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"Seek and ye shall find."

By CHARLES TABERNER.

CHAPTER V.—Continued.

I am fully convinced that my dear wife lives, and the knowledge that she does has filled me with a deep longing to join her in that future which we have denied and spoken of with contempt. Let me beg of you, my son, to follow out your determination, and try to get more real pleasure out of life than has been my lot to know. Let not this parting turn you from your purpose, and if it be possible that the dead return, I make a vow to you, my dear boy, that I will return, and give you proof of my still being a living entity. These words shall be the proof of my return." Then he drew his son's head to his pillow, and whispered a few words in his ear. Then he kissed him, as he said, "Treasure those words. Not a living soul on this side of the grave know them but you and I. Now I am feeling tired and exhausted. Leave me and go to bed. It is getting late, and I cannot talk more now. Good-night, my dear boy, and may the unseen mother guide thee." Then they grasped hands. Each too full for further words, but they little knew that this was the last time they would clasp hands in the body.

Walter slowly left the room. His heart sad and heavy, and on entering his room he threw himself into a chair, and sat there quite motionless, with his eyes fixed upon the floor, and his head resting upon his hand. He was thinking of what his father had told him, and bitter thoughts entered his mind when he thought of the loneliness after his father had gone. Here his thoughts were interrupted by a gentle knocking upon his door, and in response to his call, "Come in," his father's housekeeper entered. "Shall you want any supper to-night, Walter?" she asked, failing to hide her emotion at the sight of the white face turned in her direction.

"My father's serious condition has given me my supper, Mrs. Williams," he answered bitterly. "You had better close up the house and go to bed. It is getting late, and there is no need for us all to be up. I shall remain here in case there is any change. It is a sad blow to me, Mrs. Williams," he said. Then his voice failed him as he again dropped his head on to his hand.

"Do not think of it any more than you can help, my lad," said Mrs. Williams. "I feel very deeply for you. It is the will of God that your father should leave us. Yet I shall feel his loss very keenly. He has been a good master to me." Then she broke down, and hurried from the room, softly closing the door behind her. The grief of this old lady had touched Walter very deeply, and caused him to drive away all bitter thoughts as he closed his eyes. He had not thought it

possible that his father being so near death could cause sorrow in any but himself. But the housekeeper's agitation had in a measure lessened his own load, in the pity he felt for her. His thoughts then became so deep that he lost all count of time, and how long he would have remained sitting there is hard to say. But he was suddenly roused by a heavy knocking upon his door, and quickly jumping up, he hurried to the door to find the nurse there in great excitement. "Come to your father at once, sir," she said. "He has taken a turn for the worst, and I fear he is dying."

Walter followed the nurse, and when they entered the sick chamber all was still. So still that a terrible fear took possession of him that his father was dead. Then he turned to the nurse and quickly asked if she had sent for the doctor, but before she could answer the doctor himself entered, and went at once to the bed, and after a close examination of his patient, he turned to Walter. "Your father is dying, my lad," he said. "He cannot live many minutes, and I am afraid he will not again regain consciousness. I am truly sorry for you. But always remember that my home is open to you at any time. I am a lonely old man, and should be pleased to help you over this loss."

"Thank you, doctor," was all he could say. Then their attention was directed to the dying man. "The end has come," whispered the doctor, then a tremor passed over the body of the sick man, after which a peaceful smile settled upon his face, and all was over. He was dead. They stood for a few minutes with bowed heads, then the doctor led Walter from the room. "Cheer up, my lad," he said when they stood outside, "your father is now at peace. Go to bed, and in sleep try to forget your loss. Good-night." Walter did not even attempt to follow the doctor's suggestion. Though he appreciated his deep sympathy and good feeling, he knew it would be impossible to forget that his father was dead, while sleep was out of the question altogether, and as he paced his room his mind was troubled, and his attitude and bearing dejected. His loss affected him somewhat different to what is seen in the generality of such cases, where one of the treasures from the home have been called to undertake that journey, which leaves such an empty void behind, to they to whom the departed had become endeared. Though he had a great affection for his father, the despair was deeper with him, because it was not the outcome of that emotion which can give way to tears, and in that way gain a certain amount of relief. No; his nature was such that he did not show any outward signs of emotion when faced with death, but it was made the more bitter because he fully believed that his father was lost to him for ever in sleep that he believed had no awakening, either here, or here.

I will not trouble the reader with the details interment. Such scenes are too common to

any illustration, and all must agree that they are best forgotten, as experience which are associated with agonizing souls, torn with anguish, and filled with an hopeless despair, which makes the future appear empty and dark, and only a wilderness of misery and despair to they who are left to battle alone against the adversities which confront them.

