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After Many Days:

OR

James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER XII.

MR. HENDERSON was greatly impressed with the foregoing incidents, in which he had been one of the chief actors. He was delighted at the result, and rejoiced with his friends at their good fortune. He now understood the reason of his lamented pastor being seen assisting him when practising delineations. But he felt sure he had been rendered partly clairvoyant for the occasion. But his greatest surprise was when he learned that Mr. Dale was not only acquainted with this psychometric power, but had actually investigated Spiritualism, and none of his congregation or most intimate friends had been made acquainted with the fact. True, he had heard him make a similar statement, but he could not credit it. It was again made, and this collateral one of psychometry with it. "Is there no honesty in humanity?" he asked himself. "At first I learn of the wilful corruption of the ancient manuscripts, errors in the interpretation, and now the wilful withholding all knowledge of valuable facts in spirit intercourse," and he heaved a deep sigh at these sad reflections.

To the Whites it was a time of great rejoicing. True, they had not recovered the money, but they all felt sure of it. The one question was: what means should they employ? Should they place it in a lawyer's hands, and instruct him to commence legal proceedings at once, and keep their discovery a secret until Mr. Sharp should deny the claim in court, and then expose his baseness? Or seek to recover it direct on the strength of the document, and so save him from public disgrace?

An outraged and injured nature advised the former course as being the one most in accordance with that law which says "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a stripe for a stripe," etc., which Christendom is so persistent in taking for a guide. But that higher law which says, "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you" advised the latter course, which, on request of several spirit friends, was finally adopted.

When Mr. White made the application, and produced the note, Mr. Sharp, rogue though he was, paid the amount with interest, deeming discretion the better part of valour.

This safely accomplished Mr. White said, "Now I can die in peace. My wife and daughter are provided for, and my mind is at rest with all," and he composed himself, calmly awaiting the end, cheered by daily communion with those friends he was soon to join.

One evening, when all nature seemed calm and still, a number of old friends and new gathered round his bed. He had just awakened from a brief slumber, so the watchers said, but, in reality, it had been a foregleam of the spirit world and the friends waiting to receive him—that world where death, decay, false friends, and sorrowful partings are known no more, where the cloak of hypocrisy is removed, and all stand revealed in their own intrinsic worth, be it little or much.

There were no signs of sorrow or dread visible on his face, no shrinking from death's dark river, dark now no more; its banks radiant with bright flowers and emerald green verdure; its waters were clear as crystal, o'er which the services of no mysterious boatman were needed to ferry his victorious soul, but, in its place, the services of loving friends, who greet the ears of the newly-awaking spirit with

"Welcome home thou good and faithful servant of the true and living God, enter thou into the harvest of thy earthly labours." No, his face was beaming with joy and inward peace, that peace which passeth all human understanding. He spoke to the friends around him of the change that was near, of the comfort he had received from spirit communion, of the great needs there was of its glorious truths being more universally proclaimed, and prophesied the ultimate triumph of its teachings over those of error and superstition, and exhorted each and all to do their duty to hasten that glorious day.

The friends stood with bowed heads, deeply impressed with the words as they fell from this dying martyr's lips. Many eyes were wet with tears they could no longer suppress, and they individually registered an inward vow to be faithful workers in God's spiritual vineyard.

Taking the hands of his daughter in his left one, and stroking her glossy hair with the right, Mr. White said, "And you, dear Florrie, will know that I am neither dead nor removed far away. I will show myself to you as often as possible. Be a comfort to your loving mother; tell her of my presence. You have rare gifts, my dear; guard them, and hold them sacred for the service of that God who has given them. If the world should offer every precious gem, look not at the scoffer, change it not for them. Do not fear: I will warn you of danger, advise you when in doubt, and strengthen you when weary. Now, cheer up, dear, and dry your eyes; those tears—they are out of place." As he relaxed his hold upon her hands to take those of his loving wife, Florrie leant forward and imprinted a most loving and affectionate farewell kiss on his thin pale lips, and exclaimed: "Oh! my loving father, I will dry my tears for your sake, for I know I shall still have you near in spirit;" and she stepped aside to make room for her mother, to whom he said: "Dear Emma, the change has come at last. I must leave you for a short time; you will soon join me in that land of eternal youth and vigour. Remember, dear wife, that though parted in body, I am near you in spirit. You have been a good, loving, faithful, and patient wife to me; when cast down with sorrow, when my load of care has felt too heavy for my strength, you have ever been ready to lighten it with your ready sympathy and words of cheer and comfort. You have encouraged me to renew my efforts when failure has disappointed me; you have been the first to congratulate and to rejoice with me at my success. You have been my one steadfast friend in the hour of adversity when my summer friends fled. In my sickness you watched day and night over my weary slumbers, soothing my aching temples with your hand, and pillowing my weary head upon your loving breast. Oh! Emma, darling, you have been a veritable angel to me, ministering to all my needs with marvellous intuitive perception. I would that you had been called first, but God's will be done." His strength failed him for a few seconds, during which she wiped the death-damp from his brow, and whispered, "Oh! my own dear, loving husband, it is hard to part with you—it feels too heavy a burden to bear and live; life without you will not be worth living, but, for our dear daughter's sake, I will try to bear up a little longer, in the knowledge that our temporary loss is your eternal gain."

He gave her a grateful look, and asked to have his head pillowed once more on her loving breast, to feel her arms affectionately supporting him during his last earthly moments—a request that was readily granted; and in that affectionate embrace, sustained by her undying love, with a smile on his face, and eyes fixed apparently on the ceiling over the foot of the bed, but really gazing upon the spirit attendants of his birth, he drew his last mortal breath; and there was one martyr less on earth, and one hero more in heaven.

Meanwhile, Florrie sat gazing at a spiritual scene that filled her whole being with joy. Gathered round the dying bed were a number of spirit friends waiting for the soul about to be borne into that higher heavenly world, to give him a joyous welcome. She saw her father leave the body, and turn to his worn-out casket and wave his hand over it, causing a peaceful smile to dwell upon its features. He then turned to his friends and received their congratulations; then, bending over his loving, bereaved wife, he imprinted a loving kiss on her brow, and also on that of his daughter, and then, accompanied by his friends, left the room. Florrie watched them as they ascended higher and higher, until finally they were out of sight, and when she turned her attention to the room, she saw that the spiritual visitants had left a halo of glory behind them.

The friends, one by one, kissed the forehead of the poor worn-out body for the sake of the brave-hearted soul who had just left it for ever, and wended their several ways home. Mr. Henderson was the last to leave, but before doing so, he heard Miss Florence relate to her mourning mother the scene she had witnessed of her father's exit from a world of pain, suffering, and death. As the description proceeded, her mother smiled through her tears at the comforting words, and at their conclusion she clasped her daughter to her aching heart, and thanked God for the great solace He had sent her in the hour of need.

What minister, what religion could give such a consolation as this? None whatever!

Mr. Henderson turned his face away from this touching scene, and when he next faced the mother and daughter, his eyes were red as if he had been weeping, but no tears were visible. He bade them a tender good night, deeply affected with the whole incidents of the evening.

Here was a living testimony of the comfort and consolation afforded by the facts of Spiritualism to its adherents. Could he longer doubt? Could he longer remain irresolute as to which was the true religion, which was the truest and best guide through life—could he? It was very hard to give up his old friends and acquaintances; the blood of his blessed Jesus, and the authority of the Holy Bible. No, he would linger a little longer in their influence; for he could not part with them yet, so he told himself.

CHAPTER XIII.

The day of interment came at last. Friends, old and young, attended in great numbers from the Spiritual Temple, bringing a profusion of choice rich flowers as grateful offerings to the memory of their arisen friend. A few of the more liberal minded members of the Wesleyan body were present out of respect.

The last rites to the departed martyr's body were paid by Professor Munro, out of respect for his departed and esteemed friend. Scores of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood flocked to the cemetery to witness the ceremony. Hymns were sung, and then Mr. Munro dilated on the occasion and its lesson on the object of life, and the greater and more glorious life beyond, to which their departed brother had risen. Then, with tender pathos, he spoke of the life of the brother whose mortal remains they were about to yield back to mother earth, how he had struggled and fought and suffered for truth's sake, and ended with a soul-thrilling exhortation for all present to emulate his noble example. The address made a great impression on the motley audience assembled. Many eyes were suffused with tears of sympathy, and many Spiritualists remarked that Mr. White's death had won a moral victory over religious bigotry.

Several weeks after the funeral, when the sorrowing hearts of the bereaved wife and daughter had grown quiet and calm under the loving influence of ministering spirits, Miss White awoke from her slumbers one morning, her face wearing a sunny smile; her step was light and buoyant, and she repeatedly burst into song, which made the walls resound with its richness and pathos.

Her mother was greatly surprised at the light-heartedness thus manifested by her affectionate daughter, and hastened to ascertain the cause. She was met with a most loving embrace, and Florence exclaimed in rapture: "Oh, mother, I have been with father, and Charles, and William, and Clara. They are all together in such a lovely home, it looks like a large mansion surrounded with flowers and trees, and, oh, everything is so lovely it felt hard to leave them. Father

told me you would go to live with them there by and bye. But I do not want to lose you. Oh, my dear mother, what shall I do in this great wide world by myself?" and she burst into tears as she thought of it.

Her mother tried to comfort her by remarking she might live for years, and that Mr. Henderson would yet make her a happy wife, and be a shield of strength and comfort to her. To which, however, Florence shook her head, doubtfully remarking: "I can never give my hand to any one who scorns the facts and teachings of Spiritualism. It would be a bone of perpetual contention, marring all our happiness. You know, mother dear, he is so earnest in all his undertakings that he would want me to second all his efforts in public, and you know those horrid teachings are repugnant to me. I can never have anything more to do with them, except to denounce them.

(To be continued.)

Lyceum Lesson Plan for Nov.

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Nov. 3	361	1	220	137	390
„ 10	396	2	239	123	386
„ 17	359	3	235	141	303
„ 24	302	4	229	144	390
Dec. 1	407	8	206	134	363

Golden Precepts.

(To be committed to memory by the Lyceum).

Nov. 3. "We must accord to others the same rights that we claim for ourselves."—*Manual*.

Nov. 10. "All true aspiration, all noble effort is worship"—*Manual*.

Nov. 17. "Spiritualism cheerfully lives out its religion in all times and places, acts, words, and thoughts."—*Manual*.

Nov. 24. "Know that the love of thyself doth hurt thee more than anything in the world."—*Manual*.

LESSON PLAN, Sunday, November 10th, 1907,

Reform. 124, *Manual*.

LESSON SKETCH.

I.—Explain the following words:—Reform, readjustment, inevitable, benefactors, and etc.

II.—Show how reforms have been accomplished in the past, dividing, for the purpose of instruction, the subject into social, political and religious reforms according to history.

III.—Try to get a list of names of reformers, the kind of lives they lived, and the inevitable ending to such lives, and compare them with present-day persecution, etc.

