

The LYCEUM BANNER

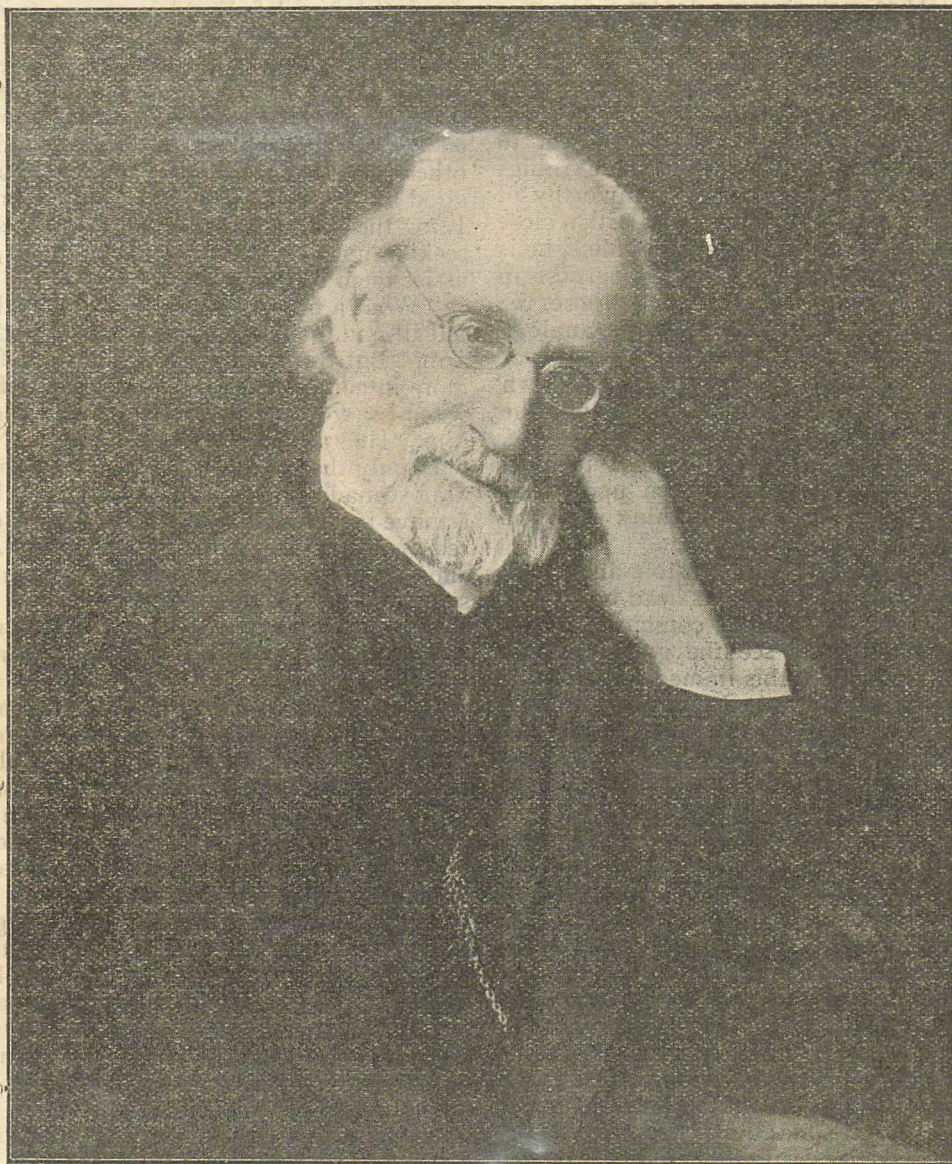
A SPIRITUALIST MAGAZINE FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

"In things Essential, Unity—In things Doubtful, Liberty—In all things Charity."

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*To all Lyceumists loving greetings?
Andrew Jackson Davis*

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND."

BY CHARLES TABERNER.

CHAPTER I.

It is somewhat remarkable, and strange, how changes are brought about in the lives, thoughts, and actions, of people who have been positive in denouncing all things as untrue, and as being only the outcome of imagination, which has a tendency to lead one to see the possibility of a future life or the existence of a central power which has been responsible for that future. That such changes do take place is an admitted fact, but are put down to fear and cowardice in many instances.

These changes are sometimes brought about in a strange manner, and the first thought awakened under strange circumstances, which caused the subject to apply himself with greater energy to those things which he had hitherto considered to be unworthy of second thought, and devoid of truth. Yet with a close adaptation with a mind cleared of all prejudice, he is compelled to admit the evidence of a deep purpose in life, and the more he tries to find this purpose, the more does he become convinced of the analogy between this and another world. But because of having come to a decision, and decided in their own minds that death ends all things, many preclude the possibility of any deeper or greater knowledge, because of that positiveness which forbids them to seek further, and causes unjust criticism upon they who have surely the right to test everything upon the evidence it adduces.

Such was the position of Walter Meston, and as he walked along a country lane with his head bent as if in deep thought, he did not appear conscious of the beauty of his surroundings, or see the grand display which nature had provided in his immediate vicinity. He heard not the warbling of the lark, or the sweet notes of the thrush; neither did the deep foliage of the trees and bushes appeal to him, and to a passer by, he might be walking in his sleep, for the little notice he took of anything or anyone.

He is a man about twenty-eight years of age, medium in height, and a complexion so dark that it was only by a close scrutiny of his features that a correct idea of his nationality could be formed. His hair is almost black, while the features were long, and the cheeks somewhat sunken, but the firmness of the mouth, and the stern look on the sallow face, indicated a man of great courage and determination upon any point upon which he had fixed his mind.

He stops in his walk, as though struck with some deep thought in his meditation, and as he mutters to himself, "can it be possible that there can be a future?" his face becomes even more pale and determined. "I have always been led to believe that when we are dead we are done with, and that everything we see is the outcome of chance, and my father would never permit in the home, any subject being discussed, which had any bearing upon the super-natural. He fully believed they were the outcome of ignorance, born of superstition, and were cultivated for the sole purpose of enslaving the minds of the people, and

though he would not discuss the subject of a future life, or have me in the least educated in that direction, he has always been a good father to me, giving me the best education his means would permit, consequently, I, have grown up somewhat like him in disposition and belief, so far as the future is concerned."

"My dear mother, for whose memory I still hold a deep affection, was a good woman, and though she did not interfere with my father in the instruction he would give to me, I sometimes thought that she was not of the same belief as my father, for when I, as a boy, would speak to her of my friends, and condemn them as being deficient in common sense when speaking of their belief in respect to a future life, she would take me to task, and check my condemnation by a gentle rebuke, saying, 'Ah, my son, be not hasty to condemn, where thy own stock of knowledge is limited. Be charitable in all things, and ever give to others the same freedom of thought thou holds to be good for thyself.' Consequently, under her influence, I saw the wisdom of giving equal justice to all, in seeking not to condemn or destroy, but, if possible, to assist them in their search."

"What a heavy blow it was to me when my mother fell ill and died. I felt as though I had lost my right arm. But the shock to my father was far greater, and more intense, and in a sense my grief was lessened when I saw the effects that death had produced in him. He was like one struck dumb. Not a word or tear, only that deep look of loss on his face which almost made my heart bleed, and yet be helpless to remove it. I tried to lead him away, fearing for his reason under the great mental strain. But all my efforts were in vain, I could not rouse him. 'Father, I said, come away, you will do no good by remaining here, and you may make yourself ill. Come away, until you are more composed, then you will not feel it the same; we cannot bring her back again, however much we may sorrow for her.' But I might have been speaking to a stone, for the little notice he took of me or my words. The horror of that awful time I shall never forget. It hangs even now around me like a pall, and though some years are gone by, I feel it almost as plainly as though it only took place the other day, but I must reconcile myself to her loss, and time will surely heal the wound."

I was about to exercise force to get my father away, when the door opened to admit the vicar, Mr. Walmsley, and I was feeling annoyed by his abrupt entrance, and was about to resent his intrusion, when something seemed to stay the words I would have given utterance to, and the thought came to me that Mr. Walmsley might have the power to rouse my father where I had failed, and as I watched him approach where my father stood like a statue, and in a soft pleading voice try to soothe him in this time of great trial, I felt pleased that I had not resented his entrance. "Mr. Merton," he said, with deep feeling, "having heard of the death of your wife, I lost no time in coming to offer my services. You have repeatedly refused my advances for your spiritual good. Yet I come here in all good faith, believing that this loss is the work of God, to bring home to you the consciousness that all is not as you believe in respect

to the future. Your wife has been taken from you because you refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of God, who has given you and her the bodies you possess. You have in your bitter selfishness prevented your wife from seeking that spiritual food and comfort, and——"

"Stop! Mr. Walmsley," cried my father, turning upon the minister in great rage, while the look upon his face was so stern and angry, that I never remembered having seen its like in the whole of my life. But I welcomed the change. Something had roused him, and probably saved his reason, and I felt grateful for it. "By what right do you come here to censure me on my conduct to this woman whom I love to call my wife? How, or when did I forbid her to follow her own inclinations in respect to her belief? Dare to make one other statement in the same direction, if you do, you must take the consequence. I tell you, as I have often told you before. There is no future life."

"My dear sir," replied the minister. "This is not the time or place to get excited. You have forbidden in your home the mention of all matters appertaining to the welfare of the soul, and your action has vetoed the subject to all in connection with this home. I say that it is a judgment upon you for your unbelief."

"You speak like a fool. What judgment can it be upon me? Have I failed in my duty to this woman who lies dead before us? If I have, and you can show me proof of such, then I will bow my head in shame? Have I failed in my duty to my home and son, or have I failed in my duty to my fellow beings? If I have done so, kindly show me in what way I have failed? I have given to the poor as well as my means would permit, and have always striven to make the world better for my having lived in it, and with the aid of the woman who lies there cold in death, many homes are now bright and cheerful, which otherwise had been dark and dreary. And yet, because I refuse to accept your empty faith, you have the audacity to tell me it is a judgment upon me, for being what? Humane in all things. Look upon that face and tell me truly what is her future. You would say that she is doomed because she has died without professing a belief in your creeds? Look again upon that beautiful face, and see there the remains of the best woman it has been my pleasure to know. She died as she has lived, a good, noble, loving wife and mother. Whether there be a future or no, or whether there be a God or no, I have no qualms of conscience on her behalf. If there be a God, she has been received in glory. If there be a future, it must be one of peace for her."

