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After Many Days:

OR

James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER VII. (continued.)

During the expression of these sentiments Mr. Henderson was surprised to notice that a slight pallor came over Miss White's features, and her voice slightly deepened in tone, giving it a masculine ring. She had been fully conscious from the first that she was the recipient of external aid. Her ideas and conceptions of the subject were more clear, and the language, in which to clothe her thoughts, came without much effort and with such fitness as conveyed her meaning exactly.

"And is this your reason for rejecting the Biblical account of the origin of sin?"

"Is it not sufficient? What should we say to any one who should describe the father of a family as good, kind, wise, and powerful enough to provide for and protect his children from harm, and allow them to be subject to temptation out of proportion to their power to resist, and then, as a punishment, cast them into a fire, there to be consumed? Why, dear James, such a father would be execrated throughout the land. And if such a judgment would be given of a human being, and such a world-wide indignation aroused, what ought to be our judgment, our indignation, at a Being who could condemn an unoffending nation? Or the whole people of a world like ours?"

CHAPTER VIII.

"But how about the origin of sin," enquired Mr. Henderson; "for you know, dear, this is the question which philosophers in all ages have tried in vain to solve, if we are not to believe the Bible gives a solution of the problem?"

"The origin of sin is only of secondary importance," replied Miss White earnestly. "The prime question is the character of our Father, God, thus being libelled, and He who is the source of Love, Wisdom and Power portrayed as a monster and a fiend. This, every good man and woman ought to protest against, at all costs, as being blasphemy. Spiritualism has taught me that each child is pure and divine as the Father who gave it. That there has been no fall, but a gradual ascent, from savagery and barbarism to civilisation; and gives as the true solution of the origin of sin, that it is selfishness and ignorance to which sources all the evils that beset society are traceable."

"Well, my dear Florence, we will not prosecute this discussion any further at present. The old doctrines do seem unnatural and cruel, and I prefer your ideas. They

ought to be true, for God's and humanity's sake. But, unfortunately, they are not in the Bible, and so will not be generally received. But can you give me any advice, dear, as to where I can gain admittance to a private circle for the better studying of the phenomena and teachings of Spiritualism?" he asked, thus giving an abrupt turn to their conversation.

"You had better consult father on that point, dear," she said; "he is better acquainted with such matters than I am. There is only one circle I take much interest in, and that is our own."

"I should very much like to become a member of it, as I have full confidence in the honesty and integrity of its members."

"Thank you very much for the compliment. I trust you will never have cause to alter your opinion of us. But let us hear what father has to say," she added, rising from her seat.

Mr. White was greatly surprised at the request; he had fully anticipated seeing his daughter in tears at the farewell parting with her lover, which he had looked upon as the last sacrifice she could possibly be called upon to make as the penalty for having the honesty of her convictions in regard to Spiritualism. But after he had been made fully acquainted with the decision Mr. Henderson had come to, and that his daughter absolved him from all obligations until he should become fully satisfied in his own mind, and so able to determine what his future attitude towards Spiritualism should be, he consented to accept him as a member of their circle, and so give him the opportunity he sought for. And as his own physical energies were at a low ebb, which unfitted him for circle work, as his depleted vitality tended to mar the conditions by absorbing the influence necessary to the success of the meetings, he decided to vacate his seat in Mr. Henderson's favour; while he himself would sit at a distance as an observer of the proceedings, and give advice in case of need.

The following morning the town was startled with the announcement of the sudden death of the Rev. J. M. Dale. It was the topic of the day. The newsboys cried the sad news at the top of their lusty voices, which brought them a rush of customers. The papers gave a detailed and graphic account of the sad event, and full particulars of the inquest.

It appeared that he had retired into his study, as was his custom, to prepare his sermons for the following Sunday. Mrs. Dale did not think of disturbing him until the usual time for supper and evening prayers. When she knocked at the study door she failed to elicit any response. After repeating her efforts in vain she ventured to enter, and found him seated in his chair, his hands clasped on the table, and his head leaning on them, while in front of

him was the Bible, the Concordance, several Commentaries, and some sheets of notes bearing on the text, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, *Of a truth I perceive God is no respecter of persons.*" At first Mrs. Dale thought her husband was asleep, and sought to awaken him, but to her consternation and horror she found that he was dead. She immediately summoned a doctor and a number of friends.

The doctor testified that he found the deceased as Mrs. Dale had stated, that he must have been dead an hour or more when he arrived, and gave it as his opinion that death was caused through the weak action of the heart, accelerated by over study.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the doctor's testimony, and the jury expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved widow.

It was the general opinion of his congregation that the Lord had taken their "dearly beloved" minister to dwell with Himself, as his reward for his life-long faithfulness. But when a Mr. Bramwell died while speaking at a Spiritualist meeting a few weeks after, it was the general hue and cry of those same people that it was a visitation of God's wrath at such unholy proceedings, and was a sure sign of their wickedness, and His displeasure. Such is the difference between *my* orthodoxy and *your* heterodoxy!

The sudden death of Mr. Dale made a deep impression on Mr. Henderson's mind, he could not help wondering how his life-long spiritual pastor had found the great hereafter. Was it in accordance with what he had taught and preached, or was it as the Spiritualists taught? Were people justified by faith or works? Oh, for some guiding light, for some voice speaking to him from the great beyond to settle this great question, and set his bewildered mind at rest. Then, again, had Mr. Dale any knowledge of the real purport of those Biblical passages so frequently quoted against Spiritualism? and was he aware of the true significance of the term "Angel?" if so, he had wilfully withheld the information, and allowed his flock to unjustly persecute the Spiritualists? And, if he did not know, was he, and were other ministers equally ignorant, fit to be the spiritual guides and pastors of trusting and unsuspecting believers? Was it not a case of the blind leading the blind, and must not all eventually fall into the ditch?

Such were the questions that kept recurring in his mind until the next "circle night," when he was to commence his investigations.

Mr. Henderson was greatly impressed with the devotion manifested by the Whites during their sances, in which the sacredness of their object, their search for truth and light, were plainly indicated. No frivolous meeting to while away an idle hour, and have a little jolly fun with the "sperrets." No questioning for "tips" for the next races, nor yet to have hidden treasures discovered unto them. A deep earnestness was displayed in their desire to learn more and more of life and its duties; the relationship of man to God; man's spiritual nature, and soul possibilities; the homes of the great beyond, how best to prepare for them. These were the questions those composing that circle were aspiring to have answered. Their cry was ever, "Light, more light."

Surprise, and even alarm affected Mr. Henderson when he witnessed the convulsive twitchings in the arms of Miss White shortly after the sitting had commenced, and he arose from his seat to offer assistance to her, thinking she

was being taken ill. But her father assured him there was no need of alarm, she would soon be all right, and he would become accustomed to those motions in mediums. He thought it very strange but decided to await events. To his great relief the convulsive movements soon ceased, and the medium's face was lit up with a pleasant smile, and with eyes closed, she commenced a pleasant chat with each one of the sitters in a friendly manner. The addition of a new member to their circle was commented on. The event of the evening was the description of Mr. Dale standing by the side of our hero, which, though impressive, was not convincing to him, as the deceased rev. gentleman was well known to Miss White. "Is he happy?" asked one of the members. "No, he has a troubled, sorrowful appearance," was the answer. "He would like to speak but cannot yet. He seems to have something of an important nature to say to you, sir," addressing Mr. Henderson. "There seems to be something between you and him which disturbs him. Now he passes over to you, sir," turning to Mr. White, who was sitting in a reclining attitude in an easy chair. "He approaches you in a suppliant position, as if asking your forgiveness for some wrong he has done you. He appears to be in great agony of mind, and will be unable to find any rest until he obtains your forgiveness." This greatly puzzled Mr. White, who was ignorant of anything wrong that the spirit in question had ever done to him, except withdrawing his friendship, which he had attributed to his professional duties, and which he readily forgave.

CHAPTER IX.

After this, the Rev. Dale was a constant visitor at the meetings, and tried repeatedly to control the medium to speak, but was unable until he gradually gained power after repeated efforts. On several occasions he had approached Mr. White, faintly articulating, "Forgive, oh, forgive," to all which that gentleman said he freely pardoned what he thought was the wrong he had done him, but the spirit shook his head sadly and turned away with a disappointed air.

These visits were very perplexing, and tended greatly to disquiet the members, as they seemed to block the way for more elevating controls.

At last the deceased minister was able to speak, and make the cause of his repeated visits fully known. After approaching Mr. White with the pathetic cry which seemed to be wrung from a soul in despair, "Forgive, oh, sir, forgive me!" that gentleman replied, "No, Mr. Dale, I have on several occasions told you that I willingly forgive you all that I am conscious you have injured me in. I cannot go beyond that. If there is anything of which I am ignorant you had better tell me, and I hope to be able to forgive you as I hope to be forgiven." "Oh! my God, give me strength," the spirit exclaimed, "to make known the great wrong I have done him. Oh! it is a hard task to reveal one's own sins to their victim. But God is no respecter of persons, and His laws must be fulfilled before His children can find that happiness which they seek. Know, then, my one time friend, and member of my flock, that I, a minister of the gospel, am to blame as the cause of nearly all your misfortunes; the loss of your work, which so damaged your social standing, which has so preyed on your mind and undermined your health."

(To be continued).

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

The opening of the Durban Lyceum was a great success. The leaders and teachers were all such splendid workers, Mr. Knox, president of the Society, Mr. Utton and Mr. Lorimer. I felt sure that the Durban Lyceum (of which I have the honour to be a member) would become one of the most progressive in the movement. The Sunday sessions are of a highly educational character, the songs, duets, and recitations being well rendered by the children. The SPIRITUAL SONGSTER is used at all the sessions, and a short address given by our esteemed conductor, Mr. W. Knox, or by one of the teachers. A deep interest was manifested in the marching and calisthenics. My happiest time was spent with the children, and I was sorry to leave them, but it was only to be for a few months. It was arranged that I should return to Durban for a short time before I left South Africa for England.

I left Durban for Pietermaritzburg on January 12th. Many friends came to the station to say "good-bye" and wish me God-speed. Rain was pouring in torrents, and when it rains in South Africa it means business. I arrived at Pietermaritzburg at 10-30 p.m., when I was met by Mr. Fitzsimmons and other friends. We drove to the hotel where I was to stay during my visit. January 13th, 1906, my first day in the capital of Natal, often called "Sleepy Hollow." Immediately after breakfast Mr. Andrews, chief reporter to the "Natal Witness," sent in his card and desired an interview. We had a long conversation *re* Spiritualism. I found him most courteous. In the afternoon some friends took me for a drive through the Park, which is very lovely. It is very hot in Pietermaritzburg, but not so humid as in Durban. I saw many Kaffirs lying in the sun fast asleep. In the evening, 8 p.m., I held my first seance. We found the room engaged much too small, and had to adjourn to a lady's house, and were there very much crowded, but, I am thankful to say, that in spite of such bad conditions, the results were satisfactory. Four reporters were present, two for "The Times" and two for "The Natal Witness." Good reports appeared in the next issues. Sunday, January 14th.—Mr. Knox very kindly travelled from Durban to act as chairman to our first Sunday meeting, for which I was most thankful. At 7-30 we drove to the Town Hall, where I was to lecture. The people were struggling to get in; we had an audience of over 2,000. My heart was filled with emotion when I saw them and heard them sing. It was a grand meeting and much good was done. This was the first Spiritualist meeting held in Pietermaritzburg. I remained there eight days, during which time I held seances every day, and two meetings in the Town Hall, which were so crowded that hundreds were turned away. On my departure, just before the train was leaving the station, a man rushed up asking for Mrs. Green. He said to me, "I want to know if you are quite sure that my mate is living in the spirit land. You described him to me last night in the Town Hall. I thought when we died we had done with life, but there was no mistake about the man you saw being my mate. If it's all true I mean to live a better life." The train moved away, en route for Volksrust, amidst cheers and waving of handkerchiefs.