After the interment, and the departure of the mourners, Walter retired to his room to think over his future plans. He had been brooding for more than an hour when he felt a hand laid gently upon his shoulder, which caused him to turn sharply with some show of annoyance, that anyone had dared to enter his private room without his permission, but seeing no one there he smiled bitterly to himself as he muttered: "I am getting fanciful." Then he resumed his interrupted thoughts. But scarcely had he done so when he again felt the soft hand upon his shoulder, and turning his head quickly he was just in time to see a lady's hand disappear, and on the fingers he had caught a glimpse of certain rings which he recognised as belonging to his mother. This caused a strange feeling to run through him for some moments; then he laughed the matter away as being the outcome of his imagination. But he could no longer settle to thinking, for the more he tried to disabuse his mind of having seen the hand, the more persistent was it with him, until he jumped up in disgust and left the house.

CHAPTER VI.

When he left the house he had no particular object in view only to get away from those thoughts which had been working on his imagination, and causing him to fancy all manner of impossible things, and as he turned into a lane leading across the fields, he cast his mind back over the last few years with more bitterness than he had before shown, and on approaching a narrow bridge which crossed the river, he leaned over the rail, and cast his eyes on the darkness beneath him. "Why should I walk life alone" he muttered to himself? "Here, in these waters is oblivion. One leap, a few sharp struggles, and I should be at peace in death. Shall I take the leap?" Before he could answer his question, a terrible shriek sounded close beside him, and the next moment something white fell over the bridge, and disappeared in the darkness. He rushed across the bridge, and down the steep embankment to the water's edge, but he could see no one in the water. Then he caught sight of what he took to be a woman standing at the water's edge some yards' distant, and on his approach the woman, or spectre, began to move also, keeping about the same distance away. This annoyed him, and making one rush forward, he tried to grasp the form, but it eluded him, and rushed up the steep bank, and away across the field, he in close pursuit, and not a little angry. Then the woman rushed behind a mound of earth, and when he came panting to where he had last seen her, she had completely vanished from sight. This troubled him. He could see no way by which she could have escaped, yet, had the earth opened and swallowed her up, she could not have disappeared more mysteriously.

He searched carefully around without finding any way by which the woman could have escaped; then he looked out derisively. "What a fool I am, to be deceived," he said. "I have seen no lady. My imagination has been playing me tricks to-night. This is the second time I have been fooled by it." Then he turned away and made his way towards home, feeling annoyed and had been so foolish as to be deceived, and not

in the best of temper with himself. He had gone but a short distance along the deserted footpath, when his foot caught against something soft which was lying in the path. But owing to the darkness, which was very deep, he could not make out what it was, and stooping, he put out his hand, when he started. He had touched a human face. He quickly struck a light, and in its faint glimmer he was horrified to see the pale, up-turned face of a girl, little more than a child. He was now all excitement as he kneeled down beside her and felt her pulse, to find that it was beating faintly. Then he took her up into his arms, and hurried home, fearing that she might die before he could get her any assistance, and startled Mrs. Williams, the housekeeper, by rushing into her room and depositing the unconscious girl upon a sofa. But she needed no prompting from her master. She took in at a glance that the poor child was in need of help, and jumping up, she began to apply restoratives to the unconscious girl, and in a little while had the satisfaction of seeing her open her eyes, and in a dazed sort of way look around the room. "Where am I?" she asked, fixing her eyes on Walter's face.

"You are with friends, my child," he said. "How came you to be lying unconscious on the footpath where I found you? And how is it that one so young as you is permitted to be out alone so late at night? Why girl, had I not chanced to pass that way you may have died. What is your name?"

"I do not know, sir, she answered meekly. "I cannot remember who I am, or how I came to be in the lane. What shall I do," she cried? "Let me go home, please."

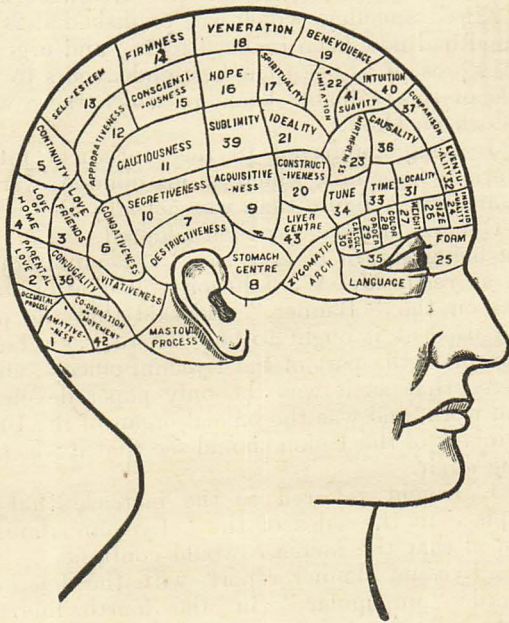
"But how can I?" he replied with feeling. "I don't know who you are, or where you live. Have you no remembrance of your home, or how you came into this district? Now think, you must surely remember something? It would be an awful calamity if your mind remained a blank. Have you a father and mother?"

"I don't know she answered fretfully. "I can remember nothing. God help me."