"Before you go," replied my father, "let me give you a little advice. Teach the people how to live. Death will take care of itself, and none cares to be told how to meet it. If the life is right there will be little fear of death. Go among the poor and give away some little of your large salary, and thereby lessen the misery you will find there. Even at your door can the bitter cry for bread be heard, and when they apply to you, you offer them a stone. By applying yourself to the requirements of the people you will do far more good than for ever telling the people to prepare to die. Good day."

Such were the thoughts that flooded the brain of Walter Merton as he stood in that country lane with an abstract look on his face, and were responsible for him asking himself if it were possible that there could be a future life, and that his mother still lived. The words of his father and Mr. Walmsley had burned themselves into his brain, but the more he tried to understand or reason the matter out, the more perplexed did he become.

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Bible Studies, No. 11.

BIBLICAL SPIRITUALISM (Continued).

Elisha had the power to read peoples' thoughts and intentions, even when not in their presence, as some of our mediums do to-day. By this peculiar power he was able to warn the king of Israel of an ambush the king of Syria had laid in which to ensnare him and his army, and so save them from defeat. Elisha did this several times to the great annoyance of the Syrian king, who decided to stop him from doing it in future by taking him captive. For this purpose he surrounded the city of Dothan, in which Elisha was staying, with soldiers during the night. When Elisha's servant saw them in the morning he was afraid, but Elisha said to him, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Elisha then prayed to Yahveh to open his servant's eyes (that is, make him clairvoyant). And on his spirit-eyes being opened he saw the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire. This invisible army struck the Syrian soldiers with blindness, so that Elisha was able to lead them to the king of Israel at Samaria. 2nd. Kings, vi, 8-20.

The sceptic will often ask, "why he cannot see the spirit people as well as the medium?" It may be his mother who is being described to him, and he is sure if his mother could come back and show herself to anyone she would show herself to him first. No doubt she would, if the conditions and ability to discern spirit people were the same with both. But how does he know that his sainted mother has not visited him often, and, like Elisha's servant, he was unable to see them, he lacked the spiritual vision until that wonderful process called "development" rendered him sensitive to their presence? In the case of Elisha's servant the process seems to have been effected at the instance of the prophet's prayer. With the ordinary clairvoyant, or spirit seer, this change is a gradual unfoldment by long and patient development in the private circle. But the sceptic is generally too impatient. he wishes to reap before he has sown. He wishes to have everything cut and dried ready to be served to him to order. This is not the method of the physical nature, nor of the spirit.

There is another incident connected with this case that requires noticing, namely, the appearance of horses and chariots of fire. A similar appearance was observed when Elijah disappeared. We have already seen cases where the angel appeared with a drawn

sword in its hand. Now it is horses and chariots of fire. Whence came those horses? Who made those chariots of fire?

I have known a medium ridiculed and laughed to scorn because he said he had seen a spirit horse! He may have been quite truthful and sincere. Certainly he had Scriptural authority that such animals do exist in the spirit world. If Christians believe one story, why not the other? The Christian who declares that he believes all that is written in his Bible should be very modest and humble in denying the testimony of the Spiritualist.

A little further on, in chapter six (verses 32 and 33), we read what seems to be a description of a seance, for it says, "But Elisha sat in the house and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him; but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, see ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? Look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? And while he yet talked with them, behold the messenger came down unto him."

It is quite evident from the above incident that Elisha heard clairaudiently the king's messenger dispatched to execute the king's command, and he was thus able to warn the elders who sat with him of the danger that threatened him. No doubt the elders were gathered round him to receive instruction through his mediumship. And the same practice seems to be referred to in Ezekiel, for he gives these words as proceeding from Yahveh, "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." Ezek. xxxiii., 31.

David received, by spirit writing, full instructions concerning the building of a large and beautiful temple, along with full particulars concerning its furnishing. These he gave to his son Solomon to execute. This building was afterwards known as Solomon's Temple, 1st, Chron., xxviii., 11-19.

Isaiah complains that both the priest and prophet of Ephraim have erred through strong drink and wine, they erred in vision, and stumbled in judgment. Isaiah, xxviii., 7-8.

The prophet Jeremiah was charged with prophesying falsely, at the instigation of Baruch, to lead the people astray, that they might be led into Chadean captivity, and death. Jer., XL., III., 2-3.

It appears from the above instance that human nature was much the same in the Bible days as today. It is quite evident that both priests and prophets got drunk. That the priests did not give true decisions, and that the prophets erred in their clairvoyant visions when consulted, owing to drunkenness. And, also, they were jealous of one another's success and mediumistic powers, even to accepting bribes. These are sad facts to contemplate by all those who have been in the habit of surrounding those Biblical characters with the glamour of a divine halo and sanctity.

(To be continued)

The Bluebell Guild.

OBJECT: To promote Gentleness, Kindness and Good Behaviour.
Membership open to all.

My Dear Bluebells,

A Bright, Happy, and Prosperous New Year to you all. I wonder how many of you will have heard those words by the time you read this, although I may be rather late with my greeting, it is nevertheless sincere, and good wishes are never staled by repetition. I promised my friend Miss Imison that her article on "Kindness to Animals" should appear in the New Year's number, I think it a very nice story indeed, and shall be very pleased at any time to receive such nice and interesting stories from either Miss Imison or any other of my Bluebells. Now here it is:—

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

I am afraid very often little boys and girls, men and women too, I am sorry to say, are apt at times to forget their duty to dumb animals. More often than not it is with thoughtlessness, not with the idea of being wilfully cruel. There are so many cruel sports which people enter into with much enjoyment that I am quite sure if they only thought a little before acting they would never do such cruel things, and very often, not until it has been pointed out to them, do they see their cruelty. I think it is our duty for each one of us to do all in our power to prevent these things. Perhaps you will say it is impossible, you will doubtless say what can a little boy or girl like me do. You can do a great deal if you will, first by setting a good example to all your young friends. Do not go to them and tell them they are very wicked and all that sort of thing, because they will very likely resent it, and will take no notice of your endeavours at all, but just very quietly and gently point out to them the harm that their actions do.

How dreadful it is to see a young boy or girl throwing stones at a dog or a cat, pulling their tails and holding their legs. They do not think of hurting the creature, and if you were to remind them of the cruelty of their actions, they would most likely be quite shocked, and feel very ashamed to think of the unnecessary pain their thoughtless little action had caused to the animal.

If one is only kind and patient it is very wonderful what a lot of pretty little tricks one can teach them to do. We have a little dog at home, whom we are all very fond of, and for fun I have said to it, "Jappo, come and give me a kiss," in a very stern voice, the little animal simply sat and blinked his eyes at me, never attempting to move, then I have altered my tone and have said to him "good little Jap, come you dear old boy, come and give me a kiss," then he has bounded to my side, and licked my hand and has made such a fuss. He begs and dances on his hind legs, and if he is naughty, we send him into the corner, and he trots off looking so forlorn and stays

there until we tell him he is good, and then he jumps about and frolics and is so pleased to be set at liberty.

I think that with kindness and love, any animal will do little tricks, if trained to do so, and how much nicer it is to watch them play, than to see them miserable looking creatures, who are almost afraid to move for fear of being kicked or treated in some way which is equally cruel. What satisfaction is given to you if you kick a dog, pull a cat's tail, or throw a stone at a harmless bird. None, whatever, but how different is the feeling to be able to watch the pretty little tricks, it makes you feel so happy and fully repays you for all your trouble.

I think one of the most unkind things for people to do is to go bird-nesting, robbing the poor little birds of the home which they have so patiently and beautifully built. I wonder if anyone here would like to be robbed of his or her home, with all its comforts, and thrown out in the road, and yet this is the torture the poor little bird is put to when robbed of its nest and its young, how cruel for the little baby to be robbed of its mother.

Fishing, also, I think is a very cruel way of finding amusement. When fish is caught for food it is a different matter, because this is a necessity, and even then it seems very cruel the way they are caught, but to keep a little fish hanging by the throat on a cruel hook, and to delight in seeing its efforts to free itself, is really very dreadful, which I hope none of us will ever do.

What an unkind little trick that is which so many little boys are fond of, namely, running and chasing butterflies, and when they catch them to torture the little things by tearing their wings, I wonder how that little boy would feel if a great giant came and chased and chased and chased him, and when at last he caught him, to pull off his arms and legs.

Always when you feel tempted to do any little unkind trick, such as this, just for a moment put yourself in the animal's place, and perhaps then you will feel ashamed to think you should want to put a dumb animal to such pain.

But then I am quite confident that not one of us here need to have anything said about our doing cruel things, but many of us do things without thinking beforehand, and there lies the fault, but let us always try to think a little before doing.

If ever you see anyone doing an animal any harm, very kindly point out to them the folly of their action, and show them by your own example the way to do better and kinder things, and I am sure if you make up your mind to do your little part, even if it seems to you such a trifle will help to make people in the world better and kinder to animals. It will not seem a trifle to the spirit friends, who are all round about us, and who see every little action, and know every motive in each heart, so with this knowledge let each and every one of us do our best for our dear dumb friends.

(Aged 16.)

CHISWICK.

Don't you all think it very good?

I am sorry the names for membership from Hyson

Green, Nottingham, were overlooked last month, but they shall appear now, and so open the New Year's admission. I am sure they will forgive the oversight. I have also a list from Attercliffe Lyceum, so we can congratulate ourselves by opening the New Year with 33 new members. I must now close by thanking each and every one for the help rendered during the past year. Hoping for greater things in the New Year.

Your Loving Sister,

FLORA BELLE.

HYSON GREEN, NOTTINGHAM.

2347	Mabel Reed.	2353	Ethel Haddon.
2348	Carrie Flint.	2354	Edith Haddon.
2349	Nellie Smythe.	2355	Cecil Coles.
2350	Lily Todd.	2356	Arthur Reed.
2351	Mabel Spencer.	2357	Stacey Todd.
2352	Edith Spencer.		

ATTERCLIFFE, SHEFFIELD.