January 19th.—Volksrust is a pretty Dutch village, near Majuba, where so many brave lives were lost in the Boer War. You can see the path up the mountain side where the soldiers dragged their cannons and ammunition. When one sees the vast stretches of land in this great country, one is filled with wonder that the war was over as soon as it was. Graves are everywhere to be seen, marked by heaps of stones, surmounted by little wooden crosses; sad memories of brave lives sacrificed to their country in the cause of awful war. Thousands of wives, mothers, daughters, lovers, mourning for the irrevocable loss of husbands, fathers, and sons, who said good-bye and left home and occupation never to return. Homes wrecked, hearts made desolate, dishonour, blood in running streams, a thousand horrible scenes, too dreadful to contemplate—this is war! War!! When will the day come when men will have learned the wickedness of trying to end a discussion by engaging in "lawful" murder? For such it is. It is when we are brought face to face with the heart-breaking scenes of the past war that we realise how very dreadful and sinful it is. Here it is brought home. One cannot gaze unmoved upon these lonely graves lying out on the wide veldt, unknown, unnamed. Volksrust is possessed of a small library in a shop, the Librarian coming three times a week to issue the books. I was entertained by the Rector, a truly spiritual man. Stayed here for one evening and lectured upon the gospel of spiritualism. Again we had a crowded meeting, my host in the chair. I promised to pay another visit on my return journey.

January 20th.—On my way to Johannesburg. We passed miles and miles of veldt, most impressive in its wide extent; past Kaffir kraals, saw natives, half naked, sitting eating mealies. The mealie grows something like Indian corn, the Kaffir dries and grinds it between two stones—as one sees it illustrated in an old Bible—and they make beer and thick porridge from it. I arrived in Johannesburg at 6-30, and was met by Mr. and Mrs. Horne, my future hosts, Mr. Back and other friends. Johannesburg is 6,000 feet above sea level, the air very exhilarating and dry.

Sunday, January 21st—11 a.m. Went with Mr. and Mrs. Horne to the Lyceum. I found the Lyceum in excellent working order. Mr. Back, guardian; Mr. Horne, conductor of calisthenics. The children performed their exercises in a very pleasing manner, also the musical readings and golden chain recitations, followed by beautiful pearls, contributed by the children. There are no groups formed yet, but I am hoping that by this time there will be. I enjoyed this hour with the children, and had the pleasure of giving to them the greetings of Lyceum children in England. So in thought we stretched hands across the sea, and realised how far-reaching and powerful is the work of the Lyceum. 7-30.—Our first meeting in the Trades Hall, which was packed, many having to be refused admittance.

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We can heartily recommend the Rydal Press to all who have any printing they require done cheaply and well. It is not a sweating firm.

We can also heartily recommend Mr. J. and J. Burchell's preparations. Their hair re-embellisher is the best we have found, and we have tried many preparations.—Ed.

Our Boys' Special.

MY DEAR DISCIPLES,

I am somewhat disappointed to find such a faint response to my appeal for "Essays" last month, on a subject which is essentially of the utmost importance to all Lyceums. After the general jubilation which was manifest at the recent Conference upon the resolution that the "Constitution" should not, for the next five years, block the way to the discussion of helpful methods for the general improvement and strengthening of the Lyceum effort; I naturally thought the time was opportune for the introduction of some means whereby our Lyceums could give expression, severally, to their conceptions of the best method of improving our internal conditions, and supplying such hints as would prove of value to all Lyceums affiliated with the Union.

Judging from the nature of several resolutions submitted for the Conference Agenda, resolutions dealing directly with the internal conditions of our Lyceums, presumably to the advantage of all, one would have thought there would be a "mine" of suggestions, from which could have been extracted gems of inestimable value to adorn the order and enhance the beauty of our Lyceum teaching, and which might have led to the satisfaction of all those in our ranks who have shown a perturbed state of mind anent the imperfections of the existing order of general teaching and method. I appealed specially to members of Liberty Groups to ventilate this important subject, and, although there must be at least 2,000 such members represented by affiliated Lyceums, only one response is to hand. This is from the pen of Mr. J. E. Laverack, conductor of Wakefield Lyceum, and reads as follows:—

Dear Friend,—In answer to your appeal for "Essays" *re What are the most pressing improvements desirable in our Lyceums?* I should like to submit the following:—First: that the Manual be overhauled by a select committee, and mistakes rectified, as I find in conducting our Lyceum these mistakes often cause confusion. Second: that instead of taking *two* silver and *two* golden chain recitations, *one* of each be taken and discussed, which would, I think, cause more study, so that we might realise more fully the beautiful truths that underlie the mere reading of these recitations. Third: that all Lyceums work hand-in-hand with the society. This might be effective in bringing into the Lyceum work society members who at present take no interest in the children's cause. Fourth: I would suggest that mediums might sacrifice some of their fees, to be set apart as a benevolent fund for Lyceumists who from time to time might require assistance in sickness or otherwise. This, I am sure, is sorely needed in our ranks. We should have better hold upon our scholars, as they would feel that we had an interest in their everyday welfare. Hoping these few remarks will be favourably considered for the benefit of all,—I remain, yours fraternally, J. E. LAVERACK.

Whatever may be the intrinsic merits of the foregoing as an essay, it is obvious that our fellow-Lyceumist has

furnished the base of a very useful discussion, and if Lyceumists everywhere will follow up this essay, either by brotherly criticism or by amended suggestions, I will do my best to so deal with the communications, that mutually we may arrive at some useful solution of difficulties that at present prevent that degree of progress commensurate with our united wishes. I refrain from commenting upon the essay this month, as I desire to get the unbiased expression of all who are interested. Doubtless I shall have something to say later on upon the matters raised by our fellow-worker. Whilst, strictly speaking, there can be no competition where only one response is received, still, in view of the fact that our brother has complied with the request, and is not responsible for the dilatoriousness of others, I have suggested to Mr. J. Knight, of Bury, who is giving the special prize, that a book prize be forwarded to Mr. Laverack. I hope that this second appeal, will be productive of a more representative interest in the subject still before us. Send on your essays or criticisms to me not later than August 19th.

For some reason or other the puzzle competitions have fallen flat all at once. Can it be that you have suddenly lost interest in them, or are the new restrictions too harsh for you. If so, I cannot help that. Although the puzzles may be a trifle more difficult than they were a few months ago, still, I know they are not beyond the penetrating skill of a large number of our members, and I urge you to try again and secure one of the beautiful merit cards which are awarded for correct solutions. The correct solution of last month's national puzzle is Mr. J. Knight. Three correct solutions have been received and merit cards forwarded to Mamie Durham, Littleborough; Bertha Penney, Burnley; and Sarah Grimshaw, Oswaldtwistle.

For the district puzzle (Manchester) two solutions have been received. Both are correct. The correct solution is Mr. John Kay. A "button" is given by Mrs. A. E. Bentley to the winner, Harold Earith, Leaf Square, Pendleton; merit card to Edith Jackson. Here are the puzzles for August:—

NATIONAL.

In a suburb of London there lives a young man,
Who actively works on our Lyceum plan;
His initials, though right, are always in *wrong*,
And his surname in willing, and cheerful, and strong.
It takes *seven* letters his surname to fix,
But as two are repeated, you use less than six.
Now London ought really to send on the name
And some of our beautiful merit cards claim.

DISTRICT

(For members of the S.W. Lancashire District only).

In busy, big Liverpool—world-renowned port,
Huge centre of industry, commerce and sport,
Our Lyceum movement is favourably known,
And in that great centre good workers have grown.
To-day I would honour just one of the band
Who have worked for our Lyceums with heart and with hand;
His name is—Why goodness! I very near told,
Now in that last sentence it stands out quite bold.
Both initials and surname you'll find buried there;
When you've dug out the letters, you've eighteen to spare.
Mr. J. Jones, of Southport, not unknown to fame,
Gives a badge to the first who sends on correct name.

Don't post your solutions before August 9th, and not later than August 19th. Brooch or button for the first prize district puzzle only, merit cards to all others correct.

Once more I lay down my pen in the hope that "Our Page" may merit your attention and interest.—Yours lovingly,

2a, Cateaton Street, Bury.

F. HEPWORTH.

THE BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting at Yeadon on Sunday. Tong Street, Otley Road, and Westgate (Bradford), Keighley, Windhill and Yeadon Lyceums were represented. Mr. Darbyshire, of Leeds, and Mr. Northrop, of Bradford, were present with us. The business meeting was held in the morning, several suggestions were brought forward, which caused much discussion. In the afternoon we held an open session, conducted by Mr. Race. "Shoulder to Shoulder" was the opening hymn, and I sincerely hope that every officer and member of the council will work shoulder to shoulder for the cause we dearly love. Mr. Alderson offered the invocation. Miss Hardaker (Yeadon) gave a hearty welcome to the council and its members. Mr. Darbyshire gave a short address upon the possibilities and capabilities of the young ones. The marchings and calisthenics were excellently gone through, under the tuition of Mr. Woodcock (Yeadon). Brief remarks were given by Mr. Kay upon the upliftment of the Lyceum and God and Nature. Recitations were given by Herman Marshall, "Blue Bell"; Nellie Myers, "Pets at the farm"; Florence Hargreaves, "Putting the world to bed"; and Lily Lumb, "The Lyceum." J. Long, E. Marshall, M. A. Brown and C. and M. A. Myers ably rendered "The voice of progress." "The Lyceum Band" was heartily sung, after which Mr. Northrop announced the closing benediction. Excellent addresses were given by Messrs. Kay and Northrop in the evening. The day's services were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Many thanks to our Yeadon friends for the way in which they catered for us.