"Don't cry," he said, soothingly, placing his hand upon her head. "We cannot permit you to leave here until we find your people, or you regain your memory. You must remain here, and I think you had better not trouble your brain until morning, but try and get a good night's sleep, then you may be able to tell us who you are, and how you came here. I am very pleased to find that you are not hurt in any way. When I saw your white face as you lay on the ground, it gave me a shock, for I thought you were dead. But don't trouble about it now. You will no doubt be alright in the morning. Will you attend to her, Mrs. Williams?" he asked.

She gave him her promise to see the girl alright; then he bade them good-night and retired to his own room, filled with thoughts of this girl, whose presence had driven away all bitterness, and when her large, expressive eyes had been fixed upon him they made him feel uncomfortable. Why, he could not have told; and he would have scouted the idea that this girl possessed a power over him had anyone told him; but we must leave time to tell what that power was, or in what way it would affect him. On gaining his room, he began to think again of the woman he fancied he had seen and followed, and when he saw that it was owing to this working of his imagination which had been responsible for him finding the unconscious girl, he started,

(To be continued.)



Easy Lessons in Phrenology No. 3.

If you look at the above illustration you will see that the phrenological organs round the ear are called "Animal propensities" because they control the animal instincts of our nature. They are called Vitativeness, Combativeness, Destructiveness, Alimentiveness, Acquisitiveness, and Secretiveness.

VITATIVENESS [Vi-tá-tiv-ness] or love of life. This organ gives boys and girls a desire to live, and when in danger of death by drowning, burning, or severe sickness to do all they can to escape from death and prolong their life. It is a very useful organ, as it prompts us to save our lives, and it also prompts people to invent life-saving appliances, such as fire escapes, life-belts, life-boats, the safety lamp for the coal-miner, and fire-guards for our homes, to prevent children from going too near the fire. In order to do this it is helped by other organs, such as combativeness, cautiousness, and constructiveness, which we shall deal with in future lessons.

COMBATIVENESS [Kom'-bat-tiv-ness] is the organ which gives pluck, courage, and desire to overcome obstacles and difficulties in life. It gives the feeling of "get-out-of-my-way" when we find the way obstructed. It also gives a feeling of "let-me-and-mine-alone" when people are unduly meddling with our affairs.

It is a very useful organ to boys and girls, as it gives them courage to fight the battle of life, to master their lessons when at school, master the difficulties of their trades or professions, instead of saying "I can't," and giving up in despair. It helps the explorer to overcome the obstacles in his way; the sailor to fight the storms of the ocean; the engineer to build bridges over deep ravines, and bore tunnels through mountains. It also helps the reformer to combat the evils that impede the progress of mankind and bring about a readjustment of the conditions of life, bringing them into harmony with the higher needs and aspirations of humanity. A whole page could be filled

with remarks on this one organ and its importance in daily life when guided by the intellectual and moral faculties.

DESTRUCTIVENESS [De-struk-tiv-ness]. This organ is located immediately over the ears, and when large gives a fullness to the sides of the head. It prompts boys and girls to destroy and crush all that is harmful in life. To cut down trees, pull up weeds, break down barriers, bear pain and suffering without screaming, arises from this organ. It enables them to "grin-and-bear-it," like little heroes and heroines. It also enables them to perform any duty or task set them.

ALIMENTIVENESS [Al'-i-men-tiv-ness]. All that lives must eat and drink in order to replace the waste and wear caused by action or motion. The body may be likened to an engine requiring fuel and water. The fuel is obtained from our food, and the water is obtained from the tea, coffee, cocoa, or milk we drink. But unlike the engine which wears away, the body blood replaces the worn out particles of flesh, sinew, and bone, and in youth it adds much more to the body than has been worn away and thus causes it to grow to the full stature of manhood and womanhood. This organ called "alimentiveness" causes the little baby to seek its mother's breast, so that it can be nourished with its mother's milk. It governs the appetite, supplies the sense of hunger, and gives the feeding instinct to all animals.

This organ urges man to labour so that he may eat. It causes the savage to hunt for game, and to fish in the stream; the farmer to plant, plough and sow that he may reap a harvest of food. So you will see it is the root of all industries. The sailor crosses the ocean, visiting many parts of the world to obtain cargoes of grain, fruit, potatoes, and live stock that people may be fed.

ACQUISITIVENESS [Ak-kwis-i-tiv-ness]. We see some boys and girls who are more careful than others. They like to put their pennies into their savings bank. They will also take care not to tear, or needlessly dirty their clothing, while other boys and girls seem unable to keep their clothing decent, or save their pennies, but must spend them right away, as if they were afraid of their burning holes through their pockets and being lost. This organ, "acquisitiveness" gives that desire to those boys and girls, those men and women, in whom it is large, a desire to save, to put something by for a rainy day, like the bee and the ant. It also gives boys and girls a desire to have things of their own, to trade and exchange articles with their companions.

