

BRIGHTON (S.M.P. Lyceum).—Sunday, May 19th, visit from Bro. Tayler Gwynn, who gave short helpful address on "Perseverance." We have now instituted bi-weekly-half-hour lessons on phrenology and anatomy and first-aid—the former classes being taken by Mrs. Millott Severn (wife of ex-president B.P.S.); the latter by group leader Mrs. French (medal and diploma St. John's Ambulance). Group leader Mrs. Ingle has left us en-route for Vancouver, where she hopes to establish a Lyceum. Attendance and punctuality good. Musical and vocal programmes have been well sustained by following contributors:—Edith Cager, Vida Goodwin, Gwennie Leach, George and Fred Curry, Sisters Murray and Scoggins, Chappie Severn, Bertha French and Mr. Cager.—Frank G. Clarke, Sec.

CREWE.—Our number of members keeps increasing gradually. A good average attendance is being kept. During the month recitations have been given by Ada Clemson, Ethel Reay, G. Robins, G. Purslow and J. Purslow. Dorothy Purslow (aged 4) sang a hymn very sweetly. Mr. Norton gave an interesting and instructive address on the 19th.—H. Walker, Sec.

DARWEN.—On May 5th we held our anniversary, many old and new friends being present. Members of the Lyceum sang their hymns, all being very much appreciated. Mr. J. J. Morse was the speaker for the occasion, and he gave a few encouraging remarks to the Lyceumists. A capital day was spent by all who took part in it. On Whit Monday a ramble, under the leadership of Mr. Tyrell, of Blackburn, took place, a goodly number taking part in it. The moors and Sunnyhurst Wood was the place selected.—S. Hewitt, Assistant Sec.

DUNDEE.—On Thursday, 25th April, the Lyceum held their annual anniversary party in the Forresters' Hall. Miss J. Ogilvie opened with a song, after which tea was served. The floor was cleared and the children enjoyed themselves with games. A song by Miss Ina Fleming was beautifully rendered. Eight Lyceum girls kept the audience in laughter with a sketch entitled "Wanted, a Servant." A display of fan drill was given by three Lyceum girls. Miss M. Duff accompanied on the piano. The party finished up with a dance, with Mr. Hand at the piano.—George S. Duff, secretary.

GLASGOW (Bath Street).—The open session of the Lyceum was held on the 31st of March. Mr. Stewart, conductor, presided. We were encouraged by the presence of Mrs. Ingles, from Dundee. Messrs. Nutt and Campbell, our vice-presidents, delivered short addresses appropriate to the occasion. The elocutionary part, which was under the supervision of Mrs. Healey, was very successful. The following took part:—Miss Elder and Miss Stephen, Masters Wm. Guild, James Henderson and James Reid. A solo by Miss Wilson was much appreciated. The marching and calisthenics, under the guidance of Mr. R. Suddall, junior, was all that could be desired. Altogether the session was of a bright and pleasant character.—Wm. G. McPherson, secretary.