2358	Mary Ann Johnson.	2369	Hiram Frost.
2359	George Johnson.	2370	James Smith.
2360	Earnest Johnson.	2371	Edward Gale.
2361	Harry Johnson.	2372	Charles Walker.
2362	Ada Johnson.	2373	Clara Balad.
2363	Ethel Goodhall.	2374	Sydney Grayson.
2364	Ethel Holland.	2375	Frank Rollinson.
2365	Edith Holland.	2376	Thomas Coates.
2366	Howard Hydes.	2377	Cissie Coates.
2367	Charles Hydes.	2378	Evelyn Greenfield.
2368	Myrtle Mary Shore.	2379	Doris Williams.

MY ANGEL NAME.

In the land where I am going
 When my earthly life is o'er,
 When tired hands cease their striving,
 And tired hearts ache no more,
 In that land of light and beauty,
 Where no shadow ever came
 To o'ercloud the perfect glory,
 What shall be my angel name ?
 When the spirits who await me
 Meet me at my entering in,
 With what name of love and music
 Will their welcoming begin ?
 Not the one so dimmed with earth clouds,
 Linked with thoughts of grief and pain ;
 No ; the name which mortals gave me
 Will not be my angel name
 For the angels will not call me
 By the name I bear on earth ;
 They will speak a holier language
 Where I have a holier birth.
 Syllabled in heavenly music,
 Sweeter far than earth may claim,
 Very gentle, pure, and tender,
 Such shall be my angel name.
 It has thrilled my spirit often
 In the holiest of my dreams,
 But its beauty lingers near me
 Only like the morning beams.
 Weary of the jarring discord
 Which the lips of mortals frame,
 Oh ! I shall with joy and rapture
 Answer to my angel name. A. J. HEYWOOD.

Temperance Page.

THE REFORM PLEDGE

Is against the use of (1) Intoxicants, (2) Tobacco,
 . . . (3) Gambling, (4) Profane Language. . .

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.

(c) DIET AND NUTRITION (continued).

The fact that there is loss from the body of just those substances which are formed by the breakdown of the tissues, and that this loss is greater during the use of alcohol than during abstinence, finally disposes of the theory that alcohol is a tissue-saver; rather is it a cause of waste, making it necessary to seek nutrition from other sources.

We have now to try and answer the question suggested by what has just been said. If it is true that strong drink in itself is no food, nay more, if it is an actual waster, is it possible that it helps in the digestion of true foods and so performs, even if indirectly, a valuable and useful service to man?

In this region tradition has had to be met, combated and defeated. The problem has been complicated by the fact that men and women do not customarily indulge in raw alcohol and water. The pitiable maniacs who have gone to that length have left sufficient evidence of the ghastliness of alcoholism to convince even the bitterest sceptic. People of the ordinary non-teetotal class drink beer, stout, spirits and fermented wines, and the widest opposition to total abstinence is that offered by men and women who rarely, if ever, indulge in beverages containing more than 10% of alcohol. Curiously enough it is at this time of the year, when the Christian world is celebrating the most sacred of its associations, that we have come to regard it as right and proper to over-eat and over-drink and pay the penalties of the gourmand and the drunkard.

It is afterwards that the repentant soul realises that it is not good food which works evil, but the harmful and indigestible constituents of a too rich Christmas fare: and in the same way it is not the malt and hops of strong ale which bring craziness, but the spirit produced by the waste of wholesome sugar, and without which the ale would possess all its good and none of its bad characteristics.

Unhappily it is quite impossible to convince a great number of people that while beer and stout are good in some respects they are extremely undesirable in others, and that all the good they get from these liquors can be got from non-intoxicants with none of the evil which may be denied but which all the same is inevitably worked by alcohol.

When we remember that ordinary beer rarely contains more than one-twentieth of its weight of alcohol, we are able to realise why it should be difficult to persuade our friends to abstain altogether from intoxicants. The healthy moderate drinker, especially one who leads an active life, works off the effect of

the alcohol sufficiently to convince himself that he suffers no harm from indulgence in beer, while the man whose health is unsatisfactory never considers whether his daily bottle of stout may play any deleterious part. Finally the wine or spirit bibber is generally a member of the class accustomed to the rewards of indulgence, and he will condemn the whole body of teetotalism as a mass of sentimentalism, if not something less dignified, and put up with gout or dyspepsia as a popular but unpleasant necessity. I hope I do nobody injustice. From experience I believe many will endorse this as very approximately true.

The difficulty arises entirely out of the fact that the effects of alcohol are nearly always masked, and that unhealthy symptoms due to it are rarely attributed to their real source. When the truth is spoken it will be to admit that we are far better without alcohol, which is neither a food itself nor an aid to digestion. There shall be no reservation for moderate drinking. We do not believe that the assimilation of food has ever been aided by strong drink however small in quantity, and while we recognise the benefits gained from the vegetable extracts which form a part of many alcoholic as well as non-alcoholic beverages, we are not ready to admit any wholesome results arising from the consumption of the products of yeast fermentation.

I am indebted to Dr. Gowland Hopkins,* of Cambridge, for the opportunity now presented of briefly recording recent work on the subject of nutrition and alcohol. It is shewn that alcohol first remains unchanged in the blood, but that between the fourth and seventh hours it rapidly disappears. It is very rapidly absorbed from the stomach into the blood and in so doing it produces an increased flow of the digestive gastric juice. But the latter is of peculiar character, as changes take place in the cells secreting the gastric juice and the real digestive substance *pepsin* disappears. In the pancreas, also, similar unhealthy changes occur, and it thus transpires that although the secretion is greater, it is of such a nature that it is rendered *unable to digest food*. Many years ago it was known that strong alcohol was able to precipitate pepsin from a solution in water, but the deeper physiological facts were left for our own time. Let me begin by putting the matter in the simplest possible way. If we place a small piece of raw meat in spirits of wine and leave it for a few hours we shall find the meat leathery and hard. It will have been preserved completely from putrefaction or decomposition, and if it is quickly washed with water and immersed in a solution of pepsin, it will be very slowly broken up, much more slowly at any rate than a similar piece of raw meat which has been left in water instead of in alcohol.

Now although we have here an extreme case, we cannot deny that with intoxicating liquors something of the same nature, though admittedly smaller in degree, must take place. There can be nothing more certain than that alcohol does not aid digestion by promoting the flow of the *digestive* juices or by softening and dissolving solid food. Another point of

* *Med. Temp. Rev.*, 1903, vol. VI.

considerable importance is the paralytic influence of alcohol, which while producing the conditions of dyspepsia, is able to dull the sense of pain and so leave the impression that digestion has been assisted. The Rev. G. B. Charles, in his interesting little work "The Body and Temperance," says with justice:—"Liquids (and especially alcohol) are rapidly absorbed through the walls of the stomach and so removed from the digestive organs. If the stomach were waterproof instead of being, as it is, like blotting paper, in that liquids pass through, no drinker could possibly digest his food. Indulgence in stimulants would quickly and invariably result in acute dyspepsia."

(To be continued.)

Lyceum Lesson Plan for Jan., 1908.

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	G.C.R.	M.R.	Closing Hymn.
Jan. 5	398	51	135	221	307
" 12	392	42	134	226	308
" 19	386	79	139	225	309
" 26	359	43	142	234	311

GOLDEN PRECEPTS.

- Jan. 5. "The art of memory is the art of attention."
Dr. Johnson.
- Jan. 12. "The more you give away, the more you have."
- Jan. 19. "The first step towards progress is a desire to know and follow truth."
Manual.
- Jan. 26 "The wisest of all things is adherence to truth."
Manual.

LESSON PLAN, JANUARY 4TH, 1908.
Self-abnegation. (G.C.R., 135 Manual).

LESSON SKETCH.

- I. Read through the G.C.R.
Make necessary explanations, aided by a dictionary.
Note the names of the writers, and say what you know about them.
Compare the actions of the boy or girl who do selfish, narrow-minded things, forgetful of little courtesies, etc., with the one who is unselfish, broad-minded and thoughtful for others, etc.
Introduce the Golden Precepts for Jan. 5th and 12th and apply them to the lesson.
Draw from the children *the sure result* of self-sacrifice and self-abnegation, viz.: *happiness*; *the great ambition* of every one. To try to raise men to the highest deeds they are capable of. *The spiritual secret of success.* Desiring what is perfectly good for ourselves and others, *and the apparent effect on others.* Creation of better environments and influences whereby our fellow beings are attracted to higher and better things.
- II. Questions. Should a boy or girl be allowed their own way in everything? If not, why not? Which is most commendable, a nasty temper or a patient one? Why?

"What is the main principles involved in all our actions? (adherence to truth).

How would you manage a class if the members were all inattentive and troublesome?

What should a conductor do when the Lyceum is disposed to be badly behaved?

Which is the best antidote: compulsion or persuasion?

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

DECEMBER, 1907.

Contributions in response to the circular recently issued to ALL Lyceums:—Chell St. Lyceum, Manchester, 5/-; Blackburn, Northgate Lyceum, 5/-; Barnoldswick Lyceum, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. Davis, 2/6; Mrs. Shaw, 2/6; Mr. Wright, 2/-; Mrs. Stair, 2/6; Mr. Smith, 2/6; Dearnley Lyceum, 7/6; Edinburgh, 3/6; Great Harwood Lyceum, 2/6; Harpurhey Lyceum, Manchester, 7/6; Mr. George, 10/-; Miss L. Mortimer, 2/6; Alma St., Halifax, Lyceum, 10/-; Mr. Walker, 2/6; Richard St. Lyceum, Burnley, 5/-; Lancaster, 5/-; a friend, 3/6; Wigan Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Glendinning, 10/6; Todmorden Lyceum, 5/-; A. Wilkinson, 2/-; Mrs. Thompson, 2/6; Mr. Robertson, 20/-; Mrs. K. T. Robinson, 21/-; Ulverston Lyceum, 2/6; Gladstone Hall Lyceum, Nottingham, 7/6; St. Peter St. Lyceum, Blackburn, 10/-; "Starnos," 20/10; Mrs. Batie, 1/-; Mechanics' Hall Lyceum, Nottingham, 5/-; Coronation St., Oldham, 10/6; Glasgow Lyceum, 20/-; Macclesfield Lyceum, 6/-; Mrs. Entwistle, 2/6; Queen St. Lyceum, Leicester, 8/-; Mr. Hunter, 2/-; Mr. Coipe, 2/6; Mrs. Harwood, 5/-; Silver St. Lyceum, Stockton-on-Tees, 5/-; No. 1 Lyceum, Lime Street, Hull, 10/-; Hyson Green Lyceum, Nottingham, 5/-; Mount Pleasant Lyceum, Liverpool, 20/-; Elliott St. Lyceum, Oldham, 21/-; Leigh Lyceum, 1/6; Lincoln Lyceum, 2/6; Brighton Lyceum, 2/6; Shildon Lyceum, 12/6; Mrs. Wilkinson, 3/6; Bethel St. Lyceum, Leeds, 10/-; Yeadon Lyceum, 5/-; M. E. Howarth, 2/6; Bradford St. Lyceum, Bolton, 5/-; Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, 5/-. All of which have been duly thanked. There have been 61 Lyceums respond out of a possible 168 *federated Lyceums*. A further list will appear in the February number of the BANNER, with the rest of subscribers. Hurry up friends!

JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

Propaganda meetings will be held at the Sobriety Hall, Todmorden, on Sunday, January 12th, 1908, at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., when the following members of the E.C. are expected to address the meetings:—Mr. E. A. Keeling, president; Mr. R. Latham, vice-president; Councillor J. Venables, treasurer; Mesdames Jessy Greenwood, Annie E. Bentley, Lizzie Nurse, and Mary Law; and Messrs. H. A. Kersey, William Johnson, Albert Wilkinson, and J. J. Bennett. A Lyceum session will be held at 10-30 a.m. Lyceum Hymn Sheet No. 2 series will be supplied free of charge. Collections at all meetings towards expenses.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The beautiful portrait of our esteemed founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis, with his greetings to ALL Lyceumists, makes an appropriate frontispiece to our XVIII. Vol.

It is 45 years this January since Mr. Davis opened his first Lyceum in Dodsworth Hall, Broadway, New York. We recommend that the third Sunday in January be devoted to a commemoration of the glorious event. And a report of the same be sent to the LYCEUM BANNER not later than the 22nd. The golden chain recitation No. 148 gives all details of the origin of the Lyceum. See also *Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young*, pages 57 to 62 for a full description of what Mr. Davis saw of the children in the Spirit-world.

Mr. Davis is deeply interested in the English Lyceum movement, and also a constant reader of the LYCEUM BANNER. In a recent note to the Editor he says. "Dear Kitson, your *constant*, intelligent, wise, and *hard* work for the Lyceum Cause comes regular to me in your BANNER, all of which is sacredly appreciated."

A splendid address on Mr. A. J. Davis and his Harmonial Philosophy, by Mr. E. Wake Cook appeared in the pages of *Light*, London, of Dec. 14th and 21st. We learn, with pleasure, it is to appear in a pamphlet form. We heartily recommend it to all our readers. It is a great pity Mr. Davis' books are out of print. An effort is being made to re-print them.

The Editor of the *Two Worlds*, concerning the Lyceum Union, says in his issue of Dec. 27th.—"The work of the Lyceum Union during the past year has been fruitful of good. The faithful general Secretary has at all times done his utmost to help on the work of our Lyceums, and it is good to know that their numbers are being well sustained." The Editor has our hearty thanks for the above apprecia-

tive comments on our humble efforts, and the success of the Lyceum movement in general.

In our last issue we were able to place before our readers certain reports concerning the Lyceum movement in America. We are now able to supplement the same by the following brief excerpt from a letter to the *Progressive Thinker*, from the pen of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, recording the Convention's decision on the help it was willing to render the Lyceum cause in America, which reads as follows:—

Those interested in the Lyceum movement will be pleased to know it had more than usual attention. In previous conventions, it always seemed a side issue. This year the Lyceum Committee created unusual interest through its recommendations, and the delegates unanimously voted to have published a Lyceum Lesson Sheet, issued by the N.S.A. for distribution among the Lyceums. Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader and Mrs. Emma Rood Tuttle were elected by the Board of Trustees as Editorial Committee to take charge of this work in accordance with a resolution passed by the convention. Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss was elected National Superintendent, and \$100 was appropriated for Lyceum expenses outside the Lesson Sheet.

Statistical Forms for the Returns for 1907 have been posted to all Lyceum Secretaries soliciting the number of officers and scholars on the register on the last Sunday in Dec. 1907. The number of officers and scholars on the register of each Lyceum at the close of 1906 is entered in the upper half of each Form, so that a comparison between the two can readily be made. We hope the Returns will show a big increase this year over last year's officers and scholars.

We much regret that owing to an accident our serial story, "After many Days," is unable to appear this month.

Lyceum Motto for 1908.

Do Right, because it is right; shun the Wrong, because it is wrong; ever remembering that as we sow, so shall we reap.

To each and all the Editor wishes a

Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Reform, like charity, must begin at home. Once well at home, how will it radiate outwards, irrepresible, into all we touch and handle, speak and work; kindling ever new light by incalculable contagion; spreading in geometric ratio, far and wide; doing good only, wherever it spreads, and not evil.—*Carlyle*.

They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak:
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.—*Lovell*.

Our Boys' Special.

MY MULTIPLYING MERRY MAKERS

The last leaf has been stripped from the 1907 calendar, and we have commenced in real earnest to work off the 1908 dates and duties. May the year prove bright and busy for you, and may its blessings be bountiful. Make up your minds to excel all previous efforts towards goodness and kindness, and I venture to prophecy that the year will close with brighter reflections and sweeter memories for you than ever before. This is the season when the soul swells out with charitable thought and action: let us endeavour to prevent its contraction as the year advances. This is the time when good resolutions are made. Amongst others, you have no doubt declared that you will put in a regular attendance at your Lyceum. Let not the later months find you wavering in your resolve. One thing more I would like to ask of my readers, get your playmates and shopmates to purchase a copy of our bright little BANNER every month: you have no idea how much good you can do for our Lyceum Movement by this little effort.

I am quite pleased with the response to our second "Limerick."

Twenty one competition lines have been sent in, and appear below.

"LIMERICK."

A Lyceum member should be
 An example to all, you'll agree;
 In or out of the school
 All should follow the rule
 "Do right because 'tis right," you see.

Winner—Mr. Wm. Fletcher, Bury.

"Discipline our Motto shall be."

Winner—Miss Lizzie Bolton, Southport.

"There is room at the top for me."

Highly commended—Mr. A. Ainger, Leeds.

"The truth shall make you free."

Harold Earith, Pendleton.

Oil "well-love lock" and don't lose the "key."

Samuel Robinson, Southport.

And a Lyceum member I'll be.

Annie Stoakes, Attercliffe.

Its the most instructive you see

Alice Edge, Blackburn.

A paragon of virtue shall be.

Lizzie Bolton, Southport.

Kind to all without fee.

Frances E. Tyson, Millom.

Your friends to P-L-E-A-S-E.

Miss E. F. Lawton, Barrow.

Do to others as they should to me.

Willie Benson, Oldham.

And a heaven on earth there would be.

Walter D. Parker, Manchester.

Good for evil's the golden rule for me.

James A. Sutcliffe, Todmorden.

Do to another as thou would have them do to thee.
 Pollie Heap, Blackburn.
 Of obedience and charity.
 S. Dodd, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.
 And try to cultivate harmonie.
 Sidney Houlston, Hebden Bridge.
 Love's ruling is lovely to me.
 Mr. J. E. Laverack, Durham.
 Of the Manual golden rule three.
 Bertie Laverack, Durham.
 By encouraging others to see.
 E. Moorhouse, Waterfoot, Nr. Manchester.
 And remember that the Angels see.
 Christopher Nuttall, Hadfield.
 Of always being strictly T.T.
 T. Apedaile, York.

Each of the competitors enclosed the necessary stamps—2d. worth for the Lyceum Home Fund. We have not yet reached the 10/- I expected, but I hope we shall do so this time. Look carefully over the conditions in the BANNER for November.

Badges have been forwarded to the winners of the competition this month. The two prizes have been given by Mrs. Hetty Butterworth, of Lancaster.

LIMERICK FOR JANUARY.

As we enter upon the New Year,
 Many trials await us, down here;
 But if we are strong
 And do right all along,

Fill in the last line, which must rhyme with the first and second lines, and which must contain not less than *eight* and not more than *nine* syllables. Enclose *four* half-penny stamps with *each* effort, towards the Lyceum Home Fund. Send on your efforts not later than January 20th, addressed to me.

I am somewhat disappointed at the result of the Puzzle Competition for December. Only four correct solutions to the National Puzzle and *one* to the District Puzzle. The name hidden in the National Puzzle is Mr. Will Edwards. Merit cards for correct solutions have sent to A. and C. Woodcock, Burnley, Bertha Penney, Burnley, and Nellie Ormerod, Accrington. The name hidden in the district puzzle is Mr. J. C. Chappell. The winner is Harold Earith, Pendleton, who receives a Badge presented by Mrs. Nurse, of Rochdale.

Here is the National Puzzle for January.
 In a big, busy central industrial hive
 Where trading Sea-Giants are seen;
 May be found some good workers who constantly strive
 To teach the young folks how to "ween"; (THINK)
 One there is whose initials are always in truth,
 And his surname in greet, good and grand,
 He has long ago passed the hey day of his youth,
 But he still shows a willing right hand.
 If you find out his place on the North Eastern Coast,
 Near a harbour that's built on the "Tees"
 You will see this good worker is still at his post,
 Never tired of trying to please.

DISTRICT PUZZLE FOR JANUARY.

For Sheffield District only.

In justice, and kindness, and joy, very clear
 Appear the initials of one we hold dear ;
 He's lively and useful in every place,
 And it's cheering to see the sweet smile on his face ;
 In the Lyceum ranks he has done some good work
 And his more public duties he never does shirk ;
 His surname is found in "rejoicings" alway,
 So send on the name without any delay.

Post your solutions not later than January 19th.
 Merit Cards will be sent to all who furnish correct
 solutions to the puzzles.

Once more wishing my readers a Happy, Bright and
 Prosperous Year.

I remain, yours lovingly,
 FRANK HEPWORTH.