It urges men and women to enter building societies that they may own their own homes, to form trade unions to protect their wages, to form friendly societies that they may have some help when they are sick, and to form co-operative societies that they may share in the profits of trading industries.

SECRETIVENESS [Sé-kré-tiv-ness]. You will see some boys and girls, and even men and women, who lose their self-control when in danger, such as a fire, the sinking of a ship; or even when they are vexed, and will say and do things they are sorry for when calm, while other boys and girls are able to hold themselves in check, keep calm and quiet under severe provocation, or when danger threatens them, like well-trained sailors

heeding the captain's command when the ship is in danger; or firemen, when precious lives are to be rescued from the burning building. These people have the organ of secretiveness large. If not governed by the moral organs it may adopt mean and deceitful tricks, lie, and cheat to obtain its object.

Some birds show this organ when they pretend to be lame and unable to fly as soon as they see that their nest, or young ones are in danger. And when they have, by this artful trick, drawn the intruder away they will fly off quite happily!

The fox has this organ very large, which enables it to be very cunning when in danger. You will have read about the farmer going into the hen-house and seeing a fox lying as if dead on the floor, and when the farmer picked it up and threw it out outside how quickly it ran away, greatly to the surprise of the farmer, which it had so cleverly deceived!

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THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS'
LYCEUM UNION,

held at the Spiritual Church, Middlesborough, on
May 9th and 10th, 1908, under the
PRESIDENCY of Mr. E. A. KEELING, Liverpool.

The Conference was called to order at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 9th. The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Trust in God and do the right," after which Mr. G. Cole offered the invocation. After which the following *pro tem* appointments were made:—Messenger, Mr. Charles Harrison (Stockton-on-Tees); Tellers, Messrs. J. M. Stewart (Glasgow) and George Smith (Hull).

The General Secretary read the minutes of the 18th Annual Conference, held at Manchester, May 11th and 12th, 1907, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. Knott (Rochdale), seconded by Mr. Billsborough (Bolton D.V.).

The President explained that through a misunderstanding the name of Mr. J. J. Bennett (Walsall) had been omitted from the list of nominations for the office of Vice-President. And on the motion of Mr. Owen (Liverpool), seconded by Mr. Roeder (Middlesbrough) it was agreed that Mr. Bennett's name be restored to the list of nominations.

The President referred in suitable terms to the absence of Mr. H. A. Kersey owing to the passing on of his dearly beloved wife a few days previously, and also to the passing on of Mrs. Simpson (Ashton-under-Lyne), who had been looking forward to taking part, as a delegate, in the deliberations at that Conference. He had also to report that during the year we had to mourn the physical loss of Miss S. M. Kersey, who had rendered signal service to the Lyceum movement as Musical Editor of the *Spiritual Songster*: Mr. Booth (Sowerby Bridge) and Mr. Peter Lee (Rochdale), and on the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. Cole (Middlesbro'), and supported by Mr. James Knight (Onenshaw), and Mr. A. Kitson (General Secretary), the Conference unanimously decided to send an expression of its sincere sympathy and condolence to the relations of the before-mentioned arisen friends.

It was agreed that the general report be taken as read.

Mr. Kitson called attention to the "Reminiscences" of Mr. Alfred Smedley, which was published at 2s. per copy, and had now been reduced to 1s., and urged the delegates present to use their best endeavours to push the sale of this valuable book, of which there was a large stock on hand.

Mr. J. Knight referred to the statistical returns from various Lyceums, which, in his opinion, were returned at a lower figure than was actually the case.

The General Report was then adopted.

On it being agreed to take the "Lyceum Banner" Report as read, Mr. W. Johnson called attention to the loss on the "Banner," and said that the paper was not used as it ought to be. There was a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Lyceum officers, and he considered that as it was the only paper devoted to Lyceum work, and was the official organ of the Union, the members of the Union should see that it was made a paying affair.

Mr. J. Knight referred to the increase that had taken place in the sales of the "Lyceum Banner," and hoped that the increase would continue.

The "Lyceum Banner" report, with the deletion of the word "unpopular" in the fourth line, was adopted.

It was agreed to take the Treasurer's report and Statement of Accounts as read.

The Treasurer, Mr. Councillor J. Venables (Walsall) explained that there was only about £60 in hand in the Ainsworth estate, and certain expenses had to be met. The estate could not be wound up until the decease of certain beneficiaries, and then the Britten Memorial Fund legacy had to be met, and then the Lyceum Union bequest of £500 would be dealt with.

Mr. Johnson, who had recently seen the Executors to the estate, also confirmed the Treasurer's statement regarding the Ainsworth bequest.

Questions were asked regarding the valuation of the Union's stock. The General Secretary explained that he made a careful valuation of the stock in his possession at December 31st, and the printers of the various publications of the Union gave a certificate as to the quantities held by them at December 31st. The valuation was calculated on the cost to the Union of each publication.