H. BIRDSALL (Secretary).

62, Dover Street, Bradford.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We held our annual meeting on July 21st, at Alma-street Lyceum, Halifax, when it was resolved to do away with the Demonstration, and instead send competent Judges to visit the Lyceums in the District who will award marks of merit, those getting the highest number to hold the Council's Prize Banner. Two weeks' notice will be given to each Lyceum of the Judges' visit. It was decided to have a nine months' term of office so as to get into line with the District Councils' Constitution. The Teachers' Meeting and Register were left over till the next meeting. The election of officers were as follows:—President, G. E. Baker; vice-president, B. Dyson; secretary, M. Farrington; treasurer, G. Crowther; D.V., Mr. A. Barraclough; auditors, Messrs. Wilby and Whiteley.—GEO. E. BAKER.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Morley on Saturday, July 20th, only a moderate attend-

ance of Lyceum visitors and delegates being present. From the reports, the Lyceums in this district are in a fairly good condition, and are gradually improving. The next meeting of the Council will be held at the Bethel Street Lyceum, Leeds, on Saturday, October 5th, at 3-30 p.m.

GEO. DARBYSHIRE, Hon. Sec.

3, Belle Vue Grove, Leeds.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held their sixth Annual Demonstration at Bacup on Saturday, July 6th, 1907. Eight Lyceums took part therein, headed by the Bacup Change Prize Band and the Bacup Borough Recreation Band. The procession was formed at the Railway Station, and marched through the centre of the town to the Football Field, where marching, etc., was performed. Torrential rain interfered, and made the exhibition of calisthenics an impossibility. There was a hurried, but orderly procession to the co-operative stores for tea. A public meeting was held in the Bacup Spiritualist Temple, presided over by Mr. Barnes, who kindly filled the office in the absence of Mr. Shore, caused by the passing on of his mother, to whom a vote of condolence was sent from the meeting. The Bacup Lyceum provided the entertainment, and short addresses were given by Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hall, Mr. Mansfield, Miss Dewhirst, and others. I should like to offer the appreciation of the Council to the following for their efforts during the day:—Mr. Barnes, for stepping into the breach and presiding; Mr. Brown, as chief marshal; Mr. Harris, as local secretary; the Bacup Mothers' Meeting and the Lyceum, for their respective efforts in providing the Recreation Band at their own expense and the evening's entertainment, also the local society for the use of their room to dry the banners and hold the meeting; and all who contributed to the success of our Annual Demonstration, which, despite the awful weather, has resulted in a balance in hand of eighteen shillings and sevenpence.

G. F. KNOTT, Sec.

LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of this Council was held in Hamilton Hall, Birkenhead on Saturday, the 29th June, all the Lyceums being represented with the exception of one. The President, Mr. Jones, presided over a record attendance. After the usual formal reports, etc., Mr. Keeling (Pres. B.S.L.U.) impressed upon the Delegates present the importance of each Lyceum providing itself with an attendance officer—an office omitted in the majority of Lyceums. Delegates were also asked to bring the question of a joint picnic before their respective Lyceums immediately, and communicate with the Secretary on ascertaining their views. The place proposed for the picnic is Parbold, which is within easy reach of all the Lyceums. The delegates will please attend to this matter at the earliest opportunity, in order to give as much time as possible for the necessary preparations. On the Sunday most enjoyable and interesting services were held, the platform being supplied by the Council.

J. HOPE, Hon. Sec.

10, Longfield St., New Springs, Wigan.

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.

(b) DOES IT STIMULATE?

I am going to talk this month about "nips" and "nightcaps," subjects which would perhaps seem too homely to call for very serious treatment, but which, on the contrary, raise the important question as to whether alcohol should be taken by individuals in normal health as a stimulant. One would perhaps be astonished if one sought to estimate the extent to which the use of intoxicants for this purpose alone had been carried. It is the one little expedient which remains nowadays for robbing the habit of some of its shame—a glass of beer to restore the tired body after labour, a sip of brandy to brace the nerves, a drop of whisky to keep out the cold, a bottle of stout to encourage sleep, a glass of champagne to drive away the blues, and never a word about the craving which says you *must* have it whether you are weary or not, whether your nervous system is depleted or not, whether it is summer or winter, whether you are the victim of insomnia or not, whether you are in the dumps or not!

Under the heading of stimulants are to be collected those substances which rouse the nervous organisation to a condition of greater efficiency or sensitiveness, or which promote such nervous changes as are made manifest by changes in the body, for example, by rise in the pulse, temperature, and available energy.

To study the behaviour of alcohol as a stimulant would be to investigate the whole of the great question of its relation to the nervous system, a matter much too large for adequate treatment here. I would like to refer my readers to two small works on the subject, which from their simple treatment and great authority, furnish most interesting and valuable testimony on a subject of tremendous importance. Both are "Lees and Raper Memorial" Lectures, and can be obtained at the small rate of 4d. each, by writing to the trustees of this memorial, Broad Sanctuary Chambers, 20, Tothill Street, Westminster, S.W.; or, if preferred, I would be glad to obtain copies for any who will be good enough to write to me at 20, Grosvenor Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The two lectures to which I shall have occasion to refer in what follows are: "The effect of alcohol upon the human brain," by Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., etc., and "Recent Researches on the action of alcohol in Health and Sickness," by Dr. G. Sims Woodhead, M.A., both of which are enriched by diagrams and figures which are here impossible, and which add considerably to the clearness of the descriptive parts.

Sir Victor Horsley gives an account of experiments by Professor Kraepelin, which clearly prove that small quantities of alcohol are able not only to lower the efficiency of the operations of the brain, but also to deceive the subject by causing him to actually imagine that he is quicker and brighter than before! He goes on to say: "From what I have said the truth of the very remarkable fact must be accepted, that when a person is in this stage of loss of cerebral activity after taking a small dose of alcohol, he feels that his brain is extraordinarily active. The idea is present to him that he is really thinking more than usual, whereas, as a matter of fact, he is thinking slower. That the subjective sensation of greater muscular power was a deception we have long known, it has been thoroughly established, but that the deception in regard to intellectual achievement was exactly parallel, even under the influence

of very small doses of alcohol, this is new, and it proves to us that the sensation of well-being usually associated with wine, beer and spirits, is only an illusion, and that once more when tried by the touchstone of experiment, 'wine is a mocker.'" The stimulating effect of alcohol, as far as the large brain is concerned, is to remove restraint only by paralysing the highest function, that of intellectual judgment, while fatigue comes on in a fashion not paralleled by such stimulants as tea. "This singularly strong argument in favour of total abstinence I am surprised to see has never found its way into Temperance literature. There is no question about the accuracy of the facts, and they have not been obtained merely by Kraepelin. . . . It cannot be insisted upon too strongly and too often that the apparent acceleration of the amount of work done is not a real thing; it is, in fact, an evidence of the paralysing and deleterious effect of alcohol."

Perhaps the most remarkable result which has accrued from a study of the physiological properties of alcohol is the one Professor Horsley so clearly emphasises in the words I have quoted. Blaster of fortune and happiness, it is now tracked to its lair and shown to be a vile deceiver and mocker. Those sensations of health and warmth which follow the consumption of ardent spirits are only the products of a brain running riot, unreined by sane judgment and true control. The stimulus we have been taught to believe in is nothing short of paralysis.

Some time ago I read an account of experiments carried out at Haslar by the clever and distinguished doctor Parkes. Two gangs of navvies each made up of a score of men were set to work trenching. One gang was limited to water as drink, but no restrictions were set on the other gang. The remarkable result was here again observed that an apparent stimulus was followed by severe depression; the abstainers caught up their competitors at the end of the first day and soon left them far behind. On reversing the diet the advantage was soon lost, and the new abstainers, in the course of a few days, had more than regained their position.

It would be needless to multiply instances of the depleting effect of alcoholic stimulants. Everyone knows that athletes refrain from them during training, and it would be well if it were more generally realised that no strain or endurance, physical or mental, is made the easier to bear by indulgence in a drug which robs its victim of self-control.

An interesting little testimony is that given by Dr. Molinelli, who, accompanied by the Duke of the Abruzzi, on his recent expedition to the North Pole. He calls attention to the harmful effect of alcohol on the gastric mucous membrane and the liver, and quotes Rubner, a distinguished German authority on dietetics, to the effect that "the feeling of warmth after taking alcohol is falsely ascribed to the production of heat. The sensation of warmth does not prove an increased production of heat but only an increased flow of blood to the skin." He goes on to show how he made measurements of the heat of the human arm, and says: "I have not been able to prove that there is any increased heat radiation after taking alcohol, in spite of the increased sensation of warmth. . . . Moreover, on the artificial temporary stimulation by the alcohol, there follows a reaction, a diminution of power, and a relaxation of the mental faculties which would have been injurious to us in the

highest degree, as we needed to exert unceasing attention, watchfulness and alertness in order to cope with all the dangers surrounding us. In the daytime we drink water and coffee, or water only."

Surely a lesson worthy of consideration, coming from the pen of one whose days were spent in the storms and frosts of the Arctic Regions, where the most anxious thought of all was to keep a hold on life itself.

(To be continued).

Bluebells' Page.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I have waited most patiently to see how many of you would respond to my request for letters on "Where to spend the holidays." I am sorry to say that up to the present not one has come to hand. Ted says, perhaps, you have not been inclined owing to the wet weather we have had. Mother suggests it is no doubt owing to the spell of fine weather which has come just when all were getting downhearted, and you have all been taking advantage of it. If so, I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed yourselves, and will have many bright memories of the things you have seen and done to cheer you up.

I think it might be wise here if I suggest that as many of you as can possibly do so write me a short account on a post card of the places you have visited, and what you think about them. I feel sure that all the Bluebells who have not been able to have a holiday will be very glad to read about those of you who have.

I think we are going to the Isle of Man, I may not be able to go before my next letter is due for the LYCEUM BANNER, so if you send me your post cards CARE OF THE EDITOR, I shall be able to notice them in the September BANNER. I shall certainly try to describe a few of the things I see and hear, and give you my impressions of my visit, on my return.

I am pleased to receive another letter and list of new members from the Birmingham Bloomsbury Lyceum. I am sure all the Bluebells will join me in accord'ing them a hearty welcome to our guild.

The letter reads as follows:—

"DEAR FLORA BELLE,

I received the membership cards quite safely. The children were exceedingly well pleased to get them. I may say that the Flora Belle page in the LYCEUM BANNER has helped to increase the order for BANNERS from the Bloomsbury Lyceum. The Committee decided to give all those who join the Bluebell Guild a free BANNER each month. As the number of children increase in membership, so will the order for BANNERS increase. The following wish to have their names enrolled as members. I will close now, wishing you and the Bluebell Guild every success in its work.—
Yours in friendship,

E. E. LAXTON, Conductor.

When I allowed Ted to read the above letter he shouted, "Hurrah! that will please the editor, as well as you, Sis." [It has, very much. Ed., L.B.] And

I am sure I wish many more Lyceum Committees would adopt the Bloomsbury plan, then we should soon have nearly every Lyceum boy and girl a member of our Guild, practising kindness, good behaviour, and being gentle to everybody. Would not that be real nice? I do hope it may be so.—Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

BLOOMSBURY PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

SECOND LIST.

2197	Fred Bird.	2200	Rebecca Floyd.
2198	Walter Shergold.	2201	Florry Floyd.
2199	Willie Burroughs.		

In Memoriam.