IV.—The lessons to be drawn from each example: (a) Backbone and grit. (b) Obedience to duty's call. (c) Great sympathy and great love for their fellows. (d) Disregard for consequences, and the (e) Working to the ideals. (f) The final sentence in the reading.

V. The future of those who work for humanity. Read Lizzie Dolen's poem, "Where are the World's great Heroes gone"?

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

In my last article I mentioned that I paid a visit to the kraal of the Zulu chief, Toga. The word kraal is used in the same manner as an Englishman would say village. A chief's kraal consists of a number of huts in an enclosure. They took me into one of these. It is built of wattles covered with a plaster of earth and straw. No windows and just a small opening near the ground for entrance. The floor is covered with the powdered earth of the ant-hill mixed with dung; this mixture is spread over the ground and soon gets quite hard until at last it is almost like black stone. In one corner there is a mealie pit; the natives crush the mealies and make bread and beer from them.

I told the natives that I was glad to see them; that I had come over the sea in a big ship; that the Great Spirit had sent me, and that he loved both his black and his white children; that I was also glad to see and touch their babies. Our guide acted as interpreter and when I had done speaking, they all clapped their hands like little children. A Zulu maiden took from her arm a bracelet and from her neck a bead necklet and presented them to me. I was told that this was a great honour. They sang for me. Their voices are most beautiful—like pipes or reeds touched by the invisible fingers of the wind. At last we came away, the chief saying "Hamba gashly," meaning go gently or slowly. As long as we were in sight they kept on singing. My heart felt sad for them, for just at that time there was a great native unrest in Natal.

The Kaffir woman cannot inherit property, for she herself is the property of her husband, and when he dies she becomes the property of his heirs and cannot marry again without their consent. I have already said that a chief can have several wives, the first one being named the great wife and her hut named "Ibotwe"; the second wife is named the right hand, the third the left hand, and so on. The children belong solely to the father, the mother having no claim upon them whatever, and when the father dies they pass to his heirs. How different are the lives of our own dear children in our homes and Lyceums. Let us send out loving and helpful thoughts for the Kaffir children in South Africa.

There was no public meeting in Pretoria on February 25th, 1906, but the Society arranged a farewell social. The room was beautifully decorated and many people present. I had great pleasure in tendering to the Society in Pretoria the greetings of their brother and sister Spiritualists in England with sincere hopes that the good work now begun would spread until all should hear the glad tidings of angel ministry. The friends afterwards presented me with a testimonial. My last meeting in Pretoria was held on the following Monday. The room was crowded and much spiritual help given. As we went home it was a moonlight night and the Southern Cross was beautiful; it is like a lovely picture in my mind and will never be forgotten; neither will the kindness of my dear friends in Pretoria. The Dutch

people extended to me the warmest hospitality and kindness. At 7 p.m. we drove to the station where many friends had assembled to wish me God speed in my further mission in Kimberley. I was supplied with enough fruit to last me the two days' journey. At 8-30 the train steamed away and we lost sight of each other. The journey to Kimberley was most interesting; we passed Bloemfontien and on the second day reached Modder River. Mr. Indge, of Kimberley, met me there and accompanied me the rest of the journey; we arrived in Kimberley at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Indge, my host, conducted me to his house where I met Mrs. Indge who made me quite at home. The first meeting was held on Sunday, March 5th, in the Town Hall, which was crowded with people. The audience were very rough at the commencement and tried to upset the meeting, but my dear spirit friends delivered their message which reached the hearts of those present and hushed them. I shall always remember that sea of upturned faces. After the lecture many came to question me about their loved ones who had passed on; if it was true that they could still watch over them and help them—so true it is that they who come to scoff often remain to pray. During my mission in Kimberley I had several public circles and private séances. The second lecture in the Town Hall was again crowded, and the audience was more orderly.

One day I had a visit from the Rev. Mr. Richards, and we had quite a long talk together. I found him to be a true Christian and advanced thinker. I stayed in Kimberley three weeks and had most successful meetings. Mrs. Britten and John Lamont often inspired my lectures. With the help of Mr. Indge I formed a Lyceum, commencing with five children and three adults. A young lady promised to keep on the good work and I left her for guidance one of our books on calisthenics. I have not heard how this Lyceum is progressing but I hope it is well. Lectures were also given in the Beaconsfield Town Hall.

In company with friends I visited De Beers Diamond Mines and Kaffir Compound. There are 2,500 Kaffirs in the Compound. We found some of them buying "skof" (food), others were washing, cooking or lying about. A huge net was over this part to prevent them passing any diamonds out to friends. The Kaffirs here are well supplied with comforts. Amongst other things they have a Hospital and Theatre. Some make their own music by covering an old tub with skin and beating upon it with sticks. A heavy penalty is imposed on anyone found with an uncut diamond in his possession. The De Beers great open mine is the largest excavation in the world made without machinery. We saw the blue rock where the diamond is found. Round the mouth of the mine are rows of sand bags to prevent the torrents of water from rushing into it. We now went by trolley up to the other mine; here the blue rock was brought to the surface by enormous machinery and carried to the top in locked trucks where it was crushed by a revolving wheel; the crushed rock is conveyed through a tube to a revolving platform where it revolves into a sieve. We next saw it coming through water over a larger sieve which is always

shaking; it is then dropped down another tube and falls over a roller which conveys the diamonds to a net, the smaller diamonds passing through to a plate covered with earth of a particular kind which retains the small diamonds. The remainder of the blue rock is washed into tanks and put in large heaps to go through the same process until all the diamonds are extracted. We then visited the pulsator where the diamonds are sorted by experts, who are guarded by railings, that no one can be near them—you may not even lift up the dust. Nearly all work done on the surface of the mine is performed by Chinese convicts. Their work is tremendous. We completed our tour of the mines by writing our names in the visitors' book.

Another interesting event was my visit to Kenilworth, a model village, the work of Mr. Cecil Rhodes. The cottages have verandas and large gardens attached to them; there are long avenues of trees and in one part a mile of grape vines.

The people speak in the highest terms of Mr. Rhodes; all say they lost their best friend when he died. I went to see a real Bush man, his wife and child. These people are very small and nearly extinct. Their little girl was five years old and very pretty, so small she was like a doll. I thought my Lyceum friends and others would like to know about the people in South Africa. I left Kimberley April 21st returning to Natal. I was invited to revisit Pretoria and stayed there a fortnight. Another call came from Johannesburg and in April I paid another visit. The Trade Hall was again crowded out. Some cheered me by saying "Thank you, you have done me good." The interest increased every day, and during the five weeks of my return visit all the meetings were crowded and the Lyceum well attended.

(To be continued).

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received and acknowledged in the usual way:—

Mr. Kitson's services at Preston, Blackburn, Middlesborough and Nottingham, 20/-; Mr. Birkett, 2/6; Mrs. Law's services at Leeds Psycho, 5/-; Mr. Kitson at Leeds Psycho and Sheffield Centre, 10/-; Mrs. Law at Hebden Bridge, 5/-; Mr. Kitson at Hebden Bridge, 5/-; Mrs. Hobson, Toronto, Canada, \$1; Mr. Kitson at Bolton (Bradford-street), 5/-; Mr. Horsfall, 5/-; Mrs. Law at Keighley, 5/-; Bacup Lyceum, 10/-.

A circular letter is being issued through the kindness of Mr. Wadsworth, asking all Lyceums and friends who are desirous of helping the Union by means of subscriptions to this Fund, to do so not later than December 31st.

I hope this request will be duly noted by our secretaries and Lyceum committees, and that as a result a good long list of subscriptions will be printed in our next issue of the BANNER.

Postal Orders may be sent to,

MRS. GREENWOOD,
Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

Bible Studies, No. 9.

BIBLICAL SPIRITUALISM (continued.)

The prophet Balaam was invited by Balak, the King of Moab, to come and pronounce a curse upon the children of Israel, for which service the king promised him great riches. The prophet hesitated for a time, but ultimately yielded. When on his journey an angel stood in the pathway with a drawn sword in his hand. Strange to say the ass on which the prophet was riding, saw the angel before its master. Num. XXII, 15-35.

How often have modern prophets or preachers attended our circles, to point the finger of scorn, and even to curse the movement as being of the devil, but have being stopped in their intentions by the higher and divine power, and have had their curses turned into blessings? And our enemies should remember that the poor ass saw the angel, before its master saw it, and ask themselves the question, Does the cause of their inability to see the spirit people lie in themselves? Are they less fitted to behold these bright denizens of the spirit world than the poor humble ass? If so, theirs is the fault, and not that of the angels.

A man, with a drawn sword in his hand, appeared unto Joshua, and when questioned by Joshua as to which party he belonged to, answered that he was a captain of the host of the Lord (Yahveh), and commanded that he, Joshua, put his shoes from off his feet, for the ground whereon he stood was holy. Joshua V, 13-15.

A very important question arises here, namely, Do angels arrange themselves into companies, with captains in command, and carry swords about with them? The one appearing to Balaam is said to have barred his pathway with a drawn sword. Do not such weapons seem very much out of place in the hands of an angel? If any of our clairvoyants were to describe such appearances to-day what would the average Christian say? Have Christians ever given a thought to such Biblical instances of martial appearances when they have been scornfully objecting to the Spiritualists' description of spirit people in their earthly attire? We have a rational answer to those objections, namely, that they are subjective visions for the purposes of recognitions. But what answer have they?

Then, again, if the presence of an angel sanctifies the place and makes it holy, how much more so by repeat visits are our circles in which we meet weekly with deep devotion, praise and prayer. Truly may we call them the holy of holies.

An angel appeared unto Gideon as he was threshing wheat, and promised to help him to slay the Midianites, Gideon asked for a sign, and requested the angel to stay till he returned with a present of bread, meat, and broth. The angel commanded Gideon to put the bread and meat on the rock, and pour the broth over them. When he had done so the angel of the Lord touched them with the end of his staff, and caused fire to rise out of the rock and consume them. Judges VI, 11-21.

Here we see that the angel possessed a staff of magical powers, by the mere touch of which he was

able to draw fire out of the rock of so fierce a nature that it was able to consume the meat and bread although both of them were soaked with broth. Surely such evidence of power ought to have satisfied any ordinary man, but not so with Gideon. He was still hard of belief, and desired another test that Yahveh was able to save the children of Israel by his hand. The test or sign he desired was that he should place a fleece of wool on the floor, and the dew was to fall only on the fleece, and the ground should remain dry. And it was found in the morning to be so wet that a bowl full of water was wrung out of it. But even this test did not satisfy him. He desired that the process be reversed: that the fleece should be dry and the ground round about it should be wet. This was also done. Judges VI. 34-40.