2a, Cateaton St.,
 Bury.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

UNITED DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Meeting was held at Hollins Lane, Sowerby
 Bridge, on Saturday, November 30th, at 6 p.m., 13
 being present representing the Bradford, Halifax and
 Huddersfield, Leeds, Manchester and Salford, Roch-
 dale, and Liverpool Lyceum District Councils, also
 the B.S.L.U. Mr. Tinker was elected Chairman.
 The minutes were duly adopted.

RESOLVED that a Secretary be elected for 12
 months. By a unanimous vote, Mr. R. A. Owen was
 elected as secretary.

RESOLVED that the first meeting held after the
 B.S.L.U. Conference be termed the Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED that the ways and means of raising
 funds to cover cost of postage, and secretary's
 travelling expenses when required, be left over until
 next meeting, District Councils in the meantime to
 discuss this question.

RESOLVED that the Secretary keep a record of all
 business, call all meetings, prepare an agenda of
 business and forward copy of same to each District
 Council ; and reply to all correspondence.

RESOLVED that notices of motion be sent to the
 secretary 21 days prior to date of meeting.

RESOLVED that number and dates of the U.D.C.
 meetings be considered at our next meeting.

RESOLVED that we as District Councils insist upon
 our right to introduce business to the B.S.L.U. Con-
 ference, as per Article X, page 5 of Constitution.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on or
 about the second Saturday in February, the place be
 left open, awaiting invitations from District Councils.

RESOLVED that the motions re Lyceum Manual and
 Trustees, Officer Edition of Banner, and Uniform
 Teaching be left to the various District Councils to
 bring forward at next meeting.

RESOLVED that nominations for the B.S.L.U. E.C.
 be selected by District Councils and considered at
 next meeting.

Reference was made to D.Vs. and B.S.L.U. publica-
 tions ; and also BANNER Serial Story.

Reference was also made to the Wing and Alter-
 nate movements in the Calisthenics, the contentions
 being that the majority of Lyceums executed same
 incorrectly. (See instruction book as published by
 B.S.L.U.)

Hearty vote of thanks were accorded to the local
 friends for use of Hall ; Mr. Darbyshire as past
 secretary ; Mr. Baker who acted *pro tem* ; and Mr.
 Tinker for presiding over a good business meeting
 which concluded at 9 p.m.

At the Lyceum sessions on the Sunday, Miss
 Pollard and Messrs. Barnes, Beety, Hargreaves, and
 R. A. Owen said a few words in response to the call
 of the Conductor, thus adding further interest to very
 instructive sessions.

The evening meeting was conducted by Messrs.
 Barnes, Beety and Hargreaves, who gave short
 addresses on behalf of the children. A solo "The
 Dream of Paradise," was rendered by Miss Pollard, of
 Keighley.

R. A. OWEN, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The December Quarterly Meeting of this District
 Council was held on Saturday, December 21st, at
 Daulby Hall, Liverpool, and a moderate attendance
 was present. The following is a brief report of the
 business transacted:—The Minutes of previous
 Meeting were first passed, and afterwards Mr. Owen
 gave his report as Delegate to the United District
 Councils' Meeting, which was accepted with thanks,
 and he was congratulated upon his appointment as
 Secretary to the United District Councils. Mr. Owen
 requested that if any of the Lyceums in this District
 could give the United District Council an invitation
 for their February Meeting to communicate with him
 immediately.

An unanimous resolution was passed that Mr.
 Owen be nominated for the Executive Committee of
 the B.S.L.U., and that he should represent this
 District Council at February Meeting of United
 District Councils.

Mr. Owen proposed that we should form a Corres-
 pondence Class, and gave his idea of the most effec-
 tive method of procedure. Mr. Keeling was
 appointed as Secretary. Members please note that
 the essay "An Ideal Lyceum Session" must not
 exceed 1,000 words and must be completed before
 January 19th.

Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were
 accepted with thanks.

Mr. Owen gave his report as District Visitor which
 shows that the Council generally is improving,
 though slowly.

Mr. Ormerod suggested that a marching and
 calisthenics competition should be inaugurated
 amongst our Lyceums, and it was decided to leave
 this over for next Meeting. Delegates are requested
 to ascertain their respective Lyceum's views upon
 the matter and to have some definite suggestions for
 next Meeting.

Wigan were requested to invite the Liverpool
 Council for March Meeting, if at all possible.

Sincere votes of thanks were accorded the Liverpool friends for the use of Daulby Hall, and to Mr. E. Keeling for kindly taking the chair in the absence of the President.

J. HOPE, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held their quarterly meeting at Crompton Lyceum on Saturday, 14th December. Mr. Heaton presided in the absence of the President.

Ten Lyceums were represented. The District Visitor, Mr. Brown, reported the Lyceums visited. The District Council Delegate gave his report and it was decided to continue our alliance with the U.D.C., the Secretary being appointed to attend the next meeting thereof, and also pay our quota of expenses to the same. Instructions were given the delegates how to act. An offer from Regent Hall Society was accepted for the use of their rooms for a concert to be held therein on behalf of R.D.C. funds. Artistes names and titles of items to be sent to the secretary not later than the 4th January. The applications for the next demonstration were deferred to the next Council meeting.

This District Council is now open to conduct Open Sessions in the district when requested, a list of speakers having volunteered their services. Applications must be made to the secretary. Prizes of 2/6 each were awarded to Fanny Durham, of Dearnley Lyceum, and Harriet Howarth of Regent Hall Lyceum, for their efforts in essay writing. Two more prizes of 2/6 and 1/- are offered to Lyceumist in the district for the best essays on the subject, "What does my Lyceum teach me?" Essays to be sent to the secretary not later than Saturday, 29th February. Thanks were accorded to the Crompton Lyceum for the entertainment and use of their room. The next meeting will be held at Dearnley on Saturday, 7th March.

G. F. KNOTT, Secretary,
30, Whitehall St., Rochdale.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, January 1908, to commence at 3 o'clock.

Agenda:—Advisability of holding a BANNER Competition.

G. E. BEETY, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Slaithwaite, on Sunday, January 12th. Meeting to commence at 10-30 prompt.

H. PEEL, Secretary.

CROMPTON.—On Saturday, December 14th, we had a good time with the delegates of the Rochdale District Council. We had a tea and social after the business meeting. Mr. Heaton and Mrs. Hamer made a few remarks on Lyceum work. The scholars gave selections of songs and recitations out of the Lyceum Manual in a very nice manner. We were pleased to see our room well filled. We hope for good results to the Lyceum cause.—J. Leigh, Secretary.

Correspondence.

THE BIBLE AND CHRIST IN THE LYCEUM.

Sir,—As a lover of the Lyceum Movement, and a worker in it, I am inclined to think that Mr. Clarke's suggestion is not a progressive but a retrograde movement, when he advocates the teaching of the Bible and Christism in the Lyceums.

The Manual is, I consider, quite ample and more than sufficient in its beautiful universal teaching for the child mind to grasp in the short time spent in the Lyceums. The Bible is quoted from in the Manual and the ethical teaching of Christianity insisted on, and nothing more is wanted as a Manual or text book, in fact the Manual is equally suited for the instruction of adults, and I often quote from it at Spiritualists' Meetings to evidence the authority of our faith. Whereas if we begin to substitute the Bible or make it of equal importance, as a written authority as the Manual, we shall plunge back the poor little child into a welter, chaos, and confusion of new and old theology and start it on the down-grade to immorality, with all the disgusting nonsense of befogged explanations of virgin births, immaculate conceptions, and other immoral nonsense that children's minds ought not to be pestered with and degraded by.

No! stick to the Manual pure and simple, and simply use certain parts of the Bible to illustrate a point, or emphasise a moral, but once admit the Bible as a text book into the Lyceum then we shall have to logically further accommodate Mr. Clarke and his Christian friends, by allowing only certain ordained authorised exponents of that book to teach and explain it.

Then good-bye to your Lyceum movement. At present there is no antagonism to Christianity, but there soon will be if only that is to be taught in the Movement.

T. MAY.

Salem House, Steele Road,
Tottenham, Dec. 1, 1907.

SALARIED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED.

Dear Sir,—I was much impressed by the above-mentioned note in your December "Notes and Comments."

Before venturing to give any opinion upon the topic, may I here be allowed to say that it is only with the best of intentions that I desire to draw attention to the particular note. After reading the "cutting," I can but say that it also at least applies to some Lyceums. As an old Lyceumist I am sorry to have to make such a statement, but it is nevertheless true. When members of a Liberty Group sit staring at each other, and two or three of the younger groups are without a Leader, I venture to say that willing young ladies and gentlemen, whether nice or otherwise, would be received with open arms. Many of our Lyceum Leaders evidently think that any interesting "fairy" tale is good enough for the children.

Perhaps I have already written sufficient to awaken our Leaders to their responsibilities, if so, no one will be more glad than yours respectfully, E. J. BARNES.

"LIMERICKS."

Dear Sir,—I am requested by the members of the Cheetham Lyceum to place before you their opinion regarding the "Limerick" competition now appearing in the *Lyceum Banner*. You will, I think, grant us that this journal, is supposed to be moral and religious. We would ask you: Is it the right thing to do to bring the tone of the *Lyceum Banner* down to the level of the sensational press? In conclusion, allow us to say that to our mind it is simply a form of GAMBLING, which is against Lyceum principles, and therefore in the interest of the Lyceum cause a discontinuance of such would be beneficial.

A. L. WILLIAMS,
Secy., Cheetham Lyceum.

A STRIKING CURE BY HEALERS.

Dear Sir,—In your issue for this month, Dec., appears a letter under the heading of "Striking cure by Healers." It would have been well if the writer had confined himself to fact. Mr. John B. Jowett is not the founder of the Liverpool Independent Society of Spiritualists' Progressive Lyceum, but assisted with several others in organising that society. Honour should be given where honour is due. Mis-statements tend only to discord and friction.

W. J. CRETNEY,
Conductor of the above Lyceum.

THOUGHTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

An Essay read before the Pendleton Lyceum, Ford Lane, by Miss S. A. Ridgway.

