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## "SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND."

BY CHARLES TABERNER.

### CHAPTER III.

They moved slowly along for some time without either speaking, then Walter faced his companion and somewhat abruptly said, "I feel uncommonly strange to-day. Since meeting that poor woman I am not able to compose myself to think of anything only the past and my dead mother. But I must shake it off, and direct my mind to the words you spoke when pleading with the woman in the farm. It may surprise you that I should show any undue interest or attach any great importance to your words, but they have touched upon a subject which has occupied my mind for a considerable time, and if you have no objections I should like a little further enlightenment on the subject in question. You have spoken of a future, and led me to believe that you know something of it. Do you believe that we live after death?"

"My dear friend," replied Marsden, "I need not your words to tell me what is your purpose in seeking this interview. You have long been troubled with thoughts which are opposed to what you believe to be the true position occupied after the grave has claimed the body. You have denied the existence of a God, and looked with contempt upon all matters which had reference to the supernatural, and taken as your position the one wherein you believe that the grave is the end to life and human experience. You ask, 'Do I believe that we live after death?' Nothing can live after death, for it is annihilation, but I know that all survive the change and live on in another world, and continue there the experience they have begun here."

"How do you know?" asked Walter, in surprise. "Have you known me before our meeting to-day that you speak so freely of my past?"

"You are as great a stranger to me as I am to you, yet I have means of knowing much that may appear strange to others. As to how I am able to learn the past, and be able to form deductions as to what the future will be, is very difficult to explain, and would certainly bring your condemnation were I to try and explain. My words to the poor woman we have just left were the outcome of what I know would have been her position had she succeeded in the rash act she contemplated, and was to prevent her from again attempting the same thing. The story told to us by this woman would seem to justify the action as a means of escape from the cruel torture to which some of earth's people are ever subjected. But the means employed are cowardly in the extreme and bring a far heavier weight of misery than that from which he or she tries to escape. Let me try and explain the position, and though you may deny the existence of life after what is termed death, you must see the point I would lay before you. Had that

woman succeeded in her determination and gained what is termed death, would she have attained the end she had in view in being free from the great weight of misery which had been upon her before? You would say, certainly, because she would have become a non-entity, and therefore could not be other than free. But granting, for the sake of argument, that the grave does not close our existence, what would have been her position? By the very act of seeking to destroy life she would have bound the soul with bonds that were well nigh unbreakable, and on awakening after the dissolution of the body and spirit to find that her identity was just the same, while the life she had sought escape from was more palpable before her, would have made her see how useless had been her attempt to escape. But when she found that she was fated to walk the earth again and was compelled to witness the misery of others in a far greater degree than what had been her lot, and she found there was no escape for her, but she must be ever a witness of these scenes of sorrow and cruelty, both by day and by night, could she claim to have escaped and gained that freedom she had sought? What must the torture be to these poor creatures? They must perpetually be in close touch with cruelty and misery, yet they are powerless to interfere. Their presence unknown, and their words of pleading or condemnation unheard by they who are left behind, and when they see others being driven to take the same action they have taken, they plead, and when the fatal act is about to be performed, they in their frenzy try to stop them, but their efforts are all in vain, they must witness the death struggle without being able to interfere in the slightest degree. They must stand by and see those they have left on earth going to destruction, and their agony is further intensified in being able to see into the future and know to what they are being led or driven. But all their efforts are useless to stop the downward march, and to be compelled to watch this slow march to the horrible position must be an awful fate and must produce such an intensity of mental suffering that no position on earth is able to equal. If the parents of children were able to see the whole of the future life of any of those children, and they knew from that future that one of their number was to become a murderer, what would be their state when they watched the years slowly but surely passing on, and that awful time coming nearer? Can you imagine an Hell where the torture would be more bitter? When you can, you will be able to form some idea of the position occupied by they who seek to end their lives when they awake on the shores of eternity."

"You paint an awful picture, sir," said Walter, with a shudder. "But I fail to see how or where you gain proof of what you say to make your position tenable. It is an easy matter to imagine or assume a certain position or end, but when it is faced with logic and reason it crumbles away to dust. It

is alright to draw these pictures to prevent any portion of the people from entering into a state which would prove disastrous to the body. But at the same time you should also be prepared to prove your position, and give to the enquirer positive proof that what you may say is true."

"My dear friend," replied Mr. Marsden, slowly, and with meaning, "if I was to cite to you the whole of my life and give you the many points which are positive proof to me of the existence of a future, I should not be able to change your convictions in the slightest degree. What is proof positive to one man has no part with another unless he has been through the same experience and gained the facts for himself. You tell me I should be able to prove my position when I make any statement which deals with the occult side of life. What I might say to you, or how many incidents I might illustrate to you, would not prove that what I told you was the truth. But if you applied yourself personally, and with an open, honest and pure purpose, you seek for evidence that the dead still live, that evidence you will surely find, and all the forces in the world can never destroy your position. You will then know that there is no death, and your stand being taken on the ground of actual demonstration, you can there say that you know the dead live. I might ask you to prove to me your position in denying all possibility of life after death. Is not your position one of mere assumption, without one particle of evidence to give it a semblance of truth?"

"You speak somewhat strongly, Mr. Marsden," said Walter, "but I must admit that there appears reason in what you say. I should like to know something more of the subject before we part company. It is an important one to me, and may mean much to my future position, or the stand I shall take in upholding or condemning, just as my investigations lead me to form deductions as to whether there be or there be not any future."

"I should be only too pleased to give you further information were it not for the fact that it might possibly prejudice your opinion. Seek for yourself and you shall surely find. We shall meet again in the near future, then I may be able to assist you. But for the present we had better dismiss the subject and return to the farm and see how the unfortunate woman is faring."

When they returned to the farm they found the woman more composed, and were pleased to find that she and the good woman of the home had come to an arrangement, and that she was to remain there as one of the farm employees. This arrangement pleased the two men, and after expressing their thanks to the hostess for her goodness, they left the room to enable Mr. Marsden to don his own clothes, that he might continue his journey, which had been interrupted by the woman throwing herself into the river.

When they again entered the room where the unfortunate woman sat alone, she arose and with tears of regret in her eyes she pleaded for forgiveness for the rash act which had given them so much trouble and caused them so much uneasiness and annoyance. "Your words, sir," she said, turning to Mr. Marsden with tears of true repentance coursing down her face, "have burned into my soul, and by the help of God I will in the future bear my burden in silence, and

never again seek so cowardly a way to escape the consequences of my own actions. Had I listened to the pleadings of my parents and friends all this might never have been. But, thank God that my eyes are now open, and in my future life I will try to atone for this one act of weakness and despair. Forgive me, I plead, and may God bless you both."

"Do not distress yourself, my good woman," said Mr. Marsden, feelingly, "but let us be thankful that the act was unsuccessful and you were saved from a life of remorse. Always try to make the best of circumstances you are unable to alter or change. I must now bid you good bye." Then he grasped the woman's hand and hurried from the room, leaving a silver coin in her hand.

Walter followed him, and when they were some distance away, en route for the station, he ventured to break into the thoughts of his strange companion by asking, "Why do you appear so troubled, Mr. Marsden? Though our meeting has been strange and the outcome of distressing circumstances, yet I feel thankful that we have met and sincerely trust that we shall meet again."

"Time will not permit for me to explain why I am sad. If you wish to know, and are anxious to keep up the acquaintance so strangely formed, come along to my home at any time you think proper, and I shall have the greatest pleasure in offering you a welcome, and will then explain much that may appear strange to you now. Here is my address," he said, handing him another card. Then they grasped hands, and it was with a feeling of regret that they parted, and each went his own way.

#### CHAPTER IV.

After parting with his strange companion, Walter turned his steps towards the fields. His reason for taking this road was because he wanted to think over his strange meeting with Mr. Marsden, and the words he had spoken to him and the woman they had rescued. His time being his own, he did not hurry, consequently, when he approached the farm nearly two hours had gone by. As he was passing through the gateway leading into the garden he was accosted by the farmer, whose face wore a troubled look as he said, "There's a telegram come for you, Mr. Merton. It came about an hour ago. My old woman has put it on your table."

"Thank you," Walter replied. "I will go and attend to it at once. I hope there is nothing wrong at home?"

"I hope not, sir. I always feel creepy when I see them yellow envelopes."

Walter passed into the house without further remark, and went direct to his room where he saw the telegram referred to lying on the table, and hurriedly taking it up he tore it open and read these words, "come home at once. Your father is taken seriously ill. Important." He stood as if dazed for some moments. I wondered what it could be. The wire says, important. That means something serious. He took up his railway guide, but was annoyed to find there would be no train for over an hour, and this meant it being dark before he arrived home. "I suppose I must make the best of it," he said, "but it is very annoying. Mrs. Wright," he called to his hostess, and quickly settled with her, and made his way to the station.

(To be continued.)

**Bible Studies, No. 14.****SPIRIT WRITING.**

"In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.... This is the writing that was written, "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN."—Dan. v. 5 & 25.

Here we have an instance where the fingers only of a spirit were seen, showing the power of the spirit in those early days to materialise only just sufficient of its hand as would enable it to write, while all else belonging to it was invisible.

Similar instances have been witnessed by Spiritualists and non-Spiritualists, of hands only being materialised, both to write messages of love, an warning, and to handle and play on musical instruments as they have floated round the seance room. It is a mystery to the average Christian how such things can be, but surely it is no greater mystery than the writing on the wall.

There is another mystery attached to this Biblical incident, namely—What did the spirit use as a writing material, and where did he obtain it from? There is no mention made of chalk, charcoal, hard clay, or any other substance.

The same question arises with regard to the two tables of stone received by Moses. We are told in Exodus xxxi, 18., that "they were written on both sides by the hand of God." We are further told in the following chapter, verse 16, that "the writing was the writing of God (Yahveh) graven upon two tables." Whence came the necessary tools to cut those ten commandments on those tables of stone? The process must have been a laborious one, the seance with Yahveh very protracted, for the people had grown weary at Moses' long absence and desired Aaron to make them a golden calf.

While the reader is pondering on the above questions, I will present a well testified case of spirit writing between two closed slates.

Mr. Joseph Armitage, The Mount, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury, the well-known Yorkshire medium, and with whose five daughters I commenced the Lyceum work at Batley Carr, in May, 1882, gives the following valuable testimony.

In November, 1887, he was entertaining Dr. Hy. Wilson Slade, with whom he held a seance in the kitchen, in full gas light; all the family being present with the exception of Mrs. Frank Hepworth. Mr. Armitage bought two slates, on leaving his work in the evening, and thoroughly cleansed them on reaching home, and never allowed them out of his sight. They placed a crumb of slate pencil between the two slates, and sat round the kitchen table. Mr. Slade held one end of the slate, allowing the other end to rest on Mr. Armitage's left shoulder. In a few minutes, all present could hear the scratching of the crumb of pencil as the message was being rapidly written. Three gentle taps indicated that the message was finished. The slates were opened, and on the bottom one was found the following message,—

"My dear son, I am pleased to see you engaged in this glorious work, giving light and truth to those in darkness, and it gives me pleasure to see your beautiful family engaged in the same. My dear son, you have had a struggle in life, but by your honesty you have lived through, and your ensuing years shall be crowned with success. I am trying all I can to help you on. Your Uncle William is present with me, and many others. Give our love to your family, and believe me as ever, your affectionate father, Henry Armitage."