LEEDS (Joseph Street).—It is with deepest sorrow that I announce the passing on of our dear sister Lyceumist Gladys Mary Neal, who was called into the Higher Life on Monday July 15th. The interment took place in the Woodhouse Hill Cemetery, on Thursday, July 18th, when a large number of friends, day-school classmates, and Lyceumists assembled to pay their last respects to our dear departed sister. Mr. Pawson, of Wortley, and Mr. Howell, of Birmingham, officiated, and the choir and Lyceumists, together with the church members, sang appropriate hymns. Many strangers who had assembled to witness the funeral ceremony seemed both surprised and pleased at the way in which it was conducted, especially when Mr. Howell said "Why search ye here among the dead for the living, she is not here, she has arisen." Although our hearts go out in true love and sympathy to our friends who are left to mourn the loss of our sister, we rejoice to think that there is no more pain and suffering in the "Sweet Summerland."

Our dear sister repeated these few lines, which formed part of her recitations, at the Lyceum not long ago:—

Mother! they bid me come,
I cannot longer stay;
O join me in that blissful home,
Where tears are wiped away.
Now gently lay my dying head,
Upon thy faithful breast;
Bright angels bend around my bed,
Mother! I go to rest.

MISS ALICE HESP, Sec.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—It is with the greatest sympathy and regret that I have to announce the passing into spirit of Elizabeth Mort, one of our Lyceum scholars, on July 7th, in her 17th year; and was interred at Hollinwood Cemetery on July 12th. Mr. Newby, of Oldham, conducted the funeral service. We also held a very impressive memorial service on Sunday, July 14th, Mrs. Gardener, of Oldham, being the speaker. We had a large number of Lyceum scholars on the platform to render selections from the Manual. Miss Seville also sang a solo which was very appropriate for the occasion. The Lyceumists extend their deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends. May we soon realise her presence amongst us.

THOS. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

We desire to draw the attention of Lyceum Secretaries to the new rules printed at the head of Lyceum Reports, and ask that they be strictly observed.

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The rule of allowing reports of the last Sunday of the month to appear two months later, as it could not appear in the LYCEUM BANNER for the following month, has been done away with, as it led to continual confusion.

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Secretaries should count the words in their reports before posting them, and cross out all there are over the limit 120.

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Our readers will do us a favour if they mention the LYCEUM BANNER when patronising those advertising in our columns.

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The Lyceum Lesson Plan is unavoidably held over this month on account of Mrs. Greenwood being summoned by telegram to her father's bed side, who has been taken seriously ill. The sympathy of our readers will go out to her in her hour of sorrow and anxiety. Later, her father passed away on July 27th.

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Mr. F. B. Smedley and family of Belper, have decided to sail for New Zealand on October 17th. All our readers will unite with us in wishing them *bon voyage* and success.

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Mr. Albert Robinson and family, Lyceum workers, of Bethel Street, Leeds, sail for Kenosha, Wis., U.S.A., on August 6th, in the Cunard R.M.S. Ivernia. Our good wishes go with them all.

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We are happy to learn the friends at Reading have recently formed a Society, and are now forming a Lyceum.

The Spiritualists' Society of Plaistow, London, opened a Lyceum on July 28th. We wish their efforts every success.

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The Lyceum recently opened at Merthyr, South Wales, is making good progress, they have about 60 members on their register.

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The Lyceum at Chester is making good progress, they have 66 members on their register. The Society has recently purchased the building known as the Primitive Methodist Church, Commonhall Street, in which they hope to hold their services and Lyceum sessions at an early date.

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The Chester Society publishes an organ of its own, called *The Pioneer*. We are pleased to see they attach due importance to the Lyceum and its work, to which special mention is made in the July issue.

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We find the following "par" on page 6: "The Lyceum in Spiritualism is what the Sunday School is in the Church. We intend to teach our children the noble philosophy and eternal truths that come to us from the other side of life!"

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The following extract from page 22 clearly indicates they have fully grasped the importance of the Lyceum:—"The work of Spiritualism in the near future lies with the children. Our Lyceums are doing a grand and noble work in this direction. These sweetest flowers of earth can here learn the initial lessons necessary for useful members of society, mental and physical development being given free from dogmatism, and where children are taught to think for themselves. Such teachings will tend to counteract the evil environments in which many children are unfortunately placed. The work therefore needs extending, because in the children lies the hope of the future. For the furtherance of these objects our organisation must be of the best."

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We are pleased to learn that Mr. Herbert E. Clarke, conductor of the Temperance Page, has obtained second class honours in Natural Science, B.A. at Jesus College, Oxford. We are sure our readers will join us in heartily congratulating Mr. Clarke on his success.

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Pestatozzi, the great Swiss educator, is said to have discovered that "decent clothing made children sit and stand more erect; that standing erect caused them to grow more fearless, and look less shifty; were more truthful in their conversation, and that being commended for this they developed affection in their conduct towards each other." The above testimony is confirmatory of the value of Lyceum marching and calisthenics.

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A "New Zealander" has favoured us with his impressions of a visit to the Crompton Lyceum. We are unable to make use of anonymous communications. Writers should enclose their name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive Council of the above Union paid a visit to Belper on Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th, for the double purpose of transacting the business of the Union, and hold propaganda meetings.

All the members of the Executive were present with the exception of Mr. R. Latham and Mr. H. A. Kersey.

The Executive were entertained to tea in the Jubilee Hall by the members of the Society and Lyceum. The tables were tastefully decorated by fresh gathered wild flowers, which gave a pleasing sense of freshness and beauty to the repast.

At the opening of the business meeting the President, Mr. E. A. Keeling, extended a cordial welcome to Mr. J. J. Bennett, as a member of the Executive. Mr. Bennett suitably replied. Mr. Councillor J. Venables, Treasurer, welcomed the newly elected President, and in congratulating him on his elevation to the highest office the Lyceum Union has to offer, he hoped that his term of office would be signalised by a period of prosperity and progress. The President suitably replied to the good wishes expressed, and signed the Presidential Register.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a correct record.

The Secretary's General Report was read and adopted.

A letter was read from Glasgow soliciting the services of the General Secretary to receive goods on behalf of the Society for its forthcoming Bazaar. The General Secretary was instructed to remain neutral to all applications for such services.

A letter was read from Leicester soliciting more liberty in the dates of reports to the LYCEUM BANNER, exception being taken to six reports appearing in the April issue. These were found to be in order, and duly approved. The instructions relating to overdue reports were reaffirmed.

The question of expenses attached to invitations given to the General Secretary to attend public functions and ceremonies was fully considered, the General Secretary remarking that he was unable to accept them at his own expense. It was decided that the General Secretary charge his expenses and 5/- fee, the latter to go to the P.S.F., for all such services.

The President commented on the numerous applications he was receiving to speak for Lyceum Anniversaries, etc., and the advisability of making a charge for the benefit of the P.S. Fund.

The LYCEUM BANNER half-yearly report was presented, in which was briefly reviewed its past history and its present prospects under the heavy postage. It was decided to maintain the present arrangements for printing and despatching the LYCEUM BANNER, and refer the matter to the next Conference.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

Mrs. Annie E. Bentley reported on the proceeds for catering for the Conference, and was pleased to state that the Manchester District Council had decided to donate £1 towards the Conference expenses. The best thanks of the Executive were given to the Manchester D.C. for its catering and donation.

Attention was drawn to the necessity for an interim audit on account of the large amount of business accounts there are to examine. It was decided that an interim

audit be held, time and date to suit auditors' convenience. The question of tents for weakly Lyceum children was postponed.

The question of Merit Cards for the "Boys' Special," "Bluebell Guild," and the "Temperance Page," was fully discussed and settled.

Applications for membership from the following Lyceums were duly considered and granted: Leigh, Chester, Wolverhampton, and Oldham (Coronation-street). The application from Shaw (Lyon-street), was deferred till the next meeting.

The advisability of having fixed dates for the holding of the Executive meetings was considered, so that members may know which to keep open. It was ultimately decided that in future the Executive Council shall hold its quarterly meetings on the second Saturday and following Sunday in the months of January, April, July and October. Invitations for January, April and October, 1908 may be sent to the General Secretary.

Other matters of an important nature to the Lyceum Union were fully dealt with.

SALES.

HALF-YEARLY REPORT.

The sales for the half-year ending June 30th, were reported as follows:—

Lyceum Manuals, No. 1, 739; No. 2, 171; No. 3, 309; No. 5, 149; No. 6, 250., total 1618. Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young, cloth 67, gilt 41, total 108. Physical Exercises, paper covers 60, cloth 51, total 111. The Spiritual Songster, 234. Reminiscences of Mr. Alfred Smedley, 54. Registers, small 73, large 13, total 86. Hymn Sheets, No. 1, series 875; No. 2, 725; No. 3, 1,100; No. 4, 1,050, total 3,750. Leaflets, A Lyceum, What it is, 900. Services of Song, Ministering Spirits, 6; Rest at Last, 173, total 179. Badges, the Brooch, 746; the Button, 308, total 1,054. Cash receipts, and paid over to the Treasurer, General Fund, £38 1s. 5d. LYCEUM BANNER Fund, £68 11s. 1½d. Publishing Department, £158 4s. od., total £264 16s. 6½d.

SUNDAY.

The meetings on the Sunday were well attended and greatly enjoyed. The addresses were brief and to the point, being interspersed with vocal selections such as solos, duets, anthems and anniversary hymns. A group of girls sweetly sang a "Welcome," specially written by Mr. F. Hepworth, which was loudly applauded.

Mr. Keeling ably presided over the services, and by his apt remarks and witticisms kept both old and young in good humour.

The Open Session was well attended. A splendid programme being well rendered by the children. Master Charles Hubbard, aged 9 years, was presented with a copy of the Spiritual Songster for reciting the "Pied Piper." Loud applause greeted the feat.

The visit was one to be long remembered by young and old.

A. KITSON, Gen. Sec.,
B.S.L.U.

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As our next issue will be ready on August 30th, all communications for our September issue must reach us not later than Wednesday, August 21st, to ensure insertion.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

District Visitors' Quarterly Reports

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having four societies in this district, all of them having a Lyceum.

General remarks: I found **Hindley** in a fairly healthy condition. Responses and singing excellent. Marching and calisthenics fairly well done, seeing they were done without music. **Leigh**, the chain responses fair, singing hearty. A little more attention to punctuality is desirable. **Bolton** (Bradford-street). Orderly sessions; responses very good. I would like to see a little more life put into the singing.—ROBERT BILLSBOROUGH, D.V.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having twenty societies in this district, eight of them having no Lyceum. An interview has been sought and held with the Bingley Society. General remarks: **Shipley** have a very good Lyceum, about 50 present; very ably conducted. I hope they will soon join the Union. **Yeadon**.—A very good Lyceum. Great praise is due to Mrs. Smith for her devotion to the cause. **Bradford** (Westgate).—The session was a good one, although only a few present. Great credit is due to Mr. J. Burchell for what he is doing for the cause here. **Ivy Rooms**.—A good number present. Time devoted to practising for a service of song. **Otley Road**.—This is a well attended Lyceum, the conduct was good, and the interest in the session well kept. **Windhill**.—It was bluebell Sunday, the occasion was a success. I conducted the afternoon service, and had a real good time.—H. HARGREAVES, D.V.