The Treasurer moved, and Mr. Johnson seconded, that it be a recommendation from this Conference that two members of the E.C. be appointed to take stock once a year as near to December 31st as possible.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Chappell, seconded by Mr. B. Dyson, that the Auditors take stock.

After some discussion, in which Messrs. T. H. Wright, J. J. Bennett, R. Latham and H. Carter (Uppermill) joined, the vote was taken, and the resolution carried by 63 votes to 11 votes.

The Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts were then adopted.

The Auditors' Report was taken as read, and after a personal explanation by Mr. T. H. Wright, was unanimously adopted.

The Permanent Secretary's Fund Report was taken as read and ultimately adopted.

The Report of the Delegates to the S.N.U. Conference held at Blackpool, July, 1907, was read by Mr. R. Latham, on behalf of the President and himself. The principal items of interest in it being the "Draft Trust Deeds" to safeguard the property of Societies; the decision to have two full sessions for the business of

the Union; the desire for a National Union paper; and the decision, by resolution, for secular education. Amongst the five new members elected on the S.N.U.'s Executive were Mr. Albert Wilkinson and Mr. R. Latham, both members of the Lyceum Union Executive.

The report was duly adopted.

The Credentials Committee (Mr. R. Latham and Mr. A. Wilkinson) reported the following attendance: 4 officers; 7 members of the E.C.; one Auditor; 5 District Visitors; 5 District Council representatives, and 52 delegates, representing 37 Lyceums. Total 74.

In presenting the report, Mr. Wilkinson took the opportunity of entering a strong protest against the action of the N.E. Railway Company in refusing to offer the visitors to the Conference any facilities in the way of alighting at Middlesbrough, instead of completing the journey to Redcar.

The report was duly adopted.

It was agreed that the general motion by Coventry Lyceum (Mrs. M. Law), be deferred until item No. 12 on the agenda be reached.

The notice of motion standing in the name of Elland Lyceum fell through as no representative of this Lyceum was present.

Mr. Sam Lee (Arnley Lyceum) proposed the following resolution: "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. G. F. Knott (Rochdale) seconded.

After a long and protracted discussion, in which Messrs. J. Venables (Walsall), W. Johnson (Hyde), G. Smith (Hull), R. Latham (Burnley), H. Carter (Uppermill), J. J. Bennett (Walsall), G. Cole (Middlesbrough), Whiteley (Sheffield, Attercliffe), J. Thompson (Liverpool), and J. D. Walton (West Pelton), joined, the resolution, with the addition of the words "and Trustees," after the word "donor," was agreed to with two dissentients.

Mr. B. Dyson (Huddersfield D.C.) proposed, "That Messrs. E. A. Keeling, W. Johnson, R. Latham and G. F. Knott be the Committee to confer with donor and Trustees of Manual.

This was seconded by Mr. Billsborough (Bolton D.V.), and carried.

Mr. R. Latham (Burnley) moved, "That the Committee ask for a copy of Agreement of Manuals, etc., for consideration before meeting the Trustees and donor, and that they meet at a time suitable to all parties, and that the Union pay the expenses."

This was seconded by Mr. Wright (Sowerby Bridge) and carried.

The session was then adjourned until the following morning at ten.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Conference assembled at 10 a.m. After the opening exercises, Mr. Roeder, on behalf of the Middlesbrough friends, welcomed the Lyceum Conference. He was ably supported by Mr. G. Cole (resident speaker), and Mr. R. Brown, on behalf of the Stockton-on-Tees friends.

The President returned thanks on behalf of the Conference and complimented the local friends on the

success of their arrangements, and particularly in regard to the method they had introduced of letting each delegate, on arrival, have a card bearing the name and address of the friends who were to entertain them.

The President then delivered his presidential address as follows:—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—one and all—It is with sincere pleasure that I welcome you to this, the 19th annual conference of the B.S.L.U.

It will be noticed that many Lyceums are not represented, this being no doubt due to the long and somewhat expensive railway journey necessary to reach here. I wish, therefore, to thank and at the same time congratulate, all those Lyceums which have shown their interest in the cause by sending delegates to Middlesbrough this week-end.

I would ask you to place on record your deep sympathy with the relatives of Miss Kersey, who has passed to the higher life since last we were assembled together. During the earlier years of our Union she did most valuable work in connection with the compilation of our Spiritual Songster, practically the whole of the difficult task of selecting the tunes being done by her.

No doubt many who have worked with us in past years, and have left their mother country for distant lands, are now sending fraternal thoughts to this conference, and I think you will wish that a unanimous greeting should be sent to them that they may be strengthened in their work as Pioneers of our glorious children's cause in other countries.

I would particularly call attention to the undesirable tendency there seems to be on the part of District Councils, by means of their united meetings, to influence the vote of their members in connection with the business of the Union. I am of the opinion that each Lyceum should be left free to exercise its vote in whatever direction seems best from its own local standpoint, believing, as I do, that all Lyceums worthy of the name will always bear in mind, to a greater or lesser degree, the welfare of the movement as a whole.