Mr. Armitage says his father had been in spirit life 40 years that very month.

They placed another crumb of pencil between the slates and reversed them, so that the clean one was at the bottom, and received another message of 103 words addressed to Mrs. Armitage and the children.

Miss Keeves, who was also present, received a written message from her father, signed with his well-known signature.

In June, 1891, Mr. Armitage was entertaining another slate-writing medium, a Mr. Wentworth, with whom a seance was held in broad daylight.

Questions were written on slips of paper, answers to them were written on the slates as Mr. Wentworth held them singly high above his head in full view of all, no crumb of pencil could be used in such a manner. Strange to say each answer was written with a coloured liquid, red, blue and yellow being the colours used. Where, or how they obtained the coloured liquid is as much a mystery as the writing at Belshazzar's feast. Mr. Armitage still retains the above slates, anyone calling at his residence will be allowed the pleasure of viewing the messages.

(To be continued)

**"HANDSOME IS WHO HANDSOME DOES."**

One time I met a little girl,  
Whose face was fair to see;  
Of all the pretty girls I knew,  
The prettiest face had she.

"A charming girl," said I.  
Aunt Hannah wisely smiled;  
"It takes more than a pretty face  
To make a charming child."

I wondered what she meant; but ah!  
I knew it very soon.  
I said no more, "A charming child!"  
But sang another tune.

For she—the girl with pretty face—  
Was cross as cross could be;  
Her snarling words and pouting lips  
Soon disenchanted me.

"You see, my dear," Aunt Hannah said,  
"A handsome face alone  
Will never make a charming child,  
Nor for cross words atone."

"But handsome is who handsome does,  
When heart is filled with grace;  
And pleasant words are lovelier far  
Than many a pretty face."

## The Bluebell Guild.

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

My dear Bluebells,—

I am pleased to have another chat with you. How nice it would be if we could have a weekly chat, instead of monthly! Well, perhaps the time will come when we can meet once a week, but while we are waiting for the good time coming we must be working to make our Guild a success by enrolling many hundreds more members, whose daily lives shall be noted for Gentleness, Kindness, and Good Behaviour.

I feel sure all my Bluebells like to read fairy tales, and some of you may even wish you could be changed into a fairy. Well, here is a short story of a golden fairy, which will show you how you may become a real fairy.

### A GOLDEN FAIRY.

"There was once a little girl named Ida, who was always wishing to be a fairy; and often she would sigh: "Oh, dear! it is so dull to be a little girl, and I do so wish that I could be a fairy instead! I should like to be a real *golden* fairy, and be beloved by all!" Yet, strange to say, this little girl did nothing to make herself beloved; for she was often cross and selfish, and did not trouble to be kind or helpful to those around her.

One night, as Ida was lying in bed, she was wishing more than ever that she could become a fairy; and presently she noticed, to her surprise, that the room was beginning to glow with a soft, golden light, and, looking up, she saw a wonderful sight. Standing beside the bed was a dazzling figure with shining wings, clad from head to foot in shimmering golden garments, and Ida knew at once that this was a real Golden Fairy!

"Oh!" she cried in delight; "how beautiful you are! How I wish that I could be like you!" "So you may," said the Golden Fairy. "And that is just what I have come to tell you. You *may* become a human Golden Fairy, if only you will do golden deeds. Good deeds, noble deeds, and kind deeds are all *golden* deeds; and, if you will only look about for them, you will find plenty of such bright deeds to do."

With this, the Golden Fairy suddenly vanished, and Ida sat up in bed, rubbing her eyes, and wondering if she had been dreaming. However, whether it were a dream or not, she made up her mind to follow out the good advice the Fairy had given her; and the very next day she began to do golden deeds. At first she found it a very difficult matter, for it is not easy to become unselfish, loving, and thoughtful for others, all at once; but she tried her very best, and found her task grew much easier as the time went on, for one golden deed soon leads to another. So Ida is now quickly growing into a little human Golden Fairy; and *you* may become one, too, if only you will follow her example, and try to do golden deeds."

I have been delighted to receive several nice, encouraging letters, each one accompanied by a list of names. They read as follows:—

"Dear Flora Belle,—

"I again enclose you a list of names for your splendid Guild; and also a cutting of THREE RULES, which I think will suit your members.

"I have just been thinking we could have some very nice picture emblems that we could frame for our Lyceums. Such subjects as described in the LYCEUM BANNER for February, as seen by the E.C. at Todmorden, would be splendid. What do you think of this suggestion?

"Yours sincerely,

"A WELL WISHER."

[Oh! I should like it very, very much. But how can we get them? Will some of my wise Bluebells please tell me?]

"Dear Flora Belle,—

"Our Lyceum has not been in existence 12 months until May, when we hope to hold our anniversary. I am leader of what we have named the Violet Group, the eldest of which is 14 years. We have the LYCEUM BANNER, which I read each month. On Sunday morning I read to my Group Miss Russell's story on 'Birds and Angels,' which they enjoyed very much. I am sending you a list of names of those who desire to be members. If there is anything to pay, kindly let me know. Wishing your efforts every success,

"I am, yours sincerely,

"Mrs. M. E. DAVIS, Wolverhampton."

[I thank Mrs. Davis very much for her good wishes. I am pleased to say that no charge is made for either entrance or membership cards.]

Miss Dorothea Parker, Manchester, sends me a nice sisterly letter, along with some verses for our Guild. I thank her for all her good wishes, and much regret the verses are not quite up to the standard for insertion. But although she fails now, she may succeed by and bye.

### LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—HEATON AND BYKER LYCEUM.

2401	William Gray	2414	Mabel Foster
2405	Margaret Urwin	2415	Lily Marshall
2406	Maud Locke	2416	Mabel Blair
2407	Cora Gray	2417	Richard Hughes
2408	Annie Lawrence	2418	Phenia Marshall
2409	Jessie Foster	2419	Albert Murraig
2410	Edith Nicholson	2420	Jennie Marshall
2411	Jennie Hughes	2421	Winnie Blair
2412	Maud Hepple	2422	Edward Nicholson
2413	William Urwin	2423	James Weightman

#### NEWCASTLE—BENWELL.

2424 Katie Currie

#### SHEFFIELD—ATTERCLIFFE.

2425	W. E. Inman	2431	Doris Wolstenholm
2426	Beaty Walker	2432	Nellie Holland
2427	Sarah Ann Walker	2433	John Holland
2428	Colin Greenfield	2434	Berty Heides
2429	Charles H. Robinson	2435	Beaty Cutforth
2430	Winnie Wolstenholm		

#### WOLVERHAMPTON.

2436	Nora Hartill	2443	Lilian Green
2437	Dorothy Hartill	2444	Phyllis Wollison
2438	Lily Corns	2445	Elsie Taylor
2439	Alice Dodd	2446	Denise Dawes
2440	Dorothy Jennings	2447	Hilda Dawes
2441	Lilian Jennings	2448	Nellie Woodward
2442	Florrie Dean	2449	Esther Wallbank

I hope to have a similar list of new members next month.

FLORA BELLE.

# Lyceum Lesson Plan for April, 1908

BY JESSY GREENWOOD.

## SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Hymn.
April 5.	315	82	237	131	337
„ 12.	412	388	*224	143	334
„ 19.	407	391	242	140	396
„ 26.	403	60	239	138	312
Maay 3.	381	385	222	118	402

\* Tune—Edwinstowe.

### Pearls of Thought.

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

April 12. "Sow a *Thought*, you reap a *Word*,  
Sow a *Word*, you reap an *Act* ;  
Sow an *Act*, you reap a *Habit*,  
Sow a *Habit*, you reap a *Character*."  
—*Elizabeth Schauss* (National Superintendent of Lyceums, America).

April 19. "He that gives good advice, builds with one hand ; he that gives good counsel and example builds with the other ; but he that gives good admonition and bad example, builds with one hand and pulls down with the other."—*Bacon*.

April 26. "My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions, but in the fewness of my wants."  
—*Brotherton, M.P.* (Salford).

### Lesson Photographs.

April 5. G.C.R. 131.

#### I. Lesson Outline.

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1 The first ambition of every one | } Esteem |
| 2 The difference between Vanity & |          |
| 3 How to gain from others         |          |

#### Blackboard Lesson.

The **S**pirit  
subject  
implicity } of  
strength } Self Esteem

(Commit to Memory).

"Remember thine own *dignity*, nor dare descend to evil, or meanness."

April 12. G.C.R. 143.

*Lesson Hints*.—1. Enumerate the rights a man is entitled to, in the G.C.R., explaining the meanings of various terms used, and carefully direct the pupil to the reasons why he does not participate in the various blessings suggested here. Much may be said on every 'right' given. Sufficient for at least two lessons.

April 19. G.C.R. 140.

### Lesson Plan.

#### I.

**M**ediumship must be carefully protected making high ideals and the companionship of good spirits their constant aim.

#### II. Qualifications.

**F**itly endowed  
Faithfully guarded  
Fully trained.

#### IV. Result.

A competent Leader  
Supplies a general want.

April 26. G.C.R. 138.

*General Outline*. Read the G.C.R. with the class alternating question and answer individually round the class. Invite questions on any point that may arise, and if possible, let another pupil reply ; thus seeking the Co-operation of all. Much information will be elicited, different opinions respecting life and death will be expressed ; the superiority of the Spiritualist's knowledge in preference to belief will be given, and splendid opportunities for the teacher will present themselves all through the reading which can be made highly interesting.

## NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

### DURBAN LYCEUM (Natal).

A very successful Social was held by the above on Tuesday, 25th February, in honour of Mrs. Place-Veary who returned the previous Tuesday from a six months' tour through South Africa. A long programme was gone through, the majority of the items being contributed by the members. A smart little dialogue, entitled "A Regular Tartar," was very creditably performed, the title role being excellently played by Mrs. Whitaker, formerly of Morecambe. Mrs. Veary was not allowed to go scot free, and in response to several calls, made a neat little speech expressive of her appreciation of the welcome given to her, and her pleasure in being once more in Durban before leaving for home, and made reference to the widespread enquiry after Spiritualism in South Africa, which she had observed in her travels. Miss Ruby Turner very effectively trained seven of the young girl members to deliver the welcome to Mrs. Veary in rhyme, each being decorated with a letter of the word "Welcome," and also to sing a couple of action songs.

WALTER KNOX.

## Temperance Page.

### THE REFORM PLEDGE

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

BY HERBERT E. CLARKE.

### THE NEW LICENSING BILL.

When I referred last month to modern legislation in the direction of social reform, Mr. Asquith had not yet introduced his remarkable bill into Parliament, and it was almost impossible to foretell what the new measure would propose in the direction of temperance reform.

As always occurs with bold innovations and attacks on vested interests, the Licensing Bill has already met with fierce opposition from the Trade, and the whole discussion has taken on the worst form of political and party ferocity. Very few who rise to a high temperature in the discussion of this bill have read it, satisfying themselves rather with newspaper travesties of it, or judging of its merits by the relative proportion of resolutions passed by equally ignorant and equally enthusiastic gatherings for or against it.

