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ONE PENNY

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND."

BY CHARLES TABERNER.

CHAPTER II.

On their return, they found the woman sitting with the farmer's wife in the parlour, and on their entrance they had a better opportunity of studying the face and form of the woman they had rescued. Her wet clothing had been exchanged for dry ones, and though they fitted her somewhat loosely, they were not able to hide the agitation the lady was evidently labouring under. Yet the strangeness of their attire, and the still stranger meeting of these three would have provoked some amusement, had it not been for the serious thought of what the woman had attempted. This put a certain reserve upon any attempt at frivolity on the part of any of that strange company, and when the hostess retired, the stranger turned to the woman, and in a stern voice demanded what explanation she had to offer for her attempt to commit suicide?

The woman started at the plain question put to her, then her face coloured, and she hung her head in shame, and tears again began to run slowly down her face. This caused the hard look to pass from the stranger's face, for he recognised in the action a return of the better nature of the woman before him, and knew that her resolve to take her life had been broken, and that there was now some hope of them saving her from herself.

She would not be more than thirty-five. Yet the face had such a forlorn and dejected expression, that both her rescuers felt drawn towards her in pity because of some deep sorrow which must have indeed been heavy and bitter to cause such a look of hopeless dejection to settle there. She was over the medium of women in height, but the stooping attitude, and the wasted form, told their own tale of the weight of suffering this poor woman had experienced, and when she did not appear inclined to tell them the cause of her seeking death, the stranger turned again to her. But now his voice vibrated with deep emotion, and was soft in gentle pleading for her to tell them her story that they might assist her to gain release from so treacherous a state as that revealed in her action.

"Fear not my good woman, we will save you," he said. Such sympathy and feeling as was shown in voice, broke away all reserve, and between her deep sobs they learned her story, and as they listened their hearts were more deeply touched, for her story told of a deeper sorrow than either of the two listeners had imagined, or thought possible that any human being could have to face, and no wonder that she had attempted to seek release in death. This poor woman was the wife of a scoundrel, as was clearly

seen in the story she had unfolded to the two men. One of those men who have neither thought nor feeling. He had married this woman under the pretence of deep devotion, but shortly after his whole manner changed, and he became careless and indifferent, and eventually gave up work, and forced her to support him, but not being satisfied with this, he became abusive, both in words and actions towards her, and for twelve years she had been his slave, robbing herself of the bare necessities of life, because she feared his cruelty. Recently she had been made conscious of a growing weakness, which had many times necessitated her remaining at home. On these occasions he had been more than usually cruel. Only that day she had one of these illnesses, when he had abused her, and told her she was only acting, and striking her heavily with his clenched fist, he forced her from the house, and threatened her if she dared return before her work was finished. She dared not return home, consequently she sought death to escape her husband's cruelty.

"My dear woman," said the stranger, with some show of feeling, "I am very sorry for you, and I will do my best to alter your circumstances, but are you aware of the awful weight of responsibility you would have brought upon yourself had you succeeded in your determination? Let me show you what it would have meant to you. Your only thought was to escape from your husband's cruelty, with a selfish desire that he might feel the bitter pangs of remorse in knowing that he had driven you to the action. But what would have been your position when you awoke in another world? It would have been you would have found remorse, and your sufferings here would have been as nothing compared to what they would have been there. Your misery would have been intensified, and there would have been little hope for you in the future. Thank God that you have been saved from that awful crime."

The grief of the poor woman was now almost hysterical. But by sympathetic pleadings they were successful in calming her fears, and after arranging about her stay at the farm, the two men went out for a short stroll until the stranger's clothes were dry.

"Ours has been a strange meeting, sir," said Walter, when they stood outside, "but I am pleased to have met you to-day. Your words to that poor woman have touched a subject upon which my whole life is centred just now."

"Our coming together has certainly been strange, and may not be the outcome of chance, but the working of a deeper power," replied the stranger. "There may be a purpose in our being thrown together so strangely, and what you refer to may have been the purpose aimed at. But to feel more comfortable together, and to have a greater freedom in our talk,

and feel more confidence in each other, I think it would be better if we each knew to whom we were speaking." Then he handed Walter his card, upon which was printed these words, "Robert Marsden, Specialist." Walter stood gazing at the card for some time, while a peculiar smile played about the face of the other as he closely watched his companion and studied him, then he remarked in a pleasant tone, "Is there something wrong with the card that you study it so minutely?" The other started, and for the moment appeared fluttered. But quickly pulling himself together he answered, "I am very sorry, and humbly beg your pardon, sir, I was for the moment lost to my surroundings." Then he passed his card to his companion and again lapsed into silence.

(To be continued).

After Many Days :

OR

James Henderson's Conversion to Spiritualism.

By ALFRED KITSON.

CHAPTER XV (continued).

"And supposing the phenomena are true, could you not still remain a member of our church?" he asked, in order to turn the subject into a more agreeable channel.

"No, sir, I could not, the teachings are so opposed to each other, and I must believe the testimony of those who have proved the great secret for themselves," was the reply.

"Well, you may return to your desk, James," said Mr. Ward, as he toyed with the seal affixed to his massive gold Albert. "I merely wanted to ascertain whether the report was true or no. I must say, James, that I gave you credit for a larger stock of common sense than you appear to have displayed in this case," he added, scornfully, to hide the emotion within his breast.

CHAPTER XVI.

MR. HENDERSON, hat in hand, made for the door without even so much as noticing the last sentence. As he was about to close the door after him, his employer called out, "Oh! I say, James, have you any literature of this strange thing about you that one could look at?"

He stood for a moment as if in deep thought, then remarked, "I have none of our weekly organs on me, sir, at present, but I have a very valuable book here," he said, as he drew *Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young*, from his coat pocket, "which I can lend you, sir, and if you will peruse it you will be able to judge whether I am justified in refusing to subscribe myself a Christian, or not," he remarked, with a slight tinge of irony in his voice, evoked by his employers remarks, which were a slur on his mental powers, and having handed him the book, he sought his own desk.

Mr. Ward's reflections on what he had learned during the brief interview were varied. He was half inclined to credit the account of his employee, and more so when he thought of his late pastor's reported confession. It was all very strange because it was true, and he was surprised how it had got out if there had been no actual communion. He had rued acting harshly towards Mr. White ever since he had heard of his death, and if it were to be done over again he would have declined to have been a party to such shady practices in connection with their chapel. The incidents of the whole painful case made him more charitable towards Mr. Henderson. The interview was not the only one. Having read the work lent him he sought for more information, which so whetted his appetite for spiritual matters that he obtained the help of his clerk to make arrangements for some private manifestations, at which he obtained materialisations and subsequently slate-writing under strict test conditions. But we are anticipating.

The first time Mr. Henderson visited his betrothed after the interview with his employer, she was at once controlled by their late minister, who thanked his young friend warmly for the great help he had rendered him on the occasion. Mr. Henderson was much surprised, and confessed his ignorance as to the control's meaning. Whereupon he said, "I am referring

to the fact that you informed my old friend, Mr. Ward, of my regret for my treatment of Mr. White, this medium's father. For some time I have been endeavouring to impress Mr. Ward, so as to soften his mind towards professing Spiritualists, and kindle a more charitable feeling towards them, with only partial success. But now I shall be able to reach him more effectively and bring about the desired change."

Our hero expressed his pleasure at such good news, and hoped he would succeed for the sake of a number of work-people who were joining the ranks.

This control was so unexpected that he had not related the incident to the object of his warmest and holiest affections, so that it carried all the elements of a splendid test, and was in every respect satisfactory, the medium being in no way influenced by anything that had been said. On regaining consciousness Miss White handed a note of invitation to Mr. Henderson, to attend the Children's Progressive Lyceum, sent by the conductor. This caused him to make more particular inquiries about this Sunday institution, and to his question of "What is this Children's Progressive Lyceum?" she answered, "Well, dear, it is a Sunday School, and yet something more. To use the explanation as given in one of its recitations, 'it is the school of a liberal and harmonious education. Its object is the unfolding of all the faculties of a child's nature in their due order and degree. This is sought to be attained by removing obstacles to self-development, and providing the expanding intelligence with the food which it can assimilate according to its needs. The divisions of its studies are two, viz., physical and mental. In the first are comprised light and graceful calisthenics, arranged so as to exercise every portion of the body. The child's nature is further relieved by marching to cheerful and enlivening music. There is no sitting still in the old hum-drum fashion. The second is sought to be attained by such instructions as call forth the power of the pupils, through judicious information and careful discussion. The distinguishing feature of the Lyceum from other modes of tuition is, its comprehensiveness, variety, and tolerance, and its perfect accordance with the laws of Nature. Its characteristic qualities are, that it teaches a religion of reason, truth, and goodness. It aims at the physical, intellectual, moral, and spiritual elevation of its members, and through them of the world at large.'"

"If it succeeds in one half of what you have just enumerated said Mr. Henderson, "it will do well, and is worthy of my earnest consideration. I am pleased it has anticipated the progressive spirit of a few earnest hearts of the Sunday School," he added, "in providing the pupils with some light forms of exercise. It is unnatural to expect children to sit still on forms the whole of the school hours. This is already being recognised by some in the schools, and they are agitating for such reforms as the progressive spirit of the times demands."

After a few inquiries as to the origin of the Lyceum, he remarked, "I suppose these institutions are well sustained by the Spiritualists in general. Seeing there is such a radical difference in the teachings of Spiritualism and Christianity, it will be impossible for the conscientious father and mother to send their children to be taught that which they know to be false, so that every society will necessarily establish a Lyceum for the right instruction and training of the children of its members."

"Not all societies, dear, but I am happy to say that Spiritualists are at last beginning to wake up to the importance of training their children. It is hoped that by and by each society will be considered incomplete that does not encourage and sustain a Lyceum.

"You surprise me," he remarked thoughtfully; "its importance ought to be more generally appreciated. What would the denominations in Christendom do were it not for their Sunday schools?"

"You must remember, dear James, that as a rule most of the places—call them spiritual churches if you wish—are managed and kept up by a few earnest souls. No doubt when the labour of maintaining them is more evenly shared by larger numbers of people they will not rest satisfied until they have made ample provision for all their children."

After further conversation it was finally decided that Mr. Henderson should visit the Lyceum. The following Sunday he witnessed the proceedings for the first time, and was delighted with the general programme. He caused his name to be entered on the role as a member. At the subsequent general election he was chosen as an officer, and became an ardent and much respected worker.

There were great stirrings among the members both of the society and Lyceum when it was known that Mr. Henderson and Miss White were to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony at an early date. As the ceremony of either church or chapel was distasteful to them, the nuptial knot was tied by Professor Monroe, at the Spiritual Temple, where a banquet was to be held in honour of the happy couple.

Many friends, both old and young, assembled, and gave the joyous pair hearty congratulations and all sorts of good wishes when they made their appearance on the threshold of the Temple. The bride, looking angelic in her new found happiness, was leaning on the arm of the bridegroom, who looked lovingly conscious of the treasure he had won for a wife, and fully prepared to cherish and protect her. He could not forget the mental and spiritual blessings that the task of winning her had brought him.