DERBY DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports four societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum. General remarks: **Belper** Lyceum is in a strong, healthy condition; it is well officered and conducted. **Burton-on-Trent** is making good progress. The Society is taking more interest in the work. **Derby** (Traffic street) is slightly on the improve; I hope for more progress in the near future.—E. W. STANTON, D.V.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having ten societies in his district, nine of them having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Brighouse** is in need of officers. This Lyceum has greatly decreased in numbers, and needs help. **Huddersfield** (St. Peter-street).—Eighteen present, a falling off in the attendance; the responses good; no groups formed; marching and calisthenics good. **Slaithwaite**.—A good attendance; recitations and responses good; marching and calisthenics good. Three groups were formed, I led the Liberty Group in the absence of the regular leader.

GEORGE ED. BAKER.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports fifteen societies in this district, all but two having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Morley**.—I found a poor attendance, there seems to be a lack of interest among the elders. **Armley** is a well attended Lyceum, the sessions both morning and afternoon were very good. They are gaining in numbers. **Rothwell** is a good Lyceum, but lacks the interest of the adults; I hope they will pay more attention to the Lyceum work. **Heckmondwike** Lyceum is making good progress. A

deep interest is taken in the remarks on the chain recitations. I responded to an invitation to address the Lyceum members.—JAMES KITSON, D.V.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having twelve societies in this district, all but three having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Daulby St.**—There was an excellent session, with the exception of the calisthenics, only eight out of nineteen attempted to execute them. **Birkenhead**.—36 present, group lessons, and explanations on readings excellent. **Mount Pleasant**. 43 present; pleased to find an all-round improvement. Onward is now their watchword. **Seacombe**.—This Lyceum being short of workers, I visited them for several Sundays, with good effect. **Crewe**.—37 present; a good session. Physical exercises excellent. Explanations of chain recitations, etc., very good. I have also visited the newly-formed society at Runcorn. They have promised to have a Lyceum as soon as possible.—R. A. OWEN, D.V.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

Number of societies with and without Lyceums not stated. **Collyhurst**.—The attendance not as good as before, otherwise they had a good session. **Opnshaw**.—A splendid session throughout. **Maskell St.**—A good muster of Lyceumists; session good, but groups are needed and would be an improvement. **Harpurhey**.—A poor and late attendance; more officers required. I hope to find an improvement on my next visit. **William St.**—There was a good attendance; the session and lessons well conducted, and great interest manifested. I wish to thank all Lyceumists and friends who came to our assistance to make the Conference a success.—(Mrs.) ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 24 societies in his district 19 of them having a Lyceum. An interview has been promised by the Argyle St. society. An amalgamation of the societies in Accrington is being spoken of. General remarks: **Blackburn** (Northgate). A late start, 25 present; a very orderly session. **Barnoldswick** (Green St.) I have succeeded in enrolling them in the Union; a fair Lyceum and a good session. **Clayton-le-Moors**.—21 present. A steady improvement is perceptible in this Lyceum. **Nelson**.—Late start, 100 present. An excellent session. **Accrington** (China St.) No Lyceum on account of non-attendance of officers; these need awakening to their responsibilities, the children must not be neglected in this way. **Accrington** (Carter St.) 58 present. This Lyceum has grown in both numbers and officers. **Rawtenstall**.—42 present. An excellent session. **Blackburn** (St. Peter Street). 85 present. This Lyceum is following the BANNER Lesson Plan, Mr. Grime, conductor, choosing a new lesson every Sunday.—GEORGE H. EDWARDS, D.V.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports eight societies in his district, six of them having a Lyceum. Loughborough has promised shortly to re-open their Lyceum. General remarks: **Hyson Green** is making steady progress. Mr. F. Todd makes a good conductor, winning the affections of the children. **Gladstone Hall** are as before reported. Much practice has been devoted to service of song for Anniversary services. **Parliament St.** still making headway under the guidance of Miss Twelvetree, assisted by a staff of officers. Arrangements are being made for a joint outing.—J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports 16 societies in his district, 14 of them having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Oldham** (Coronation St.) 62 present. This Lyceum bids fair to become a strong and powerful Lyceum; the session was splendid. **Waterhead**.—This Lyceum is short of adults to inspire and cheer the children. A little more attention to punctuality is needed. **Shaw**.—This is a new Lyceum, but promises to be a good one; they have two sessions. Mr. Jagger has a genial way of imparting information on the chain recitations.

J. BROWN, D.V.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 11 societies in his district, 7 of them having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Dundee** (Forresters' Hall). This Lyceum is to be complimented on its good order. The session was bright and inspiring. I held a special leaders meeting to give suggestions for improvement. **Motherwell** Lyceum is making good progress. The improved conditions has strengthened their forces. **Glasgow** Lyceum is still going ahead. Leaders are enthusiastic, and the scholars harmonious. The groups are accomplishing excellent work.—ROBERT SUDAL, Jnr., D.V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having 17 societies, 13 of them having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Parkgate**, late start, conductor ill. A short session was held, good attention given. **Doncaster** (Nether Hall Rd.) Responses and singing fairly good. A useful lesson was given by the conductor. **Rotherham**.—Moderate attendance, order not so good as formerly. Responses fairly well given. Marked attention to D.V.'s remarks. **Heeley**.—A fair attendance; open session not quite up to their usual standard. Interest being revived by officers. **Stanley St.**—There was a poor attendance. The order was good; attention to Conductor and D.V. was good. I hope to see a better attendance on my next visit. Stricter attention to punctuality is needed in all the Lyceums.—ERNEST WOOLLER, D.V.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having eight societies in his district, all having a Lyceum. General remarks: **Dukinfield** Lyceum has a good conductor, and is making good progress. All were obedient and attentive throughout the session. The chain recitations were well responded to. **Hyde** Lyceum maintains its standard of excellence, which is highly gratifying.—W. H. POULTON, D.V.

TEESIDE DISTRICT.

The D.V. reports having five societies in her district, 3 of them having a Lyceum. She is in the hope of the other two being re-opened. General remarks: **Middlesbrough** Lyceum continues to make good progress. The capacity of the large hall being fully taxed for accommodation. **Stockton-on-Tees**.—This Lyceum is not so active as I should like to see it. Hopes are expressed for an improvement. **Shildon** is doing well, the sessions being marked by a deep interest. Much good work for the children is being done.—(Mrs.) M. H. NAYLOR, D.V.

WAKEFIELD (Kirkgate).—We held our Floral Services on Sunday, July 7th. In the afternoon we had an open session, there was a good gathering of Lyceumists and Friends. The silver and golden chain recitations were well responded to; marching and calisthenics were creditably gone through. Solo by Lily Dunn, Recitations by Nellie Skelton, Annie Hall, Florrie Anthony, Rosy Lockwood, Mary Cope, Berty Laverack, Harriet Bedford, Miss Baldwin, and Mr. Laverack. At the evening service we had a very good gathering, our President, Mr. Sidebottom, gave a very good address on "Consider the lilies," which was attentively listened to. Mrs. Hooper gave very good clairvoyance; we had a very good day. Collections were for the Lyceum Annual Trip.—A. Baldwin, Secretary.

THE GARDEN OF THE HEART.

AN ESSAY.

BY MISS GRACE IMISON (Chiswick Lyceum.)

I wonder if any of us when we look upon the little flowers that grow in garden and meadow, realize the beauty of their creation. How beautiful are the tiny blades of grass that constitute the green fields, when we come to look closely at them! Though they are so small we could not do without them, they are all so fresh and lovely. They all go to make the soft green of nature's carpet on which we love to roam and play.

Did it never occur to you that these grasses and flowers sprang from the tiny seeds which were sown in the spring? Do we ever think as we walk along the quiet country lanes what an unspeakable gift has been showered upon us, when God gave us flowers? They are the comfort of many, in the sick room, by the graveside, and when we mourn the loss of a dear one we have always the flowers with their fragrant loveliness to comfort our sad hearts.

On the other hand, how many of us like to look upon the weeds and stinging nettles, which even in a well-kept garden are apt to make their appearance? They look so distasteful to us, and it seems so hard to see them growing stronger and stronger and gradually choking the delicate flowers, and everyone who takes an interest in their garden likes to keep it free from these intruders. Now let us think, may not our hearts be likened to the flower beds or gardens which are waiting to receive any little seeds, be they either good or bad, weed or flower, which may be dropped in to take root and spring up? All loving looks, kind words and actions are like good seeds dropped into the garden of the heart. Are we not told in the best book that we have ever read that seeds of evil and discontent are like the thorns which spring up on the rocks and choke up the wheat? How quickly they grow, and how soon they would enter our hearts if we did not strive to keep them out. Then let each of us try and remember the great lesson we can learn from the flowers and the weeds. We should all strive as far as possible to keep our hearts and minds as beautiful flower gardens, in which no weeds or nettles can be found. Not one effort is ever lost, however small, to be good, kind and loving to all around us. And when we enter the Summerland we shall be able to look upon our gardens there, where every kind thought, word or action, reflected in the form of a beautiful flower, and also the unkind things which we are apt to allow to grow up in our hearts will be shown in the form of evil looking weeds.

I am sure you will all agree with me that the welcome sights you would most enjoy when you reach the Summerland would be to see beautiful sweet-scented flowers in your gardens without any weeds whatever, and the only way you can obtain these is to be good, kind, and loving to all around you every day of your life.

WIGAN (Miners' Hall, Millgate).—On July 13th, we held our annual picnic at Parbold. Considering the state of the weather it was gratifying to see 60 Lyceumists and friends join in the outing. Although it was practically all day under cover a very enjoyable day was spent. July 14th was a great day for us. We had Mr. John Lobb, of London. The society engaged the Drill Hall for the occasion. In the morning about 100 Lyceumists from Wigan and the surrounding districts took part in the marching and calisthenics. Mr. Lobb addressed us on "Children's spirit angels." Mr. S. S. Chiswell, Liverpool, presided over the meetings, supported by Mr. Stout, Warrington, and others. The session was greatly enjoyed by all.—W. Ormerod, Secretary.

Bible Studies, No. 6.

THE DELUGE.

I now desire to take up the consideration of the story of the Deluge, when, it is said, the whole world was drowned with the exception of Noah and his family.

As these Bible Studies are intended for readers who have neither time nor money to devote to Biblical commentaries, nor the writings of the higher critics, and therefore are not versed in the learned technicalities of Biblical scholars, it is necessary that I present the facts in plain language so that they may understand them. For this reason I must of necessity keep reminding the readers of certain facts which are necessary to enable them to understand the Bible. As an aid to understand the story of the Deluge I wish to remind the reader that in dealing with the story of the creation we learned there were two stories dovetailed together, one of them called the Elohist, because he used the term Elohim (gods) and the other called the Jehovist, because he used the term Jehovah, or (Yahveh) which has been changed to *Lord*. We also learned that their accounts of the creation did not agree, that there were some serious discrepancies in them.