In the few remarks which I am about to make on Mr. Asquith's Bill, I intend to steer clear of party feeling, and express the views which a perusal of the text of the measure must inspire in all who are seriously opposed to the use of alcohol and who welcome effective expedients for the reduction of its consumption. Let me begin by saying that there is no foundation in truth or equity for the statement that a man's liberty is curtailed by any authority which forbids him to take steps towards his own slavery. The State is right, in its own interests and in those of all the subjects it protects, when it forbids a man to drink alcohol, and if he will not see that by indulgence in intoxicants he hurts himself, the duty of the State is to protect him from himself. There is always sufficient provision for moderate drinking, and it is absolutely essential that restrictive methods should be resorted to.

The Drink Trade is a huge one. The discussions of the past few weeks have shown us how deeply its foundations are laid and how severely an attack upon it is felt in the least expected quarter. The Drink Trade is the support not only of brewers and publicans and their work people, but of thousands of investors large and small, until one finds that the capital of this dreadful business is inextricably associated with almost every other form of capital, and hence to a certain extent influences the financial standing of the whole nation.

This has been a development of years, and now, as the axe strikes the broad trunk of the full-grown tree, every twig and rootlet quivers in sympathy. We have reared up a colossal evil and now we cannot remove it without anguish and pain; we are in the position of an agonised sufferer who fears a surgical operation which may at great risk save his life. If Mr. Asquith's

proposals become law, there will certainly be intense suffering for some whom we would rather spare. But is it not obvious that those who live and thrive on an evil must inevitably lose by the removal of that evil? We have to decide whether we shall suffer the wrong to remain or sacrifice the upholders of the wrong.

There are two thoughts which arise out of this. Are we sure we are removing the evil effectually or only carrying out a policy of oppression, and in any case, can we not reduce the consequent suffering to a minimum? When these possibilities are applied to Mr. Asquith's measure unreservedly, there seem to me to be failings, which however, might very well be removed in the process of its discussion.

The present Bill provides for a systematic reduction in the number of public-houses with on-licenses during a period of fourteen years; it reduces the number of hours of business on Sundays; shields the child from the evil influence of the bar and tap-room; affords the licensing justices additional powers in restricting terms of renewal or transfer of licenses, and in other ways aims at a reduction in the trade of the public-house. All this in itself is admirable, if we shut our eyes to its probable consequences. In certain cases (though I believe this to be essentially the exception and not the rule as some have urged), a reduction in the number of on-licenses has not been accompanied by a decrease in intemperance, and this has arisen from the fact that the source of supply has really not been reduced. The Clubs fill when the public-houses close, and Mr. Asquith will not remove any of the insidious evils of late clubs by plain-clothes police inspection. The Bill for the saving of the nation against the evils of intemperance can never be satisfactory unless the Clubs, which promote the worst forms of intemperance and destroy home life, are stripped of much more of their power than now proposed. It is intolerable that while we destroy one source of temptation we pass a worse by unheeded. I am aware that both the Act of 1902 and the present Bill approach the problem, but the circumstances are such as to increase rather than decrease the influence of Clubs. It was agreed in 1902 that a Club might be removed from the register on several grounds, the most important of which are that it is mainly a drinking house, that the sale of liquor is not controlled by the Committee, and that there is frequent drunkenness. These rules are very slack, and the numbers of Clubs which have lost their registration is only small. Mr. Asquith proposes to apply the terms of ordinary licensed premises, *i.e.*, annual renewal of licenses by the justices, but he does make the rules for the conduct of these places any more strict. If a number of people petition for a Club, the licensing justice cannot reasonably forbid its formation, and though the rapid growth of these places is not to be reasonably anticipated, the fact that their number will increase and not decrease, and that their membership will also rise, are disquieting facts. The new Bill also allows members of Clubs to purchase intoxicants in wholesale quantities from their Clubs, and this virtually converts the Club into an off-license open at all hours.

The bulk of the opposition offered to the new measure is in the method of reduction of licenses, which necessarily comes hard on a great number of

people. The owners of the licenses suffer no real hardship, for they will continue to be compensated much as in the Act of 1902, by paying to a fund which shall act as a kind of insurance against loss of license and which shall be the source of compensation until April of 1923. It is the modest shareholders who are the real objects of sympathy from all classes, not excluding the abstainers. We realise that they must be the victims of the purging of our present system, and we had rather they might have been spared. This is our deepest regret in an otherwise hearty wish for the success of a Bill, which, while not perfect, is a sincere and brave attempt to meet an evil which, if not checked, will continue to grow in strength, and extend its fibres still more woefully into our national life.

### UNITED DISTRICT COUNCILS.

A meeting of the above was held in the Regent<sup>t</sup> Hall, Rochdale, on Saturday, February 22nd; 14 being present, including representatives from the Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield, Leeds, Manchester and Salford, Rochdale, Liverpool and N.E. Lancashire District. Councils; also the B.S.L.U. Mr. Tinker was elected to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed. Deep regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Johnson, owing to personal indisposition. A vote of sympathy was moved and carried. The Secretary gave his report, and also dealt with the correspondence.

*Resolved*: That the U.D.C. meetings be held in February and November, the latter to be termed the Annual Meeting.

*Resolved*: That all D.C.s pay their quota towards the U.D.C. expenses.

After some discussion *re* the standing of the B.S.L.U. representatives, it was *agreed*: That the latter being the guests of the U.D.C., be permitted to take part in the business, but not to vote thereon.

*Resolved*: That the meetings of the U.D.C. be a close conference, with the proviso, that they have the power to invite any Lyceum worker to listen to the business.

It was proposed that each D.C. pay 1/6 at this meeting towards the U.D.C. expenses.

An amendment that each D.C. pay their quota at the November meeting was carried.

*Resolved*: That all D.C.s be asked to support the Rochdale D.C. motion, viz: "That an Officers' Edition of the LYCEUM BANNER be published by the B.S.L.U."

A discussion arose as to the standing of D.C.s in the Annual Conference. Mr. Kitson explained that D.C.s had had no power in the past to introduce business, appertaining to the emendation of the D.C.s constitution but Art. X B.S.L.U. constitution which had been amended at the last conference, would entitle them to do so in future.

*Resolved*: That all Lyceums be asked to support the District nominees for the B.S.L.U. E.C., viz: Rochdale, Mrs. Nurse; Bradford, Mr. Rau; Halifax and Huddersfield, Mr. Dyson; Liverpool, Mr. R. A. Owen; Manchester and Salford, Mrs. Bentley.

*Resolved*: That we support the nomination of Mrs. Bentley as President.

An invitation to hold the next U.D.C. meeting in

the N.E.L. district was accepted with thanks. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local friends for the use of the Hall and kind hospitality.

Reference was made to Mr. Frank Hepworth, as conductor of "The Boys Page" in the BANNER, and it was unanimously *Resolved*: That we place on record our estimation of the services rendered by Mr. Frank Hepworth in conducting "The Boys Special" Page in the LYCEUM BANNER, and urge an immediate resumption of his labours in the BANNER on behalf of the B.S.L.U. A hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Tinker for presiding concluded the business.

On the Sunday at 10 a.m. an open session was ably conducted by Mrs. Nurse, Messrs. Baker, Hargraves and R. A. Owen taking part therein. At 3 p.m. a propaganda meeting was held, Mr. Knott presiding. Messrs. Baker, Beety, Hargreaves and R. A. Owen delivered short addresses on behalf of the children, whilst a solo entitled "The Children's Home" sweetly rendered by Miss Pollard, of Keighley, tended towards the success of the meeting.

R. A. OWEN, Hon. Sec.  
88, King's Road, Bootle, Liverpool

### ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, the 7th March, at Dearnley Lyceum. Nine Lyceums were represented. The minutes were passed as correct, and correspondence accepted. The D.V. gave his report of Lyceums visited during the quarter, emphasising the need of a little more punctuality at a few Lyceums. The Secretary gave his report of the U.D.C. meeting held at Rochdale, which was accepted. It was unanimously decided to support the nomination of Mrs. Lizzie Nurse for the E.C. The Secretary was empowered to attend the Conference as representative and move an officers edition of the LYCEUM BANNER. The President and D.V. having resigned their position. Mr. Heaton, of Coronation Street, Lyceum, Oldham, was elected President, and Mr. John Frost, of Elliott Street, Lyceum, Oldham, was appointed D.V. The essay competition resulted in the first prize to Gertrude Dean. Two prizes of half-a-crown and two shillings are offered to Lyceumists in the district under 16 years of age for the best essay on the subject "What is Nature." Essays to be sent to the Secretary not later than the 20th of June, 1908.

It was decided that Mr. Heaton and Mr. Frost attend Middleton Lyceum on the 5th April, on behalf of the Council, and that Mr. Lord and the D.V. visit Penn Street Lyceum, Rochdale, in reference to their resignation. No application being to hand the demonstration was withheld for the present year. Appreciative thanks to the Dearnley Society and Lyceum concluded the business. The next meeting will be held at Middleton Lyceum on Saturday, the 27th June.

G. F. Knott, Secretary,  
30, Whitehall Street, Rochdale.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—It is with deep regret I have to announce the passing on of Jesse Edmunds; age 20. Before his illness he was one of the most regular of our scholars. Mrs. Naylor (late District Visitor), conducted the interment, on Sunday, March 22nd, at 2 p.m. There was a large attendance of Lyceum and church members at the cemetery.—W. COWELL-PUGH.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The time draws nigh for the Lyceum Conference, which promises to be fairly well attended. Applications for credentials are already to hand from Scotland, Wales, and London. Delegates from those towns that are served by the N.E. Railway Co. can book week-end tickets to Middlesbro'. Those from other towns can book week-end to Redcar, or Saltburn, which are a few miles beyond Middlesbro', and after spending a few hours at the sea side can return by ordinary train to Middlesbro' in time for the Conference.

A full Agenda of the business, along with statement of accounts, statistical returns, reports, etc., will appear in our next issue.

#### NO LYCEUM REPORTS NEXT MONTH.

Owing to the great demand on our space for Conference matter we shall be unable to insert any Lyceum Reports next month. Correspondents please note.

Elsewhere appears a list of motions and nominations. These are subject to revision by the E.C. All those who are nominated not attending the Conference are not eligible for election, and their names will be struck out, and a corrected list supplied next month.

Will Lyceum secretaries who have instructions to alter their orders for the LYCEUM BANNER please do so before the last Sunday in the month, on and after April, so as to allow us time to notify the printers at Keighley, with whom arrangements are made to despatch all parcels of the LYCEUM BANNER. All other goods will be supplied from this office as usual.

Owing to the 1st of March falling on the Sunday we had to go to press early last month, of which fact due notice was given in Rule 4 of the February issue.

A number of secretaries not observing this caused their reports to be too late for insertion, which we regret. We hope they will observe this Rule 4 in future, and so save themselves disappointment.

Our readers will be sorry to learn that two members of the E.C. will be unable to attend the propaganda meeting at Nelson owing to ill-health, namely, Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, and Mr. J. J. Bennett. We join our readers in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Our readers will be glad to learn that Mr. George E. Baker, of Elland Lyceum, and President of the Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council, has been elected, unopposed, a member of the Urban District Council. We beg to congratulate Councillor George E. Baker on his election. We feel sure his voice will be heard in the Council Chamber supporting many needful reforms, and his votes will be cast for them. May his efforts prove successful.