There is something abhorrent in the idea that the God of the earth and heavens, the Father of all who is no respecter of persons should be at such pains to convince one of His creatures that he was desirous to protect and save a few of His children at the expense of the lives of another tribe of His children. But such a desire is credible if we remember that we are reading of the Jewish God Yahveh, who was anxious to fully establish His tribe or people in the promised land, even though he had to command the slaughter of the other tribes, who worshipped gods of their own, to do it. Let us discriminate between this Jewish God, this God of war, this jealous God, and the true God of the Universe whose name is Divine Love. By so doing, and teaching others to do likewise, we shall do something towards redeeming the true God's character from the vile aspersions that have in the past been cast upon it by well-meaning, but misled worshippers, which is something to live and work for. Once convince the Christian world that it is not God-like to slay your enemies, to persecute unto death those who differ from you in ideas of worship and you have lifted a great oppressive load from off its back, and given it a chance of cultivating the true Christ-like spirit of love, charity and forgiveness, even of its enemies. *(To be continued.)*

MORE LYCEUMISTS FOR AMERICA.

A party was held in the Spiritualist Temple, William Street, Heywood, to bid farewell and God speed to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, of Back-o'-th-Moss, who left us for America on Saturday October 5th. About 50 persons were present to the tea, and many more attended afterwards. When the interval arrived, Mr. R. Suthurst, presided, and called upon Mr. J. H. Pell, the president of the society, to present on behalf of the members and scholars, a case of carvers and a purse to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, and to Master Ernest Howarth, their youngest son, a Lyceum Manual from the scholars. Mr. and Mrs. Howarth feelingly expressed their thanks to all subscribers to the gifts. The remaining portion of the evening was spent in a very pleasurable manner. Songs were sung by Mr. A. Walker, "Mulligan's Motor Car"; G. Kay, "If those lips could only speak," and "Asleep in the deep." Also Auld Lang Syne being sung with deep emotion.—H. Clod, Secretary.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive Council of the above Union paid a visit to Pendleton, Ford Lane, Spiritual Church and Lyceum on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12th and 13th, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Union on the Saturday, and holding propaganda meetings on the Sunday. All the members were present with the exception of Mrs. Greenwood. Early in the evening all were cheered by the entrance of Mr., Mrs. and Miss Ethel Chiswell, who had made a special journey from Liverpool to see Mr. F. B. Smedley before he left for New Zealand. The interchange of greetings and congratulations were strongly reminiscent of those happy times when Mr. Chiswell was a member of the Executive. An inspection of the presentation picture, containing portraits, artistically arranged, of the members of the E.C., brought their brief and bright visit to a close, and the E.C. at once settled down to business. The Secretary's General Report, Lyceum Banner Report, Treasurer's Report, and the Permanent Secretary's Fund Report, were read and adopted.

Letters of resignation were read from the following district visitors:—Scotland, Sheffield, and Hull. These were accepted with regret. Mr. Allan Cowie's nomination for the office of D.V. for Scotland was endorsed. The selection of suitable D.V.'s for the other two Districts were left in the hands of the General Secretary.

The question of terms for the attendance of the General Secretary at public functions, etc., was reconsidered, and modified so as to give him discretionary powers to accept or decline invitations to attend such on week-days without fee, but shall in all cases charge expenses.

It was decided to include Crewe Lyceum in the Liverpool Lyceum District.

An application from N.E.L.L.D.C. for financial help in a scheme to provide tents for Lyceum children was read, and deferred for full particulars of the same.

Votes of sympathy were passed to Mr. Peter Lee, Rochdale, and Mrs. Jessy Greenwood.

The Lyceum Banner Report showed an increase of 400 copies for the month of September, 1907 over the month of September 1906. Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Hon. Secretary to the Permanent Secretary Fund, reported receipts up to September 30th as being £26 17s. 4d.

Applications for membership from the following Lyceums were duly considered, and granted:—Shaw (Lyon St.); Burnbank (Scotland); Glasgow (New City Road); Brownhill, near Walsall; Portsmouth; Rotherham (Tusmore St.); Leigh (Market Buildings); Fulham (London); and Hull (Clarendon Street).

The following Lyceums were reported as having lapsed for lack of support:—Salford (Chapel Street); Idle; Glossop; Falkirk; and Blackburn (Northgate).

The Lyceum Button Badge being reported as sold out, and the sale for them only moderate, it was decided to make the Brooch the recognised Badge of the Lyceum Union in future.

The following sales of the Union's goods were reported to have been effected up to September 30th:—Lyceum Manual, boards 989 copies; limp cloth 262 copies; full cloth 395; half-bound 195, and full roan (gilt) 315. Total 2,156. Outlines of Spiritualism for

the young, cloth, 95; gilt 43. Total, 138. Physical Exercises, paper covers, 130; limp cloth, 63. Total 193. The Spiritual Songster, 345 copies. Some Reminiscences by the late Mr. Alfred Smedley, of Belper, 64 copies. Books of four-fold pledges (50 in each book), 4. Hymn-sheets, No. 1 series, 2,125; No. 2, 1,125; No. 3, 1,500; No. 4, 1,050. Total, 5,800. Leaflets (A Lyceum: What it is), 4,000. Badges: Brooches 1,162, Buttons 469. Total 1,631. Services of Song, "Ministering Spirits," 33 copies; "Rest at Last," 183; and "Unseen Hands," 172. Total 388.

Cash Receipts.

Publishing Department	£220	19	8
Lyceum Banners	105	3	9
Contributions	38	14	2

Total £364 17 7

SUNDAY MORNING.

There was a good muster of Lyceumists, whose numbers were swelled by a contingent from Leaf Square Lyceum. Mr. Keeling conducted, assisted by Mr. John Jackson.

On the Lyceum being called to "order" the whole body rose and sang the following verses of "Welcome," specially written for the occasion by Mr. Hepworth, of Bury. The tune it was sung to being No. 12 in the Spiritual Songster, the chorus being sung after the last verse only.

SONG OF WELCOME.

Tune—Missionary—160, Bristol Tune Book.

(12 S.S.)

1.

We give you joyous greeting, friends of our noble Cause,

Who come to us in kindness, to teach us God's own laws;

May God your purpose strengthen, and Angels bless your Aim,

Till every Lyceum scholar, our ethics shall proclaim.

2.

In confidence we gather around you here this day Assured that you will help us to tread the righteous way;

Thus may the mutual feeling of sympathy and love, Prepare us for a blessing from Angel realms above.

3.

The Pioneers of Freedom in every human field, Have sown the seeds of wisdom—To us the harvest yield;

May we in turn be sowers, till all mankind shall feel, That they are blessed reapers, of heavenly Commonwealth.

4.

May all our Union's forces by Brotherhood be bound, And all our forward efforts, by Angel love be crowned; Our Watchword "Always Faithful," Our Motto "Never Fear,"

Till earth and heaven be merged, in one harmonious sphere.

F. HEPWORTH.

The President complimented the Lyceum on its effort, and commented on the poetic abilities of Mr. Hepworth, who was the Vice-President of the S.N.U., showing how the two Unions could work hand in hand, and hoped that Societies and Lyceums would take the lesson to heart.

The singing of the session was hearty and harmonious. The chain recitations were nicely in unison. The connective readings to the musical readings were rendered by Lyceumists.

Mr. Bent ably led the marching evolutions. And Miss Effie Bagnall led the calisthenics in such a splendid manner that won the praise of all present.

The pearls were a pleasing item in the programme and yielded pretty, smart and wise sayings. Miss Pollitt sang "No Night and here." Misses Elsie Mayers, Edna Kenyon, and Mr. A. Bagnall recited. The following from Leaf Square Lyceum recited:—Misses Edith Daniels, and Annie Linney, and Mr. H. Earith. Mr. J. J. Bennett gave a short address.

Mr. R. Latham, Vice-President, presided over the afternoon Session, when the following recited: Sydney Kenyon, Annie Owen, Amy Makin, Florrie Ellis, Clara Royle, and Madge Dean. Mr. Keeling sang a solo.

Mr. Latham appealed to the young men to employ their time and talents in the pursuit of that which would do them good. He was sorry to see so many engrossed in study and pursuit of the game of football. If they allow themselves to be carried away by the enthusiasm of games, they, the games, would sap all the spirituality from their natures. Therefore it was well that they should consider their position in life, and the good work they had set their hands to do before it was too late, and they found themselves caring more for sport than they did for the children and the Lyceum movement.

The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. Keeling, and was addressed by him, and Mr. Albert Wilkinson and Mrs. Bentley. The latter was pleased to see seven of the Manchester Lyceums represented, and hoped they would be able to invite the E.C. to Manchester again at an early date, and guarantee them all the travelling and printing expenses. That would be a splendid achievement for the Manchester District Council.

EVENING MEETING.

The hall was well filled with an intelligent and deeply interested audience. The choir ably rendered "Daybreak." The President explained who and what the Executive Council was, and dwelt upon the importance of the Lyceum training for our children.

Mr. Latham referred to the opening words in the selection just rendered: "Watchman, what of the night?" The night of spiritual darkness, bigotry, superstition, and creedal intolerance. We owed, he said, our present achievements to the early pioneers of the movement; they had fought and suffered for our good. What were we prepared to do and sacrifice in return for the good of those who are to follow us? He emphasised the importance of our home life, and its influence for weal or woe on our children. True love and affection as taught by Spiritualism should find its highest expression in our home-life. He appealed to all to live their Spiritualism. Love it. Respect it. And then the public would respect both it and us as its exponents and living witnesses.

Mr. Wilkinson spoke on the comforts of Spiritualism in our hour of need, and necessity, and gave several instances of its power to cheer and comfort when all other help had failed. Our spirit friends are ever ready to help us. They see our sufferings from the loss of a loved one, and are ever ready to help us. And ended

his spirited speech with an earnest appeal to the parents to bring their children to the Lyceum.

PRESENTATION.

The President remarked they had perhaps reached that part of the evening's programme which was the most interesting item, viz., the presentation of a large picture containing the portraits of all the members of the E.C. to Mr. F. B. Smedley, of Belper, who was leaving these shores, along with his wife and family, on the following Friday, Oct. 18th, in the s.s. *Ionic*, for Wellington, New Zealand. He felt that the step was a wise one, and much good to the movement would accrue therefrom. He was sure Mr. Smedley would not forget the friends and colleagues he left in the mother country; and they would be sure to hear from him and of the progress the cause was making in the far away land. The picture bore the following inscription: "Presented to F. B. Smedley, Esq., of Belper, by his colleagues on the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. as a token of their affectionate esteem and regard, on the occasion of his leaving England. Oct. 13th, 1907." In making the presentation on behalf of his colleagues on the E.C., he wished Mr. Smedley every success in the land of his choice.

Mr. H. A. Kersey ably supported the remarks of the President. He referred to the long association with Spiritualism, and the Lyceum cause the name of Smedley had borne, always for good and helpful assistance both morally and financially. He wished Mr. Smedley health and prosperity.

Mr. Councillor John Venables, Treasurer of the B.S.L.U., likewise referred to his long connection with Mr. Smedley. By their long association and united labours he had grown to look upon Mr. Smedley as a brother with whom he was sorry to part. He felt sure the angels would attend and bless him in his new home, as they had done in this. He would carry with him their best wishes and prayers.