Immediately behind the happy couple came Mr. Ward, his employer, who had acted as best man, and leaning on his arm was Mrs. White, proud and smiling and tremulously happy, the bridesmaids bringing up the rear.

After the repast, envelopes were placed in the hands of both by the president, who had received them from Mr. Ward, just before that gentleman left for the evening. In that of Mr. Henderson was a note bearing the glad tidings that he was promoted to the office of cashier to the firm, while in that of the bride was a small note conveying Mr. Ward's compliments, and praying her to accept the enclosed, a £50 Bank of England note, in part atonement to her esteemed father. Their hearts were filled with gratitude. And of all the happy hearts in the festivities of the evening, none were so happy as those of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

THE END.

Bible Studies, No. 13.

THE FIRE TEST.

The king Nebuchadnezzar commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego should be cast into a furnace made seven times hotter than usual. It was so hot, we are told, that the heat killed the men who cast them into the furnace. The king was astonished to see them unhurt, and walking about in the furnace. At the king's command they came out of the furnace, and it was found that the fire had no power over them, their hair was unsinged, their coats not burned, nor the smell of fire on them. Daniel III., 18-27.

It is quite evident that the fourth person seen by the king in the furnace was a protecting spirit who had power to protect them from being burned. Hence it was that when they came forth their protector and guardian had disappeared.

This is not an isolated instance, by very many, of the power to resist the action of fire on person and clothing. It is evident from Virgil that Etrurians in their worship of Apollo on Mount Soracte walked through fire uninjured, for he says:

"O Patron of Socrates' high abodes,
Phoebus the ruling power among the Gods,
Whom first we serve, whole woods of unctuous
pine
Are fell'd for thee, and to thy glory shine.
By thee protected, with our naked soles,
Through flames unsing'd we march, and tread
the kindled coals."

Æni, xi., v. 786.

Pliny bears testimony to the truth of the above lines, for he says, "Not far from the City of Rome, in the country of Falisci, there are some few families who go by the name of *Hirpian*, who, in an annual sacrifice which is held to Apollo upon Mount Soc-

rate, walk over a heap of burning wood without hurt, and are, therefore, by a perpetual decree of the Senate, exempt from serving in the wars, or being burthened with any duty."

The religious fire dance of the modern Fiji is an evidence that this power to resist fire still survives. The following account appeared in *Horner's Weekly* of June 11th, 1904, page 32:

"One of the strongest and most terrible of heathen religious festivals is the fire-dance of the Fiji Islanders. Although the majority of the natives profess Christianity, and their chiefs take part in administrative work under an English governor, the ceremony has been witnessed quite recently. Dr. H. M. Hocken gives the following account of it:

"The oven was 25 or 30 feet long and 8 feet broad, and was shaped like a saucer. The deepest part of the depression was 15 feet long. The preparations had been undertaken long enough in advance to avert any delay, and the visitors saw the stones still covered with embers, which were removed in their presence by means of long poles bearing loops of green withes.

"Walking besides the pit before this was done the man with the thermometer recorded a temperature of 114 degrees. After the stones were uncovered he hung his instrument out over the centre of the oven, 6 feet above the stones, whereupon the mercury rose to 282 degrees. The solder was melting, and the instrument was likely to be ruined if left in that position longer.

"Two of the men who were to walk across the oven were examined by Dr. Hocken before their daring act. Their feet and legs were entirely bare. The soles were soft and flexible, showing that they had not been rendered permanently callous.

"In order to detect the presence of chemicals, which might have been applied for the occasion, Dr. Hocken did not hesitate to lick the native's feet. But his scientific zeal availed nothing.

"Finally, at a given signal, the seven or eight natives who took part in the ceremony came down in single file to the oven, and walked across the stones from one end to the other of the pit. Immediately after they emerged Dr. Hocken again inspected their feet, but could find no sign of burning or blistering."

Several mediums have at different times and places shown this power to resist the action of fire. I will cite two cases, one of which I had the good fortune to witness. The first is that of Mr. Jenken, who testified before the Dialectal Society, London, on April 13th, 1869, Dr. Edmonds in the chair, that he had himself witnessed fire tests several times. He said he had seen Lord Adare hold in the palm of his hand a burning coal, which Mr. Home had placed there, so hot that the mere momentary touch with his (Mr. Jenken's) finger caused a burn. At Mr. S. C. Hall's a large lump of burning coal was placed on his (Mr. Hall's) head by Mr. Home. And only within the last few days he had seen a metal bell, made red hot in the fire, placed on a lady's hand without causing injury. At Mr. Hemming's house, Norwood, he had seen Mr. Home place his face in the flames of the fire, the flames penetrating through

his hair without causing injury." Page 119.

The other case took place in the month of Feb. 1886, when Mr. J. Burns, the Editor of the *Medium and Daybreak*, was giving one of his limelight lectures on spirit phenomena in the Town Hall, Sowerby Bridge. The hall would be about two-thirds full, say about 300. During the evening it was whispered that a Mr. Hopcroft, of London, was present, and as there was a report in the current issue of the *Medium and Daybreak* describing one of Mr. Hopcroft's seances in which he had taken a lump of burning coal out of the fire grate with his naked hand, it was suggested that he give the meeting a fire test. The suggestion grew to a strong demand by a sceptical audience which thought it scented some lively fun. It was in vain Mr. Hopcroft pointed out there was no fire. The audience cried out in exultant tones, "There is the gas, the gas, the gas!" Ultimately he yielded to the frantic demand with the remark, "If the spirit who had given the fire test at the seance in question could use him to give them one, he was willing for him to try. But if he failed he took no blame, as he was but the spirit's humble instrument. If he succeeded he claimed no credit, for the same reason."

He then mounted the platform and stood on a chair so as to reach the gas bracket, where the gas was turned on at full. He then deliberately thrust his right hand into the flame, and held it there, allowing it to burn through his expanded fingers. He then submitted his thumb to the flame, and next each finger without any apparent ill effect. He was then requested to walk over to the gas bracket at the other end of the platform, so that those who were unable to see the fire test owing to the large sheet in front of the platform to receive the limelight pictures, could also see it. He again submitted his right hand to the same process, to the evident surprise and marvel of the audience. When he dismounted a gentleman mounted the platform and chair to try the experiment on himself, remarking as he did so, "It looks to me as if the gas has lost its heat." But no sooner did he put his hand into the flame than he quickly withdrew it, with the remark, "Those who think it won't burn can come and try it. I've got a smart blister."

Strange to say, not another person in that audience of 300 ventured to try the experiment.

To be continued.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

All notices of motion to come before the Conference to be held at Middlesbrough, on May 9th and 10th, 1908, must reach the Union's General Secretary not later than March 23rd, the same to be published in the "Lyceum Banner" for April, as per Article X., page 5, of the Union's Constitution.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Secretary.

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Lyceum Lesson Plan for March, 1908

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Hymn.
March 1.	359	308	225	136	330
" 8.	341	79	*340	139	402
" 15.	387	71	*88	144	401
" 22.	382	66	221	146	383
" 29.	374	52	240	134	359
April 5.	315	82	237	131	337

* Impromptu readings by selected members in the Lyceum.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

March 1st.—"Every beautiful, pure and good thought which the heart entertains is an angel of mercy, purifying and guiding the soul."

March 8th.—"Ay, neighbour, they are as heaven made them—handsome enough if they be good enough—for handsome is that handsome does."—*Oliver Goldsmith.*

March 15th.—"Well, if what you tell me be true, and I am to be a beggar, it shall never make me a rascal or induce me to disavow my principles."—*Oliver Goldsmith.*

March 22nd.—"There is no character more contemptible than a man that is a fortune-hunter; and I can see no reason why fortune-hunting women should not be contemptible too."—*Oliver Goldsmith.*

March 29th.—"That virtue which requires to be ever guarded is scarcely worth the sentinel."—*Oliver Goldsmith.*

April 5th.—"The kindness of heaven is promised to the penitent, and let ours be directed by the example."—*Oliver Goldsmith* ("Vicar of Wakefield").

March 1st. G.C.R. 136.

- I. Expositon. (a) What Spiritualism proves.
- (b) What Spiritualism teaches.
- (c) The effect on science and religion.
- (d) What good it has done for humanity.
- (e) What there is to fear or otherwise.

II. Grand Summary of Principles, sometimes called the Creed of Spiritualism.

III. Sketch the career of Mrs. E. H. Britten as a medium, and make certain that the children understand from whom the above notable sentences came.

- IV. Questions. What is a Spiritualist?
 - What rule of conduct ought we always to remember when we claim to be Spiritualists?
 - Do you think there is any truth in the old creeds and dogmas taught in chapels and churches?
 - Are you sure that your spirit-friends are conscious of all your actions?
 - What do you know about Mrs. E. H. Britten?

March 8th. G.C.R. 139.

- I. Recall the passing on of some young child, or

a Lyceumist, and thus introduce the subject of children in spirit life.

II. Read up Mr. A. J. Davis's account of spirit life in the children's sphere as narrated in *Outlines of Spiritualism*, by A. Kitson.

III. Note the following points particularly:—

- (a) The naturalness of death—being a new birth in like manner as births occur here.
- (b) The love and care bestowed on the newly-born child into spirit life by *suitable* people.
- (c) The sort of tuition it receives.
- (d) The development of the spirit body.
- (e) The companions of spirit children.

IV. The ultimate of their education and the admirable results shown in the vocations of teachers, guides and helpers.

Remind the class of the Pearl for the day, and question generally on the lesson and apply the same to each scholar.

March 15th. G.C.R. 144.

I. Define the following words: "Duty," physical, mental, moral, spiritual, and epitome (e-pit-o-me).

II. Duties to (a) self, (b) others, (c) and to God.

III. Show as clearly as you can that the individual must apply all these duties, first in his own body, home, work, and recreation, which is sure to give him the key towards loving his neighbour as himself, and seeing in the golden rule the absolute rule for right-doing.

IV. The epitome, so beautifully, clearly and logically put by Hudson Tuttle, is worth learning by heart so as to be able to give it as a Pearl of Thought. It is the sum total of the whole G.C.R.

V. State what you know of Hudson Tuttle, and if you can secure a photo or picture of him it will emphasize this splendid lesson all the more. (Refer to Pearl for the day).

March 22nd. G.C.R. 146.

I. Lesson Outline. Imagine a time when Spiritualism was practically unknown, and how it was introduced in your neighbourhood; how those who were brave enough to do so were treated; the outcome of their persecutions, etc.; thus leading up to meaning of *Pioneers of Freedom*. Tell the history of the cause of Spiritualism in the early days, recalling the names of men and women who are now in Spirit-life, and of others still at work on the platform, etc.; and make the main point of your lesson the *freedom we enjoy to-day through their labours*; also direct the children's minds to supplicate the aid of those grand souls to reverence truth, to tolerate those who differ from us in religious belief; to show kindness and sympathy to mediums; to train their spiritual faculties in hearing, seeing, and feeling spiritual influences; and to understand development of spirit to be like that of a flower.