During my year of office my attention has been drawn by a person not in our movement to the question of the character of a Lyceum officer, and while I do not think there was much cause for complaint in the case under notice, I would like to impress upon all Lyceum officers the great desirability of their using the utmost endeavour to practice our teachings as far as possible in their daily lives.

While not wishing to encroach on the preserves of the Treasurer, I feel it to be my duty to direct attention to the question of District Visitors' expenses. I have kept a record, as far as has been possible, of all expenses paid by the Union and allocated each item to its proper Lyceum. On comparing this with the list of Statistical Returns I notice that in many instances the amount paid by the Union is nearly as much as the capitation fee paid by the Lyceum—in fact in about six cases the Union is paying more than it actually receives. If you think that this is worthy of further consideration I will leave it to you to give instructions to the executive committee.

Basing my calculations on the Lyceum contributions, I find that the increase of Lyceumists during 107 was only 315, being just about 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ %. This practi-

cally means that the movement is at a standstill, which is certainly not what should be the case. If we are to be worthy of the title of "Progressive" Lyceums, let us show it during the current year. It only needs each Affiliated Lyceum to increase its membership by seven for upwards of 1,000 members to be added to the grand total. I trust that all representatives here to-day will go back to their Lyceums with the firm resolve that no matter what others may do, they at least will leave no stone unturned to make progress during this year.

Do not let us rest on our oars; in five years' time comes our Jubilee. No doubt you will all desire to celebrate it in a suitable manner. We are now 589 short of 10,000 Lyceumists. Who shall say that five years of hard, strenuous, sincere and earnest work by this 10,000—particularly in this age, when the work of the Socialist movement is ever becoming more attuned to ours—shall not cause our numbers to be nearly doubled, but that when we reach the age of 50 years we shall be able to boast of 50,000 Lyceumists.

May I here direct your attention to a suggestion made by the Editor of the "Lyceum Banner" in his January notes, which was that every Lyceum should endeavour to set apart the third Sunday in January in each year as a special day, to be known as "Lyceum Sunday," and that wherever possible arrangements should be made for the day's speaker to deal with the Lyceum movement in his address. I feel sure that most societies would willingly assent to this, and that it would only be necessary to arrange with whoever was occupying their platform.

Were this course to be adopted, not only would our side of the movement receive more prominence, and thereby much good be done, but many of our platform workers would be brought more closely in touch with the Lyceum work than is at present the case.

In conclusion, may I express my gratitude and appreciation of the honour which I have enjoyed as President of our Union, and at the same time the hope that as a result of our meetings this week-end each and every representative may go back to the work with renewed zeal and enthusiasm, ever remembering the inspired words of Longfellow:

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle,
Be a hero in the strife."

On the motion of Mrs. M. Law, seconded by Mr. G. Cole, it was unanimously resolved that the President's address be accepted with thanks, and that the same be printed in the official conference report.

A very interesting discussion ensued, during which several delegates expressed their views on the topics of the address, particularly in regard to the work of District Councils, and the relation between spiritualistic societies and their Lyceums. Many spoke of the difficulty of keeping together the elder members of the Lyceums, and several suggestions of an interesting nature were put forward. Amongst those who participated in the discussions were Mrs. Law (Huddersfield), Messrs. G. Cole, G. F. Knott, B. Dyson, R. Latham, R. A. Owen, D. Griffiths, T. H. Wright, J. D. Walton and W. Johnson.

PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the E.C., it being understood, however, that Burnley (North Street) should have first claim, and Hebden

Bridge second claim, provided the necessary invitations were forthcoming from the places mentioned after consultation with local committees.

Messrs. Knight and Cole were duly appointed to act as scrutineers during the election of officers.

The election of President was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

Mr. E. A. Keeling (elected) 31 votes.

Mrs. A. E. Bentley 30 ,,

Mrs. Greenwood 13 ,,

Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Bennett, elected, only nomination.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Councillor J. Venables, elected, only nomination.

Executive Council (5 required, 4 members for two years, and 1 member for one year):

Mr. R. Latham 60 votes (2 years).

Mrs. A. E. Bentley 50 ,, (2 ,,)

Mrs. L. Nurse 46 ,, (2 ,,)

Mr. R. A. Owen 41 ,, (2 ,,)

Mr. W. Johnson 38 ,, (1 ,,)

Mr. B. Dyson (21), Mr. T. H. Wright (20), Mr. J. C. Chappell (17), Miss L. Mortimer (16), Mr. D. Griffiths (13), Mr. H. Raw (8), Mrs. Butterworth (8), and Mr. J. D. Walton (2).

Auditor.—There being no nomination for this position the office was declared vacant, the same to be filled up by the E.C.

[N.B.—It should be noted that all persons nominated for any position, and not being present at the conference, are ineligible for election according to the constitution.]