Mr. Alfred Kitson, General Secretary, said that event was a painful one. For over 20 years he had been in close association with the Smedleys of Belper. In 1891 when the Lyceum Union in conference assembled at Liverpool decided to raise £100 as a publishing fund, Mr. Urban Smedley, brother of Mr. F. B. Smedley, was a member of the Committee and did good service. Then Mr. Alfred Smedley, on the passing on of his son Urban, ably filled his place on the E.C. and the Presidential chair. He, too, passed on, when it seemed as if his mantle had fallen on their present member's shoulders, whom they were about to lose. None of the other brothers seemed prepared to step forward and fill the breach, and he was sad that the name of Smedley should have no representative in the movement when their friend had gone. They must hope that the cousin, Mr. Thomas F. Smedley, of Belper, would step forward into public life, and so keep their name alive in the good cause they had all done so much to sustain and promote. In conclusion, he heartily endorsed all the good wishes expressed for Mr. F. B. Smedley's future welfare, but would have preferred keeping him here an active worker amongst them.

Mr. Smedley, on rising to accept the present, said he would value it, not for its intrinsic value, but as

being indicative of the love, affection, and esteem it betokened for him by his colleagues. He was very sorry to part with them. His association with them on the E.C. had been of the friendliest character. He was pleased to have observed that all their deliberations of the E.C. were centred on the good of the cause, and not personal considerations. He hoped that spirit would continue to actuate them. If so they were bound to be crowned with success. He hoped to be able to start a Lyceum after they had got settled down. He was taking as many copies of the Lyceum Manual, and Spiritual Songsters as would supply a small Lyceum. He would keep them advised of the progress of the cause, and so hoped to have good news to report from time to time. In conclusion, he thanked them for the picture, and their good wishes.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

A large number of the friends pressed to the front to view the picture which is to carry memories of pleasant associations to the antipodes.

The best thanks of the E.C. are given to the Pendleton friends for their generous entertainment.

ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

In Memoriam.

MRS. SUSANNA MARIA DIAPER (Née KERSEY).

This lady passed rather suddenly to spirit life on Friday, October 25th, after a brief illness, from which her medical man had expected her recovery in due time, so that her departure was a shock to all her relatives and friends.

In years gone by she was an indefatigable worker in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Lyceum. At the same time she trained a choir in connection with the Newcastle Spiritual Evidence Society, also presiding at the organ at the meetings of that Society. But probably the most important part of her work for the movement was that performed in conjunction with her brother—Mr. H. A. Kersey—in the compilation of the SPIRITUAL SONGSTER, taking into her charge the entire musical department of the work, re-writing the scores, harmonising and editing the music.

Had it not been for her aid it is doubtful whether we should have possessed the SPIRITUAL SONGSTER to-day.

She was a pupil for harmony under the late Dr. Chambers, of Newcastle, and her musical accomplishments were of no mean order.

As a medium she was an excellent instrument for spirit use, and exercised her gifts entirely in private circle. She was the medium for several circles, but particularly of a private circle named the "Daisy" circle, so-called after a guide of hers, a modest little girl, who gave the name of Daisy. This spirit so charmed the sitter with her kindness and intelligence that the circle was named after her.

In later years our sister left the North and took up her position in London, ultimately marrying Mr. Albert Diaper, of Craven Park, N.W., who survives her.

JONAH CLARKE.

20, Grosvenor Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

We feel that a few words of explanation for the non-appearance of Mrs. Greenwood's Lesson Plan last month is necessary. Through some inexplicable cause it failed to reach the printer's, who did all they could to trace the missing letter. Will conductors and leaders kindly accept our deep regret at this mis-carriage?

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It will be seen from the report of the Executive Council at Pendleton that 9 Lyceums were granted certificates of membership with the Lyceum Union!

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Mr. F. B. Smedley and family sailed from London on Friday, October 18th, in the s.s. Ionic, for Wellington, New Zealand, which he hopes to reach on Dec. 2nd or 3rd.

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It will be seen from the Leeds D.C. report that another of our ardent workers, Mr. George Darbyshire, will sail for New Zealand on the 14th, of this month. Mr. Darbyshire will carry with him the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

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A Lyceum has been opened at Daisyhill, near Westhoughton. We well remember a Lyceum being opened at Westhoughton some 17 years ago, which did splendid work in those early days of the movement. We trust the present effort will be more successful and permanent than its predecessor.

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The friends at Carlisle opened a Lyceum on October 27th. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, who has had experience of Lyceum work in Lancashire, is the conductor. We wish their efforts every success.

We learn from a friend that another Lyceum has been opened at Stockport. No particulars of the same have reached us. We shall be glad to be furnished with them.

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The Stockport, Churchgate Lyceum, has removed to High Street, off Chestergate. No change is made in the time of the sessions, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Mr. Thos. Whitehead in sending on his report of the Oldham, Coronation Street Lyceum, says in a note: "We made a total profit of £3 15s. 7d. by our effort. I hope other Societies will begin to realise the value of a Lyceum as we have done!"

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The letters to hand for Flora Belle will appear next month. And also the Temperance Page.

BELPER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. B. SMEDLEY AND FAMILY.—On Monday we held a homely gathering of Lyceumists and Society members, when tea was served. After which songs, etc., were ably rendered. During the evening a presentation was made by Mr. George Wheeldon of a large size cabin trunk, suitably inscribed, to Mr. F. B. Smedley, President, who is leaving for New Zealand.

Our Conductor, Mr. Albert Wigley, then presented Mr. Charles, Master Donald, and Miss Nina Smedley with a best bound copy of the Lyceum Manual, and Spiritual Songster each.

Mr. Thomas F. Smedley presented to the Society, on behalf of Mrs. F. B. Smedley, a beautifully-framed photograph of our esteemed President, who is leaving us. Impressive speeches were made concerning our departing friends by Messrs. T. F. Smedley, G. Wheeldon, A. Wigley and others. All joined in wishing them "God speed, and success," in their new home. The ceremony was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne." Dancing was indulged in to a late hour. The whole affair was a grand success.—JOHN H. HAWKINS.

United District Council's Meeting.

The next meeting of the above Council will be held at Sowerby Bridge on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st. Will D.C. secretaries please note, and forward any items they may have for the agenda to the undersigned, not later than Nov. 18th, so that the agenda can be arranged and forwarded to the Lyceum Banner for publication?

GEORGE E. BAKER, 83, Bridge Terrace,
Greetland, Nr. Halifax.

Pro. Mr. Darbyshire, who sails for New Zealand on Nov. 14th.

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 FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS,—I have come to the conclusion, after careful observance, that your general inclinations are not towards essay-writing. I wish, however, to express my admiration of those who have furnished essays for this page, and to say that they have dealt excellently with the subjects submitted, but from the few that I have had I conclude that the generality of Lyceumists are not sufficiently interested to warrant a continuance of subjects at present. If I am mistaken in this, I hope you will write and tell me so.

I expected I should receive quite a batch of letters, criticising or commending the suggestions which appeared in our last "Special" *re* Lyceum Improvement. But I have not had even a single line, and hence I judge that the majority of our readers are not *very deeply* interested. This opinion is endorsed by the fact that I know a "District Council" which has offered a really worthy prize for essays on the same subject, and not a *single response* has come to hand. I am beginning to think that the New Craze has seized upon you, for it is

"Limerick here, Limerick there,
Limerick, Limerick, everywhere."

It is said that you may as well be out of the world as be out of the fashion, and as the fashion of the day is surely "Limerick," I propose we shall be up to date. Now I intend to submit a "Limerick" on this page, under conditions which may prove at once amusing, useful, and profitable. I want you to read very carefully the conditions. Below you will find an unfinished Limerick. What you have to do is to write a last line, containing not less than EIGHT, and not more than NINE syllables. The last word of the line you write must rhyme with the last word of the first line, but must not be the same word, as a word cannot rhyme with itself.

Copy the whole of the printed Limerick on a sheet of paper, and add your own last line. Place your attempt in an envelope, and send it to my address, which you will find at the foot of this page. Put a penny stamp on the envelope.

Now comes the most important and interesting condition.

Enclose TWO PENNY stamps with EACH attempt you send. You may send on as many attempts as you wish, each on a separate sheet of paper, with your full name and address. You may put them all in one envelope, but each attempt must be accompanied by TWO PENNY stamps. *The whole of the enclosed stamps* will be forwarded to the B.S.L.U. Council to be devoted exclusively to the "Lyceum Home Fund." Here is a chance for all to amuse themselves, and at the same time help on a most worthy object.

PRIZES.—There will be two prizes given. A Badge Button* for the best last line by males, and a Badge Brooch for the best line by females.

*Sold out, except a few in the hands of the Agents.
—ED. L.B.

Read the conditions over very carefully. Two judges will be appointed, who will adjudicate upon the "merits" of the lines, *without knowing who have sent them.*

Send on your attempts not later than Saturday, Nov. 16th, addressed thus—
"Limerick."

Mr. F. HEPWORTH,
2A, Cateaton Street,
Bury,
Lancs.

Here is the Limerick—

A charming young lady named Flo,
Bought a Manual some time ago;
And when she had read
Through its pages,—she said;
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Puzzle Solutions.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS.

Only three correct solutions have been received for the National Puzzle appearing in September issue of the Banner. The correct solution is R. A. Owen. Merit Cards have been forwarded to Clara Woodcock and Bertha Penney, Burnley, and J. Thompson, Brighouse.

National Puzzle. (Open to everybody.)

In a town near a river, important and grand,
Dwells a lady who's very well known;
She has rendered good work to our Lyceum Band,
And has kindness and sympathy shown.
Her surname's familiar to all I am sure;
The LAST HALF can never be ill;
The first half, in "Chrysalis" you may secure,
If you set to work with a will.
Now piece them together, and send on to me
The name, when you've made it complete;
And for your solution I'll send you (post free)
A Certificate as your receipt.

My announcement in September that the District puzzles were held over for lack of prize-givers has resulted in generous offers from Macclesfield, Manchester, and Lancaster. The kind offers of these good friends will be utilized, with thanks.

District Puzzle (Stockport District only.)

In a suburban residence, English and Swiss,
Near a silk-manufacturing town,
Resides a young lady, no longer a "Miss";
In our Movement, long has she been known.
Her "Maiden initials" are like a "New Sauce"
Which is advertised freely to-day;
But now these are mostly forgotten because,
She's been married ten years, I dare say.
Her present initials are Royalty's Claim,
While her surname contains letters seven;
Now send me the name of the lady whose aim
Is to guide to a practical heaven.

For the National Puzzle all those sending correct solutions will receive a beautifully illuminated Merit Card issued by the B.S.L.U.

For the District Puzzle the sender of the first correct solution received after Nov. 9th will be presented with a Badge (Button or Brooch). All others (correct) will receive Merit Cards. No solutions received after Nov. 17th.

Yours lovingly,
FRANK HEPWORTH.

2a, Cateaton St., Bury, Lancs.

Correspondence.

TRAINING OF LYCEUMISTS.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—In response to Mr. Will Edward's stirring letter in your last issue, I beg leave to state that at our Lyceum at Batley Carr, we have a Lyceum circle in which the mediumistic gifts of our Lyceumists are being developed, both trance and clairvoyance.