We are extremely sorry to learn it has been decided to close the Lyceum at Edinburgh. It is sad, very sad to contemplate that in this metropolis of Scotland the Lyceum movement is to have no representative. Let us hope the Spiritualists of Edinburgh will rouse themselves from this lethargy, which is a reproach, and be determined to make our cause as big a success as it is in the neighbouring city of Glasgow, where there are three Lyceums.

It is also our painful task to record the *suspension* (a term which allows of hope of their re-opening in the near future) of the Lyceums at Parkgate, Rotherham (Howard Street), and Stalybridge (Vaudrey Street).

But enough of this sadness. Here is news more to our liking. Lyceums have been opened at Brixton, Hucknall, Hyson Green, and Bradford (Manchester)!

During the past month it has been our pleasure to speak at the Rochdale (Regent Street) and Derby (Charnwood Street) Lyceums' Anniversaries. The former still maintains its high reputation for efficiency of officers and their untiring devotion to the Lyceum cause. The time for the afternoon's open session was much too short for the good things provided. The evening's service was full of devotion to the spirit of progress.

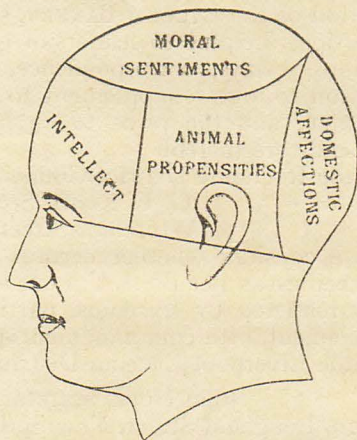
The new premises of the Derby Society are a splendid improvement on the old, being lofty, well lighted, and cheerful, with a spacious ante room. The building was erected, and used until recently, as a private school for boys. A modern heating apparatus would be an improvement, and effect a great saving in fuel.

There has been a decided improvement in the tone of this Lyceum during the past year. There are five groups, the youngest of which is under the able tuition of Miss Lee, a teacher with a deep and abiding love for children, who formerly had an infant class of over 100 scholars in one of the local Sunday Schools. Mr. Sharp, president of the society, is the leader of the

Liberty Group, and never fails to draw forth the powers of his pupils through judicious information and careful discussion of the golden chain recitation as set forth in the Lesson Plan. The leaders of the other Groups are equally effective in drawing forth the latent abilities of those under their care. Mr. A. Hardy is the capable conductor of this promising Lyceum.

### EASY LESSONS IN PHRENOLOGY.

By J. MILLOTT SEVERN, F.B.P.S., BRIGHTON.  
Past President of the British Phrenological Society,  
Incorporated.



It is with much pleasure that I contribute a few articles on Phrenology to the LYCEUM BANNER, in the hope that they may stimulate its readers to study and investigate this exceedingly useful science. Everyone must admit the usefulness of knowing something of one's own and others' characters, dispositions and abilities; and for this purpose the more one knows of Phrenology, and of all subjects appertaining to scientific character reading, the better.

There are various arts or methods of reading and studying character. Physiognomy, or the study of the face and features, is a useful character-reading art; there is something, too, in Graphology, or character reading from a person's handwriting. Again, nature does not err in giving one kind of head and another kind of hand, hence there is something in scientific hand-reading, or palmistry. And I can assure my readers that the more they study Phrenology the more delighted will they be with its accuracy and usefulness.

Many Spiritualists are firm believers in Phrenology; among others may be mentioned the founder of the Spiritualists' Lyceum Movement, Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis; also the late Mr. James Burns was a well-known and highly esteemed professional phrenologist.

It is now generally recognised by medical men, phrenologists and scientists that the brain is the organ of the mind, or the seat of the mental organs; also that the brain shapes the skull; though as a matter of fact the skull and brain grow with each other, just as the shell grows around the kernel of a nut, or the skin around the various kinds of fruit, and increases as the contents within increase. The

skull acts as a protection to the brain and not as a hindrance to its growth; with a little thinking this should be readily understood.

The most ordinary observer must have noticed the great variety there is in the shapes of people's heads. As there are no two faces exactly alike, so there are no two heads just alike. There is as much variety and difference in the shape, size and contour of people's heads as in their faces. Phrenology claims that these differences in the shape and size, etc., of the head—the quality of the brain also being taken into account—are decided indications of the differences of disposition, ability, intellect, etc., in different persons and peoples.

Speaking generally, so as to aid your observations and judgment, it may be readily observed that there are some decided types of head, as, for instance, decidedly long heads, high heads, and low heads. Now all these differently shaped heads have their meanings. It may not be well to tax you with too much detail at first, but I will draw your attention to the above illustration in which the head is divided into what we call the four great divisions, representing broadly the four great groups of mental organs.

The front portion indicates the intellectual region of the brain, in which are located the observing, thinking, planning, reasoning and intuitional organs. According as there is size in this part of the head so there will be intellect.

The back portion indicates the seat of the domestic and social affections,—love of home and family, of children, animals and friends.

The portions of the side of the head indicate the location of the animal propensities; though perhaps it would be better understood if we call this part the seat of the self-preserving organs, which give energy, force, executiveness of purpose, combative spirit, sense of carefulness, economy and management, cautiousness, prudence, sense of hunger, etc.

The top of the head indicates the position of the moral and religious organs or sentiments,—benevolence, sense of justice, veneration, spirituality, hope, regard for moral conduct, etc.

We will go more into details as we proceed with these lessons. What I want you more especially to do this month is to try to thoroughly grasp the meaning of these our great divisions of the head and brain. If you learned no more than this it is a lesson in phrenological science and character reading that is well worth knowing.

Having fixed these four principal divisions well upon your mind, then begin to study the shapes of the heads of friends and the people you daily come into contact with. You may take the opening of the ear as the centre from which to gauge your measurements. When you see a person with a large development of brain *in front of the ears*, but small or seemingly straight up at the back of the head, that person has a greater development of the intellectual than the domestic faculties; and if you get into conversation with him he will in all probability show a disposition to want to argue and reason with you,—to inform you of what he knows, but he is apt to be an awkward fellow at home when it comes to nursing the baby, getting the coals to the fire for his wife, or doing a bit of domestic work,

sweeping, and cleaning, etc., so if there are any young ladies among my readers, you may readily judge of the kind of husband such a man will make. If you cannot appreciate him for his intellectual qualities, you certainly will not be able to do so on account of his domestic disposition.

When you have the reverse of this, that is a larger development at the back part of the head than in the front you are likely to have a decidedly domestic person, fond of home, of children and friends, and strongly affectionate, one who may not object to stopping at home to mind the children while the wife goes to market, or take his turn in going with her, though he may not be extraordinarily intelligent.

When there is a good height to the head above the opening of the ears then you have a person of strong moral and religious trend of mind. You will notice this at once in all well-known, sincerely religious teachers, preachers, ministers, and clergymen. When the head is low and flat on the top there is very little conception of, or regard for moral and religious teaching and observances.

Persons with wide heads are usually very energetic and forceful, and more or less interested in mechanical and practical business pursuits. Narrow headed persons are usually quick, active, intelligent, open minded, lacking in acquisitive business tendencies, and generally more artistic than mechanical.

Later I may give you more details and illustrations of wide and narrow heads. Next to religious teachings there is scarcely any subject more useful and necessary, or more absorbingly interesting than the study of character, based on phrenological principles, therefore if you desire to continue these studies please preserve each copy of the LYCEUM BANNER so as to be able to refer to the illustrations.

(To be continued.)

## BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

Annual Conference to be held at Middlesbrough,  
May 9th, and 10th, 1908.

### NOTICE OF MOTION.

#### DEFERRED BUSINESS FROM LAST CONFERENCE.

GENERAL MOTION.—To consider the advisability of issuing an Officers' Edition of the LYCEUM BANNER, to deal exclusively with matters helpful to the same.  
*Coventry Lyceum.*

per Mrs. M. Law.

That the business of the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. be recorded by publishing in the BANNER, the minutes of all E.C. meetings.

Miss Mary A. Marsden, Sec., *Elland Lyceum.*

That this Lyceum suggest to the Conference the advisability of the consideration of the question of the *Lyceum Manual* and its position in relation to the Trustees, and that a committee be appointed to consider the whole matter, and confer with the donor.

Mr. S. Lee, Sec., *Armley Lyceum.*

1st—That uniform teaching in our Lyceums be fully considered.

2nd—That the Conference consider the advisability of issuing an Officers' Edition of the LYCEUM BANNER.  
Mr. J. D. Butterworth, *Nelson Lyceum.*

1st—That it be an instruction to our General Secretary that all District Visitors shall be supplied with a copy of each publication issued by the B.S.L.U. Publishing Department, such copies to be exhibited by the District Visitor on his visits to the various Lyceums.

2nd—That the policy of having a Serial Story running through the columns of the LYCEUM BANNER be discarded, and in its place shall be inserted matter that shall be of practical use to Teachers and Leaders in our Lyceums.

Signed on behalf of the *Accrington (China St.) Lyceum*,  
Wm. Fish, Conductor.  
Jas. F. Shuttleworth, Secretary.

### NEW MOTIONS.

1st—That the E.C. shall publish monthly, an Officers' Edition of the LYCEUM BANNER, such edition to contain articles helpful to leaders of groups, such as lesson plans, essays, correspondence, etc. The Officers' Edition to form a supplement to the present LYCEUM BANNER, and the price to be increased to meet the expenditure thereof.

Moved by the Rochdale District Council.

G. F. Knott, Secretary,

30, Whitehall Street, Rochdale.

2nd—That we consider whether certain movements in the Calisthenics as per B.S.L.U. instruction book, are correctly rendered by Lyceums, particularly the alternate movement, fifth commandment, page 8.

Moved by the Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

John Hope, Secretary,

10, Longfield Street, New Spring, Wigan.

### NOMINATIONS.

PRESIDENT.—Mr. E. A. Keeling; Mrs. Annie E. Bentley; Mr. R. Latham; Mr. H. A. Kersey; Mr. W. Johnson; Mrs. Jessie Greenwood; Mr. J. J. Bennett; and Mr. Councillor J. Venables.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—Mr. R. Latham; Mr. E. A. Keeling; Mr. J. J. Bennett; Mr. H. A. Kersey; Mr. Councillor J. Venables; Mrs. Lizzie Nurse; Mr. W. Johnson; and Mr. Herbert E. Clarke.

TREASURER.—Mr. Councillor J. Venables; Mr. R. Latham; Mr. H. A. Kersey; and Mrs. Bentley.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—4 members wanted.—Mrs. Lizzie Nurse; Mr. H. A. Kersey; Mrs. Annie E. Bentley; Mr. W. Johnson; Mr. R. Latham; Mr. R. A. Owen; Mr. E. A. Keeling; Miss Lizzie Mortimer; Mr. Henry Rau; Mr. B. Dyson; Mr. J. Kay; Mr. J. D. Walton; Mr. W. E. Stanton; Mr. D. Griffiths; Mrs. Butterworth; Mrs. M. Law; Mrs. Jessie Greenwood; and Mr. J. C. Chappell.

AUDITOR—1 wanted.—Mr. T. H. Wright; Mr. W. S. Stott; Mr. J. E. Barnes; Mr. J. Knight; and Mr. R. Latham.

NOTE: Only the names of those who attend the Conference can be voted upon.