March 29th. G.C.R. 134.

I. Exposition Life is immortal. Happiness depends on the right way of living.

(a) Wrong way to secure happiness is to follow the alluring phantom miscalled pleasure, e.g., drinking, gluttony, sensuality, gambling, miser's hoarding, swearing, false appetites, etc.

(b) The two causes are ignorance and selfishness.

II. Practical Reflections.

No man can follow any of these vices and bad habits without damaging his spiritual body. Reason this out from the simile of the caterpillar. Why not decide not to *try to do* anything that is ungentlemanly or unwholesome from the standpoint of culture, refinement, sweetness of character or being. Follow up the theme of cause and effect as seen in all the characters above mentioned, and their sure results seen in the spirit development after death. Persuade the boys to be aware of these things for the sake of the good and true examples of men and women whose words are given to warn, to comfort, and to bless.

Official Notice.

IMPORTANT TO A FEW LYCEUMS.

It is with deep regret that we feel compelled to print the following list of Lyceums whose Annual Returns and contributions to the Lyceum Union are overdue. We believe many of them desire to be represented at the forthcoming Lyceum Conference, to be held at Middlesbrough on May 9th and 10th, and in order to save them from disappointment the Executive Council adopts this means of notifying them, so that they may at once put themselves in order by sending in their Annual Returns and Contributions, as specified on the Form posted to all Lyceum Secretaries on December 26th, 1907. The following is a list of the Lyceums concerned:—Carter Street and China Street (Accrington); Barnsley; Berry's Buildings (Barrow-in-Furness); County Chambers (Birmingham); Cardiff; Chester; Daisy Hill; Edinburgh; New City Road (Glasgow); Greenock; Hamilton; Church Street (Leeds); Market Buildings (Leigh); Longton; William Street (Manchester); Morley; Benwell Co-op. Hall (Newcastle-on-Tyne); Coronation Street (Oldham); Parkgate; Leaf Square (Pendleton); Howard Street and Back Tusmore Street (Rotherham); Rothwell; Scarborough; Seacombe; Lion Street and Rochdale Road (Shaw); Slaithwaite; Bennett Street and Vaudry Street (Stalybridge); Wakefield; Warrington, and Wolverhampton.

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[Several items are unavoidably held over till next month.—Editor.]

The Bluebell Guild.

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

My dear Bluebells,—

I am in such a very great hurry, the Editor is waiting for our page, or else we shall have to be left out this month. [Received too late for February. Editor.] The reason I have to hurry is, I have been away from home to —; well now, it was almost out then, but I must not say, because I want to tell you something of the people and their doings. It was a place where there is a Lyceum, and on the Sunday I went. It appears they used to have a morning session, but either the Lyceumists, or officers, or both, have grown somewhat indifferent, and now they only have afternoon session. I went in very quietly, and was going to sit down when they invited me to go forward and join in the session. I am almost afraid to say any more, for they did not know who I was, but I think they will when they read "Our Bluebell's page" this month. It was not at all like a good many Lyceums I have been to, because they did not know how to do the marching and calisthenics properly. However, I heard the Conductor saying, "They would have to be done, and thoroughly well too, before he was satisfied." So I came away thinking, "When Conductors talk like that there is still hope someone is going to strive for perfection." I shall go again before long and see if they have improved. If so, I will tell you.

Miss Maud Mary Russell, London, sends me the following story on "Birds and Angels," which I feel sure you all will like to read:—

BIRDS AND ANGELS.

Don't you think it is very natural to connect them together? I do. When quite a small child, I always thought that the song birds, flitting from bough to bough, would be as kind as angels if I could only induce them to pause awhile and make friends. Yet, at the same time, I always rejoiced in their wings and thought how strong and safe they must feel when cleaving the air. How nice to be able to flee away from every danger and annoyance! Nevertheless, our friends, the sparrows and robins, who come to pay special calls at our window sills during wintry weather, are very timid, even when they know that we are quite ready to give them breakfast or afternoon tea, just as they want it. I used to live with a friend who feeds them every morning, and I find they are not thoroughly good vegetarians, for invariably they prefer white bread crumbs to the good wholemeal. In the country, it is much easier to become acquainted with different kinds of birds and to know their distinguishing features. The song thrush has various notes in his collection of music, and, no doubt, you have often listened to him with pleasure. What a treat it is to hear the nightingale from about 10 to 11 p.m. in the sweet month of June! When his lovely strain is heard in the stillness of night while the other birds and the flowers

are sleeping, one's heart is strangely touched with a sense of the invisible worlds which lie closely round us so that we unconsciously touch, yet cannot altogether perceive them. And why? Because the solitary nightingale, careless of closed flower-cups, careless of aught beside, must often play the part of an angel to sad and lonely people. He, with his gentle ministry of song, appears to belong only to the Unseen. For this reason, I would far rather hear only one than have a great chorus near my open window. These thoughts help us to understand why angels are always represented with wings. Who was the first artist who thus pictured such wondrous beings? It would be very interesting if we could answer this question. He must have seen some wonderful vision of the kind, and then tried to express his ideas in marble or in vivid colours on the canvass. The old Hebrew prophet, Isaiah, tells us about the seraphim, whom he saw, not with his bodily eyes, but with the inner sight. "Above it (the Throne) stood the seraphim, each one had six wings, with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly." There is a deep meaning in all this. The face and feet wings show a particular reverence and worship; the flying twain signify active service for God; that is, for Humanity—for all living creatures. Here is a lesson we may take to ourselves; indeed, we cannot learn anything more beautiful. rejoice in the thought? I do. While we live this Children, our souls have also wings. Don't you little earth-life, we may seek to use them. I will not tell you how, for you can find these things out for yourselves if you will begin to try. Like Birds and Angels, you, too, shall become gentle ministers from the Unseen, yet doing a lovely work in the world.

I am sure that is just splendid, and I hope Miss Russell will write to us again.

I have also quite a list of names for the Guild from

SOUTH SHIELDS, Robinson Street.

2380	Emma Hunter	2392	Florence Henderson.
2381	Violet Aldroyd	2393	Annie Wall
2382	Alice Angus	2394	Polly Carnett
2383	Dora Bell	2395	Alice Charlton
2384	Maggie Bell	2396	Robert Thompson
2385	Maggie Maxwell	2397	John Robert Urwin
2386	Priscilla Farrow	2398	Edward Urwin
2387	Evelyn Hodgson	2399	Robert Maxwell
2389	Dora Embleton	2400	Edward Keir
2390	Alice Embleton	2401	John Keir
2391	Glady Henderson	2402	George Keir
	2403	Thomas Farrow	

Fancy how our list of members grows; we are now 2,403 strong!

Your loving Sister,
FLORA BELLE.

STOCKPORT (Central).—On Feb. 1st we held our annual tea party and prize distribution, when about 80 sat down to tea. Afterwards games were indulged in until 10 o'clock. During the evening the prizes were presented by Mr. Charles Springate, the conductor of the members circle. One pleasing feature was the report of more punctual attendance for the last year. Another was that out of the total number of 45 prizes distributed for attendance, 11 were Manuals, 2 Songsters, 2 Outlines of Spiritualism, and 2 other Spiritualist books. Our thanks are due to those who gave special prizes, and the two ladies who gave the oranges. Though two other Lyceums have commenced in Stockport, our numbers have increased since 1905 dawned.—J. H. Marston, Hon. Sec.

Temperance Page.

THE REFORM PLEDGE

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

BY HERBERT E. CLARKE.

We may perhaps pause in our series of articles on "Alcohol and Health" just to take a glance at the position of our cause in this country to-day. I do so all the more readily because I think it is fair to anticipate very satisfactory results in the near future, and because the present is furnishing us with much encouragement not in one direction only, but in many.

We who are interested in the suppression of four great evils of modern civilisation, cannot regard the public and the legislative attitude lightly, and I think there is real cause for congratulating ourselves when we find the nation waking up to the knowledge of the horror of slavery of alcohol and when we behold our law-makers busy with the suppression of gambling, smoking and drinking.

A better standard of living, a broader and more liberal education and a consequent elevation of tastes and habits, have contributed to make the foul-tongued man utterly despicable. We do not hear more disgusting profanities among cultured men of to-day than might be heard in the presence of their mothers and sisters. That better feeling which judged bad language and filthiness as something unfit for the ears of our lady friends, has developed in late years into a commonplace of all respectable society. We do not associate evil speech and manhood together as two things indissolubly united, any more than we regard a male individual any more a man because he drinks and smokes.

If there are boys among my readers, let them bear in mind this simple fact:—If you want to be *manly*, as all true lads do, you will never succeed unless you are *gentlemanly*, and when you have got so far you will not have much to learn. To be gentlemen we must honour our friends, our nation and ourselves, and we thus serve all nations and all men. What sort of honour do we do others or ourselves if the words that flow from our lips and the very thoughts they express are unclean, immoral and profane? And I think there is one way little less repulsive than downright obscenity, and that is rough, unkind speaking, which may be true but still is improper. I do not believe the man who would have us think that the only way to tell a fact is to put it in the most plain (i.e. the most objectionable) form. Truth is like every precious gem, worthy of a good setting, and as truth is always beautiful to those who love it, it ought to be beautifully expressed. See how our ideals have risen! We hate a profane tongue, but that is not all. We love the truth-speaker, but best when truth is spoken in gentleness.

It will not be a difficult matter to satisfy ourselves that in other matters of social life we are beginning to look for something better. In England we have made

laws declaring lotteries illegal, which fact shows that our legislators have at least realised the dignity of earning by work. Labour is noble and its reward is noble and just, but reward without labour is enervating and demoralising and should not be possible. This is the crux of the current "Limerick" controversy, and whatever the issue of this test case, the matter will never rest until the taint of gambling is removed from all competitions of the kind. Our nation can only be maintained by workers with hand and brain and soul, and when right comes uppermost there will be no place for indolent adventurers. Let it not be forgotten, then, that when we raise a hand against betting and gambling, we do so for the honour of the virtue of honest earning and out of a recognition of the dignity of working.

Some time ago I referred to the growth of public opinion in the direction of preventing smoking among boys. When it is realised that tobacco is a harmful indulgence for adults, and immensely more so for boys, there can surely be no sight more appalling than that of the youth of twelve or thirteen with a lighted cigarette between his lips. Unfortunately it is a sight that thrusts itself upon one in every town, and so long as the State takes upon itself part of the responsibility for the degeneration or the improvement of the race, it is a matter which the House of Commons has to consider. In late years cigarette smoking has been made extremely easy for small boys. Tobacco of the worst quality is cheap and can be bought in some quantity with the smallest coin. At a certain period in a boy's life when boiled sweets become distasteful and chocolates remain outside his reach, the bad cigarette just satisfies his needs.