GATESHEAD (Beaconsfield Hall, Coatsworth Road).—On Sunday, May 19th, we held an open session, when a good number of parents and friends paid us a visit. After the usual silver and golden chain recitations and musical reading, the following members of the Lyceum contributed to the harmony of the session:—Songs were rendered by Misses E. Secker, G. Harrison, K. Secker, A. Elsdon, A. Secker, M. Turner, and J. Skelton. Recitations by Misses M. Bogue, E. Hall, L. Gotts, L. McLeod, and C. Hall, also a pianoforte solo by Miss M. Hird. Our conductor also gave a reading, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—W. Hall, secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden Street).—On Sunday, April 28th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, the speaker being Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, who delivered two very good addresses. In the morning we had an open session, when the following items were given very creditably: Recitations by Doris Powell, Bessie Baxter, Ada Jagger, Gracie Powell, Frances Booth and Polie Jagger; duet by Miss Entwistle and Miss Beaumont, and a Pianoforte Solo by Miss Smith. Special hymns were sung by the scholars, assisted by the Choir. The choir also rendered two anthems entitled, "The Earth is the Lord's," and "Hark! Hark, my soul" (the solos being taken by Miss Entwistle and Miss Clay in a very able manner). Great praise is due to Mr. Hopkinson for the manner in which he conducted us, and also to Miss Smith for her splendid accompaniment on the organ.—A. Jagger, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—We held very good open sessions all day on the 5th of May. Invocation was given by E. Webster. Afternoon and evening solos were given by M. Nuttall, Miss A. Webster and W. W. Wallis. Duets were given by Miss M. Brook, C. E. Brandon, Misses Barrow and Misses Taylor. Readings by M. Brook and H. Wilson. A few remarks were given by J. W. Hemingway.—W. W. Wallis, Sec.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our usual monthly open session. Excelsior Group Boys were responsible for a very pleasing session. Mr. E. Summers conducted. Songs were contributed by T. Pickles, H. Clarke and H. Midgley. Master B. Anderton gave a clarionet solo; E. Riley, T. Clarke and H. Midgley gave recitations.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LIVERPOOL (Mount Pleasant).—We had with us on March 31st Mrs. A. E. Bentley, of Manchester, who conducted the Lyceum for us in a masterly manner. The recitation "Invitation to the Lyceum" was well rendered, the gentleman reading, the conductors and the ladies the Lyceum parts of the recitation as suggested by Mrs. Bentley. The Misses Brookfield sang "Into Thy hands, O Lord," which was vociferously applauded, and for which they have our grateful thanks. Miss Nicholas sang "There's rest for thee at home," which was well received. Miss Pullan recited "The road to Heaven," in a creditable manner, which was also well received. Mr. Langley ably rendered "Lo, in the golden sky," for which he has our best thanks. After which Mrs. Bentley gave us a spirited and instructive lecture which delighted all present. This is the second visit of Mrs. Bentley to our hall, and we trust it will not be the last. The singing of "God speed the right" wound up a most enjoyable afternoon.—W. J. Adamson, Assistant Sec.

LONDON (Little Ilford).—On Sunday, April 28th, successful opening of Lyceum, good number present. Recitations were given by Maggie Jeffreys and Ernest Suff. Mr. Abel, our president, kindly gave a short, instructive address, which was very much appreciated by all present. Maggie Jeffreys sang "God speed the Right," this brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.—George Davis, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Harpurhey).—We held our open session on May 5th, conducted by Mr. E. Ashton. The chain recitations and musical readings were well rendered. Misses L. Cannon and A. Jackson sang a duet. Solo by Miss E. Smith. Misses L. Lapes, L. Smith, Ramsbottom, and Master G. Smith gave very instructive recitations. Lyceumists from Ford Lane and Middleton joined in the marchings and calisthenics. In the evening the Lyceumists gave a service of song, "Rest at Last." Mr. Williams, of Cheetham Hill, was the reader. The duets, "O'er the River of Light" and "Do not wait," were well rendered by Miss L. Cannon and Mrs. Ranking. The after circle was well conducted by Mrs. Howarth, of Ford Lane.—Thos. Edmonson, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—I am pleased to say that this Lyceum has reopened, with new officers, new hopes and aspirations, on May 19th, with 27 members on the register. Mr. A. Chisnall was elected conductor. There is plenty of room in Oldham for another good Lyceum, and we hope to have the help and sympathy of all Lyceumists and friends of progress.—Joseph Lister, Secretary, *pro tem.*

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On May 1st our Lyceum celebrated "May Day" in a pleasing manner. This being the first function held on this particular day, credit is due to all who assisted to make it a success. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends to witness the "Maypole" dancing by the Lyceumists, and the crowning of Miss Florrie Haigh as May Queen. The children were very prettily dressed, and the room being decorated with flowers, it formed a pretty spectacle. This ceremony was followed by a "character dance," which was fully enjoyed by all. Songs were rendered at intervals by three or four friends, the same being greatly appreciated. Refreshments were served during the evening. The Whitsuntide fund was credited with the proceeds from this effort.—John Jackson, Conductor.

RAWTENSTALL.—A few months ago two of our Lyceumists, Misses Annie and Hettie Hoyle left us for America. On April 29th we held a farewell social to their mother, brother and sister, who were to leave us on the 30th of April to join Annie and Hettie. Mrs. Ormerod presided, as being one of our old workers. She made the following presentations to our departing friends:—Mrs. Ormerod, one table cover; Rawtenstall society and friends, silver tea pot; the Lyceum members, two Songsters, writing desk and jewel case. Mr. Mansfield spoke a few words concerning the brother and three sisters as Lyceumists. The rest of the evening was spent in games, dancing, singing and reciting.—Geo. Hy. Foster, Sec.