In attempting a discrimination of thoughts and impressions, we sometimes find them so closely allied it seems hard to tell which they may prove to be. At other times they are so wide apart there is no difficulty in stating which they are. Thoughts may become impressions, impressions may give much food for thought. Impressions may precede or follow hard thinking, hard thinking seldom removes impressions. We may think out all the pros and cons of a problem and be of the same opinion still, as the man who had been flogged for speaking his mind. After the operation he was asked what he thought now? He replied, "Do you flog a man for thinking?" Receiving an answer in the negative, he said, "Well, I am of the same opinion still."

Again, as Galileo, who was compelled on penalty of death to contradict the statements of his astronomical discoveries that the earth moved, he rose from his knees and said, "It does move." He was of the same opinion still.

Two individuals equally educated and intelligent differ upon a subject. Why is this? Their organisms differ; one takes a wider view, the other a deeper thought, and so are differently impressed through phrenological makings or hereditary leanings, and other reasons. Planetary influences, phrenology and astrology agree with each other and make us what we are to a certain extent, and I

would lay emphasis on this *certain extent*, for mind and will have their part to play. Influences do not always compel, but mind and will are great forces. I once heard a man say that he rode above the stars; his strong will raised him above the wreck of most trying circumstances. We read of the Divine plan of the Ages, which plan seems to have been in the great master mind which formed the universe of which we know so little. But in what we do know of the starry worlds, we can but admire the beautiful order therein displayed.

Surely there was a plan worded by thought made in the image of the source of our being. We inherit thought. We make our plans for our career in life; thought forms our actions. How careful we ought to be in these days of free thinking. Thoughts make themselves felt sooner or later, whether uttered or silent. I once heard a lady say she could sit in her room and send her thoughts to any part of the world—a mental scientist who had studied the Law of Vibrations and practiced them in the silence. Those who have sat in the silence for inspirations know its power.

The world's great spiritual teachers of different ages have had their retirements to the wilderness, the caves of the earth, the forests, the mountains, to be alone with God and nature for a season, then return to their work among the people stronger and revived with grander, higher and nobler thoughts.

Mr. Roberts, a mental science teacher, wrote from Florida that his school was closed and he was going into solitude for a season to be alone with nature and the Infinite. He wanted to get more to give to the people. He sought it in the silence and in the thought realm.

We cannot all go into solitude for long periods, but that does not keep us from raising into our higher selves to cultivate and educate our thoughts, so as to be the recipients of the highest ideals to which it is possible to attain while upon the earth plane.

We find our opportunity in the trivial round and common task, in our daily work and walk of life. We need not go one step away, but begin just where we are in our various stations in life. From my youth it has been my endeavour to be a creature of the moment, to do the right thing or say the right word at the right time and place. To those who are born creatures of the moment this comes natural, but those who are not need much cultivation of thought and impression. They must not forget, but be on the alert, keeping the ideal before them. A friend complains of being troubled with afterwit; knows just what she ought to have done and said when the affair is over. She is not alone. Thought is the controlling power. Lack of thought brings many failures. As the poet says, "More offend from want of thought than from want of feeling."

Scientists, mental and divine, live in the thought of mind conquest over matter; to make the body subservient to the spirit, its life and health allowing the spirit to predominate until the body is spiritualised more healthy and lasting. In such a state there is much at command for that individual, and the

spirit can better do the work with its own body than with another after dissolution. To reach this attainment requires our watchful thought every day until we have grown to assimilate our desires and win the palm of mental victory over the flesh while upon this mundane sphere.

Some of us have sat in a breathing class, where all inhale and exhale at the same time for the health of the body, also holding a thought for some achievement. We know the strength of such harmony. We have also practical breathing and walking, one step with the inhale, the next step with the exhale, keeping in rhyme. By so doing one can walk longer and with less fatigue, and so climb a mountain with less exhaustion. The physical is subject to the mental and is thereby benefited. A friend once remarked it took a lifetime to learn how to live, then we had to go. Well, we know that we shall go to our own place which we have made by our own actions *here*.

So our highest attainment here is to our advantage in the hereafter; our training is not lost, we are ready for that we have graded unto. Impressions are upon us like an indelible stamp. How often we cling to early impressions and what a value there is in them if given from the side of good. We know the proverb, "Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it." There are exceptions to this, but a good early training is thought of with respect, though that child in mature years may fall in the moral scale for a time. Those impressions will often be awakened and right over wrong is expressed. Some of us are more susceptible, but to the strongest will come times of doubt and hesitancy as to which of the many open ways they shall take. This is just the time to sit for impressions from the higher knowledge of good. We build from within by right thinking. The Kingdom of Heaven is within; the still small voice within is stronger than the whirlwind. The messages we get from the Angel World we might say were from without, but it is the within which recognises or reflects them.

Some are born with more mentality than others, and so have a better start. It takes a lifetime to make the grand man. We need not worry ourselves with hard thinking, but just open our perceptive nature to the good, desire nothing but the good, and we shall see less of evil. Enlarge upon the good until the evil diminishes. In the present age we see wrong being righted that right may prevail.

Watch the signs of the times from a spiritual standpoint and we shall see a growth. Then our thoughts for good will not be in vain, and our impressions for lasting good helps our efforts in the outer world which we call the physical, which will be benefited by good thoughts and impressions.

Moral truth is speaking of things according to the persuasion of our minds, though such persuasion agree not with the reality of things. Falsehood is the uttering of words contrary to the persuasion of our minds.—*Anon.*

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 22nd of January to ensure insertion in the Feb. issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday December 1st, we held our monthly open session. We had a fairly good attendance, and good responses to the musical reading and golden and silver chains Marching and Calisthenics fairly good but would be improved if more attention was paid to the conductor. Recitations were given by Mabel Simpson, Jane Yates, Jessie Plenderleith, Willie Plenderleith, Harry Hall, Mrs France and Mr. Mortin. Readings were given by Mr. A. Simpson, Mr. O. Wrigley and Mr. Shepley. S. J. Dransfield conducted.—A. France, Sec.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Berry's Buildings).—On December 1st we held our Lyceum Anniversary. The services were well attended, the hall being crowded. Recitations were given by Lyceumists. Mrs. Butterworth, of Lancaster, was the speaker, and she gave some encouraging remarks to the children, followed with clairvoyance. In the evening she presented the children with their prizes. Thus ended a very memorable day.—Miss Ada Lawton, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Sunday, December 15th, the election of officers took place, the following being elected:—Conductors, No. 1, Mr. W. Burroughs; No. 2, Mr. W. Norton; secretary, Mr. F. Chew; treasurer, Mr. W. Laxton; guardian, Master W. Burroughs; guards, A. Thompson and F. Bird. On Sunday, December 22nd, we held our usual session, members giving recitations and readings. I may say that our Lyceum is progressing satisfactorily.—Miss E. Burroughs.

BLACKPOOL (Albert Road Lyceum).—On December 15th we had our election of officers. After the officers had been elected, Mr. Catlow, who had been sent as a delegate to Barnoldswick read his report, which was very good. The Lyceumists then moved that fraternal greetings for Christmas 1907 and the New Year be sent to several of our Lyceumists who have gone abroad, and also a letter of condolence to the parents of one of our scholars who has passed on. The sessions were well attended morning and afternoon.—Arthur C. Eaton

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—We beg the privilege of wishing the compliments of the season, success and prosperity to all Lyceums affiliated with the Lyceum for 1908.—Edwin Holding, Sec.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—The open sessions were held on Dec. 1st. There was a very good attendance of scholars and visitors. The marching and calisthenics were very good. Piano and violin duet, Dorothy and Harry South; pianoforte selection, Miss Ethel Broadley; recitation, "Somebody's Mother," Master G. A. Holbrook; recitation, "Mother's little maid," Miss Cora Broadley; duet, "No night there," Misses Akeroyd; recitation, "An ha'porth," Miss Dorothy South; song, "Roses of life," Miss Moor; pianoforte solo, Master Harry South.—J. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On December 15th we held our election of officers for the next six months, with the following result:—Conductor, Mr. R. Billsborough; assistants, Miss Webster and Mr. E. Pilkington; secretary, Mr. R. Rostron; musical director, Mr. E. Pilkington; assistant calisthenic conductor, Mr. T. Blake; guardians, Mr. J. Lentott and Miss E. Rostron; group leaders, Messrs. G. Garnet, E. Pilkington, R. Rostron, and Misses Webster and Fish.—R. Rostron, Secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—On December 1st we had a lecture by Professor Severn, on "Benevolence," which was much appreciated. Recitations and responses good. Solo, Bertha French; recitation, Veda Goodwin. December 8th—Marching and calisthenics excellent. A splendid lecture on "Concentration" by Professor Severn. Recitation by Annie Scoggins. December 11th—We held our first annual meeting. Very satisfactory reports were given. Officers unanimously re-elected with the following alterations: Guardian, Mr. Cager; captain of guards and assistant secretary, Mr. G. Carry; assistant pianist, Bertha French. Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the Lyceum's success. December 15th—Good session, well attended. Duet, Bertha French and Ivy Collins. Mandoline solos by Edith Scoggins and Mr. Cager. Recitation by Edith Cager. Our annual tea and prize giving is fixed for the end of January.—Frank G. Clarke, Secretary.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—Our Character "At Home" on December 7th excelled all past efforts in entertainments, with an attendance of 170 guests. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Host and Hostess, graciously received the court of some 90 ladies and gentlemen in character dress, representing soldiers nurses, sailors, Japanese, pierrots, cadets, gypsies, mystics, police, &c., &c. Mrs. Vernon, Messrs. Vernon, Hepworth and Birkett tastefully decorated the hall in Japanese style. Vocal and instrumental items, dancing, parlour and romping games, sketch, &c., were indulged in. Messrs. Hepworth and Metcalf, marching and calisthenics conductors directed the movements in a "Grand March."—Wm. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary.

CARLISLE (West Wells).—On December 1st we held our first open session. There was a good attendance of scholars and visitors, considering the state of the weather. The following programme was much appreciated:—Recitations by Alice Brisco, Evelyne Potts, Jinnie Potts, Masters Alfred Brisco and Leonard Potts; dialogue, Misses Olive Wright and Jinnie Potts; duet by Miss M. and Master H. Wright. Mr. James, of New Shildon, co. Durham, gave us a good story in the Scotch dialect, which was greatly appreciated. He also complimented us on the conduct and progress of our Lyceum, which is, I am pleased to state, increasing in numbers. With best wishes to all our brothers and sisters in this noble cause.—Arthur Wyatt, Secretary.