Messrs. E. A. Keeling (President) and Alfred Kitson (General Secretary) were duly appointed delegates to the S.N.U. Conference to be held at Glasgow on July 4th and 5th.

Mrs. Jessie Greenwood was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary to the Permanent Secretary Fund.

Mrs. Greenwood, in acknowledging her re-election, appealed for further interest and financial support to this Fund, which had yet to reach the sum she had in view, viz.: £100 per year.

The notices of motions standing in the names of Nelson Lyceum and Accrington (China Street) Lyceum fell through, owing to the representatives of the Lyceums not being in attendance.

The Credentials Committee report showed the same attendance as the Saturday evening's session.

Mr. R. A. Owen introduced the motion standing in the name of the Liverpool D.C. regarding certain movements of the Calisthenics, and gave interesting demonstrations of the commands in question.

Several delegates expressed their opinions on the subject, which were necessarily divided, and after due discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the various District Councils for them to deal with.

The following notices of motion for next Conference were received:

(1) "That having regard to the unwieldly size to which our Conference is annually growing, it has become a serious matter for any of our Lyceums to undertake to provide for the accommodation which is required by the delegates, etc., attending, I move, therefore, that the matter be taken into consideration with a view to adopting some other means."

JONAH CLARK, D.V.

(2) "That systematic teaching in our Lyceums be fully considered."

W. JOHNSON, Member of E.C.

SUNDAY EVENING.

On re-assembling after the adjournment for dinner the Conference at once proceeded to the consideration of the notice of motion standing in the name of the Rochdale D.C. Mr. G. F. Knott moved the resolution as follows:—

“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 lessons, 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.”

This was duly seconded by Mrs. Law. Then followed for about an hour an interesting discussion in which (owing to the latitude allowed to the various speakers by the President) various aspects of the methods and means employed in teaching in our Lyceums were brought under review. Messrs. J. M. Stewart (Glasgow), J. Venables (Walsall), W. Johnson (Hyde), J. Knight (Openshaw), J. Jackson (Pendleton), R. A. Owen (Liverpool), J. Thompson (Liverpool), G. Cole (Middlesbrough), D. Griffiths (Barrow-in-Furness), F. Whiteley (Attercliffe), Roeder (Middlesbrough), Kitson (General Secretary), R. Latham (Burnley, Mesdames Watson (Hull), Greenwood (Hebden Bridge), A. E. Bentley (Manchester), and Miss Owen (Liverpool) were amongst those who joined in the discussion, the outcome of which was the following four amendments to the original motion:

(1) “That steps be taken to issue articles in the “Lyceum Banner” on each of the Golden Chain recitations in the Lyceum Manual, in rotation. Same to be published on completion as a handbook (i.e., as a commentary on Golden Chain Recitations).”

(2) “That as soon as the Lyceums make the “Lyceum Banner” pay in its present condition, the E.C. be empowered to add an exhaustive commentary on one reading from the Manual each month.”

(3) “That the whole matter be referred to the Executive Council.”

(4) “That we form a literary committee to go into the whole question.”

On the amendments being put to the vote amendment No. 1 was defeated by 36 votes to 12. Amendment No. 2 was carried by 47 votes to 12, and so became the resolution. Amendment No. 3 was defeated by 34 votes to 22. And amendment No. 4 was defeated by 46 votes to 15. The President then put the amendment No. 2 as the substantive motion; the same was carried with two dissentients.

The President then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the local Society and Lyceums, and complimented them on their enterprise and eulogised the arrangements made for the comfort of the delegates. This was seconded by Mr. Alfred Kitson (General Secretary), who paid a high compliment to the Lyceum Secretary, Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh for the prompt and business-like manner in which the necessary correspondence had been attended to. The motion was carried with acclamation.

Messrs. G. Cole and C. H. Roeder suitably responded on behalf of the local friends.

A vote of thanks was also awarded to the retiring officers.

The President then declared the 19th Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. duly closed.

The church was well filled with an intelligent audience eager to learn more concerning the Lyceum movement.

The President, in introducing the various speakers, explained the object of the B.S.L.U., and the good work it is doing for humanity. He introduced Mr. R. A. Owen as the newly-elected member on the E.C.

Mr. Owen's opening remarks were modest, but gradually evolved point and force by his references to nature's spring dress, and the hidden forces at work which were gradually transforming the dreary, barren places caused by winter's frosts and snow to be re-clothed, making a new earth. The same law, the same mighty power was at work in the hearts of humanity transforming the barrenness caused by creeds and dogmas, to be clothed anew with the living power of the ever present Spirit, causing the hearts of the people to rejoice and be glad. He desired all who had made an acquaintance of our Lyceum teachings to do so by a visit to the local Lyceum. The result, he felt sure, would be satisfactory.

Mrs. Law bore splendid testimony to the good the Lyceum movement was doing and had done for the rising generation. Its inculcation of strict morality on the principle of “as we sow so shall we reap,” was sure to have a beneficial effect on the minds and morals of its recipients.