In studying the story of the Deluge we find both classes of writers giving different accounts, which have also been dove-tailed together to appear as only one.

The first account is to be found in Genesis, chapter vi., verses 9 to 22, which is from the pen of the Elohist. In it we are told that God commanded Noah to take every living thing of all flesh, *two of every kind* to keep them alive, the male and female. "Of the birds after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee to keep them alive," verses 19 and 20.

The second account is from the pen of the Jehovist, and is found in chapter vii., which says, "And the *Lord* (Yahveh) said unto Noah . . . of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by *seven*, the male and his female; and of the beasts that are not clean, two, the male and his female; of fowls also of the air by *sevens*, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth," verses 2 and 3.

It will be observed that in the first account Noah is commanded to take *two of every kind*, and in the second account he is to take *seven* of all the animals and fowls that are accounted clean. (The reader is referred to Lev. xi. for a description of the clean and unclean, and the reason why they are said to be clean or unclean).

It would take up too much time and space to discuss the impossibility of either Noah or anyone else collecting all the animals and birds as here commanded. My desire is to point out those conflicting accounts, made all the more plain by their discrepancies and using different terms for God. And, also, to indicate the source from which they have been derived, so that the reader may be able to understand his Bible as he has never understood it before.

The material for these accounts of the Deluge have been taken from a Babylonian source, as is now proved by the cuneiform inscriptions that have been discovered, which confirms the account given by the

ancient historian Berosus. On this point Professor A. H. Sayce, who, in dealing with the discovery of the Babylonian version by Mr. George Smith, says: "We have only to compare it with the narrative in Genesis to see how strikingly alike they are." After giving a translation of the Babylonian account, also that of a fragment of another version from the same source, he gives the probable time when they were written as B.C. 2,350. So that this Babylonian account of the Deluge would be 800 years old when Moses was born. The Professor adds that "a comparison of it, according, with the two accounts of the Deluge, which criticism has discovered in the book of Genesis, becomes of importance."

It is important that the reader bears in mind the age of this Babylonian inscription, because some writers try to make it appear as if the ancient Babylonians had copied their account from the account of Genesis.

The statement that God planted the rainbow in the clouds as a covenant, that He may look upon it and remember His promise not to destroy the world again by flood, is not seriously entertained by any intelligent man or woman, unless their better judgment is warped by early theological training. The phenomenon of the rainbow has always existed since the sun shone on the falling drops of rain, and the writer has simply made use of it to lend colour to his account.

(To be continued),

GERMS PREFERRED!

Though they affirm a deadly germ
Lurks in the sweetest kiss,
Let's hope the day is far away
Of antiseptic bliss.

To sterilise a lady's sigh
Would simply be outrageous—
I'd much prefer to humour her
And let her be contagious!

THE PEN.

The pen's the sceptre of the world, when striking for
the right;
When wielded in the cause of man, 'tis tipp'd with
hallowed light.
The stroke that drives the rivet home, the thought
that guides the pen,
The battle fought for freedom's God, such merits make
the men.

HOW HE COULD TELL.

"Give me two boys in school for a year," said a teacher, "and I can forecast with much probability of correctness the future of each. It has been my observation, strengthened by my experience, that a boy does not change his habits when he leaves the school-room. If he is industrious, honest, earnest, careful, and conscientious during the school days, it is pretty certain that these same qualities will dominate in his after life; but if he is lazy, untrustworthy, listless, careless, and unscrupulous in school, his chances for becoming a good citizen and a success as a man are about equal to the opportunity the Scriptures grant to a camel to pass through the eye of a needle."

Correspondence.

A PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "LYCEUM BANNER,"

Sir,—May I ask the assistance of the BANNER in informing Lyceumists that the Executive of the London Union have appointed me their press correspondent, to deal with mis-statements in the public press relating to our glorious cause, as may seem necessary. Copies of journals which contain mis-statements, also of reports of decisions in disputes concerning Spiritualism generally. Information or suggestions from your readers will strengthen my hands and help a fellow Lyceumist in his work.

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COLLYHURST LYCEUM, MANCHESTER.

A CORRECTION.

Sir,—I am requested by the members of the above Lyceum to draw your attention to the fact that the Mrs. Mellor *nee* Miss Lawrence, mentioned in Mrs. Ellen Green's Missionary Tour V. in the July issue of the BANNER, was for many years a member of the *Collyhurst Lyceum*, and not Higher Broughton. As Mrs. Mellor's father and family are active and respected members of Collyhurst Society. I hope you will be kind enough to make the necessary corrections in the August issue of the BANNER.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR P. ANYON, Sec.

A PRAYER.

Oh, thou great power of love divine,
 Amongst us here thy goodness shine;
 Our doubts dispel, and grant that we
 May strive to make ourselves like thee.
 Send forth thy light, oh God, we pray,
 On this our open session day:
 Our flag unfurl, our leaders bless,
 And crown our word with great success.
 Inspire our hearts with humble grace,
 To raise the fallen human race,
 From degradation, vice and sin,
 And have them to our souls brought in.
 Oh! Spirit power of light and love,
 Look down upon us from above,
 And, while we to thyself aspire,
 Let goodness be our heart's desire.
 As we advance through toil and strife,
 And fight the battles of human life,
 May angels bright around us stand
 While we give forth thy great command.
 That man will reap what'er he sows
 Of goodness, or of vice and woes,
 And if from duty here he draws apart,
 In the spirit life he must make a start.
 While we chant forth our glad refrain,
 Oh grant our prayers may not be vain;
 And unto thee, oh God of heaven,
 Shall homage, praise and power be given.

E. ARMITAGE.

Ramsden St. Lyceum, Huddersfield,
June, 1907.**LYCEUM REPORTS.**

NOTE.—All Reports will be disqualified that do not conform to the following Rules:—

RULE 1.—Reports must be written on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring during the present month.

RULE 3.—No Lyceum Report must exceed 120 words.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Aug. 21st to ensure insertion in the September issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street.)—On July 13th we held our annual pic-nic at Cheu Valley, where a good tea was provided and an enjoyable time was spent. On July 14th we held our quarterly open session, comprising the whole of the services. In the afternoon an address was given by Mr. O. Wrigley, and clairvoyance by Miss S. A. Eastwood, both Lyceumists. The evening session was conducted by Miss S. A. Dransfield. The chain recitations were well rendered. Readings, "Angel whispers," by conductor, and the "Origin of the Lyceum" by Mrs. France. Recitations, "The summer," Mabel Simpson; "Billy's rose," Jessie Plenderlieth; "The sweep," Jannie Yates; solo, "The voyage of life," Thomasine Jennings. These quarterly sessions are a help to the Society. Lyceums should adopt them.—Abraham France, Secretary.

BACUP.—On June 30th we held our monthly open session. A good number of Lyceumists and friends being present. Mrs. A. Friend ably conducted the session. Recitations were rendered by Misses Mary Harrison, E. Brine, and M. A. Harris. Mrs. A. Friend sang a solo. Misses M. J. Jackson and Sarah Senior sang a duet. Pearls were given by Mr. T. Nixon and Mr. H. Salisbury. The session was of a bright and pleasant character.—B. J. Riding, sec.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street.)—On Saturday, July 6th, we held our annual field day, about 240 scholars and friends taking part in the outing, the place chosen being Houghton. We arrived at 3-15. Games, racing, etc., were enjoyed, some valuable prizes being given. After refreshments, in the form of coffee and buns, had been served, more games, etc., were indulged in. We returned to Blackburn about 8 p.m., everybody having enjoyed themselves.—E. Holding, sec.

BIRKENHEAD (Hamilton Street.)—Our Lyceum members paid a visit to the Wallasey Society to render the service of song entitled "Spirit, return." I am pleased to say they acquitted themselves very well indeed.—John Parry, secretary.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley.)—On June 30th we held our usual session. The rendering of recitations and reading was excellent. Miss E. Price gave an interesting paper entitled "Should women be on the Board of Guardians," this being her first attempt, we heartily congratulate her on the result. After the group lesson, our conductor, Mr. H. Reeves, unveiled the portrait of the late Mr. Brian Hodgson, the organiser of our Lyceum. He made feeling reference to our arisen brother's work, both in connection with our Lyceum and slum life of this city. Although we cannot see him, we feel his influence is still working in our midst. We hope his noble example will be such as to urge us on to try and do likewise.—Miss E. Burroughs, librarian.

BOLTON (Bradford Street.)—On June 30th we held our quarterly open session, ably conducted by Mr. Billsborough, D.V., Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, of Manchester, being the speaker. As this was her first visit since her illness a pleasing item was introduced, namely the presentation of a spray of white flowers. Master John Murphy, in making the presentation recited four verses of poetry, specially written for the occasion by Mr. Hepworth, of Bury, entitled "Welcome to Mrs. Bentley." This proved very effective, and

created a most harmonious feeling. Mrs. Bentley suitably responded to the welcome. A most enjoyable session and successful day was spent.—Robert Rostron, secretary.

BRADFORD (Dudley Hill).—We held our open session in the afternoon of June 30th. The chain recitations, marching, and calisthenics were well rendered. The following sang for us—Miss Amy Ramsden, "Angel care;" Miss Ida Fearnley, "God made my life a little light;" Mrs. Ramsden, "The voice of an angel;" Mr. Waddington, "Lo, in the golden sky;" Mr. J. W. Garrod, "Children's welcome." The following recited—Miss Louisa Raw, "The sailor's home;" Miss Townsend, "Billy's rose;" Mr. Raw, "The glory of the mountain;" Mrs. Gommersall, "The hermit of Workworth;" Miss C. Hough, "The spirit sailor boy." Mr. Raw and Mr. Waddington gave short addresses. "Never give up the right way" brought the session to a close.—Richard Platts, sec.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—We held our anniversary services on June 30th. In the morning we had an open session. Recitations were ably rendered by Misses Elsie Wright, Dorothy South, Edith Walden, Cora Broadley, and Master G. A. Holbrook. Solos by Misses Lily Akeroyd, Bateman and Clara Akeroyd. The marching, morning and afternoon, was prettily done. In the afternoon solos were nicely rendered by Misses Lily and Clara Akeroyd, and Daisy Naylor. Recitations were said by Misses Elsie Wright, Dorothy South, Nellie Simpson, Edith and Alice Walden, Masters G. A. Holbrook, and J. A. Preston. Violin solo by Mr. Edwin Sanlletu. Pianoforte selection by Mr. P. Lambert. In the evening the service of song, "Her Benny," was given. Mrs. Beardsworth was the reader and conductor for the day.—J. Wright, secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—On Sunday, July 7th, we held our monthly open session, which was fairly well attended. Our assistant conductor gave us brief explanations upon the hymns and recitations, which were nicely gone through. The following rendered their aid by reciting and singing, etc., to bring a permanent effect upon the listeners, and to make them realise what an omnipotent God our Father is:—A. Holt, N. Jones, D. Marchbank, M. Foster, M. Flatt, N. Foster, N. Flatt, C. Holt, R. Foster, H. Mallaby, T. Foster, and N. Padley. A most pleasant, enjoyable, and interesting session was spent.—Miss E. Flatt, secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—On June 30th we had a visit from Nurse Graham (Mrs. Imison), who gave encouraging and helpful advice to the scholars. On July 21st we had a visit from Bro. Adams, who referred to the splendid work of the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum. We were glad to find our vegetarian, total abstaining, and septuagenarian brother looking fit, holding aloft the pure, white banner of Spiritualism. During the month the following have contributed:—Edith Cayer, Sisters Goodwin, Murray, Bertha French, Harold Mather, and Annie Scoggins; while Mr. Cayer, Chappie Severn, Edith Scoggins, and Chrissie Murray have ably supported the sessions by their instrumental talent. Our first annual outing is fixed for September.—Frank G. Clarke, Secretary.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin St.)—We held our Anniversary on July 21st, for which we used No. 2 series of the B.S.L. Union's hymn sheets; the hymns and chain recitations being well rendered. The open session in the afternoon was well attended. Recitations were given by Miss M. Dawson and Miss A. Dawson; vocal solos by Miss Flinn and Mr. Clifton. Mrs. Belshaw, of Leeds, spoke a few words on "the rippling brook, and flowers of the garden." Mr. Hargreaves, D.V., spoke on the value of unity between Lyceum and Society. The chair was taken in the evening by the Mayoress of Dewsbury, Mrs. Parr, who spoke a few encouraging words. Mrs. Belshaw gave a good address.—B. Walshaw, Secretary.