The above list as here submitted, is subject to revision by the E.C. A revised list will accordingly appear in our next issue.

Any person nominated who desires to withdraw his or her name, should do so not later than April 9th.

Alfred Kitson, General Secretary,  
Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, near Dewsbury.

## Correspondence.

### A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission I would like to make a suggestion to all Lyceumists, which I feel sure will prove of great interest to all who adopt it. My suggestion is, that a special page in the LYCEUM BANNER be devoted to publishing the names and addresses of all Lyceumists who would like to exchange correspondence with fellow Lyceumists wherever the LYCEUM BANNER may be circulated. If the suggestion, or plan, entails additional expense, let each one sending their name and address enclose a few stamps. The correspondence may be by either post cards or letters. It would prove both interesting and instructive, and would enable Lyceumists to become acquainted with each other who are separated by long distances. It may also be the means of giving courage and comfort to our brothers and sisters in the hour of sorrow and distress. Personally, I have already derived much benefit by corresponding with a lady Lyceumist in London, and would very much like to see the plan adopted by hundreds of Lyceumists. What do my brother and sister Lyceumists say about it?

MISS D. PARKER,  
59, Hulton Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

### LIMERICKS.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—What a strange thing it is that a position cannot be defended without someone pandering to the foolish by casting reflections and stooping to personalities. I refer to F. R. Ingram's letter in your latest issue. His first item regarding consistency of opinion I pass, as only they who best know me can judge as to whether my work in and out of the Lyceum is consistent with my opinion. Also, I never postulated that "several wrongs made a right," I was only endeavouring to show that competitions were not immoral nor in the spirit of gambling. I still maintain that position, but when friend Ingram stoops to insult by insinuating that I prided myself in helping the "Home Fund" by winning prizes it clearly shews how little he knows his man. Perhaps it would interest him to know I am far worse off financially after coming in touch with the Lyceum and Spiritualism in general than I was before, and that I wear a badge in my coat that was not won in a competition. In defending my own position in my first letter the defence of friend Hepworth could not be avoided, but let it be clearly understood, I court neither the favour of a Hepworth or an Ingram, nor do I value the opinion of a man who cannot confine himself to the subject in hand.

His presumption on the beneficent effect and the winning of a badge is but idle clap-trap, and unworthy of a sensible Spiritualist, whilst the irony in that line "of deepest sympathy for poor friend Laverack," is a very fitting ending to his aforesaid scrappy remarks. "Poor friend Laverack." Yes, poor indeed, but still a staunch friend—a friend who never yet soiled his Spiritualism by making gold the object of services rendered. A friend who finds not his ideal in the adornment of a coat, but

in the spiritual endowment of men and women's lives. A friend who still hopes to be of service to humanity and to hasten the day when:—

As link by link the chain of gold,  
Forming a perfect whole;  
We realize one God, one fold,  
Eternal life the goal.

Such a friend is he at whom is hurled the accusation of seeking only to win a badge. In conclusion let me assure friend Ingram that in the event of the Limerick's again appearing I am sure to send another last line in the hope that my awful luck will change.

J. E. LAVERACK,  
3, Slingsby Terrace, Shields Row,  
West Stanley, co. Durham.

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased that the BANNER is going to be freed from the "Limerick Craze." I do not hold with Mr. Hepworth resigning his post. If an honest and well-meant letter, which was intended to uplift the LYCEUM BANNER makes a man of his standing resign, what is the movement coming to? As to Mr. Laverack's letter, I think very little of it indeed. When a man gives that he may gain something, he must need shut his eyes to the principle at stake. We must keep the LYCEUM BANNER pure and sacred to the best interest of the children.

CHARLES ADSHEAD,  
21, Springfield, Lr. Crumpsall.

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in the correspondence in our paper *re* Limericks, which I, as an individual reader, think should never have been allowed. Are not Limericks a form of gambling? I most certainly think so. And is not gambling contrary to the teachings and principles of our Lyceum movement? And so for the sake of the children I hope that at the conference in May the delegates will move that they be discontinued. I entirely fail to see Mr. Hepworth's "transparent implication" in Mr. Williams' letter. Rather am I glad the Cheetham Lyceum, as a body, denounce Limericks. I do hope that all true Lyceumists will take the matter up and vote against them appearing in our official magazine, whose principle is progression.

WALTER A. KAY,  
54, Cavendish Street, Keighley

Dear Sir,—On behalf of South Manchester Forward Lyceum, I extend the deepest sympathy to Mr. Hepworth in his misfortune of having been misunderstood in regard to his "Limericks." We were very sorry to hear that it was a *Lyceumist's* objection to "Limericks" that caused Mr. Hepworth to take the step he has done, and we hope by this time he has reconsidered his intentions, and that before many weeks we shall see the "Boy's Specials" conducted by Mr. Hepworth in the LYCEUM BANNER; I am sure that our young Lyceumists will be glad to see it once more. I conclude with the earnest desire of the above named Lyceum to our dear friend Mr. Hepworth in his position for many years to come.

Miss L. ROBINSON, Secretary.  
[As the E.C. meets on the 11th, this correspondence is closed.—Ed.]

## THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

Propaganda meetings will be held at the Spiritual Church, Vernon Street, Nelson, on Sunday, April 12th, 1908, at 2-30 and 6 p.m., when the following members of the Executive Council are expected to address the meetings:—Mr. E. A. Keeling, President; Mr. R. Latham, Vice-President; Mr. Councillor J. Venables, Treasurer; Mesdames Jessy Greenwood, Lizzie Nurse, and Mary Law; Messrs. H. A. Kersey, Wm. Johnstone, and Albert Wilkinson. A Lyceum open session will be held at 10 a.m. Lyceum hymn sheets, No. 1 and 3 series, will be supplied free of charge. Collections at all meetings towards expenses.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

## MARRIAGE.

SPIRITUALIST TEMPLE, BLACKBURN.

An interesting ceremony took place at the above Temple on Monday morning the 9th of March, viz. the marriage of Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who has come from far away Manitoba to fetch his bride, Miss B. Bury, of Scotland Road. Both parties were formerly connected with China Street Lyceum, Accrington; in fact, we believe Mr. Greenwood was for some time Lyceum conductor. Mr. F. Hepworth officiated, and the happy couple left the building with many good wishes for their happiness in their far away home, for which they sailed on the 13th.

R. SALTER.

## In Memoriam.

[Received too late for insertion last month. Ed.]

LONGSIGHT.—I regret to announce that one of our Lyceum members, Mr. Wm. Canham, passed on on February 11th, aged 31 years, and was interred at Southern cemetery on the 18th. A number of Lyceumists were present. He was well respected in the Lyceum—CHARLES FOX, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

### NO REPORTS NEXT MONTH.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, March 1st, we held our monthly open session, which was fairly satisfactory, musical reading and silver chains being well responded to. Recitations were given by Mabel Simpson, Jane Yates, Willie Plenderleith, and Alick Plenderleith. Reading, "Children in the Summer-land," by Mr. A. Simpson, also readings by Mr. O. Wrigley and Mr. H. Beech. A good supply of "Pearls" brought a pleasant session to a close. I would now like to appeal to the elder members of our Lyceum to put a little more enthusiasm in the open sessions by contributing their little, and thereby making manifest that love which we profess for the Cause in practical work.—A. France, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD (Grange Road).—On March 8th, our Lyceum furnished the services in the form of sessions, afternoon and evening. Golden chain recitations, "The Lyceum," and "The Origin of the Lyceum," along with the musical reading "Steps of Progress" were nicely rendered. "The presence of Angels" was rendered as a dialogue. Solos, "Angels lead my footsteps," and "Open the door for the Children," were good. While the following recitations from the Lyceum Manual, "Children," "Let it pass," "The Unseen World,"

"Arise," "Invocation to the Angels," were all pleasing items. The marching and calisthenics were well gone through, under the guidance of Mr. Robb.—John Parry, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM (Bloomsbury).—On March 1st, we held groups. Mr. Vann taking the elders, and the younger ones were taken by Mr. H. Reeves and Miss C. Norton. Mr. Vann took for his lecture, "The Abuse of the Bible," which was very much appreciated. On March 8th and 15th we had the usual session. I am pleased to report that the children are ever ready to give recitations and we spend some very pleasant afternoons. The recitations were chiefly given by Masters L. and S. Thompson, F. Bird, T. Haywood, and Misses A. Thompson, N. O'Conner, N. Murray, G. Inscoc.—Miss F. Inscoc, Librarian.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, March 8th, we made a presentation to two of our Lyceum scholars, who were about to leave us for America on the following Tuesday, Misses A. and L. Beardwood, two sisters whom we are sorry to lose. The presentation, which consisted of a workbox and brooch each, was made by Mr. Grime, our late assistant conductor. Our good wishes go with them for their future success.—E. Holding, Sec.

BLACKPOOL (Albert Road).—There was a very good attendance both morning and afternoon on March 1st, when we held our open session. We had with us Mr. Eastwood, District Visitor, and he spoke to us in a very encouraging manner on our general conduct. We were favoured by the following items from our scholars:—Beatrice Harvey recited "Complaints of the poor." Afterwards Mrs. Butterworth spoke in an illustrative and encouraging manner on it. Pollie Fox recited "Four little sunbeams." Ruby Garlick sang "Lord I would own thy tender care." Albert Leadbetter sang "I hear the Angels sing," and several scholars joined in the chorus. Herbert Hopwood then sang "The Volunteer Organist." Mrs. Porter also addressed the Lyceum.—Arthur C. Eaton.

BRADFORD (Shirly Road, Tong Street).—We held our open Sessions on March 8th, and both children and elders responded well to the call of our Conductor, Mr. Rau. Readings out of the *Manual* were nicely given by Masters J. W. Garrod, A. Worsman, W. H. Horsfall, Morris Halstead, and the Misses M. E. Higham and Mary Worsman. Recitations by Miss Louise Rau, and Master M. Pitts, followed by a musical reading by Misses E. Stebbins and T. Fearnley. Solos were given by Miss E. Knowles and Mr. Rau, Miss Ada Halstead acting as accompanist. Mr. Garrod and Mr. Seed gave words of encouragement to the Lyceum. Then we closed a very enjoyable and instructive session by singing one verse of "The Lyceum Band."—Mrs. Carter, Secretary.

BRIGHTON. (Manchester Street).—Progress satisfactory. We have succeeded in forming a Liberty Group, and have had pleasant half hours with *The Manual*. Professor Severn's lectures are proving deservedly popular with scholars and visitors, his subjects this month were "Human Nature," and "The early history of Chronology and its discoverers." I am glad to report our evening practises have been better attended. The month's social programme has been contributed to by Edith Cager, Vida Goodwin, Annie Scoggins, the Misses Shake, Winnie Goodwin, Mr. Cager and Arthur Scoggins.—Frank G. Clarke, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On March 16th, the members of our Senior Group rendered the dramatic play, entitled, "East Lynne," in a most excellent manner. The hall was packed with an appreciative audience. The play was got up entirely by the above group, in aid of the Prize Fund, at the small charge of 4d. and 2d. each, and realised £1 8s. 4d. Great credit is due to the artistes. I am sorry to report the serious illness of one of our young Lyceumists, Harry McBrine. Our combined sympathy goes out to him, and best wishes for his speedy recovery, so as to enable him to soon be amongst us again.—H. Brownhall, Hon. Sec.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—During March we have held a refreshment social, enjoyed by many friends. On the 14th, we held our annual tea and distribution of prizes, which consisted of 25 firsts, 8 seconds, and 6 thirds. The tea was well catered for, and enjoyed by a good number of friends. On the 15th we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services when Miss Ruth Sage was the speaker. About 30 Lyceumists assisted the audience in the singing. The quartette "God is a spirit," and the solo "Could we recall," were nicely rendered.—Wm. Fletcher, Assist. Sec.