We also recognise our duties to the parent Society, to enrol ourselves members of it when we reach the age of 18 years. All the members of the Lyceum circle are financial members of the Society, and only such can attend it. It is not open to any member of the Society who is not a member of the Lyceum.

Besides this, our Lyceum pays £1 10s. od. a year to the Society as rent. This helps to cover cost of light, heat, etc., and it secures any property the Lyceum may own, should trouble arise, of which I am pleased to say there is none. The Lyceumists, as they join the Society, realise the responsibility of the parent body, and are eligible to be elected on the Committee. The Society realises its duty to the children through the Lyceum and helps liberally to sustain it.

We have two sessions per Sunday, and hold groups regularly, making our marching and calisthenics subservient to the intellectual, moral, and spiritual training given; not more than fifteen minutes being devoted to the marching and calisthenics. We also see that each family represented has a free copy of the LYCEUM BANNER, by this means we keep the parents in touch with our work and the movement generally.

MISS ETHEL MYERS, Sec.,

15, Cross Mount Street, Batley.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

It was with pleasure that I read Mr. Will Edward's letter under above heading in the October issue of the BANNER. The development of mediumship should certainly have an important place in the Lyceum curriculum, for it is the distinguishing phase of Spiritualism, separating us from all other movements. It is by and through mediumship that we get all the facts we have relative to the future life, without it there could be no evidence of the survival, identity and progressive evolution of those who have shuffled off the "muddy vesture of decay," their physical bodies.

Our Lyceumists if they are to take the places of the pioneers of the present must of necessity be thoroughly grounded in the facts and philosophy of mediumship, especially the scientific aspect, and nobody will gainsay the fact that it would be an additional weapon in their hands for them to be able to back up the fruits of their study and investigation with practical demonstration. The Lyceum should therefore provide facilities for that purpose.

In Glasgow, we have two Lyceum circles composed of members of the two senior groups, liberty and excelsior, and as a result the group lesson once a month is given from the spirit side of life, and some

of our Lyceumists have so far advanced in their development as to be able to fill the platforms of smaller Scottish Societies. We have also a mutual improvement class for Lyceumists whose gifts lie more in the direction of writing papers. We are fortunate in having Mr. George P. Young, the President of the National Union, as leader of this class, and much helpful advice and kindly criticism is given upon the proper construction of papers.

I have been prompted to write this letter in the hope that the work accomplished by us in this direction may be helpful to other Lyceums.

JOHN M. STEWART,

Conductor Glasgow Lyceum.

21st October, 1907.

Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Sowerby Bridge on Sunday, Oct. 20th. Mr. G. Baker (President) presided over a good attendance. The result of the Banner Competition was presented and accepted. The Council appreciated the method the judges had adopted to arrive at their decision. Taking the display on the whole it was very good. Some Lyceumists would do well to pay more attention to their conductor, and be more careful to keep the lines and columns straight. Raven St., Halifax, 90½ marks; Peter St., Huddersfield, 86; Sowerby Bridge, 84; Hebden Bridge, 80½; Elland 77; Brighouse, 63; Ramsden St., Huddersfield, 51. Judges: Mr. G. Darbyshire, Leeds; Mr. J. Nurse, Rochdale. The presentation will take place at Raven St., Halifax, on Nov. 23rd by Mr. Dyson, late President. It was decided to arrange teachers' meetings at Sowerby Bridge and Huddersfield. The Council hope all leaders will attend these meetings. Mr. H. Peel was elected secretary. An open Session was held in the afternoon, reference being made to the tram disaster, the conductor, who was killed, being at one time a Lyceumist. The evening service was very enjoyable and interesting, the Council taking the platform.—HERBERT PEEL, 98, Alder St., Bradford Rd., Huddersfield.

Leeds and District Lyceum Council.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting at Leeds (Bethel St.) on Saturday, Oct. 5th., Mr. Barnes, President, in the chair. The following Lyceums were represented: Armley, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Leeds (Psycho and Bethel St.) and Wakefield.

It was with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of its Secretary, Mr. Geo. Darbyshire, who is sailing for New Zealand. The Council decided to forward a letter of greeting to the Lyceumists of N.Z., and congratulate them on their acquisition of such a splendid worker as Bro. Darbyshire has proved himself to be.

Will all Lyceumists connected with this Council please note change of Secretary, and the address?

A. E. BEETY,

2, Providence Terrace,

Northgate, Wakefield.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

SUMMER CAMPS.

AN APPEAL FOR THE CHILDREN.

I am instructed by the above Council to make a public appeal for subscriptions towards a **Thousand Shillings Fund** to be devoted to the forming of a Lyceum Camp for the use of Lyceumists in the district.

The special object in view is to provide the necessary means to enable Lyceum children, recuperating from illness, etc., to obtain the health-giving benefits of country air and life, and to take them from the limited and none too wholesome environs of town life.

Trusting that this will appeal to would-be sympathisers as a worthy object, I take this opportunity to invite their co-operation and national assistance, and shall be pleased to acknowledge subscriptions both by post and through the medium of the LYCEUM BANNER.

WILL S. STOTT, Hon. Sec.

1, Gladstone Terrace, Barrowford, Nelson.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

ESSAY COMPETITION.

An Essay Competition has been arranged for the members of the Lyceums in the above Council. Subjects, "Happiness" (open to Lyceumists up to 16 years of age) and "The Teachings of Spiritualism" (open to all adults).

Competitors must forward their essays to the undersigned hon. sec. on or before the 31st of January, 1908. All competitors are requested to use a *nom-de-plume* and enclose their full name and address.

The essays will be forwarded to a competent and prominent gentleman in the movement, who will adjudicate on the merits of the same.

Book prizes will be awarded to the one adjudged the best in each subject.

The winning essays will be published in the March or April issue of the LYCEUM BANNER, with the kind permission of the Editor.

WILL S. STOTT, Hon. Sec.

1, Gladstone Terrace, Barrowford, Nelson.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

DISTRICT VISITORS' QUARTERLY REPORTS.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having five Societies in his district. All but one have a Lyceum. No interview has been sought with the non-Lyceum Society.

General remarks: BOLTON.—I am pleased to report further improvements in punctuality, order, and harmony. The responses to the chain recitations are very good. HORWICH.—I find this Lyceum suffers from lack of support of the parent Society. Reading, responses and singing, good. A nice harmonious session. LEIGH (Brown Street).—This Lyceum is making splendid progress, and reflects great credit on its officers. The advice given them

on my former visit had been acted upon with good results: There was a good session throughout.—R. Billsborough, D.V.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports 22 Societies in this district, 11 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks: CLECKHEATON.—Old Robin Street has been visited twice and found them greatly improved. IDLE.—This Lyceum is closed through lack of interest and workers. TONG STREET.—Open Session, a great success, every scholar doing their best to make it successful. A good Lyceum. KEIGHLEY.—A splendid Lyceum, over 60 scholars present. Open session conducted, and the items supplied by the members of Excelsior group, who acquitted themselves with credit. SKIPTON.—No session on the day of my visit owing to an important official meeting, therefore, I was much disappointed.—Herbert Hargreaves, D.V.

DERBY DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having three Societies in his district, all of them having a Lyceum.

General remarks.—DERBY Lyceum has removed from Traffic Street to Lonsdale Hall, Charnwood Street, which is a much better place for all purposes. The Lyceum is doing well in its new hall. BELPER.—This Lyceum continues to hold a record in my district for numbers, interest and efficiency. BURTON ON-TRENT is making headway, and growing stronger. The Lyceum cause is in a fair way in my district.—E. W. Stanton, D.V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having 15 societies in his district, 3 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks: LIVERSEGE.—The attendance was small, but the conduct very good, deep interest was taken in session. I addressed them on the advantages of the Lyceum training. CASTLEFORD.—This is a good Lyceum both in numbers and conduct. The room is much too small to allow free play for the marching. In my remarks I drew attention to the advisability of explaining the chain recitations so that the young ones could understand them. DEWSBURY.—I am sorry to say this Lyceum lacks interest in the morning sessions. The afternoon sessions are very good. I hope to be able to report an improvement next quarter.—James Kitson, D.V.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT

This D.V. reports having 22 Societies in his district, 14 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the 14 non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks: CHESTER.—Over 60 present. The manner in which the whole of the session was conducted was wonderful, as this Lyceum had been started only a few weeks when I paid my visit. All worked harmoniously and enthusiastically together. WARRINGTON.—32 present. A well conducted session. Groups overcrowded, lessons good. DAULBY HALL.—A greatly improved session. SEACOMBE.—45 present. A very interesting and harmonious session.

WIGAN.—48 present. Interesting subjects dealt with in the groups in an able manner. SOUTHPORT. (Queen's Hall).—24 present. A good educational session. (Hawkshead Hall), 3 p.m. 12 present. The session was good although so few present. BIRKENHEAD (Hamilton).—Although one of the youngest Lyceums, yet this is amongst the foremost in the district, the session was *par excellence*!

I would suggest that a few of the Lyceums endeavour to get out of the mechanical way in which they go through their sessions by introducing something whereby the children can take a more active part in the sessions.—R. A. Owen, D.V.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having 16 Lyceums in her district, but does not state the number of Societies without them, nor the interviews sought to induce them to do their duty to the children.

General remarks: PENDLETON.—They had a real good open session on the day I visited them, which was all that could be desired. CHEETHAM HILL.—A very nice session. Instruction in singing very interesting. Remarks intently listened to. LEAF SQUARE.—Owing to bank holiday the attendance was not large, but the order and attention was good. MASKELL STREET.—A little more variation in the programme would be beneficial. Order and conduct good. PRINCESS HALL.—The session was better than on my previous visit. Order and conduct excellent. OPENSHAW.—A short session was held owing to singing practices for the harvest festival. The attention and order maintained was all that could be desired.—(Mrs.) Annie E. Bentley, D.V.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having 24 Societies in his district, 5 of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks: PRESTON (Walker Street).—A very good session, 46 in attendance. BLACKPOOL.—I noticed visitors from Bury, Blackburn, Preston and Manchester. A very good session conducted by Mr. Fred Shorrocks, of Longsight Lyceum. RISHTON.—A very nice Lyceum, good order maintained throughout the session. NELSON.—A very good attendance. Conduct fairly good. A very good session. GREAT HARWOOD.—This Lyceum still maintains a fair degree of efficiency, and is well conducted. Good order throughout the sessions. BURNLEY (Richard Street).—I found this Lyceum in a fair working order. A full session was gone through very creditably.—G. H. Edwards, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having 18 Societies in his district, two of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks: MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—There has been a change of officers here since my last visit. I was glad to see an improvement. The remarks on the chain recitations by the conductor were very good and instructive. Order good. A nice session. In the afternoon I visited the Lyceum held in the Co-operative Hall. This Lyceum was opened last February. They are making good pro-

gress. A hopeful sign is the number of adults present. A good and harmonious session. DEARNLEY.—A splendid session, with very interesting lessons in the groups. They appear to be in real earnest. HEYWOOD.—This Lyceum, too, is making good progress, and appear to be in real earnest to make their Lyceum and its work a success.—J. Brown, D.V.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having 11 Societies in his district, two of them having no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the two non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks.—Two new Lyceums have been opened in this district, an additional one in Glasgow, and one in Burnbank, Hamilton, with a membership of 24 each. With the aid of a contingent from Glasgow (Bath Street) they were successfully opened, and introduced to our glorious teachings, our sweet harmonious music, and our health and invigorating marches and calisthenics. A good number of enthusiastic officers and interested parents were present, which indicate rapid growth.