Mr. Samuel's Bill at present under discussion will rob the boy of under sixteen of this pernicious article. It is one of the signs of the times that this reform is finding support from all political parties; it is a national concern, not a Liberal or Conservative one.

Space forbids me to make more than a passing mention of the forthcoming Licensing Bill. At the time of writing, Mr. Asquith has not yet introduced this measure, but theories as to its nature are very incongruous. Let us hope that those little differences which so often hinder the progress of reforms will not be allowed to stand in the way of the satisfaction of this, one of the most crying needs of modern Britain.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT VISITOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

HULME JUNCTION—Owing to discord this Lyceum has lost quite a number of its members. This is a pity, as they have a splendid hall and ought to have good results in such a centre. **MASKELL STREET**—This Lyceum is trying to form groups. It is to be hoped a few good leaders for the groups will be found. **BEAUMONT STREET**—My visit here was fruitless, as after waiting some time no one put in an appearance. **UPPERMILL**—A slight improvement since my last visit. I would like to see a little more life and enthusiasm. **ALTRINCHAM**—This is a new Lyceum, carried on by a faithful few who have much opposition to face. Their enemies broke into the hall and did much damage to their property. They are deserving of help.

Mrs. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Lyceum Union's Executive Council will visit Nelson on April 11th and 12th, and Hebden Bridge on July 11th and 12th. The two following quarters are open, namely, October 10th and 11th, and January 9th and 10th, 1909. Lyceums desiring services of the Executive on either of those dates should apply at once to the General Secretary for terms.

Can any of our readers inform us whether the following Lyceums have been closed or not, namely, Barnsley, Birmingham (Handsworth), Loughborough and Parkgate? We make this appeal as we have been unable to elicit any replies to our inquiries.

We trust the London friends will rally round the Tottenham Lyceum in big numbers at its forthcoming operetta, and so help to make the effort a big and cheering success.

Our sympathy goes out to our Lancaster friends who are homeless, owing to a fire which has done much damage to their hall. We trust they will soon obtain a more commodious building in which to continue their good work.

Mr. R. G. Stratton, Seacombe, desires us to say, in our Notes, whether the LYCEUM BANNER is a magazine for the children or adults. Our answer is: That it is the Official Organ of the Lyceum movement, and as such is designed to meet the needs, as far as space will allow, of both old and young.

We beg to call attention to the List of Overdue Returns and Contributions which we print in this issue, in the sincere hope that all Lyceums concerned will at once attend to the same, and so put themselves in good financial standing with the Lyceum Union.

We are pleased to note as a sign of the times, and the spirit of progress in the churches, a sermon preached on February 9th by the Rev. J. Stewart, M.A., Pastor of the Baptist Chapel, Leeds Road, Dewsbury, on the Bible, during which he made the following pertinent admission: "A book like Genesis was not the work of one man; Genesis had one editor, but he gathered his information from a great many sources. That was proved by the fact that they found two stories of the Flood and two of the Creation in that portion of the Bible, and both were written in a different style of language."

It is gratifying to find preachers treating the Bible rationally, and dropping the claim of Divine Inspiration for its contents. "Bible Studies" are a help to this end, and are meeting with wide appreciation.

We are glad to announce that Lyceums have been opened at Bradford (Boynton Street), Glasgow (Paisley Road), Jarrow-on-Tyne, and Foleshill, near Coventry. An effort was made 18 or 19 years ago to establish a Lyceum at the latter place. True effort never really dies. The workers win!

Mrs. Ellen Green writes us from Port Said to say she is keeping perfectly well, and also, to convey, through the LYCEUM BANNER, her love and greetings to Lyceum officers, members and friends.

During the past month we have had the pleasure of visiting the Lyceums at Armley and Oldham (Elliott Street). The former is well officered. Mrs. Pitts, conductor, tries to elicit the opinion of the Lyceum on the various chain recitations. These clearly indicate quick minds and deep thinking, many of them going to the root of our religion and philosophy. The discussion raised on our teachings in the Liberty Group, 24 strong, was quite refreshing.

There was a good gathering at Oldham at the open session. We were pleased to meet several of the officers of the Corporation Street Lyceum and to learn of the progress they are making there.

The afternoon's session was splendid and reflected great credit on both conductor and officers. The time was much too brief for all the good things to be said and done. All felt they had spent a happy and spiritually helpful time. We were very sorry to find Mr. Horsman, late conductor, suffering from a fractured thumb. He will have the deep sympathy of all who know his sterling worth.

Next month we hope to be able to present our readers with the first Easy Lesson on Phrenology, by Professor J. Millott Severn, of the Brighton Phrenological Institution.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council will hold its annual meeting at Armley on Saturday, April 4th, to commence at 3-30. Business—1, Shield Competition; 2, Election of Officers.

A. E. BEETY, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

ARE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS WORTHY OF PAYMENT?

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

[Received too late for our last issue, EDITOR.]

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in the last two issues of the LYCEUM BANNER, *re* the above subject, which opens up to me a very vital question, *viz*, the training of our children. For some years now I have studied and reasoned upon this subject, and for the life of me I cannot see the justice of the teachers or leaders of our Lyceums and Sunday Schools to labour for years and to sacrifice their lives and time for nothing, and very often they are the very first to pay to help to support the mediums, Society, or Church to which they belong, whilst the medium or parson is paid out of the hard earnings of the Sunday School teachers, Lyceum leaders and members of the Society. To me the position is most inconsistent, and in my opinion it is time this state of things was altered; for I contend that as soon as either mediums or spiritual teachers touch money as payment for spiritual services, they degrade themselves and the movement to which they belong. It is all rubbish when people in vindication of such a case say, "Surely the labourer is worthy of his hire." Then I say, what about the Sunday School Teachers or Lyceum Leaders? I have yet to hear of the first Lyceum Leader or Sunday School Teacher who asks for payment for services rendered. I am not talking without having practised what I am preaching, for I have laboured in the Lyceum these last 21 years, and spent the best part of my life for love of the children, and I can truly say that I have been well repaid in trying to help and to teach them all what is best and highest in our beautiful philosophy, and if I had to begin my life afresh I would do the same thing over again; with this exception, that I would not pay one single penny for the maintenance or payment of any Medium or so-called Spiritual Teacher, for you might as well try to mix oil and water as to mix Materiality and Spirituality together. And in confirmation of what I say, some of the best workers and speakers who have laboured in the Spiritualist movement are those who have given their services to bless others (I here admit that they ought to have out-of-pocket expenses, such as railway fares and just payment for time lost, but no other). I have often thought, when I have attended our Lyceum Conferences, what a grand representative gathering, to see all those noble, self-sacrificing men and women devoting their time and energies for the children and to devise principles and laws for educating the minds of the children in all that leads to nobleness and strength of character! I say, "God bless them for every effort put for the They will reap the golden harvest in God's good time. Now, my fellow Lyceumists, make a firm stand, and if your Society insists on the payment of Mediums you insist on being paid for your labours in the Lyceum. It is time it was either ended or mended. You have the power to do it, and I contend that if anyone deserves payment for spiritual services rendered, it is the Lyceum Teacher or Lyceum Leader. It will readily be admitted that if you take them away, nine-tenths of the Christian Churches and Spiritual Societies would tumble to pieces. My attention has lately been drawn to the "Faithists," who are advanced Spiritualists, who preach all that is the highest and best in our Spiritualistic philosophy. It is a fundamental principle with them that not one of their advocates shall receive a single penny for spiritual services, and they work together as brothers and sisters for the good of humanity. I am told the Quakers do the same, and surely if they do, why cannot our spirit mediums, who are supposed to be the spiritual advisers and teachers of our Lyceum children and set them a good example? I do hope that your columns will be open for discussing this most essential subject, and that some abler pen than mine will vindicate the right and true, and all that's best for the children's cause.—Yours fraternally,

H. WHITE, Belper.

[We trust correspondents will confine themselves to the question at issue, namely, the payment of teachers.—Editor.]

LIMERICKS.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry on opening my February BANNER to find that the insertion of the letter *re* "Limericks," from the Cheetham Lyceum (of which I am a member), had

caused Mr. Hepworth to take the extreme step of withdrawing his services, indefinitely, from our paper. This is a most undesired effect of a well-intentioned appeal. Our letter, to my mind, was quite open and to the point, and contained no "transparent implication" such as Mr. Hepworth unfortunately read it to imply. As for referring to it as "petty criticism," what better purposes could we shoulder than that of protecting our paper from schemes that would have the tendency to encourage (though not admitted by its promoters, but nevertheless a fact), just what Mr. Hepworth and all of us are fighting against? His object has our fullest sympathy; it is his method we take exception to. Certainly there appears no harm in the "Limerick" lines themselves; it is the principle of the contributors offering their small contribution with the object of receiving larger returns which we contend contributes the highest form of gambling. The Hepworthian definition of gambling will be somewhat novel to many. No doubt many of the competitors have the interests of the Lyceum Home Fund at heart to a certain extent, but is it reasonable to expect that young people, with their limited means, forward their coppers with the sole object of benefiting the fund in question? Therefore, I still contend the scheme is likely to create the fascination for gambling in the minds of its participants. Surely there are others ways and means of arriving at the end in view. Could not all our Lyceums recognise a certain Sunday and set aside the proceeds of the collection for the Lyceum Home Fund, in a similar way to the "Hospital Sunday" in the churches? Our Lyceum will be pleased to forward you the collection of the last Sunday in February in aid of the fund. Or as another suggestion I would like to propose that a contribution list be opened in the BANNER, and Lyceums raise concerts, the proceeds of which could be announced in our paper, which, I think, would help to increase its circulation. In Aid of THE LYCEUM HOME FUND would make an excellent heading for any concert bill, and would serve to attract, too. Hoping a solution will be soon found to sweep away any ill-feeling that has unintentionally been caused.

HAROLD NORCOTT, Cheetham Lyceum.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—It was with regret that we as a Lyceum saw that "The Boys' Special" was going to be discontinued. We think it will be a great loss to Lyceumists in general if this is allowed to take place. We were rather surprised at the attitude taken up by the Cheetham Lyceum *re* "Limericks," and fail to see where the "gambling element" steps in, or where the tone of the BANNER is being brought down. If they had only used a little discretion and taken into consideration the beauty of the last lines given, which our children have given as pearls, we are certain our Cheetham friends would have hailed them with delight. Hoping all Lyceums will take this question up, and so bring pressure to bear upon the E.C. to ask Mr. Hepworth to again give his valuable contributions to this special object.

JOS. KENYON, Secretary.

Pendleton, Ford Lane, Lyceum.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—I have noticed the discussions in your pages regarding "Limericks," and I regret that Mr. Hepworth has taken such an extreme step. I should also like him to be a little more explicit in his reason for his retirement.

As regards friend Laverack's letter, I would suggest that the value of his opinion should be guided by the consistency of such opinion. Further, he says that if the "Limericks" are immoral all competitions for prizes are equally so; several wrongs do not make a right. So this statement does not assist his argument in any way. His pride in helping the Lyceum Home Fund by winning prizes is also commendable, as are the tact and discretion in sending up a "last line" with his defence of Mr. Hepworth. I presume that the "beneficent effect" is evidenced by the fact that Mrs. Laverack has been successful with "last lines," and I must express my deepest sympathy with poor friend Laverack on his awful luck.