CARLISLE (16a, West Wall's).—March 1st we held our usual open session, with only a moderate attendance. The marching and calisthenics were very good. Recitations were given by Masters H. Wright, and B. Potts; Misses E. Potts, J. Potts and O. Wright. Solo by Miss M. A. Wright. All much appreciated. A short and instructive address was given by Mrs. Shirllwell, of Newcastle, who also complimented the Lyceumists on their good behaviour and marching, etc. Master A. Brisco has been successful in winning the prize given by Mr. Wyvill for reciting No. 64 in the *Manual*. It was a most instructive and enjoyable session to both young and old.—Arthur Wyatt, Secretary.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin Street).—We held our open session on March 8th, when we had a good session, but poor attendance. Miss M. Dawson recited "Common gifts"; Miss M. Collinson sang "Over the river of light"; Miss A. Dawson recited "Summer"; Master Z. Harrison recited "How an angel looks"; Mr. Harrison gave a short address. In the evening the Lyceum scholars gave the service of song, "In heaven's name." Miss Whitehead gave the connective readings in a good manner. There was a good and greatly interested audience.—B. Walshaw.

COLNE.—On March the 8th we celebrated our Lyceum Anniversary. There was a good attendance of leaders, scholars, parents and friends, considering the inclement weather. After the opening and silver and golden chain recitations, marching, etc., the following girls and boys gave recitations:—Misses E. Brown, C. Duerden, A. Sanders, Masters E. Hooper, W. Buckley, T. Hooper, M. Butterworth, J. W. Parkinson, and W. Sanders. Miss L. Stainsby also obliged with a solo. Miss Sage, who was the speaker for the day, gave a short address to the children, which was very interesting, and was well received. We spent a very happy morning together, and am pleased to say the other services were well attended, so that the anniversary was a success.—Miss F. Coles.

CREWE.—Our Lyceumists gave an entertainment, commencing with an overture by the Musical Conductor, Fred Henson, who accompanied throughout. Tableaux representing the seasons, with their respective queens, "Spring," Dorothy Purslow; "Summer," Ethel Reay; "Autumn," Isobel Henson; "Santa Claus," Fred Homer. Thomas Woodvine sang appropriate songs to each. Then came songs from Miss Woodvine, Ada Buxton, Gwennie Baggaley. A quartette was given by the Woodvine family, followed by the drama, "The Runaway Matches," and a dialogue by Fred Homer, Reggie Gawthorne and Thomas Woodvine, called "Bear and Forbear." A gipsy encampment, with gipsy songs, by the Misses Woodvine and Harrison, and gipsy chorus brought the proceedings to a close. A young Lyceumist, Nellie Ford, acted as chairman throughout.—Arthur Baguley, Secretary.

DEARNLEY.—On Saturday, March 7th, we held our annual Lyceum tea and concert, and prize distribution. The awards were distributed by Mrs. Nurse, of Rochdale. The evening's concert was a great success, the following taking part: Songs by Miss Shepherd and Miss Guinnett; recitations by Lyceum scholars—Joe Dean, entitled "Malley's Stocking" and "Peter Prime's Principles; Mr. George Seat, "Pat and the priest." Glee by the choir, "Killarney" and "Laughing Chorus." Action song by the scholars. Grace Darling and Black and White Minstrels, under the conductorship of Miss E. Out, brought a good evening's concert to a close.—S. Pinchbeck, Secretary.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—On Sunday, March 1st, we had a record open session. Several of the children's items had to be reserved for a future occasion owing to lack of time. It is very encouraging to see the children taking an active part in the service. March 15th was set apart for our Lyceum Anniversary, when we were favoured by a visit from Mr. A. Kitson, who gave addresses both afternoon and evening. The subject in the afternoon was "The origin of the Lyceum Movement," and the evening, "A little child shall lead them." Special hymns were sung by Lyceumists; also a solo by Miss Edith Athey. Mr. Kitson was also present at both our Lyceum Sessions.—Ethel Lees, Secretary.

DARWEN (Church Bank Street).—On March 3rd a social was held; pleasant evening. On March 14th the Young Men's Guild held a floral dance and social. Decorations were elaborate. The artistes were prominent with their selections. Refreshments were served. This affair was to raise funds for cricket outfits, etc., for the summer. A most enjoyable and a high social gathering was given. The Lyceum Liberty Group

is doing well with the syllabus. Various selected articles have been given which proved worthy of the good numbers who attended. Miss Bury had the pleasure of naming the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Dugdale on March 15th in the Lyceum.—John Clarkson, Secretary.

DUKENFIELD.—The anniversary services of the above Lyceum were held on March 1st. Two open sessions was the form of services, which were very well attended. The following members took part in the services, with recitations and readings:—Misses E. Grayson and Rose Shepherd, and Mr. G. Ellis. Mr. Wallace gave two short addresses. In the evening a duet was rendered by Mr. G. Ellis and Miss Polly Grayson, entitled "Swiftly time is bearing us away"; also readings. On Saturday, March 7th, a sandwich tea was provided by the Lyceumists, when there were about 120 sat down to a good tea. After tea a good entertainment was given.—Mr. G. Ellis, Secretary.

OLESHILL (Broad Street Corner).—Our Lyceum is still increasing and progressing. On March 15th we had our first open session, which was carried out successfully and pleasantly. Most of the Lyceumists did something towards entertaining the others. Miss Eva Kirby sang a very pretty song, entitled "The Children's Home," and Miss Mabel Kirby sang one out of the Spiritual Songster. Miss Annie Cox sang "The Star of Bethlehem." Several recited, and most of those who could not sing or recite read poems out of the *Lyceum Manual*, which they thought suitable for the occasion. We had with us Mrs. Rose Carryer, of Leicester, who is a native of Foleshill. She spoke some very encouraging words. So did Mr. Grant, the President of the Society.—Miss Winnie Cox.

GLASGOW ASSEMBLY ROOMS (136, Bath Street).—The following is the result of our annual election of officers:—Conductor, Mr. Jno. M. Stewart; assistant conductors, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Burnett; Guardian, Mr. Jno. Stewart; assistant, Mr. Cowie; secretary, Arthur Guild; treasurer, Miss Jeanie Russell; librarian, Mr. Thorn; assistant, Edward Anderson; drill instructor, Charles Guild; assistant, Wm. McPherson; musical conductor, Mr. Robertson; organists, Messrs. Burnett and Robertson; captain of guards, Mr. Reid, jr.; guards, David Sclater, Wm. Guild, Geo. Kerr, Geo. O'Hara and Nellie Scott; calisthenic leaders, Gertrude Guild and David Sclater; auditors, Charles Guild and Wm. McPherson; group leaders, Liberty, Mr. Burnett; Excelsior, Mr. Campbell; Ocean, Mr. Robertson; Sea, Mr. Nutt; River, Mrs. Stewart; Stream, Miss Reid, and Fountain, Mrs. Reid.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secretary, John M. Stewart, Conductor.

GLASGOW (Great Western Road).—On March 17th our Lyceum, in conjunction with the parent society, held an "At Home," Mr. D. McIntyre in the chair, supported by Mr. Sharpe, President of the Scottish Mediums' Union, and Mr. McPherson, Vice-President. Bath Street Lyceum was represented by Mrs. Unison, and Paisley Road Lyceum by Mr. Barnett and Miss McArthur, president and conductor respectively. A splendid programme was well rendered by the several artistes. Our Lyceum is not making the progress we would like to see. Our officers lack interest in the work. I am looking forward to an improvement at an early date.—Wm. Sneddon, Conductor.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our open session on March 1st. The silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading was led by Misses A. Bailey, A. Holderness, and Mr. Shaw. The golden chain was led by Miss E. Birtwistle, and Master H. A. Eastwood. Solos were given from the *Manual* by Miss A. Thornber, Miss A. Holderness, and Mr. Baxter. A duet was also given by Miss E. and L. Waring.—Mary Alice Holt, Secretary.

GRIMSBY (Strand Street).—The above Lyceum held its annual tea, after which an entertainment was given by the children, which was highly successful. The children rendered their solos, songs, and recitations in a very satisfactory manner. At eight o'clock the younger members of the Lyceum were sent home, and a social was held in aid of the Lyceum funds. Great thanks are due to Mrs. Stoneman, and Mrs. Powell who made the evening a great success. The officers also wish to thank the other friends who took part in the programme.—Miss Daisy Scott.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—On Saturday, March 7th, we held a social and distribution of prizes. The evening was spent in dancing, games, songs, etc., during which 27 prizes were presented by Mrs. Greenwood in a most able manner. They were only awarded to the Fountain and Excelsior groups, as sufficient funds were not raised at our last tea and entertainment

to provide prizes for the Liberty group. This is the first occasion on which prizes have been awarded at all, and it is hoped that the Lyceum officers and Liberty group will take steps to raise funds so that prizes can be awarded all round in future.—H. Houlston, Sec.

**HINDLEY** (Bridge Street).—We held an open session on March 22nd, when we had with us Mr. R. Billsborough, D.V., who ably led the golden chain recitation "Children in Spirit Life." This was followed by the naming of two infants, Edgar Woodcock and Edwin Jackson by the speaker, Mrs. Parkinson of Bolton. The ceremony was most pleasing. While a hymn was being sung the children, who carried flowers in their hands, marched round the hall and as they passed the two babies they dropped their flowers on them, the effect was that the little ones were covered with flowers. The audience was greatly impressed and deeply interested in the Lyceum teachings.—R. Barrington, Sec.

**HORWICH**.—Our open session was held on March 1st and was well attended. Readings and singing were excellent, and were conducted by Mr. Walsh. Marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. Gough, and all was gone through in an excellent manner.—E. Fernihough, Sec.

**HUDDERSFIELD** (St. Peter's Street).—On March 1st, we held our open sessions. The singing was well rendered. The golden chain very good. There were readings by Mrs. Barrow, M. Brook, and H. Wilson. Solos by Mrs. Gledhill and Mr. Barrow. A duet by Misses Brandon and Brook. Our speaker, Mrs. Robinson, gave a very good address. The marching and calisthenics were very well gone through.—Miss M. Barrow, Sec.

**HYDE** (Clarendon Street).—We held our open session on March 1st, in conjunction with a Children's Musical Service, which was very good, as were the responses, recitations, solos, etc. March 8th we had the election of officers. Mr. Wm. Poulton was elected Conductor with Miss Edna Harrop as Assistant Conductor. Mr. Joseph Smith was again elected Secretary.—Joseph Smith, Sec.