As this is my last report I wish to sincerely thank the many friends who have willingly and unselfishly given their services for the development of the Lyceum movement in Scotland.—Robert Sudall, Junr., D.V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports 18 Societies in this district, four of them have no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with the non-Lyceum Societies.

General remarks: SHERDE ROAD.—Small attendance, good attention, readings and recitations nicely rendered. More interest in the welfare of the children is needed from the elders of the Society. SHEFFIELD CENTRE.—Moderate attendance, responses nicely given, singing brisk, marching and calisthenics fairly good. Officers reviving interest in Lyceum and Society. DARNALL.—A bright session, reading and responses nicely rendered, and great interest shown. Numbers increased since last visit. Credit is due to the conductor and officers for the general improvement effected. ROTHERHAM (Tusmore Street).—This is a new Lyceum, and has a fair number of scholars, with signs of an increase. Good attention to both the conductor and D.V.'s remarks.—Ernest Wooller, D.V.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports having 8 Societies in his district, all but one having a Lyceum. The Society in question is evidently Glossop, whose Lyceum has closed as reported last month.

General remarks: STALYBRIDGE (Bennett Street).—The conductor being on holiday one of the Lyceumists conducted the sessions in an able manner. There was a moderate attendance. Reading and responses good. Exercises nicely done. Good attention throughout. MACCLESFIELD.—A great improvement effected since my last visit, about 50 present. The conduct of the children was excellent. Reading and responses very good. Marching and calisthenics well done. Obedience and discipline marked the session throughout. HYDE.—This Lyceum maintains its usual standard of efficiency.—W. H. Poulton, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

This D.V. reports 17 Societies in his district, 8 of them without a Lyceum. One interview has been sought with one of the non-Lyceum Societies, viz: Monkwearmouth. He learns there is no accommodation except for evening service.

General remarks: Although most of the 8 Societies who have no Lyceum are comparatively small, that is no excuse for neglecting the children, and I shall take an early opportunity of pressing upon each the necessity of providing for the proper instruction of their children in matters spiritual.

KING STREET (South Shields) are coming well to the front, showing life and vigour. ROBINSON STREET S.S. Lyceum has recently moved into a better hall and promise greater progress. They are in need of a musical conductor. I hope some one will volunteer their services. ASHINGTON.—Shows what a good organiser can do for a Lyceum. Mr. C. Smith is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts as conductor, whilst his assistants, also, deserve praise. WEST PELTON.—This Lyceum has improved considerably since my last visit. The discipline is better, and the general interest is more marked. The senior groups are to study the sciences of botany and physiology. BENWELL Lyceum is going on satisfactorily and increasing in efficiency and numbers. Perfect union of heart and voice will make our Lyceums all rejoice.—Jonah Clarke, D.V.

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 Wednesday, the 20th of November to ensure insertion in the Dec. issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our monthly open Session, recitations being given by Mabel Simpson, Jane Yates, Willie Plenderleith, and Mr. Morton. Readings by Mrs. France, Mr. Wrigley, and Mr. Shipley. Also, a good number of pearls. On Sunday, Oct. 13th, we held our quarterly open Session in the afternoon; Mr. A. Simpson gave an address on "Religion," and Mr. A. France "Clairvoyance." In the evening Lyceum open session, which proved very successful. A good number of friends being present. Recitations by Mabel Simpson, Jane Yates, Jessie Plenderleith, Annie Martin, and Mr. Martin. Reading by Mrs. France. Conducted by Miss S. J. Dransfield.—A. FRANCE, Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, Mr. O. McBrian, of Burton-on-Trent, delivered an address to the Lyceum, which was well appreciated by all. On Sunday, Oct. 13th, we had our friend, Mr. Hyde, of Manchester, with us, who gave a very interesting lesson to the children. Recitations were rendered by several of the members. Sunday, Oct. 20th, we held our usual Session.—Miss E. BURROUGHS.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter St.).—On Sunday we held our open Session, about 200 scholars and friends taking part. Marching and calisthenics were enjoyed. Afterwards recitations were rendered by Jack Holden and Masters Cavilles. There was also one by three girls, namely, Lily Beardwood, Bessie Robinson, and Clara Fordinhand, entitled "Invitation to our Lyceum." Mrs. Holgate, of Darwen, then performed the ceremony of naming the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Moorey, its name being Allan Ivor Moorey, Mrs. Holgate giving some good advice. Miss Bessie Robinson then rendered a song (her test piece at the Lytham Festival, 2nd prize winner) entitled "The Slumber Song." After this our session was brought to a close. Altogether a pleasant afternoon was spent.—E. HOLDING, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford St.).—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, we held our Quarterly Open Session, Mr. Kitson being our speaker. We were sorry that, through ill-health, he could not be with us in the morning. A good number of parents and friends were present to witness the marching and calisthenics, and take part in the songs and readings; recitations from some of our Lyceumists were well received. Mr. Kitson spoke on G.C.R., 146, "The Pioneers of Freedom," and afterwards recounted some of his experiences since he adopted Spiritualism. In the evening he gave a good address on the Bible to a good audience.—ROBERT ROSTRON, secretary.

BRADFORD, DUDLEY HILL (Shirley Road).—We held our our anniversary and open Session on Oct. 20th, before good attendances. In the afternoon Mr. Fearnley conducted, Mr. Raw being responsible for the marching and calisthenics, which was fairly good. Chain recitations were well responded to. Solos, recitations and readings were given by Misses Louisa Raw, May Worsman, Ida Fearnley, Mrs. Carter, Master Aldwin Dennison, Mr. Raw, Mr. Fearnley, Mr. J. W. Garrod, Mrs. Gammersall, Mr. J. Garrod. Mr. Raw gave good advice to the Lyceum elders, Mr. Seed responding with a stirring and sympathetic address. In the evening prizes were distributed by Mr. Fearnley to scholars for good attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Seed gave very encouraging addresses. Duet by Mrs. Stebbens and Mrs. Carter, which were well appreciated.—RICHARD PLATTS, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—The open Sessions were held on Sunday, October 6th. Conductor, Mr. H. Akeroyd. The marching was very good. The drill, led by Miss Phillips, was done with precision and exactness. The following programme was very interesting. Duet, "Sunbeam," Misses Olive and Muriel Griffiths; recitation, "A Prayer for Help," Master G. A. Holbrook; piano selection, "Silver Wedding March," Miss Gladys Gray; recitation, Miss Elsie Wright, "Don't Forget"; song, Miss Olive Griffiths, "Beauty Must Die"; violin and piano duet, Miss Dorothy South and Master Harry South. Fifty scholars and four visitors present.—J. WRIGHT.

BURY (Off Paradise Street).—Oct. 6th election of officers. Miss Ada Ellis, conductor, with full complement of officers. Lyceumists conducted services throughout the day. Oct. 12th, social evening. Thoroughly enjoyed; 80 present. "Limerick" competition produced much mirth. Here's a Limerick open to those, Who fancy that they can compose, Just a line that will fit, On to this little bit. Winning line—When you've got a bad cold, wipe your nose. A visitor—Mrs. S. Holden—was declared winner. Prize, A Manual. Oct. 20th, Harvest Festival. Grand display. Splendid Lyceum. Oct. 21st, enjoyable social and fruit banquet. During the month Liberty Group profited by the visits of Messrs. W. Johnson, of Hyde, and S. Barnett, of Manchester; also by Messrs. J. Chadwick and J. Knight.—WM. FLETCHER, Assistant Secretary.

CREWE.—On October 6th we had Mrs. Holden, of Acreington, with us. She gave an instructive address, also a number of clairvoyant descriptions to the children. It was a great treat to hear the loving messages from our spirit friends given through Mrs. Holden. We keep progressing nicely, the attendance at each session is good.—H. WALKER.

CROMPTON.—On Oct. 12th all the Lyceumists, along with the friends of Mr. J. H. Hamer, were invited to a Tea Party in commemoration of his 57th birthday. After the tea the Lyceumists made good use of their Manuals, and went through their marching and calisthenics to the delight of all present. A very pleasant evening was spent.—**J. LEIGH**, Secretary.

DEARNLEY.—Sunday, Oct. 6th, was our pleasant Sunday morning, when we had a good muster of scholars present, the pearls and recitations being well responded to. Duets by several scholars, and a piano solo by Leonard Stockdale.—**T. PINCHLECH**, Secretary.

GATESHEAD, BEACONSFIELD HALL (Coatsworth Road).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held an open Session, which was well attended. The main feature of the proceedings was our first distribution of prizes, numbering over 40 books. To present the prizes we had Mrs. Thirlwall, of Gosforth, assisted by Mrs. Brydon, of Gateshead. They both gave some encouraging remarks to each recipient. A programme consisting of solos, recitations and pianoforte selections was then given by the following members of the Lyceum:—Ellen Hall, Annie Secker, May and Cissie Hall, Daisy Chapman, Lily McLeod, Lily Gotts, Edith Bogue, Janet Skelton, Maggie Bogue, Florrie Secker, Sam Gotts and Harry Pilton. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Thirlwall and Mrs. Brydon brought a pleasant session to a close.—**W. HALL**, Secretary.

GLASGOW (New City Road).—Our Lyceum has made very satisfactory progress during the month. The membership has increased, and the young folks are taking a great interest in the Manual lessons. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Carson, both experienced Lyceumists, our marching and calisthenics will soon be up to date. On Oct. 20th we had quite a nice programme. Miss Eva Gall sang "The Better Land"; Miss Bella Sneddon "Scatter Seeds of Kindness"; Wm. Murray gave as recitation "There is no death." and we Miss Evans gave "The Village Blacksmith." We are to be favoured with a short address by Mr. Sharpe, president of the Union, on the 27th inst.—**WM. SNEDDON**, Conductor.

HECKMONDWIKE (Tower Street).—On Sunday, October 13th, we held our first open Session. Solos were rendered by Miss A. Wilkinson, who was presented with a best bound Lyceum Manual. Recitations by Lily Clough, Ethel Clough, Lily Horner, Sarah A. Oldfield, Florrie Hendry, Lizzie Stott, Harold Jackson, Granvill Barlow, and Allan Barlow. Prizes were given as follows:—1st, Lily Clough, best Lyceum Manual; 2nd, A. Barlow; 3rd, Sarah A. Oldfield. Readings were given by Mr. John Barlow, W. Lunn, J. Dutton, and Miss L. Firth, after which a Spiritual Songster was presented to the Lyceum in remembrance of our first open Session. Mr. Albert Wilkinson conducted the marching and exercise. Open Sessions are to be held every 2nd Sunday in each month.—**JAMES TAYLOR**, Secretary.