F. R. INGRAM, Higher Broughton.

OUR BANNER AND ITS CONTENTS.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER

Sir,—I wish, with your permission, to refer to recent matters affecting BANNER readers. First, "Bible Studies." These are really splendid articles, which are very helpful and instructive. I hope they will be published as a Lyceum text book, with an easy reference index added. I think your readers

should be invited to give expression to their opinions concerning the wonderful statements you make in them, such as appears in No. 12. Second, "Our Blue Bell Guild." I should like to suggest to Flora Belle that during the coming spring and summer she persuades all her Blue Bells to go botanising, by giving each month a simple lesson in botany, describing one or two plants or trees, and where they are likely to be found. The health, instruction and pleasure in this way obtained will be lasting. Third, "Our Boys' Special." It would be little short of a calamity if the services of Mr. Hepworth were lost to BANNER readers. Whilst I do not question the good intentions and desires of the Executive Council of the L.U. and one or two correspondents, I very much deplore the unwise and cruel things that have been said and written re "Limericks." I am sure had those appearing in the BANNER been read, such unkind remarks from so kind and sympathetic a lady as Kate Taylor Robinson would never have been penned. Mr. Hepworth, in his article this month (February), says, "At the suggestion of an old and valued Lyceumist I introduced the offending Limericks." I am that Lyceumist who suggested this method of drawing out Lyceumists into closer touch with Mr. H. with the use of their pens, and I am real proud of the increasing number and quality of the delightful letters arriving each month. And I already know something of the indignation of the insulted contributors, which I fear spells a big falling off in the sales of the BANNER. I sincerely pray this will not be the case, but that every effort will be put forth to so increase its sales that additional pages can be added, and so increase its usefulness. Fourth, "Lessons on Phrenology." By all means let us have such lessons, they, no doubt, will be delightful. But let us have done with quack professorships and valueless letters added to names. I am sure Mr. J. M. Severn needs none of these to lend importance or value to his subject.

JAMES KNIGHT, Bolton.

THE BIBLE IN OUR LYCEUMS.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—I wonder how many individuals read "Bible Studies," which are published in the BANNER by A. Kitson? I do, and I enjoy them very much. How many have seen the literature of the Rev. Moses Hull, which says that every Spiritualist should read the Bible? If we had the Bible in our Lyceums the rising generation would be the better for it. How many scholars have we in our movement that can defend themselves with Biblical answers to Biblical questions? I don't think there is one out of every twenty who can, when in conversation with our orthodox friends, and beat them with their own weapon. If we had the Bible more, our young would become conversant with it and be able to hold their own with their Christian companions. When that time does come the Christian Brethren will bow down their heads and say, "We are weighed in the balance and found wanting."

WILLIAM HAWORTH, Rawtenstall.

NEWS FROM JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Kitson,—Johannesburg Lyceum sends you greetings and good wishes for your continued interests in the children's cause.

Please find enclosed annual statistical form and contributions. There is a slight falling off, but our scholars come and go. Johannesburg is making great efforts to pull through. It is uphill work, and has been a desperate struggle, and the silver lining is not yet in sight. Owing to business depression some of our members have had to seek pastures new; one is in Boston, U.S.A., another in Mexico; we have just heard from three others that have landed in San Francisco; one is up in Central Africa, and the last, but not least, is trekking through the O.R. Colony prospecting gold and diamonds. Mrs. Place Veary is having a very successful tour through S.A. She was with us in the "Golden Town" six weeks, we would have liked her six months. She dedicated two children at our service one Sunday morning, but strange to relate they have both joined the angel throng.

We are looking forward to Mrs. Inglis being with us; we expect her about the end of February. We hear that she had a successful time in Durban, and is working her way up to Johannesburg.

JOSEPH HORNE,
Conductor and Secretary, Johannesburg Lyceum.

NEWS FROM CAPE COLONY.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—I have great pleasure in sending you the follow-

ing account of the first baby-naming ceremony in the Diamond Fields Society of Spiritualists. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Place-Veary's Control "Poppy," at the residence of Mr. H. North's, where the medium was staying. A few friends, together with parents, were present, everyone being unanimous in declaring that Poppy excelled herself and pleased everyone. Poppy also named the Lyceum, calling it the "Star of Hope," also giving a motto as follows:—Love casteth out all fear, forbeareth all things, forgiveth all things, and works for the good of all.

The names of the children baptised are, with their Spiritual names, as follows:—Elizabeth Mary Connolly (Excelsior), Mabel Anna Connolly (Courage, Crystal), Grace Doreen Connolly (Violet), Eileen Cathrine Connolly (Sun Beam), Mavis Evangeline North (Starlight), Vera Gertrude North (Lilly), Harold Kirkman North (Leo.). With each of the names a short description was given, which would take too much of your space to give in full.

I am enclosing an order for 2/6 for one year's subscription to the BANNER. Would you, at the same time, forward a "price list" of Lyceum requisites, so that I may know what money to send when ordering

ROBT. CONNOLLY,

47, Hercules Street, Beaconsfield, Cape Colony.

THE BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council was held at Otley Road, Bradford, on Sunday, February 9th. It was resolved that Mr. Rau be our nominee for the B.S.L.U.E.C. Resolved that we send Miss Pollard as delegate to the U.D.C. at Rochdale.

As Dudley Hill (Tong Street) and Ivy Rooms Lyceums have not put in an appearance at the last five or six meetings, the Secretary was instructed to write to them asking for an explanation. The Lyceum in the morning was conducted by Mr. Rau. A good number present. Marchings and calisthenics were left in the hands of Harry Birdsall. Mr. Will Edwards, of Accrington, was present with us. In the afternoon an open session was held. Mr. Will Edwards spoke to us upon "The Topics of the coming day," in which were "Never teach unto the child Hell," "Now is the children's golden opportunity," "Brotherhood," "Of what use is the Lyceum to the children?" "Make the children capable of understanding their talents," and he hoped that parents would respect the Lyceum as the children respect the Society.

In the evening Mr. Rau presided. Solo by Mr. Midgley, "Time is passing on my brother." Miss Pollard read a paper, entitled "What does our Lyceum teach us?" Addresses were given by Messrs. Barnes and Hargreaves. Mr. Whitehead announced the closing benediction. A most enjoyable time was spent on their Lyceum Anniversary Day.

Our Annual Meeting of the above District Council will be held at Yeadon on Sunday, April 5th. Business for the agenda—Minutes, Correspondence, Delegates Report to U.D.C., D.V.'s Annual Report, Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report and Balance Sheet, Secretary's Report, Open Council (How are we to interest Lyceums), Election of Officers and Auditors, Decide place and date of next Meeting, Vote of thanks, etc.

HARRY BEARDSALL, Secretary.

In Memoriam.

Sarah Ashworth, of Rawtenstall, departed this life on February 6th, 1908, aged 70 years, and whose mortal remains were interred at Rawtenstall Cemetery on the 10th. She has been bed-ridden for a long time, and for over 30 years has only been able to get out in a carriage. Although she was entirely helpless she composed those two services of song, "Ministering Spirits" and "Rest at Last." These were dictated to a nephew, who wrote them on a slate at the time. She was a firm believer in the following lines—

"All men are brothers, look not down
On those of humble birth,
For oft a casket rough, contains
A gem of sterling worth."

WM. HOWARTH.

BURNLEY (North St.)—It is with deep regret I have to announce the passing on of Elizabeth Boys, one of our Lyceum scholars. At her request, the bearers were chosen from the Lyceum as follows, Messrs. R. Latham and W. Brooks, (Conductors); F. Poppleton, (Organist); and H. E. Laycock, (Secretary). The interment was conducted by Mr. R. Latham, and Miss Annie Skipper. Many of our Lyceumists met at the Burnley Cemetery to pay their tribute of respect to her mortal remains. Long may her memory live in the hearts of those she loved.

HERBERT E. LAYCOCK, *Sec.*

TONG STREET SPIRITUAL CHURCH, BRADFORD.—It is with the deepest sympathy and regret that I report the passing to the higher life on Feb. 14th, of one of our old Lyceumists Miss Sarah Elizabeth Squires. The mortal remains were laid to rest in Tong Street Cemetery, but the spirit we feel will be with us still to help us as of old in the grand cause of truth to which she was so strongly attached, Mr. Armitage officiated at the grave side and our Assistant Conductor, Mr. J. Fearnley and Mrs. Seed conducted the service at the residence where the members of both school and church sang "Lead Spirits Bright," also at the grave side was sung "Music from the Spirit Shore."

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

MRS. CARTER, Secretary.

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Many thanks to all subscribers.

JESSY GREENWOOD,
Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

Evolution or Devolution, Which?

BY FRED HENSHAW, Canada, late Lyceum Secretary.

[We are indebted to Mr. Hurst, Conductor of the Leicester, Albion Street Lyceum, for kindly supplying the LYCEUM BANNER with the following essay. Ed.]

The opinion of man in regard to the above subject is sharply divided, and it can hardly be otherwise, seeing that the conditions of life are always changing. It is argued by some, who believe the human race is degenerating, that we are becoming less and less in stature, and even our philosophy cannot be favourably compared with that of the ancients, such as Plato, Socrates, Demosthenes, and others. And also that our paintings, sculptures, architectural structures, etc., fall far short of the excellence attained by the ancients. And it is asked to-day how such marvels of architectural structures as the Pyramids and the Sphinx were erected, as with all our modern appliances we are not capable of building such mighty structures? The answer which appeals most strongly to me is, that although such achievements appear to be beyond our powers, yet we are far more advanced in other directions. It is as though we are progressing along a different plane of thought, and our advance in this direction has caused us to allow the methods of ancient achievements to fall into disuse, and so in time to be completely forgotten. But as a counter-balance it is only necessary to look around to perceive the enormous strides that have been made in other directions, which concern us more than the erection of Pyramids. Even the liner on which we sailed should have been sufficient proof to the minister, who was arguing against evolution, to convince him that we are not degenerating. Where were such mighty and swiftly-moving vessels to be found in the days of the ancients? Also the motive power which is utilised in propelling them. In other directions the same spirit of progression prevails. Inventions of every description have been evolved by ingenious men of to-day, for the benefit and comfort of all. And although some inventions have not brought about conditions that are desired, yet it is not the invention itself which is at fault, but the manner in which it has been utilised. Who shall deny this? And if it is not progression, what is it? Surely it is not retrogression. Now what about deteriorating physically. What man lacks at present in stature and strength is amply compensated for by his intellectual capacity, and it is because of the improper sanitary conditions which prevail in our cities and towns to-day that such deteriorations are seen. It is only by eliminating these conditions that we remedy the evil. This is what is being done at the present time, and where out door life, such as farming, is observed we find there is a class of men and women equal to what has been seen in the past, because cramped minds begin to expand, and free thought and aspirations, which has ever been discouraged by priests and heads of religious denominations, find room for full expansion. It is only as we shake off the depressing influence of religious fanatics that we do advance, and set before ourselves higher and nobler ideals to aspire to.