**KEIGHLEY** (Heber Street).—On Saturday March 7th, we held our annual tea and concert and prize distribution. The tea was partaken of by about 160 persons. During the evening a concert was presided over by Mr. Rau (President of the Bradford District Council). Songs were given by Miss Pollard, Mr. J. Pollard, Mr. F. Longbottom, E. Aked, and J. Teal. Recitations by A. Whitaker, S. Kay, H. Midgley, T. Clarke, V. Clarke, and A. Wright. A pianoforte duet by Miss B. Kay, and L. Hullah. And a sketch, entitled "Women's Rights," by the Liberty Group. Miss B. Shackleton accompanied. Mrs. Sunderland distributed about 50 prizes to the Lyceumists. On Sunday we held our open session when the Sea Group provided the programme.—E. Shackleton, Sec.

**LINCOLN**.—On Monday, March 2nd, our Lyceum and friends had a tea and entertainment. Recitations were rendered by Mrs. Keyworth, Ruby and Lily Rutter, Elsie Dawson, and Decima Roberts. Solos were sung by Miss E. Spratt and Mr. Schrimshaw. And a dialogue was rendered by Mrs. Cox and Miss E. Dobby, and an organ recital by Miss E. Hotchkiss. We had a very pleasant evening and everything was successful.—N. Roberts, Sec.

**LIVERPOOL** (Mount Pleasant).—On March 1st, a joint service was held to inaugurate a new order of management in the Society. The ever-willing friend of Lyceumists Mr. Frank Hepworth, sent some beautiful verses of welcome, which were recited by four Lyceumists in an excellent manner. As a Lyceum we are a happy family and have progressed. But like many other Lyceums we are receiving opposition from quarters who teach us how necessary it is to realise our responsibility to teach the young that they grow up to be a credit to the cause we love.—Wm. Pickup.

**LONDON** (Tottenham).—At our half-yearly meeting a good staff of officers were elected. All our hopes are centered in our promised operetta, "Snow White," which will be performed on April 10th, at the Ellesmead Board School, Seven Sisters' Corner, Tottenham, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7.30. We hope it will be a huge success. We take this opportunity to earnestly ask our fellow Lyceumists in the London district to support us by their presence on the above date.—Ellen Barnes, Sec.

**MACCLESFIELD**.—On March 8th we held an open session, when we should have had Mrs. Bentley as speaker, but owing to sickness she was unable to fulfil her engagement, much to the disappointment of the Lyceum. We had an able substitute in Mr. Thompson (Owd Jonathan), who gave very good

addresses to the Lyceum and congregation. On Wednesday, March 18th there was a concert held in aid of the Lyceum Band of Hope, there being a crowded audience, it being a decided success, which is very gratifying to the workers who have strenuously laboured hard for weeks in training the children for their different performances.—W. Allinson.

**MANCHESTER** (Collyhurst).—On Sunday March 1st, a commentary on the play "As you like it," was read in the Liberty Group, and a very interesting discussion followed. Lyceum sessions as usual, the average attendance and usual state of efficiency being well maintained.—J. Parkinson, Sec.

**MANCHESTER** (Princess Road).—On March 18th we had a Lyceum social, which was a great success, 120 people sat down to an excellent tea and tastefully decorated tables. Mr. Rastall, our conductor, made a few remarks during which he asked those present not to forget those friends and workers who could not be present on account of sickness. The concert opened with a song by Gladys Roberts, entitled "The Gifts," followed by a recitation by Marion Hardcastle, entitled, "The two sides of life," other recitations were rendered by Gladys Roberts and Bertie Skinner; Nellie Robinson sang "The roses of life." Then followed the most interesting item on the programme, the Tableaux, which were splendidly arranged by several Lyceumists. Dancing commenced at half past nine, which was enjoyed two hours.—Miss T. Robinson, Sec.

**MANCHESTER** (West Gorton, William Street).—I am pleased to report an improved condition of our Lyceum, which I hope will continue. The interest shown by the members of the elder group is very gratifying. Many subjects anent spiritualism and its sisterisms discussed with profit to all. Pleased also to say the BANNER still continues to provide plenty of profitable reading.—P. N. Humphreys.

**MIDDLESBRO'** (Grange Road West).—On March 1st at our monthly open session, Master Vernon Cole gave a violin solo. Recitations by Master Sid. Young, Misses Doris Chilton, M. Bessant and W. Clark. Our average attendance now is over 100.—W. Cowell Pugh.

**NOTTINGHAM** (Gladstone Hall).—On March 1st we held the open session, when we had a nice programme of songs, recitations, etc., by the children, followed by marching and calisthenics. Mr. Masters and Mr. Ashworth, D.V., gave short addresses, followed by a few clairvoyant descriptions by Miss Nicholson, an old Lyceum member. Mrs. Knight has presented the Lyceum with bells for the calisthenics, Mrs. Roberts and Miss Knight have promised prizes for recitations, and good conduct. And a member has promised one for calisthenics.—Miss E. H. Yates.

**NOTTINGHAM** (Hyson Green, Hawarden Terrace).—On March 21st, we held our annual young peoples' effort, when there were a good number sat down to tea. The tea was followed by a grand entertainment, when three sketches were given, composed by Miss Callender, one of our Lyceumists. The room was packed to its fullest capacity. The audience fully appreciated the manner in which the sketches were rendered. On March 22nd, the Lyceum gave a short musical service, Mr. Todd gave a short address, and Mr. Allen gave clairvoyance. The service was well appreciated.—C. E. Sharp.

**NOTTINGHAM** (Mechanics' Hall).—March 1st, Open Session. Recitations were given by Cissie Randall, Bert Everett, Ada Brown, Elsie Everett, Elsie Brown, and Thomas Randall. March 8th, we received a visit from the District Visitor, Mr. Ashworth, who addressed us for a short time.—L. Cooke.

**OLDHAM** (Coronation Street).—On March 15th we held our good open session, only marred by the resignation of our worthy Conductor, Mr. Chisnall, who on account of his good wife's health, necessitates their leaving the town. We are loath to part with such a man. He will take with him the best wishes of his Lyceumists, from the oldest to the youngest. I must state that we have benefited by his business abilities as the Society was in very poor circumstances when he joined it. Mr. Chisnall is noted for his pushing business-like abilities, and for the manner in which he has done his duty, both for the Society and the Lyceum which has won our warmest admiration.—T. Ingram, Sec.

**OPENSHAW**.—On Sunday, March 15th, we held our Lyceum open sessions, afternoon at 2.30, and evening at 6.30, when the singing, silver and golden chain recitations, marching and calisthenics were gone through in an efficient manner. Recitations were given by the children in the afternoon, and in the evening we had solos by one of the elders, "Let there be light," and a friend, "Babylon," both very well rendered. In the evening our friend Mr. Taberner addressed the con-

gregation on the "Lyceum," his remarks being much appreciated.—W.T.W. Secretary.

**PADIHAM.**—On Sunday, March 1st, we held our usual open session when we had a very pleasant time. Mr. G. C. Higham, conducted. We had with us a District Council Visitor, Mr. George Edwards, of Accrington, who gave a very good report to the Lyceum. Miss M. Martin recited "The Bridge Keeper's Story." The Conductor gave a reading, entitled, "We want yon lads at whoam." Also a violin solo, "Life let us cherish," by Master W. H. Oates.—C. H. Hoole, Sec.

**PLYMOUTH (Oddfellows' Hall).**—The Lyceum children met at the above hall on Wednesday, at three o'clock for games until five p.m., at which time they went into a smaller room for tea, while the large hall was put in readiness for the concert. The concert was a great success and was carried on under my directions. The programme consisted of a Service of Song, "The True Briton." Solos and Pianoforte selections, and a Cantata, "Christmas with the Pixies." The children were all in fancy dress, and made a pretty picture. The 1st scene, A Kitchen, the 2nd scene, A Pixies cave by moonlight. Then followed the prizes which were distributed by Mrs. Trueman. We had a full hall and all enjoyed themselves.—Lily Wakeham, Hon. Sec.

**PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).**—On Saturday, March 7th, we held our first Lyceum social, there was a good attendance of about 160. Two special singers gave their services, and one of the young Lyceumists, Amy Coupe, gave us two recitations, entitled, "The Children's Hour," and "Try Again," both were well rendered. We had the chain march and calisthenics, which were well done, considering the short time the Lyceum has been in existence. The leader of the calisthenics being Miss A. L. Fisher. It gave us great encouragement to see so much interest being taken in the Lyceum. Great praise is due to all who helped to make the whole evening such a great success. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.—C. Fisher, Sec.

**RAWTENSTALL.**—We held our open session on the first Sunday in March, when we had a very pleasant time together; we had solos by Miss N. Mantle, and B. Mantle, and a duet by Miss M. Mansfield and Miss A. Long. We had also Mr. Hamer, of Shaw, in our presence who spoke a few encouraging words to the children.—H. Haworth, Sec, and H. Mansfield, Assist. Sec.

**ROCHDALE (Regent Hall).**—We had our Lyceum Anniversary on March 1st, which was a success. Mr. A. Kitson, of Dewsbury was our speaker for the day. Marching, etc., was splendid throughout. We all hope Mr. Kitson will be long spared to continue in the work for the children. March 8th, we had with us Mrs. Craig, of Manchester, who left a good impression behind her.—Joseph Dean, Sec.

**ROYTON.**—We held our annual Lyceum tea party on Saturday, March 7th. There was a good number in attendance. Songs, recitations, violin solos, and a dialogue, entitled, "Imaginary Mary Ann," were well rendered by the Lyceumists. On Sunday, March 8th, we held our open session, Mr. Heaton, of Oldham was the speaker. Recitations were rendered by the Lyceumists.—Lottie Garside, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).**—On March 16th, we held our tea, concert, and prize distribution, about 80 parents and friends sat down to tea. After the tea the Lyceumists and elders gave a concert, and was also well supported by Mr. French and party, with comic songs, and sand dance, to the amusement of the children and enjoyment of all. After a few well chosen remarks from Mr. Green and Mrs. Jones, conductors, the prizes were distributed according to merit, George Johnson, Ernest Johnson, and Ernest Green, held the distinction of special first class, with 104 attendances each. There were 11 first class, 7 second, and 6 third. We sincerely thank all who so generously contributed to the entertainment on this occasion.—H. Bowmer, Sec

**SHEFFIELD (Heeley).**—On March 1st, we held our open session. We had a fairly good attendance, and an excellent programme was gone through. The elders of the Lyceum rendering their services in a most creditable manner. Recitations were given by: Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Hempstock, Evelyn Hempstock, Bernard Swindon, Reginald Stevenson, Ernest Stevenson, and Samuel Hague. Also a solo "Hark I hear the Angels calling," by Miss Alice Nowell, and a duet, "Fold us in your arms," by Miss Alice and Susan Wilson.—G. Stevenson, Sec.

**SHIPLEY (Teale Court).**—On Saturday we held our Annual tea and Concert, 165 sat down to a good tea, which was ably served by Miss Sarah and Louie Clark, Miss Ethel Oldfield and Miss Rhoda Edmondson. The concert was well sustained by a quartette party, and songs were rendered by the following, Misses Clark, Gibbard, Keighley, Shepherd, Sutcliffe, Bower and Watson, and Messrs Shepherd, Murgatroyd and Seddon. The Lyceum juveniles gave an Operetta, entitled, "The Fairy Ring," and the seniors gave a dialogue, "The Bobby's Courtship." Mr. Oldfield, Secretary of the Society, presided, and distributed the prizes for attendance. A vote of thanks brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to a close.—E. H. Coles, Sec

**SOUTH SHIELDS (Robinson Street).**—On March 22nd, we had with us Mr. Clarke, D.V., and Mrs. Clarke. The latter named a baby, which was very interesting. Earthly name William, spirit name, Victor Sunflower. She also explained to the children the meaning of the spirit name. As it was the first child named in the Lyceum it was presented with a Lyceum Manual in honour of the occasion. The children responded with recitations, which added to the general interest of the session.—Mrs. R. Longstaff, Sec.