HIGHER BROUGHTON.—At our half-yearly election of officers the following were duly elected:—Conductor, Mr. J. Tinker; assistant, Mr. J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Norris; secretary, Mr. G. H. Starbuck; guardian, Mr. Norris; librarian, Mr. J. Smith; musical conductors, Miss A. McGarvie and Mr. J. Henshall; captain of guards, Mr. Wilkinson; guards, Mr. J. Smith, Frank, Lily and Bertha Starbuck; leader of marching, Mr. L. Downey. We held our Anniversary and distribution of prizes on October 13th. The usual session was held in the morning. In the afternoon Mr. Will Edwards, of Accrington, gave a capital address on "Death." An open session was held in the evening, during which the prizes were presented by Mr. Edwards. Recitations were also given.—**G. H. STARBUCK**, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden St.).—On Sunday, October 13th, in the absence of Mrs. Bentley, we held an open Session afternoon and evening. After we had gone through our marching and calisthenics, the following programme was creditably rendered: Recitations by Ivy Smith, Gracie Powell, Ada Jagger, Norman Atkinson, James Wilson, William Jagger, Charlie Bromley, Mr. Ackroyd, and Mr. Dighton. Solos by Miss May Beaumont and Miss Boothroyd. Pianoforte solos by Miss Smith and Christopher Copley. And a duet by Miss Elsie Jessop and Miss Boothroyd. A hymn entitled "When the Roses of Youth," was beautifully rendered by Miss Doris and Gracie Powell, and Ada Jagger, three of our young Lyceumists. A pleasing feature was the Excelsior Group, each member wearing a white flower.—**A. JAGGER**, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter St.).—On Oct. 6th we held

our open Sessions, before a moderate attendance. Silver chain and golden chain recitations well responded to. Readings were given by Mrs. C. Gledhill and Mr. J. W. Hemingway. Songs by Mrs. Blackburn, and Mr. W. W. Wallis. Duet by C. Knight and L. Blackburn. Recitations by M. Blackburn and Wilson. Scholars want to take more notice of the Conductor, instead of laughing so much.—**W. W. WALLIS**.

KEIGHLEY (Heber St.).—We held our Lyceum anniversary on Oct. 6th, preceded by a tea and entertainment on the 5th. Mr. Gledson, president of the Society, presided over the concert, which was highly interesting, and greatly enjoyed by all present. Space forbids me giving an outline of the programme; suffice it to say, all the artistes acquitted themselves with credit. On the Sunday, Mrs. Mary Law, of Huddersfield, was our speaker, who gave two splendid addresses, which were greatly appreciated. Mr. W. A. Kay, C. Scott, Misses Stain and Pollard sang a quartett. Miss B. Kay recited "Children." Mr. Albert Wilkinson, Nelson, presided in his able manner in the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Smethson, Dewsbury, who was unable to come on account of sickness.—**H. W. KAY**.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, we held a very enjoyable Session. A presentation was made by the Lyceumists to Mr. H. Hill for his valuable services as musical conductor. The present, which consisted of a Spiritual Songster, and a purse of money, was handed to him by one of our young scholars, Master L. Goldsmith. Mr. W. B. Wright also spoke of his good work with the Lyceum. Mr. J. Smitham is newly appointed as secretary. Recitations and a solo were rendered by Misses F. Wilson, V. Berkitt, and Master Goldsmith.—**JAMES BISHOP**, Secretary.

LEIGH (Brown St.).—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, we held our Harvest Festival. There was a splendid show of flowers and fruit. Mr. Massey was the speaker for the day. The choir rendered solos and duets in a very able manner, and were well appreciated. The collections were very good. On Monday, Oct. 7th, we held the usual sale of fruit. Songs, recitations, games and a little dancing. We had a very enjoyable evening.—**G. WOODWARD**, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, a lesson was given on "The Teaching of Spiritualism." On Sunday Oct. 13th, the attendance was exceptionally good. Recitations were rendered by Miss K. Jones and Miss F. Blake. Miss E. Barnes sang "Let the Lower Lights be burning." Oct. 20th saw the attendance of two members of the Church Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Mosberg, the former of whom spoke some encouraging words to the Lyceum. Miss A. Thomas rendered a pianoforte solo. Miss F. Blake recited, and Miss E. Barnes gave a solo.—**MISS ADA BARNES**, Secretary.

MACCLESFIELD.—I am pleased to report our Lyceum is making good progress. We have made several alterations in the groups, etc., one of which is the starting of a mutual improvement class for the older Lyceumists. I am also pleased to report that the attendance has improved a good deal, which is encouraging to the officers. I am glad to be able to announce to your readers that Mr. Hayes, our late conductor, has landed safely at his new home in America.—**WM. ALBINSON**, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Harperley).—We celebrated our 7th Anniversary on October 5th and 6th. On the Saturday a good tea was followed by a splendid entertainment in which the children and friends acquitted themselves with credit. Space forbids me giving an outline of the programme. Suffice it is to say all enjoyed themselves, and felt happier and brighter at the close than at the commencement. The Services on the Sunday took the form of an open Session in the afternoon, which was a great success. The evening service was conducted by Mr. Wm. Crutchley, who addressed the friends in a very able manner, and Mrs. Howarth gave some good clairvoyant tests at the after circle. The whole proceedings being a good success.—**T. EDMONDSON**, secretary.

MANCHESTER, OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—On Sunday afternoon, October 13th, at 2-30 p.m., we held our Lyceum open Session, which was gone through in a satisfactory manner. In the evening at 6-30 the Elders of the Lyceum rendered a service of song entitled "Crown after Cross," in a creditable manner, it being appreciated by the audience, our President, Mr. Turner, being the reader.—**W.T.W.**, secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Saturday, October 12th, we held our annual Lyceum Tea Party, attended by a large number of Lyceumists and friends. After tea we

had a first class Entertainment given by Lyceumists and friends. The following contributed to the programme:—Misses Greenwood, L. Pointon, E. Pointon, L. Booth, E. Wimpenny, G. Booth; Miss Annie Lester gave an excellent recitation, "How to cure a drunken husband." Mrs. Booth and Miss Hartley rendered solos. We then had a dialogue, "Is he married," performed by nine of the Lyceumists, the acting of the same being far above the average. A vote of thanks was given to all workers and friends for the able manner in which they had helped to make our party a success.—THOS. WHITEHEAD, secretary.

PENDELTON (Ford Lane).—In connection with the above, we have a Literary and Debating Society for the purpose of presenting the philosophy of our cause more before the outside world. On the 7th, Mr. Will Phillips gave a splendid Lecture, followed by discussion on Spiritualism and Christianity. On the 21st, Mr. P. Black, on Land Reform. The speakers and subjects for November are:—On the 4th, Mr. William Johnson, "Does the Philosophy of Spiritualism Furnish any Proof of Immortality?" On the 18th, Mr. J. B. Tetlow, "The Corner Stone of Spiritualism." All Lyceumists are welcome.—JOS. KENYON, secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Tusmore Street).—It is with great pleasure I send our first report in connection with our new Lyceum, which we opened some five weeks ago. I am pleased to say the membership is on the increase. We have had a visit from our D.V., Mr. Wooller, and he gave us some encouragement. He spoke to the children on Selfishness, which was well listened to by all. On Sunday, October 13th, we had our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. We had with us Mr. Painter, of Attercliffe, and Mrs. Hought, of Doncaster, who delivered good addresses and gave clairvoyance to a good attendance. In the evening four of the Lyceum scholars sang "One by one."—J. T. SMITH, secretary, pro tem.

ROYTON.—We held our yearly meeting with the following were duly elected:—Conductor, Mr. Budd; assistant, Mr. Bamford; guardian of groups, Mr. Jones; assistant, Mr. S. Thomas; female guardian, Miss D. Bray; assistant, Miss H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. T. Calverley; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cockroft, and also musical conductor; assistant, E. Ogden; delegates to district council meetings, Mr. Budd and Mr. Bamford; auditors, Mr. Budd and Melia Taylor. It is sincerely hoped that the above able staff will be able to build up a strong and prosperous Lyceum such as the children delight to attend.—J. W. COCKROFT, secretary.

SEACOMBE & EGREMONT, VIENNA HALL (Brighton Street).—Our first Lyceum Sunday was held on October 6th. The President, Mr. E. A. Dickinson, occupied the chair. Short addresses were delivered by Mrs. O. Keepe; Mr. Seymour, of Birkenhead; and Mr. Keeling, of Liverpool. At both services we were ably assisted with Lyceumists from Birkenhead, "Grange Road," Daulby and Mount Pleasant, Liverpool. The reciting and singing were excellent, while due praise must be given to Mr. H. Williams, as marching conductor, for the creditable manner in which the children acquitted themselves. Both services were very successful.—R. G. STRETTON, 23, Rappart Road, Seacombe.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—October 6th, Mr. Whiteley, conductor, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to distribute the Bluebell cards, and hoped the children would always bear in mind the solemn pledge they had taken in becoming members of the guild. Marching and calisthenics were well rendered by the children. Pleased to say we have 25 more who wish to become members of the guild. October 13th, Mrs. Johnson conducted. Recitations were well rendered by James Smith, William Butler, Harry Johnson, Rubv Deakin, and Ethel Goodall. Songs by Alice Jarvis and W. H. Bowmer. W. D. Sharp gave a paper to the group on the "Religions of the World," which was very interesting.—H. BOWMER, secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEeley (Bramall Lane).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our 6th Anniversary and prize distribution. Mrs. Jessy Greenwood was the speaker and gave us some very good advice for the coming year. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Welsh, of Chesterfield Lyceum, for the help he rendered. On October 13th the election of officers took place, the result was as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Baines; assistant, R. Swindon; secretary, B. Magness; assistant, R. Oliver; treasurer, Mr. Hudson; librarian, R. Swindon; musical director, P. France; assistant, E. Stevenson; captain of guards, R. Oliver; guards, A. Tipple, S. Wilson, F. Oliver; leaders, Messrs. Norris, Horton, Baines, Swindon,

and France, Misses G. Tipple, A. Wilson, S. Wilson, Mrs. Hudson, and Mrs. Jenkinson; Auditors, L. Wilson and R. Swindon.—B. MAGNESS, secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On October 6th we held our Lyceum open Session, during which the following recitations were given:—"Ministering Angels," Miss Guest; "Death of Arthur," Master Tom Bolton; "I want to be a Soldier," Mrs. Guest. As Hawkshead Hall is not being disposed of as anticipated, the president and organiser (Mr. Beardsworth) is formulating plans with a view to a complete re-construction, relative both to the Hall and Lyceum. The former, as an organised society, the latter, an infusion of more energy which implies a progressive movement.—ELSIE GUEST, secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (King Street).—On October 6th we held our Session with good attendance, calisthenics and marching very good, also several recitations rendered by a good many of the children. October 13th, very good attendance and several new members. October 20th, we had a good time, our hall was well filled, their being a good many visitors, and the children went through their marching and exercises to the satisfaction of all present. Our conductor, Mr. Lawrence, was highly complimented on the pains taken in the instruction of the children. Recitations by Harold Humfress, John Wm. Young, Thomas Coulter, Richard Coulter, Wm. Lattimer, Gertie James, Mary Coulter, Elizabeth Robson, and Kate Lattimer. Duet by Miss Thompson and Elsie Houls, which was well appreciated.—THOMAS JAMES, secretary.