QUESTIONS (FOR THE NEW YEAR).

Do we sow the seeds of love,
Like the angels from above?
Do we in our actions mind
They are always good and kind?
Do we ever try to cheer
Saddened hearts around us here?
Do we help a sister,—brother;
Do we always love each other?
Do we help the aged and weary;
Some whose path is dark and dreary?
Do we show a beacon light
Where the sin is dark as night?
Do we heed the spirit's warning?
Do we ask their help each morning?
Do we let their loving hands
Lead us to the spirit land?

Do we *practice* what we *preach*?
Do we *prove* before we teach?
Do we keep the golden rule
Taught in this our Sunday School?

Answer ye these questions true,
Let each one be born anew;
Let us do our level best,
Let us be of the blessed *blest*. Mrs. MOULT.

THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no Death! all nature proves this truth;
'Tis but the glad returning of our youth.
What, though the outer form be laid away,
The risen spirit finds eternal day!

S.N.U. Hymn Book, 716.

We often sing, "There is no death," but do we really believe it? Is there truth in us when we give utterance to these words? What proof have we that the words are not mere sentiment? When we are in the full vigour of manhood we can sing this beautiful song, so full of thought and beauty, but when sickness visits our homestead, and, after a long and painful visit, the messenger, "Death," calls and takes our loved one with him, can we then sing, "There is no death in God's wide world"?

It is at this time, my friends, that we are put upon our worth. It is at this time that we need more than words to prove to us that there is still truth in this sentence.

And if we have at any time taken the trouble to prove to our own satisfaction the teachings of the Spiritualists, and endeavoured to come into close contact with those loved ones who have passed over to the Summer-land, we shall not only be able to sing this song of gladness, but we shall know and realise to the fullest that every word of it is true, and that there is but a very thin veil indeed dividing them from us.

And this truth can only come to those who have sought, to those who have found, the pearl of great price, viz., happiness in the knowledge that there is no death, but that the loved one has only gone to that higher school of thought, there to develop those powers and gifts that God bestows on all His children—black or white, rich or poor, bond or free. Can you understand and realise this bounty of the Good Father that you call God? ALL, mind you—no exceptions, no one is lost, but all are His children, and all shall have His love and His care.

But we must merit it, and work for it. And if we have failed to perform our task while upon the earth plane, we must perform it when we reach the Summer-land.

In a word, we all must, sooner or later, work out our own soul's salvation. And when we stand by the grave-side of one of our loved ones, and ask ourselves the question—Is it well with our risen friend? And taking a retrospective view of the life that has been lived, shall we know if the future will be pleasant or otherwise?

But how do you know? Because all are rewarded according to merit. Because in the Summer-land justice is meted out to all. Because, as we sow, so

also shall we reap. Seeds of goodness and purity bring a harvest of the same, and not all the prayers, or all the curses, can alter this divine justice.

It is because we are responsible persons that we are held responsible, and must account for every deed, good or bad, that we commit while here in the body. And it behoves us, therefore, to live so that we shall have no cause for regret when the angel Death shall say to us, "Come." Then shall we know of a truth that—

"Life's not our own—
'Tis but a loan,
To be repaid."

And we shall rise up and say, "Here am I."

Holding in our life's record our passport into the Summer-land, may we be ready, then, when the messenger shall tap at the door of our earth life and say, "Follow me." Then shall we feel and know that an angel has called for us, and we shall step out into that Life beyond, where the weary are at rest.

PAUL DEVEREUX.

DO A GOOD TURN WHEN YOU CAN.

It needs not great wealth a kind heart to display—
If the hand be willing it soon finds a way;
And the poorest one yet, in the humblest abode,
May help a poor brother a step on his road.

Whatever the fortune a man may have won,
A kindness depends on the way it is done;
And though poor be our purse, and narrow our span,
Let us all try to do a good turn when we can.

The fair bloom of pleasure may charm for a while,
But its beauty is frail, and inconstant its smile;
Whilst the beauty of kindness, immortal in bloom,
Sheds a sweetness o'er life, and a grace o'er our tomb.

Then if we enjoy life, why the next thing to do
Is to see that another enjoys his life, too;
And though poor be our purse, and narrow our span,
Let us all try to do a good turn when we can.

Everything that is really excellent will bear examination, it will even invite it, and the more narrowly it is surveyed, to the more advantage it will appear. Is our constitution a good one? it will gain in our esteem by the severest inquiry. Is it bad? then its imperfections should be laid open and exposed. It is, as is generally confessed, of a mixed nature, excellent in theory, but defective in practice; freedom of discussion will be still requisite to point out the nature and source of its corruptions and apply suitable remedies. If our constitution be that perfect model of excellence it is represented, it may boldly appeal to the *reason* of an enlightened age, and need not rest on the support of an implicit faith.—Freedom of thought, being intimately connected with the happiness and dignity of man in every stage of his being, is of so much more importance than the preservation of any constitution, that to infringe the former under pretence of supporting the latter is to sacrifice the means to the end.—*Robert Hall*.

WHY I LOVE THE LYCEUM.

(By Roy A. Tracy.)

I love the Lyceum because
It points to me in the way
To hold the hands of the angels
Each hour the live long day.

Kind, loving hearts are mingled there,
And helpful hands clasp mine;
A mutual thrill of rapture
About our efforts twine.

I dearly love the Little Folks,
Their voices make me glad—
So like an echo from that land,
Where hearts are never sad.

The helpful thoughts from stories read,
The mingled ag'd and youth,
Will lead in Mercy's path each one
To fields of sacred Truth.

And since I love the Lyceum
I wish to see it grow,
Until Spiritualism into
Each heart and home may go.

THE SIN OF OMISSION.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you a bit of a heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you might have sent, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts to-night.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way,
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say,
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle and winsome tone
That you had no time nor thought for,
With troubles enough of your own.

These little acts of kindness,
So quickly out of mind,
These chances to be angels,
Which even mortals find—
They come in night and silence,
Each chill, reproachful wraith,
When hope is faint and flagging,
And a blight has dropped on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late.
And it's not the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you the bitter heartache
At the setting of the sun.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

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 25th of March to ensure insertion in the April issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington St.).—On Sunday February 2nd we held our monthly open Session which was fairly good. Marching and calisthenics especially well rendered. Recitations being given by Mabel Simpson; Jane Yates; Bertha Cottrell; and Willie Plenderleith. Readings by Mr. A. Simpson, and the assistant conductor, Harrington Beech. Also a number of pearls. On Saturday we had our annual tea party and Distribution of Prizes, which proved successful. 33 Lyceumists being entitled to prizes. After tea a short entertainment was given by the Guild of Workers and Lyceumists. The conductor, Miss S. J. Dransfield, presided and distributed the prizes. A vote of thanks brought a pleasant evening to a close.—A. France, Secretary.

ARMLEY.—On Saturday, February 1st we held our Anniversary Tea and Entertainment, the tea being served splendidly by Mesdames Pitts, Crabtree, Smith, Misses Cooper and Marshall. The entertainment consisting of action songs, pianofore drill, songs, recitations, Operetta "A dream of Nursery Rhymes" being well rendered by the children, Lambert, Armitage, Hall, Wells, Sharp, Williams, Swallow, Whitaker, Stockwell, Boston and Cooper. A sketch "The Doctor's Holiday" kept the audience in roars of laughter, was well rendered by Masters Lee, Brett, Boston, Williams, Pitts, Wainright and Whitaker. Sketch "Wanted a Wife" was given by the elder scholars and was well enjoyed. Miss Nellie Wells and Mr. Ellis Barraclough played the accompaniments. Children were trained by Mrs. Pitts (con.). On Sunday afternoon Mr. A. Kitson distributed the prizes and named a baby.—Mrs. Pitts, Conductor.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—On Saturday, February 8th, we held our annual Lyceum Tea and Concert, and Prize Distribution. Mr. Will Edwards kindly consented to present the children with their awards. On Sunday Feb. 9th we held our Anniversary services. Mr. Will Edwards gave interesting addresses in the morning and afternoon (see B.L.D.C. report for same.) Recitations were given by Miss Dora Marchbank, "What I live for"; and Miss May Flatt, "Mother's Comfort"; Duets by Misses L. Flatt and D. Marchbank, Master H. Hale and L. Flatt. The B.L.D.C. occupied the platform in the evening. A most enjoyable interesting and instructive time was spent.—Miss E. Flatt, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Tong Street).—On Sunday, February 9th, we held our open sessions. In the afternoon we had a Solo by Mrs. Stebbings, "Again we've met." Recitation by Mrs. Gummersall "The burial in the Vaults." Musical reading 231 by Miss Siddle, and Miss E. Higham; silver chain recitations were given by Misses E. Stebbings, M. Worsman, A. Halstead, and Mrs. Carter. A duet by Mrs. Carter and Miss Ida Fearnley. Readings by Masters H. Platts and J. Horsfall. Mr. J. Fearnley sang "Firmly Stand." In the evening the elders of the Lyceum occupied the platform, and we all spent a most enjoyable time together.—Mrs. Carter, Sec.

BRIGHOUSE.—The annual tea, entertainment and distribution of prizes was held on Saturday February 8th. Tea was served to a good number by the young ladies. In the evening the entertainment was presided over by Mr. George Crowther,

who also presented the prizes. Songs by Miss A. Schofield, Rosa Smith, Edith Sykes, S. A. Crowther, and a humorous sketch, entitled "The Railway Waiting Room" by 8 scholars; and also a sketch by 3 scholars were given. On Sunday Feb. 9th we held our Anniversary. Addresses were given by Mrs. A. E. Bentley of Manchester. Special hymns were sung; good congregations. Mr. T. Flintiff presided at the organ.—George Crowther, Hon. Sec.

BURNLEY (Richard Street).—On Saturday we held our annual Tea Party and Distribution of Prizes. The Lyceum children assisted by Miss Martin of Padiham, and the Misses Turner and Newton of Burnley, provided an excellent programme of songs, recitations and dialogues. During the evening 33 prizes were presented by Mr. Jones, president of the Society. 12 of the number being special prizes. Mr. Jones discharged his duties in a most able manner, while members of the society rendered kind assistance in providing an excellent meat tea. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 10.50 p.m.—Edward Andrews, Secretary.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—Refreshment socials have been the order of the day since last report. Dancing being freely indulged in. Games receiving the attention of the juveniles and a few adults. Songs, recitations, and selections on the gramophone, manipulated by Mr. A. Garside and enjoyed by some 60 persons. Lyceum fairly good in attendance and behaviour. End of prize year.—Wm. Fletcher, Assist. Sec.