**SOUTHPORT (Neville Street).**—On March 1st we held our usual open session when the following recitations were well given, "The little old Woman," Jack Careful; "None so good as Mother," Maud Shilling; "The Fire Engine," Albert Careful; "Two little eyes to look to God," Connie Butterworth; "Happy as a Robin," Reggie Randle; "Daddy's Apple Tree," Amelia Careful; Songs, "Smile and be contented," Eva Grimshaw; "Joy Bells," Edwin Grimshaw. On the 8th, short addresses were delivered by Mr. W. Phillips and Mr. Owen, which were very encouraging to us, to go forward doing our work nobly and well.—Mrs. E. A. Randle, Conductor.

**STALYBRIDGE (Bennett Street).**—I cannot resist sending you a card to say how delighted I am with our attendances at the Lyceum yesterday, March 23rd. Out of our small register, we had 30 present in the morning, and 33 in the afternoon. Although not great figures, they are encouraging. A few more attenders and then we shall have to utilise our lower room as a class room. We are hoping during the summer, to further extend our accommodation on the ground floor.—J. Croasdale.

**STOCKPORT (Central).**—On March 1st, we had the welcome attendance of Mr. Poulton, the D. V., who gave excellent advice regarding the duties and conduct of every Lyceumist. On Saturday, March 14th, a social and dance was held at our rooms, to provide a fund for the Children's Summer Outing. About 65 Lyceumists and friends spent an enjoyable evening together. The elder Lyceumists gave the refreshments. Special praise is due to Mr. Bell, for fulfilling the onerous duties of M.C. Miss A. Pickthall, also, is worthy of praise for singing a song, entitled, "Sea Gull."—J. H. Marston, Sec.

**TODMORDEN.**—On March 1st, we held our open session, which was exceptionally good, brimful of interesting and elevating items supplied by Lyceumists. The following recitations were given: "Live and let live," "No colour line around the mansion door," "The burning stones," "The sweetest thing," "The new moon," "Oh! look at this man who is coming along," "The years at the spring," "Three words of strength," and "Across the sands of deeds." Two duets were well rendered. And also the following songs, "Angels lead my footsteps," "Over the river of light," and "Daddy." The names of the entertainers would swell my report far beyond the space allowed. But each one has the consciousness of having done their best.—George Crossley, Sec., (Miss) A. A. Emmett, Assist. Sec.

**ULVERSTON.**—We held an open session on March 1st, conducted by Miss Winnie Mather. The chain recitations, marching and calisthenics were good, and appreciated by the audience. Songs were given by the following, Nellie Haggart; Gladys Haggart; and Bobby Casson. Recitations by Alice Brooke; Evelyn Burns; Tom Granger; and Elsie Brooke.—J. E. Coward, Hon. Sec.

**WINDHILL.**—We held our open session on Sunday, March 1st. We had a moderate attendance, but a good time together. Calisthenics and marching were very nicely gone through. Afterwards readings were given by the following: Master G. Roper, and Miss N. Copley, Master J. Rosbrook, Miss M. Butterfield, "I do like Sunday School"; Miss Annie Roberts, "Push is my motto"; Miss Daisy Butterfield and Ethel Brown "Be kind to each other." Then we brought our session to a close by singing 324 and 326 *Lyceum Manual*.—Mr. E. Roper, Hon. Sec.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

- Accrington**, China-st., at 10 a.m., Mr J. F. Shuttleworth, 1 Lion-st., Church  
 ,, Carter-st., 10-30, G. R. Sutcliffe, 60, Pendle street
- Altrincham**, Station rd., 2-30 p.m., Mr. J. Bardsley, 1, Daisy Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, Timperley
- Armley**, Theaker lane, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Crabtree, 3 Abetcorn 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
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Lyceum Hall, Mr. J. Kendall, 31, 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, Cadoxton
- 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**, Salthey, Spiritualists Society 2-45 p.m., Miss J. Reeves, 194, Washwood Heath road, Salthey.  
 B.S.U., 11 a.m., County Chambers, Martineau Street. Miss F. Davis, 77 Murdock road, Handsworth
- ,, Smethwick, Central hall, cape hill 2-45, p.m., Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road
- Blackburn**, St. Peter st, 9-30 and 1-45, Mr. E. Holding, 46 Sandon street
- ,, Northgate, 9-30 1-45 Mr. 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
- ,, Otley rd., 10-30 a.m., Miss Edith Flatt, 47 Aire-dale road
- ,, Dudley Hill, Shirley-road, 10 and 1-45, Mrs. Carter, 571 Wakefield road
- Brighouse**, Martin st, 10 a.m., Mr. George Crowther, 19, Piggott-st.
- Brighton**, Manchester-st., 2-45, Mr. F. G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret s-place
- Brownhills**, High street, 9-30 to 10-30 and 2 to 3, Mr. 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
- ,, 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. Wm. E. Jones, 124, Habershon street, Spotlands
- Carlisle**, West Walls, 10-30, Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 38 Bright street, Newton, Carlisle
- Castleford**, Britten hall, 10 a.m., Mr. A. Atack 100, Hugh street, Beancroft road
- Chester**, 35 Brook street, 10-30. Mr. Arthur B. Priddey, 25 Sellaer street
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30, Mr. J. Martin, 16, Valley-road, Spittal
- Clayton-le-Moors**, 10 a.m., Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup-st., near Accrington
- Cleckheaton**, Old Robin-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. P. Walshaw Listing Lane Cottages, Gomersal, near Leeds
- Colne**, Cloth hall, 10 a.m., Miss Florence Coles, Victoria House, Colne lane, Colne
- Crewe**, 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.
- Dearney** near Rochdale, 10 Mr. Thos. Pinchbeck, 555 Halifax road, near Rochdale
- Derby**, Charnwood st., 9-45 and 2. Miss Ethel Lees, 7, Newland street
- Dewsbury**, Bond st. 10 and 1-45, Mr. A. Simpson, 4 Barbar street, Heighlands
- Doncaster**, 11, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. A. Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Bailey
- ,, 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, Barrack road.
- Elland**, James st., 10, Miss M. A. Marsden, 82 Longdale-street
- Gateshead**, Coatsworth rd., Beaconsfield Hall, 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. Hall, 34, Balfour-st, Bensham
- Glasgow**, Assembly Rooms, 136, Bath st., 4 p.m., Mr. A. S. Guild, 281 Cathedral street
- ,, Great Western road, Blythwood Halls, 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
- Grimsby**, Miss Daisy Scott, 94, Stan ey-st., New Clew
- Hadfield**, Albert-st., 10-30 a.m., Mr. Philip Beelley, 6, Wesley street.
- Halifax**, St. Paul's, Alma st., 10 and 1-45, Mr. Fred Townsend, 4 Green terrace sq., Savile Park
- ,, Raven-st., 10 and 1-30, Mr. Lewis Stevenson, 57 Haigh street, Battinson road
- Hamilton**, Burnbank, Glasgow road, 4 p.m. Mr. Thomas Mason, 48 Glasgow road, Burnbank
- Heaton Morris**, 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, Mrs. Wilfred Lunn, 3, Commercial street
- 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. Finker, 26 King stree, Higher Broughton
- Hindley**, Bridge-st., 10 a.m. Mr. R. Barrington, 209, Sandy lane
- Hollinwood**, Byron-st., 10-30, Mr. Fred Snape, 66r Hollin's road, nr. Oldham
- Horwich, nr. Bolton**, Beatrice st, 10-30, Mr. D. Emsall, 4 Abraham st.
- Hucknall**, Watnall road, 10-30 a.m., Mr. H. F. Cooper, 76, Derbyshire Lane, Notts.
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden st., 10, Mr. T. A. Shimmell, 31a Ravensknowl road ger, 8, School-st., Mold Green
- ,, 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, 15, Queen street, Hyde
- Jarrow**, Market square, 2 p.m. Miss Dora Foster, 53, Dee 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**, Athenium 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
- ,, Psychological hall, Grove house lane, 10-30, Mr Wm. Barnes, 23 Ashton street, Harehills road
- Leeds**, Hunslet, Church-st, 10-30. Miss Warburton, 3 Branding-st., Hunslet.  
 ,, 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  
 ,, Albion-st, 10 and 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36 Jermyn street, Belgrave
- Leigh**, Brown-st., 10-30. Mr. G. Woodward, 22 Poets nook  
 ,, Market Buildings, 10-30. Mr. B. Robinson, 75 Buck street
- Lincoln**, Exchange Arcade, 10-30, Mr. Fred Nicholson, 45, Waterside North
- Littletown**, Well-st. 10 and 2, Mr. L. Westcott, Benjamin street, Union road, near Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Mount Pleasant, 2-45, Mr. W. Pickup 6, Scholar-st., Smithdown-rd.  
 ,, Dauby hall, Dauby street, 10-30 a.m., Miss Millicent Clarke, 12 Osborne grove
- London**, Battersea park, Miss Sherman, 13, J. Peabody's, Orchard sreet, Westminster
- 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 Ellen Barnes, 2 Laurel villas, Felixstow, Lr. Ed-monton
- Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2, Mr. H. MacCartney, 12, Littleshall-st., Florence.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland street, 10 a.m., Mr. Wm. 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.
- ,, Higher Openshaw, Beaulah st., 2-30 p.m., Mr. Wm. T. Weitzel, 90, Church lane, Gorton
- ,, Longsight, Chell-st., 2-30, Mr. Charles Fox, 21 Peacock Grove, Gorton.
- ,, Ardwick, 38, Maskell-st., C. on M. 10-30, Miss L. Sims, 96, Cranworth-st., C. on M.
- Manchester** South, Princess Hall, Princess rd, 2-30 p.m., Miss T. Robinson, 11 Wellington avenue, Whalley Range
- Manchester**, West Gorton, William-st, 2-30 Mr. 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
- Morphey**, 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**, Vernon st., off Railway st., 10 a.m. Mrs. H. Stables, 5, 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
- ,, Heaton Spiritual Institute, Mr. A. N. Gay, 112 Tynemouth road, Heaton, near Newcastle
- New Hirst**, Ashington, Miners Hall, 2 p.m., Mr. Ronald Johnson, 11, Clyde-st., Hirst.
- Nottingham** Gladston hall 2-30, Miss E. H. Yates, 11, St. Ann Valley, Hunger hill road
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-ter., 10-30, and 2 to 3, Mr. C. E. Sharp, 51, Gauntley street, Hyson Green
- ,, Hyson Green, Bedford road (entrance Belper road), 10-30 a.m., Mrs. E. Gratton, 210, Alfreton road
- ,, Mechanics' hall, 2-30, Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195 Wollaton-st
- ,, Parliament Street, 10-30, Mr. Joseph E. Lister, 1, Lake Street, Hyson Green.