RISHTON.—We held our anniversary on May 12th, Miss Morris, of Bolton, being our speaker. In the afternoon she spoke on "The Lyceum and its teachings," and in the evening she read "Our Rights," and spoke on "Woman's Rights," in a very able manner. Solos and duets were rendered during the day by Lyceumists. Our conductor and his assistant took the chair during the day. Miss Newell, of Blackburn, led the after circle.—J. English, Sec.

ROTHERHAM (Howard Street).—On May 5th we held our usual open session, there being present a goodly number of Lyceumists and friends. The afternoon session was most attractive, consisting of recitations by Clifford Metcalfe, Joe and Sidney Kendall and Miss E. Metcalfe; duet by Miss Elsie Williams and Miss Evilene Eames; and then we had "Seeds of Promise" by Dorothy Bentley, Ethel Kendal, Alice Hardy, and Matilda Fairhurst, with marching and calisthenics, and a short address by Mr. H. Barker to bring a bright and glorious session to a close, being very much enjoyed by all present.—R. Papworth, Lyceum Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (King St.).—We elected the undermentioned Officers—Conductor and Calisthenics Leader, Mr. Lawrence; Guardian of Groups, Mr. Turnbull; Musical Director, Mr. Short; Treasurer, Thomas James; Leaders of Marching, Gertrude C. James and Harold Humfress. We joined the B.S.L.U. in April, but our Lyceum has been opened since October, 1906. Great credit is due to our conductor for the able manner in which he has trained the children. Recitations by Gertie C. James, Harold Humfress, John Wm. Young, Robert Coulthard, Cyril Galley, Elizabeth Robson, Elsie Hails, Theresa Lawrence, Hilda Galley, Polly Mountain and Samina Mountain. Twentieth annual tea and entertainment. Recitations and calisthenics by the Children. Great Success.—Thomas James, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson Street).—On May 5th we held our open session, which was well enjoyed. Recitations were rendered by Miss Florrie Thompson, Mr. H. Humes, Wm. Charlton, jr. Mr. N. Gay, of Heaton, gave an instructive address to the children on their duty to the Lyceum. I am pleased to add we are improving both in scholars and regular attendance. I trust we may long continue so to do.—Wm. Charlton, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Hall).—On the 19th inst. we held our first Lyceum Anniversary under very favourable auspices. Mrs. Annie E. Bentley was the speaker for the day. In the afternoon she took charge of the Lyceum Session in her usual energetic manner, introducing innovations which proved both attractive and pleasing. The following programme was successfully carried out. Solos, "A Dream of Paradise," and "Ora Pro Nobis," Miss Chrissie Aspinall; Recitations "The Stowaway," Miss Lizzie Bolton, and "How Little we know of each other," Mrs. Kay; "Part of Wolsey's Speech from Henry VIII," Master Cecil Houldcroft. Several visitors participated which greatly enhanced the proceedings.—Miss Elsie Guest, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