DARWEN.—We held a tea and social in connection with our and Bolton football club. There was a good gathering and a capital entertainment. Mr. Billsborough, the conductor of Bolton Lyceum, caused much mirth with his singing, and the reciting of Miss Fish, of Bolton, was much appreciated. We also had songs by Miss E. Kershaw and Mrs. Ferriman, and a violin solo by Master J. Grime. A pleasant evening was spent.—L. Hewitt, Assistant Secretary.

DEARNLEY.—On December 8th we held our open session, when we had a good gathering of scholars and friends. The chain recitations were well responded to. The pearls were very good; as also were the marching and calisthenics. Mr. Towler, the speaker for the day, gave some good advice to Lyceumists, and pointed out the benefits received from the Lyceum teachings. Altogether we had a very good day.—T. Pinchbeck, Secretary.

DUKINFIELD.—We held our open session on December 1st, about 100 being present from neighbouring Lyceums and taking part in the session. The usual programme was gone through. Recitations and readings were given by Bro. Shepley and Sisters Teague and Grayson, and Master W. Plenderleith. Mr. Poulton, D.V. for the District, gave a short address on the improvement of the Lyceum work, which was very interesting. Mr. Chamberlaine, the speaker for the day, also gave a very good address. Thanks to the visitors for their encouraging presence brought a pleasant day to a close.—George Ellis, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD (off West Well Street).—We held our open session on December 1st. The silver chain was led by Mr. Eastwood. The musical reading was led by Misses Annie Broadley, Mary A. Holt and Mary Broadley. The golden chain was led by J. T. Eastwood. Recitations were given by Mrs. Eastwood, Doris Baxter and Harold A. Eastwood. Singing by Mr. Baxter, A. Holderness and Miss Annie Broadley.—Hy. Waterhouse, Secretary.

HALIFAX (Alma Street).—On December 22nd we had our election of officers for the ensuing six months. We have no difficulty in getting officers until it comes to the election of

musical conductors. This is a trouble we have had for a long time, owing to the fact that our officials don't encourage the Lyceumists in any undertaking. The officers are as follows:—Conductor, Mr. J. Whiteley; assistant conductors, Misses E. Frith and A. Midgley; secretary, Mr. F. Townsend; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Simpson; librarian, Mr. W. Burrows; auditors, Mr. J. Wilby and Mr. H. Burrows.—Fred Townsend, Sec.

HECKMONDWIKE (Tower Street).—On December 8th we held our third open session, conducted by Miss Lily Firth and Mr. A. Wilkinson. Solos were rendered by Miss A. Wilkinson; recitations by J. Dutton, W. R. Lunn (1st prize) and Miss E. Clough (2nd prize for adults). Masters E. and C. Lister, 1st prize Manual for good conduct. Master A. Barlow (Manual), Lily Horner (Manual), E. Stocks (Brooch Badge), Joseph Taylor, R. Edraff and Willie Chambers each a Button Badge. Open session to be held every second Sunday.—J. H. Taylor, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On December 1st we held our open session before a moderate attendance. The silver and golden chain recitations were well rendered. The rendering of the musical reading was only moderate. Readings were given by Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. Hemingway, Mrs. Barrow and Mr. Brook. A duet by E. Brandon and M. Brook. Solos were given by C. Gledhill. The marching and calisthenics were good. The girls would look better if they waited till the marching was over before they commence to put their clothing on.—W. W. Wallis, Secretary.

HYDE.—We held our open session, when a good number assembled to listen to a good Lyceum worker in the person of Mrs. Law. The usual course of singing, marching and calisthenics, etc., were gone through. On December we had a social given by the Lyceum scholars, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The sum of £2 5s. 2d. was realised by the effort, which was duly handed over to the Lyceum and Society.—Joseph Smith, Secretary.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—We held our open session on December 8th, when the members of Stream Group (leaders Mr. Summers and H. Kay) provided the programme, which consisted of a duet by W. Pickles and W. Summers, solos by H. Midgley, T. Clarke, A. Rowley and T. Pickles; recitations, H. Clarke, G. Rowley, T. Halliday and W. Teal. Mr. T. Clarke read an essay on "Golden Chain Recitation 107." Miss Nellie and Willie Teal (the former a member of Fountain Group, and Willie a member of Stream Group) were each presented with a Lyceum Manual, as they are leaving the town. At the close of the session all present joined hands and sang "God be with you till we meet again."—H. W. Kay, Sec.

LEEDS (Psycho Lyceum).—On Sunday evening, December 8th, the members of the above Lyceum, assisted by the Armley Spiritualist Church Choir, gave the service of song, "In heaven's name," in aid of the Society's funds, before a good audience. Solos were rendered by Miss Yarwood and Mrs. W. Barnes, and the duet by two young ladies from Armley. Mr. Pearson, of Armley, officiated at the organ. The reader was Mr. Wm. Barnes. Mr. Harry Pearson, the Lyceum conductor, acted as the chairman. Our thanks are due to our Armley friends for their able assistance.—Wm. Barnes, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On December 15th we held a very enjoyable session, the platform being taken by our Liberty Group, under the leadership of Mr. W. B. Wright. Songs and recitations from the Lyceum Manual were nicely rendered by the following:—Misses N. Newcombe, A. Clarke, M. Clarke, E. Pell, M. Baldwin, F. College, V. Piccaver, M. Reavill and Mr. E. Swift. I am also pleased to report continued progress in our Lyceum.—James Bishop, Secretary.

LITTLETOWN (Well Street).—We held our annual tea and concert for the benefit of our volunteer organist. We had some very good recitations by the Lyceumists. A reading by Miss T. Brook. Duet by Misses Smith and Flathers. Songs by Miss E. A. Paulket and Miss A. Hirst. All the items were well rendered and greatly enjoyed. We closed with a vote of sympathy to our conductor, who, I am sorry to say, is ill.—L. Westcott, Secretary.

LONDON (Tottenham).—On December 1st, Mr. May, our treasurer, gave a short address on "Flowers," which we all enjoyed. December 8th we had a very good attendance, marching and calisthenics being very smartly done. Recitations by Elsie Barnes, Marie Blake and Kathleen Jones. December 15th we had a very good time in our Lyceum. Readings were given by Mr. May, Harold Jones and Kathleen Jones; recitations by

Dorothy Steele and Fred Lightfoot. We were also favoured by a visit from our Vice-President, Mr. Lawrence, who gave us a few encouraging remarks on how to succeed in life, which we greatly appreciated. We are also pleased to ask you to kindly increase our BANNERS by another half-dozen.—Charles Barrington, Conductor.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—On December 15th we held our quarterly open session, a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends being present. In the afternoon we went through the usual programme, the marching, calisthenics, golden and silver chain recitations being well rendered. Mr. Braham (our late conductor) conducted the session. Recitations were given by the following:—Misses D. Paddock, D. Millner, G. Hardwick, E. Wardle, A. Cheetwood, Master A. Sims, R. Gilbert, W. Porter, W. Thorpe and Mr. Fitch. Mr. J. Jones gave a reading and Mr. Gordon sang a solo. In the evening we gave a service of song, entitled "Facts stranger than Fiction." Reader and composer, Mr. Brummell, of Cheetham Hill. Mr. A. E. Jones (our new conductor) ably occupied the chair.—Miss L. Sims.

MOTHERWELL (Watson Street).—On December 15th we had Mr. Hendry with us, who, after our usual programme, gave us a splendid address, encouraging all to push on the noble work, which we hope will one day stand supreme. The address was appreciated by all present, and was well worthy the reception it received. Our annual social takes place on Monday, December 30th. The children are anxiously looking forward to it, as the prizes are to be distributed on that occasion.—James Porteous, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On December 1st we held our open session, or temperance session. Our Conductor gave a short address, Lily Huntbach sang for us, Masters Archie and Albert Shipley recited, Harold Huntbach gave a mouth organ solo. After marching and calisthenics, Mrs. Knobb gave a short address, followed by Mr. Masters on "Temperance" and Mr. Elvidge. The session was most enjoyable.—Miss E. H. Yates, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Hyson Green).—We received a visit from the Gladstone Hall Lyceum. Mr. Shipley conducted the joint Lyceums. Short addresses were given by the officers of both Lyceums, which were well received. Recitations were given by the scholars. We are glad to see a growing unity between the different Lyceums in Nottingham, and hope it will long continue to be so.—Mrs. E. Gratton.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—On December 1st we held our open session. Recitations were given by Elsie Bostock, Laura Vine, Edith Farnath, Ada Brown, Elsie Brown, Bert Everett, Harry Farnath. A solo was sung by Harry Farnath, and Mr. J. W. Rayner gave a violin solo. Mrs. Deakin, wife of the conductor, presented two prizes for the longest and best-rendered recitations. These were won by Edith Farnath and Elsie Brown, who each said a recitation of considerable length without a mistake. Lewis Cooke was elected judge. On December 16th we had a tea and concert in aid of the Lyceum Prize Fund. About 50 sat down to tea, which number was augmented for the concert, which was a success.—Lewis Cooke, Secretary.

OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—On Sunday, December 22nd, we held our Lyceum open session at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., when the singing, golden and silver chain recitations, marching and calisthenics were gone through in a very satisfactory manner, calling forth praise from Mr. Knight, who was the speaker for the day. In the afternoon he spoke on "The Origin of Christmas," and in the evening on "What will become of our children?" both being very instructive and giving food for thought. We are looking forward to the time when he will be with us again.—W. T. Weitzel, Secretary.