GLASGOW (136 Bath Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, when we were pleased to have with us Mrs. Inglis, of Dundee, and Mr. Butterworth, of Blackpool, who, in speaking of the movement in general, said a few encouraging words to us on the work of our Lyceum. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Stewart and Mr. Nutt, which were much appreciated. The singing and reciting were of a choice kind, while the marching and calisthenics were of the usual high standard. Altogether the session was instructive and attractive.—W. G. McPherson, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Well Street).—We held our open session on July 7th. The silver chain was led by Mr. Eastwood, the musical reading was led by Mrs. Holt, the golden chain was led by Agnes Holderness. Recitations were said by Harold A. Eastwood. Solos by Martha Houghton and Alice Houghton.—H. Waterhouse, Secretary.

HEYWOOD (William Street).—On July 7th we held our half-yearly election of officers, with the following result:—President, Mr. J. H. Pell; conductor, Mr. J. J. Taylor; assist., Mr. Lord; secretary, Mr. Cload; leaders of marching, Messrs. Taylor and Walker; leaders of calisthenics, Mr. Walker and Miss Bailey; leaders of groups, males, Mr. Lord and Mr. Cload; females, Mrs. Pickles and Miss Lord; guardians, Miss Malan and Master S. Taylor; librarians, Mr. J. J. Taylor and R. Southurst; delegates, Mr. J. J. Taylor and J. Lord; guards, Miss Malan and Master Robert Southurst; musical conductor, Miss E. A. Pollitt. We are pleased to learn Miss Bailey was the winner of the essay.—W. Westall, secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden Street).—Our half-yearly election of officers took place on June 30th, as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Powell; assistants, Miss H. Jessop and Mr. J. Jagger; secretary, Mr. A. Jagger; treasurer, Mr. H. Thewlis; guardians, Misses Elsie Jessop and Frances Booth; guards, Misses Emily Bramley and Bessie Baxter; Messrs. Charley Bramley, T. Ellis and H. Peel; leaders of groups, Messrs. B. Dyson, Powell, Armitage, Ackroyd, J. Jagger, and Misses L. Beaumont, E. Boothroyd, and P. Jagger; leaders of calisthenics, Mr. J. Jagger and Miss Frances Booth; musical director, Miss Smith; delegates, Miss H. Jessop and Mr. H. Peel; auditor, Mr. Shimmell; caretaker, Mr. Dyson. I am pleased to say our Lyceum is increasing in numbers.—A. Jagger, sec.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street) held its monthly session on Sunday, July 14th. Fountain group were responsible for the items. The group sang "Heart flowers," Miss L. Hallar read "We love the Father," Miss L. Fossy recited "A noble boy." Misses A. Halliday and E. E. Rowley sang a duet, reading by Miss M. Wright, Miss A. Whitaker pianoforte solo, Miss A. Riley sang "Carried by the angels," Miss M. Walker recited "Ben Adham's dream." Miss M. Pollard conducted.—H. W. Kay, sec.

LANCASTER.—We held our Bluebell Sunday on July 7th. There was a good attendance. The following recited:—Richard Askew, Alice Newsham, Alice Fisher. Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Lunt spoke a few words to the audience, describing the objects of the Bluebell Guild. There was a good number of Bluebells in bunches considering the cold wet weather we have had. Mr. Lunt was the judge, and gave the awards as follows:—From 8 to 16 years, Maria Gardner; over 16 years, Mrs. Atkinson; up to 3 years, Lizzie Askew. Bessie Newsham won a consolation prize offered by Mr. Lunt. The evening meeting was well attended. Mrs. Layle and Mrs. Townley kindly helped by giving clairvoyance.—A. Dawes, sec.

LEEDS PSYCHO (Grovehouse Lane).—On June 30th we held our Lyceum Anniversary, our speaker being Mrs. Law, late of Coventry. In the morning we had a bright open session, when recitations were given by Vere Wettle and Hilda Pearson and Mr. Ainger. In the afternoon we had the biggest Lyceum ever held in our rooms. Armley Lyceum choir paid us a visit, and brightened our service by rendering an anthem, a quartette and several solos and a violin solo. Recitations were given by Elsie Wright, Miss Lily Butler, and a short address by Mrs. Law. In the evening addresses were delivered by Mrs. Law and Mr. George Derbyshire. Solos were rendered by Miss Yarwood and Mr. Jordan.—Wm. Barnes, sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On July 7th we held our usual session, when we had with us Mr. and Mrs. Homefield, the conductor and his wife, of the Shipley Lyceum. A hearty welcome was accorded them by Mr. Wright and the Lyceum, after which Mr. and Mrs. Homefield gave a short speech. Recitations were given by Master Goldsmith and Misses Hunter and Soden. On July 14th we held a Flower Service, the platform being tastefully decorated. In the morning Mr. Veary (the husband of Mrs. Veary, who is doing such good work in South Africa), presented the prizes to the scholars. In the evening the scholars rendered hymns out of the Manual. Mrs. Barber gave a good address. Recitations and solos were given.—James Bishop, sec.

LONDON (Chiswick).—On Sunday, July 7th, 1907, the Conductor of the Lyceum (Miss Trowbridge) kindly took us all (25 in number) to Kew Gardens. We met outside the Hall, where a special car was waiting for us. We spent a very pleasant afternoon examining the collection of beautiful pictures by Miss North, and the museums. It was lovely weather; the flowers were in full bloom and looked splendid. Tea was provided by Miss Trowbridge on the banks of the river Thames. We returned home at 6-30 in time for the

evening service after spending a very pleasant afternoon.—Grace E. Imison.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, July 7th, we held our first open session. The recitations, solos, and pearls were all that could be desired. The marching and calisthenics were quite up-to-date and full of energy, thanks to our calisthenic leader, Mr. Joseph Leonard. In the evening we had a splendid service conducted by Mr. Lester and Mr. Heaton, both of whom gave short addresses which were very instructive and full of interest. Mrs. Ogden and Miss Bayliss gave some excellent clairvoyance. Miss Stott gave a very nice recitation entitled, "The Unseen Chord." Allow me to thank all our friends who helped to make our first open session a great success.—Thomas Whitehead, Sec.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On June 30th we held our annual election of officers. Mr. Worsman, our late conductor, declining re-election for twelve months on account of ill health. We all hope to see his health fully restored long before that time has elapsed. Conductor, Mr. G. E. Diggle; Assistants, Mr. W. Shaw and Miss Stott; Leaders of Calisthenics, Mr. W. Shaw and Miss Benson; Guardians, Mr. W. Platt, Arnold Horsman, Misses Benson and A. Stott; Teachers, Mrs. Buckley, Misses Wardle, Anice Stott, Benson, and Messrs. Clayton, Crabb, and Bowers. A vote of thanks was passed to all retiring officers. We held our open session on July 21st, Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, and Mr. Knight, of Bury, being with us. We had a happy time.—John Frost, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Northumberland Hall).—Our sessions during July have been very quiet and sparsely attended owing, no doubt, to the district holidays. I must here announce the home-coming of our Lyceumist and Leader of the BANNER "Temperance Page," Mr. H. E. Clarke, B.A., from Jesus College, Oxford, having recently won his degree there with 'honours.' We shall hold our annual picnic on Saturday, August 10th, at Plessey Woods. A hearty invitation is hereby extended to all who wish to accompany us.—A. Brown, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On July 7th we held our open session, when Mr. Masters distributed the book scheme prizes. On July 14th we held our Anniversary, when the service of song, "A Terrible Lesson," was well rendered by the choir. Mr. Pearson recited "Philomen." The other Lyceums were well represented. On July 18th we had our outing, when the Parliament Street Lyceum joined us. The place selected being East Leake. We had beautiful weather, and all enjoyed themselves. On July 21st Hyson Green Lyceum paid us a surprise visit. Fifteen recitations of an instructive character were well rendered. Short speeches were made by the conductors and other officers. It was a happy time. We promised to pay a return visit in the near future.—Miss E. H. Yales, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—July 7th was our Temperance Sunday, when recitations were given by Ada Brown, Gertie Allan, Doris Allen. Ada Raynor gave a vocal solo, and Mr. J. W. Raynor a violin solo. Mr. Ashworth, D.V., was present and spoke a few words to us in which he said the first English Lyceum was started in Nottingham in 1867 or 1868, of which he was a member. On July 20th between 70 and 80 journeyed to Plumtree for the annual outing. After a good tea we enjoyed games and sports. The weather was lovely. We returned at 9 o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.—Lewis Cooke, Sec.

PADIHAM (Ightenhill Street).—On July 7th an open session was held. Miss M. Broadley conducted. The chain recitations and musical readings were led by some of the scholars, and recitations were also given. On July 14th we held our Flower Service, Mrs. S. Forest being the speaker. The chain recitations were nicely rendered. The following recitations were given: May Simon, "The Blind Boy"; Miss J. Hargreaves and W. McManus, "The Presence of Angels." Miss M. A. Manus, S. Hoole and A. Broadley sang "Heart Flowers," and "Children's Day." Mrs. Forest gave an address and also poems on Brotherhood and Love. We had a most happy session.—Maude Hargreaves, Assistant Sec.

PENDLETON (Leaf Square).—On Sunday we celebrated our fifth Anniversary. We were pleased to have with us Mr. Woodcock, from Hindley, and a large contingent from Ford Lane with Mr. Kenyon. The marching and calisthenics both morning and afternoon were excellent, and reflects great credit on Mrs. Earith, who for five years has devoted much time to this work. Almost every scholar had some little duty to perform on this the "Children's Day." Miss Nellie Dean and Mr. James Earith contributed special solos. The recita-

tions and responses at each session were admirably rendered, and delighted the audience. Mr. John Kay, our worthy conductor, is deserving of our best thanks for his devotion. Mrs. J. Earith distributed the prizes, 47 in all.—Nellie Dean, Sec.