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

- Accrington**, Argyle st., 10-30 a.m., J. T. Hibbert, 181 Burnley road
 ,, China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 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, Miss Ethel Myers, 15 Cross Mount-st, Warwick-rd
- Belper**, Jubilee hall, 10 and 2, Mr. J. Hawkins, Brook side.
- Birkenhead**, 161 Grange road, 11 a.m., Mr. G. Exton, 151 Rodney street, Tranmere
- Birmingham**, Sattley, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m. Miss J. Reeves, 3 Marlborough-place, Mount-st, Nechells
 ,, B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Mrs. F. H. Knibb, Bristol House, Horse Fair, 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. E. Holding, 46 Sandon street
 ,, 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. J. Wright, 10 Agar terrace, Gillington
 ,, Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Mr. F. Holmes, 68 Dover street.
 Westgate new hall, 10 a.m., Mr. Henry Barnes, 985, Grangefield-avenue, Leeds Old road
 ,, Dudley Hill, Shirley-road, 10 and 1-45, Mrs. J. Ramsden, 17, Loris-st.
- Brighouse**, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10, Piggott-st.
- Brighton**, Manchester-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret s-place
- Burnley**, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulledge, Richard st, 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.
 ,, North st, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurlinglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. I. Curtis, 77a Victoria street
- 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, Beancroft road
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 15, Valley-road, Spittal
- Clayton-le-Moors**, 10 a.m., Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington
- Cleckheaton**, Old Robin-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Hodgson, Goodall buildings, Littletown, Liversedge
- Colne**, Cloth hall, 9-30, E. Hargreaves, 28, Patten street
- Crewe**, Mill-st., 10-30. Hy. Walker, 26, Stamford avenue
- Crompton**, near Oldham, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m., and 2-15, Mr. 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.
- Dearley** 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. Mr. A. R. Harrison, Carr view, Green Dyke lane
- 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, c/o Mr. Thallon, 44 Caldum street
- Edinburgh**, Queen-st., 2-30, Mr. J. Lewington, 22, West Saville Terrace
- 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, 34, Balfour-st, Bensham
- 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., Mr. Hy. Waterhouse, 55 Church street
- Greenock**, Cathcart-st., Shepherds Hall, 4-30 p.m., Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann street
- Grimpsby**, 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, 2, Commercial-st.
- Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Harry Diggle, 103, Miller-st.
- Higher Broughton, Salford**, Hilton st, 10-30 and 2, Mrs. Craig, 16, Harrietta st. Higher Broughton.
- Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. H. Hutchins, 5, Hill st.
- Hollinwood**, Byrom-st, 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape, 61, 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., Farrowtown
- 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
- Leicester**, Athenaeum st. St Leonards gate 10-30 Mr. A. H. Dawes, 31 Sterling rd., Moorlands
- Leeds**, Bethel st, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Robinson, 10, Coupland place, Lady Pitt-st., Beeston Hill
 ,, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mrs E. Beman, 75 Tonbridge street
 ,, 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
- Leeds**, Albion-st, 10 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36 Jernyn street, Belgrave
- Lincoln**, Frances Court, High-st., Mr. Sidney A Miles, 50, Belmont-st.
- Littletown**, Well-st., 10 and 2, Mr. J. Westcott, Benjamin street, Union road, near Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Mr. E. R. Evans, 42 Walton Breck road
 ,, 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, Gauden-rd., Clapham.
- London**, Manor Park, Wakefield-street, East Ham, 3-15 p.m., Mr. T. Glennie, 48 Ruskin-avenue, Manor Park, Essex
- London**, W. Chiswick, 2-45, Mr. Percy Smyth, 25, Homefield-rd, W.
- London**, 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. (1890)
- 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, 13, Mytton st Hulme
- Manchester**, Harpurhey, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington rd., Crumpsall.
- Manchester**, 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. Robinsen, 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.
- Middlesbrough**, Grange rd, 10 a.m., Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 67, St. Paul s-rd.
- Millom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. Wm. Tyson, 5 Kathrine street
- Morley**, Fountain-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Lewis Close 2 King-street
- Motherwell**, Park-st., Socialist Institute, 3 p.m. Mr. Jas. Porteous, c/o Mrs. Cutler, 4 Flemington street, 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, c/o Amelia st., Elswick
- Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. Frank E. Brittain, 3 Victoria street, Newcastle
 ,, Benwell, Atkinson rd, 2-30, Mr. J. W. Londrom, 114, Ethel st., Benwell
 ,, 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 Brook Oak street
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter., 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E. Graton, 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**, Coronation st., 10 a.m., Mr. T. Whitehead, 158, Roundthorn road
- 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, 15 Sedan st., Clarendon rd., Salford
- Pendleton**, Junction : Ford Lane and Bradford. 10-30 and 1-45, Mr. J. Kenyon, 279 Broad street, Pendleton
- 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., Mr. J. English, c/o Mrs. Rhodes, 9 Walmsley street, near Blackburn
- Rochdale** Regent hall, Regent st., 9-45 & 2 p.m. Mr. J. J. Farrow, 67 Grouse street
 ,, Penn st, 10 a.m. Mr. Wm. Brown, 7 Grafton st.
- Rotherham**, Howard-st., Mr. R. Papworth, 43, Orchard st., Masboro'
- Rothwell nr. Leeds**, Commercial-st., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. Ernest Heaton, Cross-st.
- Royton**, Union st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. N. Cockcroft, 2, Highlands-rd., nr. Oldham.
- Salford**, Chapel st., 10-30, Mr. Harold O'Neill, 11 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, Staniford 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.