STALYBRIDGE (Bennett Street).—On Sunday, October 13th, we held our first open Session. The room being crowded. The singing and recitations were splendid. The Lyceumists held the audience with deep interest for 1½ hours. At the close our conductor appealed to the friends present to see that their children attended the Lyceum and that they too would all be welcomed as visitors and workers. He said the importance of sending their children to the Lyceum was exceedingly great as upon the young children depended the spread of Spiritualism in the future. It was much to be regretted how indifferent some parents were on the question of their children attending our Lyceums, but he hoped that what they had seen and heard that night that there would be a large increase in our number of Lyceumists.

STOCKPORT CENTRAL.—On October 12th we held our open Session in our new abode. Both morning and afternoon the marching and calisthenics were creditably performed. A pleasing feature was the number of recitations and solos, given by young and old. In the evening selections were read from the Manual, and ably responded to by Lyceumists. Afterwards a short address was given by Mr. Brown, followed by a few clairvoyant descriptions by Mr. E. Crowther. As it was their first attempt at public work they performed it well. Both are members of the Lyceum Developing Circle, which we hope in the near future will be productive of speakers for the cause of Spiritualism.—J. H. MARSTON, hon. secretary.

TODMORDEN.—Sunday, October 6th, was our open Session. The following programme was gone through:—Reading, "Rules on the laws of health," Miss Uttley, which was very acceptable and instructive; recitation, "Rocking baby to and fro," Miss S. A. Stephenson; duet, Masters F. Johnson and W. Sutcliffe, "God home and Spirit land;" recitation, "Buttercups and Daisies," Miss Ruth Sutcliffe; song, Master J. Broadbent; duet, Misses B. A. Crossley and M. A. Sutcliffe, "Courage, Brother;" trio, Misses Sutcliffe, Stephenson and Dale.—Geo. CROSSLEY, secretary; Miss A. EMMETT, assistant secretary.

ULVERSTON.—It is with great pleasure I send you a report of the opening of our Lyceum at Ulverston, on Oct. 6th. Miss W. Mather, late secretary of the Lyceum at Barrow-in-Furness, is our conductor, and I think when all the officers become fully instructed in their duties we shall have a good Lyceum, as we were able to start with 33 scholars, which is very good for a small town. Please send us 18 copies of the Lyceum Banner, and oblige.—J. E. COWARD, secretary.

WINDHILL.—We had our open Session on Sunday, Oct. 20th. We had a very good attendance. The following rendered solos:—Misses A. E. Copley, M. E. Hall, M. Butterfield, and M. E. Kitchen. Readings were given by Mr. E. Roper, R. Taylor, and J. Rosbrook. The marching was very good, but calisthenics could be improved greatly.—H. ALDERSON, secretary.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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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, 131 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, Bournsbury Lane, Timperley
- Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Crabtree, 3 Abercorn street, Arnsley road, Leeds
- Ashington Colliery**, 2 p.m., Mr. C. Smith, 35 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, 1512, Rochdale road
- Barnoldswick**, Green street, 10-30 and 1-30, Miss N. Pickering, 4 Stuart-st.
- Barnoldswick**, Market-st, 10 & 1-30, Richard Ashley, 22 Denton street
- 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, Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward road, Codoxton
- Batley Carr**, Carr st, 10 and 2, Miss Ethel Myers, 15 Cross Mount-st, Warwick-rd, Batley
- Belper**, Jubilee road, 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. Rostron, 32 Philip street
- Bradford**, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m., Mr. J. Wright, 10 Agar terrace, Gillington
 " Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Miss Edith Flatts, 47 Aire-dale road
 " Westgate new hall 10 a.m., Mr. J. Burchell, 65, Gillington 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**, Manche-ster-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret s-place
- Brownhills**, High street, 9-30 to 10-30 and 2 to 3. Mr. James Slater, Coppice Side, Brownhills, near Walsall
- Burnley**, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulledege, Richard st, 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.
 " North st, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. George Forrester, 54 Go. don street
- Bury**, Paradise st., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. F. Hepworth, 24 Cateaton-st.
- Cardiff**, 58, Queen-st., 2-45 p.m., Mr. F. Silby, 75 Clive road, Canton
- Carlisle**, West Walls, 10-30. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 38 Bright street, Newton, Carlisle
- Castleford**, Britten hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Attack, 100, Hugh street, Beancroft road
- Chester**, 85 Brook street, 10-30. Mr. Arthur B. Priddey, 25 Seiler 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 h-ll, 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. James Leigh, 4, Broadbent, off Manchester road, Shaw, near Oldham
- Darwen**, Church bank-st, 9-30, & 1-45, Mr. J. Clarkson, 116 Elizabeth-terrace, Red Earth-rd.
- Dearley** near Rochdale, 10 Mr. thos. Pinchbeck, 555 Halifax road, near Rochdale
- Derby**, Traffic st., 10-30 Mr. Arthur R. Sleigh, 24 St. Giles road
- Dewsbury**, Bond st. 10 and 1-45, Miss C. Falla, 95 Upper rd., Batley Carr, Batley
- Doncaster**, 11, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. A. Bat s, 12, Belmont Avenue, Billey
 " 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, 12-30, Mr. George Duff, c/o Mr. Thallon, 44 Calderum street
- Edinburgh**, Queen street, 2-30, Miss Jessie Mitchell, 65 Warendar Park road
- Elland**, James st., 10, Miss M. A. Marsden, 82 Longdale-street
- Gateshead**, Coatsworth rd., Beaconsfield Hall, 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. Hall, 34, Balfour-st, Bensham
- Glasgow**, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., 4 p.m., Mr. W. G. McPherson, 10, George Drive, Govan
 " New City road, 4-30 p.m. Miss Ada Gall, 401, St. Vincent street
- Great Harwood**, Westwell-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Hy. Waterhouse, 55 Church street
- Greenock**, Cathcart-st., Shapshers Hal, 4-30 p.m., Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann street
- Grimby**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stan ey-st., New Clew
- Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. Philip Bealey, 6, Wesley street.
- 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
- Hamilton**, Burnbank, Glasgow road, 4 p.m. Mr. Thomas Mason, 48 Glasgow road, Burnbank
- 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. James Taylor, 32 Batley road
- Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert Cloud, Holland street, off William street
- Higher Broughton, Salford**, Hilton st, 10-30 and 2, Mr. J. R. Henskal, Hilton street
- Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Mr. J. H. Hutchins, 5, Hill st.
- Hollinwood**, Byron-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape, 661 Hollin's road, Oldham
- Horwich, nr. Bolton**, Beatrice st, 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 4 Abraham st.
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden st., 10, Mr. A. Jagger, 8, School-st., Mold Green
 " St. Peter st., 10-15, Mr. Wallis, 43, Clara st., Farn-town
- Hull**, Line-st 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.
 " Clarendon street, 2-30. Mr. F. Jackson, 2 Princess avenue, Massey street
- Hyde** Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Joseph Smith, 97 Kynder street, Denton, Manchester
- 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. Leonard's 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
 " Market Buildings, 10-30. Mr. B. Robinson, 75 Buck street
- Lincoln**, Exchange Arcade, 10-30, Mr. Fred Nicholson, 45, Waterside North
- Littletown**, 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 street, 10-30 a.m., Miss Millicent Clarke, 12 Osborne grove
- London**, Battersea park, Mrs Bolton, 35 Beauchamp-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
- London**, Clapham, Gauden-rd., 11-30, Mr. H. Boddington, c/o Assembly Rooms, Gauden-rd., Clapham.
- London, S.W.**, Fulham, 25 Fernhurst street, Munster road, 3 p.m. Miss Kepple, 20 Lysia street, Fulham Palace road, S.W.
- London**, Manor Park, Wakefield street, East Ham, 3-15 p.m., Mr. T. Glennie, 48 Ruskin-avenue, Manor Park, Essex
- London, W.**, 59, High road, Chiswick, 2-45, Miss B. Imison, 118 Southfield road, Bedford Park, W.
- London**, Tottenham, 193, High-rd, 3 p.m., Miss Ada Barnes, 2 Laurel villas, Felixstow, Lr. Ed-monton
- Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2, Mr. H. MacCartney, 12, Littlehall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. Albinson, 5 Bond street
- Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. William, 85, Bellout st., Cheetham
- Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10, Mr. Arthur P. Anyon, 88, Thornton-st., Collyhurst
- Manchester**, Junction St. Hulme, 10-30 and 2-30, Mr. A. Stansfield, 22 Clarence street, Moss Side
- Manchester**, Harpurhey, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington rd., Crumpsall.
 " Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. T. Weitzel, 90, Church lane, Gorton
 " Longsight, Chell-st., 2-30, Mr. Charles Fox, 21 Peacock Grove, Gorton.
 " 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30 Miss L. Simms, 96, Cranworth-st, C. on M.
- Manchester South**, Princess Hall, Princess rd, 2-30 p.m., Miss T. Robinson, 11 Wellington avenue, Whalley Range
- Manchester**, West Gorton, William-st, 2-30 Mr. Noel Pearson, 7 Bunyon st., Ardwick
- Middleton**, nr. Manchester, Gilmour st. 10-15 J. R. Dooley, 371, Oldham-rd.
- Middlesbro'** Grange rd, 10 a.m., Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul s-rd.
- Milom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. Wm. Tyson, 5 Kathrine street
- Mopley**, 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. Mrs. H. Stables, 5, Hammond street, Wolverden
- Newcastle** Northumberland hall, High Friar-st. 2-30. Mr. Albert Brown, 32 Polmaise street, Blaydon-on-Tyne
- Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. Frank E. Brittain, 3 Victoria street, Newcastle
 " Benwell, Atkinson rd, 2-30, Mr. J. W. Londrom, 114, Ethel st., Benwell
 " Heaton Spiritual Institute, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle
- New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.
- Nottingham** Gladstone hall 2-30, Miss E. H. Yates, 51 Brook Oak street
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hewarden-ter., 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E. Gratton, 206 Alfreton road
 " 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. White-head, 8, Swinton street, Glodwick
- 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
- Portsmouth**, Southsea, 12 Waterloo st., 2-30, Mr. Percy Witts, 185 Hyde Park road, Southsea
- 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
- Rotherham**, Howard-st., Mr. John Hy. Barker, 27 Bridgegate
 " Back Tusmore street, 10 and 2, Mr. J. T. Smith, 7 Holland street, Masboro', Rotherham