COLNE (Cloth Hall).—On February 2nd we held our monthly open session. We had a good attendance, several parents being present. After marching and calisthenics several girls and boys gave recitations. Mr. Lewis Firth, of Halifax, also gave a short address, which was well received. On Feb. 9th, we held our Lyceum tea party and entertainment. There was a fairly good number to tea. The entertainment consisted of action and other songs, recitations, and a dialogue by the Lyceum children. The entertainment closed at nine o'clock, and dancing was then indulged in. We spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening.—Miss F. Coles.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—It has been decided to hold our Lyceum both morning and afternoon a day to the present it has been a great success. The morning session is from 9.45 until 12, and afternoon from 2 until 3. This alteration has enabled us to form groups. The Liberty group is attracting members of parent society. The marching and calisthenics also show a decided improvement, and reflect great credit on Mr. Hirst. On Feb. 10th we held our annual Lyceum tea, when all our members enjoyed a happy time together. After tea 26 books were presented to those who had attended regularly during the past year, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes were Lyceum Manuals.—Ethel Lees, Sec.

FOLESHILL, NEAR COVENTRY (Broad Street).—We have made a very encouraging re-start in our new hall, erected by the Society's Trustees in Broad Street. There is a gradual increase of names on the register. The time is pleasantly and instructively passed in singing and chain recitations from the *Lyceum Manual*, and in the execution of marching calisthenic exercises, under the superintendence of Mr. George Pretty. After which we form groups for lessons. A parcel of the February *Lyceum Banner*, which was sent for free distribution, was much appreciated, and a number of the scholars intend to become regular subscribers. On February 16th, Mr. J. B. Houlst of Leicester attended and made some interesting remarks.—Miss Winnie Cox.

GLASGOW (Paisley Road).—On Sunday February 2nd, the Society in Paisley Road opened this Lyceum, Mr. Walthers the president of the Society presided. Mrs. Stair, of Yorkshire, was present, and gave the opening address. She was also assisted by Mr. John Stewart, the conductor of the Bath Street Lyceum who spoke of his high appreciation of the Lyceum methods, and of the good fortune of those privileged to come under its influence. The district visitor, assisted by a deputation from Bath Street, introduced the members to the marching and calisthenics which was taken up with much enthusiasm. Fortunately for this department the music is in capable hands. Songs and recitations were delivered by various friends. About 24 members were enrolled.—A. Cowie, D.V.

GREAT HARWOOD (Off Westwell St.).—We held our open session on February 2nd. The silver chain was led by our

Conductor, who gave spiritual advice after. The musical readings was led by Master A. Taylor, Miss M. Cross, and Master H. Waterhouse. The golden chain was led by Mr. Baxter. Recitations were given by Miss E. Birtwistle, and Master H. A. Eastwood; and a song was given from the Manual by Miss A. Thornber. We had a very good session. Also on Saturday Feb. 8th we held our Lyceum annual tea party and distribution of prizes. Good company was present both to the tea and social. Everything passed off satisfactory.—B. Eastwood, Conductor.

HADFIELD (Albert Street).—On Saturday, February 15th, we held a social promoted by the young ladies. The chair being occupied by our conductor, when we had the pleasure of opening our new piano which we have been working for so long. The following programme was gone through: Opening of piano by Miss Harris which was much appreciated. Songs were rendered by Misses Beeley, Kenworthy, and Hinchliffe. Reading by Miss A. Caldicut. Recitation by Miss M. H. Beeley, the rest of the evening being spent in dancing.—P. Beeley, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE—Saturday February 1st, we held a most successful tea and entertainment. Lyceum scholars heartily thank all those who kindly provided provisions, etc. Male scholars presided at the tea tables, after which an excellent entertainment (presided over by Mr. Hart) was provided. Space forbids inserting here, suffice to say it was voted the best entertainment ever given in connection with our association and Lyceum, encores being demanded. Over £2 was raised, which will be devoted to purchasing prizes for the scholars. Sunday Feb. 2nd, was the Association's Anniversary, the morning was taken as an open session. Mr. Wallis, of London, in addressing the Lyceum made special reference to Sir Oliver Lodge's recent statements in the daily press.—H. Houlston, Sec.

HEYWOOD (William Street).—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, we held our open session and distribution of prizes. Mr. J. J. Taylor conducted, ably assisted by Mr. J. Lord. Mr. G. E. Taylor conducted the marching, and Miss Lilian Taylor conducted the calisthenics. The children were loudly applauded for the way in which they said their recitations and pearls. A few remarks were spoken by Councillor Alfred Wilkinson, of Castleton, on the Lyceum movement, who also presented the prizes to the successful scholars. Mrs. Entwistle, of Heywood, was very successful in giving clairvoyance. The same lady conducted the evening service. Special thanks were tendered by our conductor and all those who have helped to make the session a success.—Herbert Cload, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On Feb. 2nd we held our open sessions before a moderate congregation. The golden chain was very good. Readings were given by M. Brook. A solo by E. Brandon. The marching and calisthenics were good. Recitations were given by Ivy Macdonald and Mary Ann Ready. There were four prizes given, one for reading one for singing, marching and calisthenics. Mr. Hemingway got the prizes for reading and marching, Mrs. Gledhill for singing, and M. Barrow for calisthenics.—Miss M. Barrow, Sec.

JARROW (Market Square).—The members of this society opened their Lyceum on Feb. 16th at 2 p.m., when Mr. J. Clark of Newcastle, and Mr. Longstaff of South Shields were present. A good number of both adults and children were present. The Lyceum was opened by Mr. Longstaff, after which Mr. Clark conducted the session. Also our friend Mr. Brown of Newcastle, gave the children their first lesson in the physical exercises, which all enjoyed. 25 names were entered in the register, and we hope this will be the beginning of a very successful Lyceum.—Wm. Howlett.

KEIGHLEY (Heber St.).—We held our open session Sunday Feb. 9th, when the members of the Lake Group provided the programme. Miss E. Kay conducted the session. Miss Fossey lead the marching. We opened the Lyceum by singing No 341 Lyceum Manual. Recitation by Miss Fosey and B. Wright S. Kay. Solos, M. Summers and E. Halliday; pianoforte solo, E. Wright; Pianoforte Duet by B. Kay, Lena Hulla. We had a good number of visitors, and all were highly pleased with the marching and calisthenics. Mr. L. Stansfield being the accompanist.—E. Shackleton, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Sunday, Feb. 9th we held a very enjoyable session, when we had the pleasure of having with us two very old Lyceum workers, Mr. Evington and Mr. Hurst, both addressing the Lyceumists on the goodness towards their fellow workers. Songs and recitations were rendered by the following Lyceumists: G. Hunter, D. Goldsmith, B. York, F. Waterton.—James Bishop, Sec.

LEIGH (Brown Street).—On Saturday Feb. 1st we held a potato pie supper and social. Songs, recitations, and selections on the Zonophone were rendered. We had dancing afterwards. The proceeds were in aid of the "Piano Fund." On Feb. 9th, we held our open session. Mr. Billsborough, D.V. paid our Lyceum a surprise visit. He also had the pleasure of distributing the prizes, which he did in a very able manner. There was a good attendance of scholars and friends. The session was gone through including marching and calisthenics, the children acquitting themselves in a very creditable manner. Recitations being given by two girls and two boys. Pearls being given by Miss Hilton and Mr. Crook. A duet sung by Mr. and Mrs. Crook, No. 302. The session was harmonious throughout. E. Woodward, Conductor.—G. Woodward, Sec.

LIVERPOOL (Mount Pleasant).—On Sunday Feb. 2nd we held our open session, and were provided with an excellent programme, the best we have had. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation of badges as a thank offering for the benefit received to her throat, by the Junior Group Leader. The case was reported last month. A hearty invitation is offered to all Lyceumists who may be in Liverpool on Sundays, to visit us. We are hoping that the president will have time to pay us a visit before his year of office expires.—W. Pickup

LONDON CHISWICK, (56, High Road).—On Sunday, Feb. 9th we held our Anniversary. In the afternoon the children underwent a general examination, some of the answers given being thoroughly enjoyed by the adults present. Songs and recitations were well rendered, and at 5 o'clock, we all sat down to an excellent tea, after which Miss Morris from Battersea presented the prizes, with a few complimentary remarks to the winners. In the evening Miss Morris, Mr. Imison and our esteemed conductor Mr. P. Smyth gave suitable addresses, which were well enjoyed by the little ones and the adults. The following officers were elected: Conductor, Miss Cole; Treasurer, Mr. P. Smyth; Guardians, Misses B. Imison and K. Gillingham; Attendant Officer and Musical Director, Miss G. Imison.—Miss E. Petit, Secretary.

LONDON (Tottenham).—Sunday, Feb. 2nd, we had a good time in our Lyceum, marching done very well. Recitations by H. Jones and Elsie Barnes. Duet by Ihylliss Cole and Ada Barnes. Feb. 16th we had with us Mr. T. Simkin, an old Lyceumist, who gave us all a few good words of encouragement. Also two Lady visitors. To celebrate our anniversary of the Lyceum we are going to give an operetta by the Lyceumists entitled "Snow White" to take place sometime in March, date and place to be advertised in *Two Worlds* and *Light*. We make a special appeal to all Lyceumists and friends in London districts, as we want it to be a success. Admission, 2/-; 1/-; and 6d. Conductor, Charles Barrington.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday Feb. 16th we had as our speaker Mr. Frank Hepworth, of Blackburn, when we had good attendances at the services. On the following Monday we held a Social and Dance, when there were about 60 present. Mr. Hepworth gave a few of his humorous sketches, which were highly appreciated. A very enjoyable evening being brought to a close about 10.30. Our Lyceum is going on very satisfactorily to the officers, having an average attendance from 45 to 50 each Sunday.—W. Allinson, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Hyson Green, Harwarden Terrace).—We had a grand time on Feb. 2nd it being our annual prize distribution. The scholars received a nice number of books, but not so many as we should have liked to have seen taken away. On this occasion we had visitors from two other Lyceums namely, Parliament Street and Gladstone Hall. Recitations, short speeches, etc., were given in the afternoon. We seem to be bound together in one chord of sympathy and love. May the time be hastened when we shall meet together again. We have formed a guild open to all children for instruction in reciting, singing, etc.—C. E. Sharp.