RISHTON.—We held an officers' meeting on June 30th, to elect a conductor in the place of Mr. Lofthouse, resigned, on account of failing health, to whom our sympathy and good wishes are given for his speedy recovery. Mr. George Haworth, Treasurer to the N.E.L.D. Council, was elected to fill the vacancy. On July 7th we held our open session. Mr. J. Cooke was called upon to comment on the silver chain recitation. Miss Duckworth (assistant conductor) sang, "Make home pleasant." Marching and calisthenics were nicely done, conducted by Master Ernest and Miss Eve Green.—Joe English, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Heber Lyceum).—We held our Anniversary on July 14th, when Mr. G. Featherstone gave three addresses bearing on the training of children. On the Monday there was a tea and public meeting. The services were continued on July 21st, when Mr. J. K. Jones, of Attercliffe, gave two thoughtful addresses. At all the meetings the children sang special hymns, conducted by Mr. Walker, the organist, who deserves great praise for the able manner in which he had trained them. Special mention should be made of Mr. G. Williams who sang "Lord teach a little child to pray." The services were a success.—Wm. Marklew, conductor.

SOUTHPORT (Nevill Street).—On June 30th we held our usual open session when the following items were nicely rendered: Recitations by Alice Smart, Connie Butterworth, Maggie Jones, Reggie Randall, and Albert Careful. Songs by Misses Kenway, and M. Hunt; and a duet by Eva Grimshaw and Willie Jones.—(Miss) M. Hunt, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (King Street).—On July 7th we had a visit from Mr. J. Clarke, D.V., who complimented us on our improvement since his last visit. He spoke highly of the way the children responded in the silver and golden chain recitations, and also of the good behaviour of the children. We had a dialogue by Gertie James and Harold Humfress; recitations by John Wm. Young, Robert Coulter, Cyril Galley, Isabella Angus (our youngest scholar), and solo by Teresa Lawrence, who is only six years old. On the 14th Conductor James Thompson, in the absence of Mr. Lawrence, did remarkably well, it being his first attempt. Recitations by Gertie James, Polly Mountain, May Mountain and Hilda Galley.—Thomas James, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson Street).—We held our first picnic at Horsley Hill Farm, by the kind permission of Mr. Hemsley, on June 26th. Although the weather was cold and windy we all enjoyed ourselves with games, etc. Tea was also provided, after which we had more games and fun. We beg to thank all friends who subscribed to the above treat. We can assure them it has done the children good. On July 7th we had a very pleasant session. At the close we had the election of officers, when all were re-elected. We had Mr. Jonah Clark, D.V., with us on July 21st. I am sorry to say our esteemed conductor was unable to attend on account of an accident he has received.—Robert Humes, Secretary.

STOCKPORT.—On July 6th the Lyceumists journeyed by train to Woodley for their annual outing. Although wet weather prevailed an enjoyable time was spent in commodious barns, both before and after tea, by young and old. In the afternoon of July 7th, we held our open session. There was an increased number of Lyceumists present. Numerous recitations were given by the children, followed by marching and calisthenics. In the evening the Lyceumists rendered harmoniously a service of song, entitled, "Mollie's Roses." The connective readings were given by Miss E. Marston. An enjoyable day was brought to a close by clairvoyance given by Mrs. Marston.—J. H. Marston, Sec.

TODMORDEN.—On July 7th we held our open session, when the following gave recitations: Miss Braund, "A Keepsake" and "The Dean's Brother." Mr. C. Goulding sang "When the Rosy Beams of Morning." Masters F. Johnson and W. Sutcliffe and Misses Sutcliffe and Wadilove sang a quartette. Our newly elected conductor, Mr. J. A. Greenwood, gave a short address. Mr. W. J. Braund gave a reading, Mr. Greenwood sang "The Volunteer Organist"; Misses Stephenson and Ridgway and Masters W. Sutcliffe and P. Broadbent sang a quartette; song by Miss B. A. Crossley, and a reading by Mr. J. A. Sutcliffe. Many members and friends of the Society being present made it encouraging to the Lyceum generally.

George Crossley, Sec.

Miss A. Emmett, Assistant 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, 18r 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. A. France, 174 Margaret street
- 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 Stuart-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, Batley
- Belper**, Jubilee hall, 10 and 2, Mr. J. Hawkins, Brook side.
- Birkenhead**, 161 Grange road, 11 a.m., Mr. John Parry, 42 Frodsham street, Tranmere
- Birmingham**, Saltley, Spiritualists' Society 2-45 p.m. Miss J. Reeves, 3 Marlborough-place, Mount-st, Nechells
 ,, B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Miss F. Davis, 77 Murdock road, Handsworth
 ,, 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. R. Rastron, 32 Philip street
- Bradford**, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Wright, 10 Agar terrace, Girlington
 ,, Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Miss Edith Flatts, 47 Aire-dale road
 Westgate new hall, 10 a.m., Mr. Henry Barnes 985, Grangefield-avenue, Leeds Old road
- Dudley Hill**, Shirley-road, 10 and 1-45, Mr. Richard Platts, Dawson mount, Dawson lane, Dudley Hill
- Brighouse**, Martin st., 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 19, Piggott-st.
- Brighton**, Manchester-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret s-place
- Burnley**, Hammerton st., 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulledge, Richard st., 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.
- Burnley**, North st, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. George Forrester, 54 Gordon street
- Bury**, Paradise st., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. F. Hepworth, 2a Cateaton-st.
- Cardiff**, Queen-st., 2-45 p.m., Mr. F. Silby, Clive street, Canton
- Castleford**, Britten hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Atack, 100, Hugh street, Beancoft road
- Chester**, 85 Brook street, 10-30. Mr. Arthur B. Priddey, 25 Sellaer street
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 16, 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. B. Walshaw, Listing Lane Cottages, Gomersal, near Leeds
- 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. I. Dransfield, 23 Horton terrace, Shaw, near Oldham
- Darwen**, Church bank-st, 9-30, & 1-45, Mr. J. Clarkson, 116 Elizabeth-terrace, Red Earth-rd.
- Dearneley** near Rochdale, 10 Mr. Thos. Pinchbeck, 555 Halifax road, near Rochdale
- 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, Bailey
 ,, 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 Calderum 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 Ha l, 4-30 p.m., Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann street
- Grimbsby**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stan ey-st., New Clec
- Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. John Williams, 59a, Osborne Place
- Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45, Mr. Fred Townsend, 4 Green terrace sq., Savile Park
 ,, Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. J. Whiteley, 6, Cromwell-st
- Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. W. Rawson, Post Office, Mytholmroyd, S.O., Yorks.
- Heekmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. W. R. Lunn, 3, Commercial-st.
- Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert Cload, Holland street, off William street
- Higher Broughton**, Salford, Hilton st, 10-30 and 2, Mr. J. R. Henshall, Hilton street
- Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. H. Hutchins, 5, Hill st.
- Hollinwood**, Byrom-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape, 91, Chapel-rd., nr. Oldham.
- 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
- 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. Horace W. Kay, 54 Cavendish street
- Lancaster**, Atheneum st. St Leonards gate 10-30 Mr. A. H. Dawes, 31 Sterling rd., Moorlands.
- Leeds**, Bethel st, 10 a.m., Mr. Pullan Duxbury, 11 Crow Nest lane, Beeston, Leeds
 ,, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr Wm. Barnes, 23 Ashton street, Harehills road
 ,, Joseph-st, 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Alice Hesp, 33, Sunbeam-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.
 ,, Hunslet, Church-st, 10-30. Miss Warburton, 3, Brandling-st., Hunslet.
- Leicester**, Queen st., 10-30 Mr. James Bishop 10, Mere rd
 ,, Albion-st, 10 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36 Jermyn street, Belgrave
- Leigh**, Brown-st., 10-30. Mr. G. Woodward, 22 Poets nook
- Lincoln**, Exchange Arcade, 10-30, Mr. Sidney A. Miles, 50, Belmont-st.
- Littleton**, Well-st., 10 and 2, Mr. J. Westcott, Benjamin street, Union road, near Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Mrs. Madge Parker, 2 Spofforth road, Edge Hill
 ,, Daubly hall Daubly st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. E. R. Evans, 42 Walton Breck road
- London**, Battersea park, Mrs Bolton, 35 Beauchamp-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
- London**, Clapham, Gauden-rd., 11-30, Mr. H. Boddington, c/o Assembly Rooms, Gavden-rd., Clapham.
- London**, Manor Park, Wakefield-street, East Ham, 3-15 p.m., Mr. T. Glennie, 48 Ruskin-avenue, Manor Park, Essex
- London, W.** 110 High road, Chiswick, 2-45, Miss B. Imison, 165 St. Albans Avenue, Bedford Park, 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, Littershall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert E. Mutton, 99 Ryle street
- Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. Williams, 86, Bellott st., Cheetham
- Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10, Mr. Arthur P. Anyon, 88, Thornton-st., Collyhurst
- Manchester**, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. Geo. Vernon, 73, Mytton st Hulme
- Manchester**, Harpurhey, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington rd., Crumpsall.
- Manchester**, Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. T. Weitzel, 90, Church lane, Gorton
- Manchester**, Longsight, Chell-st., 2-30, Mr. Charles Fox, 21 Peacock Grove, Gorton.
- Manchester**, 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30 Miss L. Simms, 96, Cranworth-st, C. on M.
- Manchester** South, Princess Hall, Princess rd, 2-30 p.m., Miss T. Robinson, 11 Wellington avenue, Whalley Range
- Manchester**, West Gorton, William-st, 2-30 Mr. Noel Pearson, 7 Bunyon st, Ardwick
- Middleton**, nr. Manchester, Gilmour st. 10-15 J. R. Dooley, 371, Oldham-rd.
- Middlesbrough**, Grange rd, 10 a.m., Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul s-rd.
- Millom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. Wm. Tyson, 5 Kathrine street
- Morley**, Fountain-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert A. Hill, 2, Tomlinson Buildings, High 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, 32 Polmaise street, Blyadon-on-Tyne
- Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. Frank E. Brittain, 3 Victoria street, Newcastle
- Newcastle**, Benwell, Atkinson rd, 2-30, Mr. J. W. Londrom, 114, Ethel st., Benwell
- Newcastle**, Heaton Spiritual Institute, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle
- New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.
- Nottingham** Gladston hall 2-30, Miss E H Yates, 51 Broak Oak street
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter., 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E Gratton, 11, Lake street, Hyson Green.
- Nottingham**, 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 Broad-st. 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 Walsley 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. John Hy. Barker, 21 Bridgegate
- 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. Nutta II 46 Coleridge-rd., Attercliffe
- Sheffield**, Darnall, Staniforth road, 9-45 and 2, Miss Alice Mason, 240 Alfred road
- Sheffield**, Heeley, 379, Bramhall lane, 10 a.m. Mr. C. Baines, 27 Abbeydale road