RAWTENSTALL.—On December 22nd we had the pleasing ceremony of naming a baby in our Lyceum. Its father has been investigating Spiritualism, and is so well satisfied that he wished to have his baby named in the Lyceum. Miss Dewhirst, conductor, performed the ceremony in a very pleasing manner after the singing of "Heart Flowers." Earthly name Arthur Wm. Wilson, spiritual name "Onward." Our Conductor's remarks were very interesting and instructive.—Geo. Hy. Foster, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—On December 7th we held our annual tea and distribution of prizes. The ladies committee very generously found the money for the prizes. Miss Jenkinson ably presided over the meeting. Mrs. Nurse kindly

distributed the prizes in a most pleasing and encouraging manner. Songs, recitations, dialogues and action songs were well rendered by the scholars. Also Miss Firth, of Blackpool, sang for us "The song that reached my heart." We sincerely hope the coming year has much success and prosperity in store for us. A vote of thanks to the ladies brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—Joseph Dean, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—On December 1st Mr. Fulwood conducted in the unavoidable absence of F. Whiteley, the conductor for the day. Our session was cut short on account of the District Council meeting. December 8th—Mr. F. Whiteley conducted. Alice Jarvis sang "Down in yonder green fields," Captain Martin sang "Joy Bells," W. H. Bowmer sang "Bells are ringing in the air," Ada Johnson recited "Granny's letter," Sydney Smith "Little Jim," W. Butler "Excelsior," W. H. Bowmer repeated the parable of the "Prodigal Son." These efforts were well appreciated by the whole of the Lyceum. The groups have been well attended during the month, and the efforts of Mr. Button, Mr. Webster and Mr. Sharpe have created much discussion.—H. Bowmer, Sec.

SHILDON.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 22nd, a service of song entitled "Unseen Hands," was well rendered by the Lyceum. A good company being present. Collections in aid of the Permanent Secretary Fund of the British Spiritualists, Lyceum Union. The members of the Lyceum wish to tender their sincere thanks to the Society for the use of the hall.—Jas. Peat, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On Dec. 1st, we held our open session, the following contributed to the programme Readings, "Proverbs," Master Cecil Houldcroft, and Mrs. Kay, "Grandpa's Spectacles." Recitations:—For Granny's Sake, Miss Lizzie Bolton; "Funeral of Sir John Moore," Master Edgar Kingsley; "Things in the bottom drawer," Miss Elsie Guest; "Legend o' Brigantes," Miss Cissie Bell; "The Mitherless Bairn," Miss Ethel Senior. Dec. 15th, Mr. G. Grime from the Blackburn St. Peter Street Lyceum paid us a visit, and rendered valuable assistance throughout the session. He also addressed the Lyceum and complimented us on our efficiency and proficiency in different departments. We have decided to hold our first tea party and entertainment on New Year's Day.—Miss Elsie Guest, Sec.

STOCKTON-on-TEES (Silver Street).—On Dec. 1st, we held an open session, which was well attended. The marching and calisthenics were well done. Mrs. Nicholson of Bradford gave a short address to the Lyceum. We are now busy preparing ourselves for a good start in the New Year. Our hope is to make 1908 superior to any year in the history of our Lyceum. All our officers are desirous for this achievement. We hope to have the hearty co-operation of our scholars. Given this, we shall succeed.—Richelieu Brown, Sec.

TODMORDEN.—On December 1st we held our monthly open session, at which we had a very good attendance. Mr. Dale gave a song and a short address. An address was also given by Mr. W. J. Braund. Mr. Wallace the medium for the day gave a recitation, and made a few remarks. Miss Uttley sang "Ora Pro Nobis," Miss M. Stephenson recited. A list of those entitled to prizes was read out which showed there were 14 1st prizes, 3 2nd prizes, and 4 3rd prizes. Also 4 prizes for best conduct have also been given by two friends connected with our Lyceum.—Geo. Crossley, Sec. and Miss A. Emmott, Assist. Sec.

WINDHILL (Shipley).—We held our open session on Dec. 1st, when we had a fairly good attendance. Solos and recitations were nicely rendered. The marching and calisthenics were very good.—H. Alderson, Sec.

YORK, (St. Saviourgate).—On Dec. 22nd we had a splendid rally of Lyceumists, who helped to make our Lyceum session one of the happiest and most successful we have had for some time. Parents and friends turned up in goodly numbers at night. Recitations were given by:—Gladys Middleton; Hilda Watkinson; Doris Watkinson; Mabel Parker; Ronald Rush; and Harry Apedaile. Solos and other vocal items were rendered by Laura Rush; Ruth Wells; Bertha Middleton; Gertrude Watkinson; Ruth Watkinson; Maud Grainger; Harry and Edwin Apedaile; Miss Dwyer; Miss Sherburn; and Miss Parker. The marching and calisthenics were executed with a vigour and smartness which gave encouragement to our leaders and reflected credit to our Lyceum. Result, happy children, and 3 new members.—Charles Hall, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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- Accrington**, China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr J. F. Shuttleworth, 1 Lion-st., Church
 „ Carter-st., 10-30, G. R. Sutcliffe, 60, Pendle street
- Altrincham**, Station rd., 2-30 p.m., Mr. J. Bardsley, 1, Daisy Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, Timperley
- Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Crabtree, 3 Abercorn street, Armley road, Leeds
- Ashington Colliery**, 2 p.m., Mr. Matthew Redpath, 177, Clyde Street, Hirst
- Ashton - under - Lyne**, Burlington street, 10-30, Mr. A. France, 174 Margaret street
- Bacup**, Market street, 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m., Mr. B. J. Riding, 151a, Rochdale road
- Barnoldswick**, Green street, 10-30 and 1-30, Miss N. Pickering, 4 Sturart-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, 31, Osborne st.
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Berry's Buildings, 10 and 2, Miss Ada Lawton, 16, Dalkith-st.
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- Batley Carr**, Carr st., 10 and 2, Miss Ethel Myers, 15 Cross Mount-st, Warwick-rd, Batley
- Belper**, Jubilee hall, 10 and 2, Mr. J. Hawkins, Brook side.
- Birkenhead**, 161 Grange road, 11 a.m., Mr. John Parry, 42 Frodsham street, Tranmere
- Birmingham**, Saltley, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 194, Washwood Heath road, Saltley.
 „ 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., 10 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 Platt, 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**, Manchester-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 Wallsall
- Burnley**, Hammerton st, 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 24 Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulledge, Richard st, 10 a.m., Miss J. Cooper, 18, Sussex-st.
 „ North st, 9-30, Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw street.
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurninglow Wharf, 10 & 2-45, Mr. George Forrester, 54 Go don street
- Bury**, Paradise st., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. F. Hepworth, 2a Cateaton-st.,
- Cardiff**, 58, Queen-st., 2-45 p.m., Mr. S. Harris, 88, Albany rd., Roath.
- Carlisle**, West Walls, 10-30. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 38 Bright street, Newton Carlisle
- Castleford**, Britten hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Atack 100, Hugh street, Beancroft road
- Chester**, 85 Brook street, 10-30. Mr. Arthur B. Priddey, 25 Se ler street
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 16, Valley-road, Spittal
- Clayton-le-Moors**, 10 a.m., Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington
- Cleckheaton**, Old Robin-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. B. Walshaw Listing Lane Cottages, Gomersal, near Leeds
- Colne**, Cloth hall, 9-30, E. Hargreaves, 28, Patten street
- Crewe**, Mill-st., 10-30. Hy. Walker, 26, Stamford avenue
- Daisy Hill**, Mabel st., Leigh rd., 10 a.m., Mr. E. Birchall, 280, 1 Leigh rd., Westhoughton.
- Darwen**, Church bank-st, 9-30, & 1-45, Mr. J. Clarkon, 116 Elizabeth-terrace, Red Earth-rd.
- Dearnley** 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, 96, Upper-rd., Batley Carr, Batley
- Doncaster**, 11, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. A. Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Balley
 „ Netherhall Road, 10-30. Miss Hilda Hilson, 42, Childer st, Elmfield.
- Dukinfield**, Railway st., 10-30, Geo. Ellis, 26 Portland place, Portland st., Ashton-u-Lyne
- Dundee**, Camperdown Hall, Barrack st., 12-30, Mr. J. Inglis, jr., 22 Dundonald st., Clepington
- Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, 12-20, Miss M. Odhner, 10, Garland place, Barriack road.
- Edinburgh**, Queen street, 2-30, Miss Jessie Mitchell, 65 Warendor 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., Shepherds Ha l, 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. S. Binns, 200 Queen's road
- Hamilton**, Burnbank, Glasgow road, 4 p.m. Mr. Thomas Mason, 43 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.
- Heckmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. James Taylor, Lobley-st.
- Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert Cload, Holland street, off Wil iam street
- Higher Broughton**, Salford, Hilton st, 10-30 and 2, Mr. J. R. Henshall, Hilton street
- Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m., Mr. R. Barrington, 209, Sandy lane
- Hollinwood**, Byrom-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape, 661 Hollin's road, nr. Oldham
- Horwich nr. Bolton**, Beatrice st, 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 4 Abraham st.
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden st., 10, Mr. A. Jagger, 8, School-st., Mold Green
 „ St. Peter st., 10-15, Mr. Wallis, 43, Clara st., Fartown
- Hull**, Lime-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**, Athenzum st, St Leonards gate 10-30 Mr. A. H. Dawes, 31 Sterling rd., Moorlands
- Leeds**, Bethel st, 10 a.m., Mr. Pullan Duxbury, 11 Crow Nest lane, Beeston, Leeds
 „ Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr Wm. Barnes, 23 Ashton street, Harehills road
 „ Joseph-st., 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Alice Hesp, 33, Sunbeam-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.
- 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. L. Westcott, Benjamin street, Union road, near Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Mr. W. Pickup 6, Scholar-st., Smithdown-rd.
 „ Dauby hall, Dauby street, 10-30 a.m., Miss Millicent Clarke, 12 Osborne grove
- London**, Battersea park, Mrs Bolton, 35 Beauchamp-road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
- 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.** 56, 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, Littleshall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. Albinston, 5 Bond street
- Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. Williams, 86, Bellott st., Cheetham
- Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10, Mr. Arthur P. Anyon, 117, Junction st., Newton Heath.
- 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.
- „ Ardwick**, 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30, Miss L. Sims, 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, 2-30, Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 67, St. Paul s-rd.
- Millom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mr. Wm. Tyson, 5 Kathrine street
- Morley**, Fountain-st., 10 a.m., Mr. 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**, 20, Royal Arcade, 2-30, Mr. Albert Brown, 32 Polmaise street, Blyadon-on-Tyne.
- Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. Frank E. Brittain, 3 Victoria street, Newcastle
- „ Heaton** Spiritual Institute, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle
- New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.
- Nottingham** Gladston hall 2-30, Miss E.H. Yates, 1, St. Ann Valley, Hunger hill road
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter., 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mrs. E. Grattan, 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