PADIHAM.—On Sunday Feb. 2nd we held our usual open session, conducted by Mr. G. C. Higham. Everything passed off pleasantly. The marching and calisthenics were conducted by Miss U. Cronshaw. Afterwards Master W. H. Oates rendered two violin solos. The following recited, Masters A. Ward, J. W. McManus, and Miss E. Gelling.—E. G. Hoole, Sec.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On Sunday Feb. 2nd we held our first open session there was a good attendance of about 46 scholars and friends. Mr. Tyrell who was speaker for the day, gave us a few words on the founder of the Lyceum movement, and its objects. The following gave us recitations and songs, Misses A. Clough, A. L. Fisher, E. Wilson, Maggie Hornby, Ivy Pye, Elizabeth Thompson, Annie Dawkins, Amy Coupe, Bessie Coupe, Lillie Lewsham, and Mr. Airey. I think this very good for a start. The session closed by singing, "God bless the Lyceum."—C. Fisher, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Regent Hall).—On Sunday we held a special session to "Welcome Home" Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and daughter, who had returned from Canada owing to ill health. Mrs. Nurse conducted. Marching and calisthenics were well rendered, under the leadership of Mr. G. F. Knott and Miss Cumberbich. Several members spoke in reference to the three Lyceumists, and hoped they may have good health to continue their work in the Lyceum. We had with us one of our Lyceumists, in spirit, whom we always welcome. Mrs. Cropper was the speaker for the day, her address was on Spiritualism and Spiritism, and was excellent.—Joseph Drain, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead St.).—On the 2nd inst. we held our usual open session, when the following recitations and readings were given:—recitations, "Two Church Builders" Miss Ethel Senior; "Keep your Balance" Miss Kilshaw; "The Golden side" Miss L. Blackburn; Reading, "Popular superstition" Mrs. Kay. On the 16th inst. Mrs. Dixon, of Blackpool, delivered a vigorous and instructive address to the Lyceumists, urging us to go forward, and do our duty nobly and well.—Miss Elsie Guest, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson St.).—At our session on Feb. 2nd we had a good attendance. Mr. W. D. Todd was with us, and presented two prizes: one to Maggie Walker, and one to Herbert Humes. On Feb. 16th, we had with us Mr. Gransbury of West Pelton, who gave good advice and instruction to the children. The marching and calisthenics were good. Recitations were given by Priscilla Farrow, Maggie Walker, Maggie Bell, Herbert Humes, and John Longstaff.—Mrs. R. Longstaff, Sec.

TODMORDEN.—On Feb. 2nd, we held our usual monthly open session, when the following items were well rendered: Recitations, "The Gipsy Man," Master W. Braund; "The Spring" Miss F. Dale; "Get up early," Miss E. Lord; "Mr. Shadow," Miss H. M. Sutcliffe; and Miss S. Pellowe. Duets by Misses S. A. Stephenson and L. Sutcliffe; and Masters Ben Pellowe and J. Broadbent. A song by Miss B. A. Crossley. Short addresses on Lyceum work were delivered by Mr. W. Clarke and Mr. G. Crossley. It was a most enjoyable session, being brimful of interest to both young and old.—Mr. George Crossley, Sec. Miss A. Emmett, Assist. Sec.

WIGAN.—On Sunday Feb. 16th we held our anniversary services which were a great success. We had with us as our speaker for the day Mr. E. A. Keeling of Liverpool. The songs at the afternoon and evening services which were given entirely by the Lyceumists were rendered in a very efficient manner. Mrs. William Ormerod also sang a solo. On the Wednesday following we had a tea party and concert at which the prizes were distributed by our esteemed friend Mrs. Councillor Fletcher. A sketch was given by the members of Mrs. Park's class entitled "The Matchmakers" which was greatly appreciated. The rest of the evening was devoted to games, etc.—F. Monks, Sec.

WOMBWELL.—We have a splendid Lyceum here, and every prospect of it still growing. There are already 48 names on the register, and the attendance has been very good. Great enthusiasm prevails amongst both children and leaders, and all take a deep interest in the lessons. By having week-night practices the children are learning the marching and calisthenics very nicely. We hope very shortly to join the B.S.L.U.—Robert W. Spittlehouse, Secretary.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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- Accrington**, China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 1 Lion-st., Church street
 ,, 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. H. Salisbury, 8 Clay st.
- Barnoldswick**, Green street, 10-30 and 1-30, Miss N. Pickering, 4 Stuart-st.
- Barnoldswick**, Market-st., 10 & 1-30, Richard Ashley, 18 Stuart 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, 37, Osborne st.
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Berry's Buildings, 10 and 2, Miss Dobson, 28 Argyle street
- Barry Dock**, Newland-street, 2-30, Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward road, Codoxton
- Batley Carr**, Carr st., 10 and 2, Miss Polly Mortimer, Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, 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**, Salfrey, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 194, Washwood Heath road, Salfrey.
 B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Miss F. Davis, 77 Murdock road, Handsworth
 ,, Smethwick, Central hall, cape hill 2-45 p.m., Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road
- Blackburn**, St. Peter st., 9-30 and 1-45, Mr. E. Holding, 46 Sandon street
- Blackburn**, Northgate, 9-30 1-45 Mr. J. McKnight, junior, 47, Bicknall street
- 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., Miss A. Kewley, 143 Barkerend road
- Bradford**, Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Miss Edith Flatt, 47 Aire-dale road
- Bradford**, Dudley Hill, Shirley-road, 10 and 1-45, Mrs. Carter, 571 Wakefield road
- Brighouse**, Martin st., 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 10, Piggott-st.
- Brighton**, Manchester-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret s-place
- Brownhills**, High street, 9-30 to 10-30 and 2 to 3. Mr. W. Yates, Howdles Cottages, Watling street, near Walsall
- Burnley**, Hammerton st., 10 a.m., Mr. Lawrence Tattersall, 26 Hornby-st
- Burnley**, Fulledge, Richard st., 10 a.m., Mr. E. Andrews, 26 Duke street, Burnley Wood
- Burnley**, 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. W. H. Golding, 94 Wood street, Elton
- 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. Attack 100, Hugh street, Beancroft road
- Chester**, 85 Brook street, 10-30. Mr. Arthur B. Priddey, 25 Seiler street
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 16, Valley-road, Spittal
- Clayton-le-Moors**, 10 a.m., Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington
- Cleckheaton**, Old Robin-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. B. Walslaw Listing Lane Cottages, Gomersal, near Leeds
- Colne**, Cloth hall, 10 a.m., Miss Florence Coles, Victoria House, Colne lane, Colne
- Crews**, Mill-st., 10-30. Mr. A. Baguley, 20, Richard Moon street
- Daisy Hill**, Mabel st., Leigh rd., 10 a.m.; Mr. E. Birchall, 230, Leigh rd., Westhoughton.
- Darwen**, Church bank-st., 9-30, & 1-45, Mr. J. Clarkson, 116 Elizabeth-terrace, Red Earth-rd.
- Dearnley** near Rochdale, 10 Mr. Thos. Pinchbeck, 555 Halifax road, near Rochdale
- Derby**, Traffic st., 9-45 and 2. Miss Ethel Lees, 7, Newland street
- Dewsbury**, Bond st. 10 and 1-45, Mr. A. Simpson, 4 Barbar street, Heightlands
- Doncaster**, 11, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. A. Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Balley
- Doncaster**, 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., Cleington
- Dundee**, Foresters' Hall, 12-20, Miss M. Odhner, 10, Garland place, Barriack road.
- Edinburgh**, Queen street, 2-30, Miss Jessie Mitchell, 65 Warrender 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, Bathst., 4 p.m., Mr. A. S. Guild, 281 Cathedral street
- Glasgow**, New City Road, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Sneddon, 61 Henderson street
- Great Harwood**, Westwell-st., 10 a.m., Miss M. A. Holt, 36 St. Edmund 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
- Halifax**, Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Lewis Stevenson, 57 Haigh street, Battinson road
- Hamilton**, Burnbank, Glasgow road, 4 p.m. Mr. Thomas Mason, 48 Glasgow road, Burnbank
- Heaton Norris**, Baker st., 10 and 2. Mrs. J. Williams, 60, Lancaster Hill, Stockport.
- Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Houlston 15 Buttress
- Heckmondwike**, Tower-st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. James Taylor, 12, Lobley-st.
- Heywood**, William st., 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert Cload, Holland street, off William street
- Higher Broughton**, Salford, Hilton st., 10-30 and 2, Mr. J. Tinker, 26 King stree, Higher Broughton
- 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. T. A. Shimmell, 31a Ravensknowl road
- Huddersfield**, 8, School-st., Mold Green
- Huddersfield**, St. Peter st., 10-15, Miss A. Barrow, Skilbeck's yard, Lowerhead row
- Hull**, Lime-st. 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn-st.
- Hyde**, Clarendon-st. 10 a.m., Mr. Joseph Smith, 97 Kynder street, Denton, Manchester
- Jarrow**, Market square, 2 p.m. Mr. W. Howlett, 16 Holly street
- Johannesburg**, Mr. Joseph Horne, P.O. Box 6209, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Keighley**, Heber st., 9-45 and 1-30, Mr. E. Shackleton, 11 Acres street, Knowle Park
- Lancaster**, Athenæum st. St Leonards gate 10-30 Mr. Daniel Atkinson, 2 Shaw street
- Leeds**, Bethel st., 10 a.m., Mr. H. Wood, 2 Westbourne Mount, Rowland road, Dewsbury road
- Leeds**, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr Wm. Barnes, 23 Ashton street, Harehills road
- Leeds**, Hunslet, Church-st., 10-30. Miss Warburton, 3 Brandling-st., Hunslet.
- Leeds**, Joseph-st., 10-30 and 1-45, Miss E. Powell, 17 Gasholder terrace, Hunslet Moor
- Leicester**, Queen st., 10-30 Mr. James Bishop 10, Mere rd
- Leicester**, 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
- Leigh**, 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.
- Liverpool**, 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, W.** 56, High road, Chiswick, 2-45, Miss E. Petit, 6 Balfern Grove, Chiswick, 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. McCartney, 12, Littlehall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. Albinson, 5 Bond street
- Manchester**, Cheetham, Halliwell lane, 10-30, Mr. Albert L. Williams, 86, Bellott st., Cheetham
- Manchester**, Collyhurst, 10, Mr. Joseph Parkinson, 77 York st., Moston Lane, Blackley
- 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
- Manchester**, Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. T. Wetzel, 90, Church lane, Gorton
- Manchester**, Longsight, Chell-st., 2-30, Mr. Charles Fox, 21 Peacock Grove, Gorton.
- Manchester**, 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. P. N. Humphreys, 3 Tiles street, North rd., Longsight
- Middleton**, nr. Manchester, Gilmour st. 10-15 J. R. Dooley, 371, Oldham-rd.
- Middlesbro'**, Grange rd., 2-30, Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul s-rd.
- Milom**, Main-st., 10 and 2, Mrs. E. Wilkinson, 41 Lonsdale road
- Morley**, Fountain-st., 10 a.m., Mr. Herbert A. Hill, 2, Tomlinson Buildings, High Street.
- Motherwell**, Park-st., Socialist Institute, 3 p.m. Miss Jeannie Hendry, 138, Brandon street
- Nelson**, Every st., 10 a.m. Mrs. H. Stables, 59, Hammond street, Wolverden
- Newcastle**, 20, Royal Arcade, 2-30, Mr. Albert Brown, 32 Polmaise street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.
- Newcastle**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30, Mr. Frank E. Brittain, 3 Victoria street, Newcastle
- 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, Mr. C. E. Sharp, 51, Gantley street, Hyson Green
- Nottingham**, Mechanics' hall, 2-30 Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195 Wollaton-st
- Nottingham**, Parliament Street, 10-30, Mr. Joseph E. Lister, 1 Lake street, Hyson Green