Mr. Albert Wilkinson said he was a “detective.” He had detected the pearl of great price in Spiritualism, and wished to help others who were in search of it. He was ever on the alert to “arrest” what was wrong and misleading, and so dangerous to our youths and maidens. He was anxious to “enlist” the services of every good man and woman present that night in this army of reformers. The world needed their services. The children needed them. And the spirit-people—the grand pioneers who had passed over the border called death, which was really the gateway to higher life—needed them, and invited them to step forward into the ranks of reformers. Would they heed the call? He hoped so.

Mr. J. J. Morse, Editor of the “Two Worlds,” Manchester, was the last to address the meeting, but not the least in effectiveness. He soon had the audience smiling with his witticism and puns neatly turned on the names, etc., of the President, Mr. Owen, Mr. Cole, Mrs. Law and Mrs. Nurse. This bye play was neatly turned into more serious avenues of thought and contemplation. And the duty of each one to help to make the world better and happier for having lived in it; and there being no better and surer way of effecting this than by planting their truths within the hearts and minds of the children. He passed in rapid review the state of the Lyceum movement in England, Scotland, Wales, America, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, and the Australasias, and emphasised the fact that in each country mentioned our Lyceum Manual, and other publications were in constant use. If so much could be achieved in a quarter of a century, what would the results of a century be if all were faithful to the call of the angel inspirers who were surely directing this movement!

A. KITSON, General Secretary.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

We are pleased to present our readers with a full official report of the Lyceum Conference. It will make thoughtful and interesting reading to the 136 Lyceums not represented. Thanks to the diligent labours of Mr. J. J. Bennett, the Minute Secretary to the Conference.

We were sorry to find that 14 Lyceums to whom had been supplied credentials, were unrepresented. No doubt the arbitrary action of the N.E. Railway Co. in declining to grant any facilities in the form of cheap fares, or allow passengers to Redcar to alight at Middlesbrough on payment of the return fare, had some influence on the attendance.

Mr. Ernest A. Keeling made an ideal President in his able handling of the business of the Conference. The appreciation of his abilities was shown in his election for another year.

The local arrangements for the comfort of the delegates were splendid and on every hand evoked admiration and praise.

The enthusiasm of the Middlesbrough friends is further emphasised in the order they have given for 17 Dozen copies of the "Lyceum Banner" for this month. This has broken the record of all previous orders!

At the Executive Meeting held just prior to the Conference, applications for Membership from Brixton (London), Govan (Glasgow), Heaton Norris, and Radford Road (Nottingham) were duly considered and granted and ordered to be placed on the Roll.

We beg to draw the attention of our readers in and around Manchester to the forthcoming celebration of Colyhurst Lyceum "coming of age." We trust it will be a memorable event.

On Saturday, April 25th, at the annual District Council held at Lowerhouse, Burnley, Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Conductor of the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum, and past Auditor of the B.S.L.U., was presented with a framed and beautifully illuminated emblem. Mr. Wright has for the past 12 months been District Chief Ruler of the Todmorden District of Rechabites, a well known Temperance Friendly Society. Bro. John Marshall, P.D.C.R., of Todmorden, in presenting the emblem, spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Bro. Wright had carried out his duties as D.C.R. The meetings he had presided over were always pleasant and business like!

No. 2 of the American Lyceum Lessons, edited by Mesdames E. Schauss, E. R. Tuttle and M. E. Cadwallader, and issued quarterly by the National Spiritualists' Association, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C., is to hand. The front page is graced with a good portrait of Andrew Jackson Davis, M.D., Founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. Its contents are varied and interesting, and will be of great assistance to the American Lyceums who have no "Lyceum Banner, with its well thought out Lesson Plan.

"The Messenger," Melbourne, Australia, in its issue for March 15th, gives a good account of the reception accorded to Mrs. Ellen Green, on her arrival on March 4th. The Odd-Fellows Hall, in which the reception was held, was packed to overflowing. A large number were unable to obtain standing room. The Hall was prettily decorated with roses and miniature sunflowers.

Elsewhere we record the passing on of Mrs. H. A. Kersey. In the early days of the Lyceum movement Mrs. Kersey, then known as Mrs. Hammerbom, laboured most arduously in the Newcastle Lyceum. She painted, and presented to the Lyceum, beautiful floral emblems for the groups, which were proudly borne at the head of each group during the marching each Sunday. For many years she most ably filled the office of Guardian of Groups, leading the marches with a dignity that inspired every member in the Lyceum with confidence and enthusiasm. The efficiency and strength of membership of the Newcastle Lyceum reached its zenith in those days. She was a regular attender at Lyceum Conferences from 1889 at Manchester until her health began to fail six years ago. We join our readers in their deep sympathy with her bereaved husband, Harry H. Kersey.

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JESSY GREENWOOD,
Ash Leigh, Hebden Bridge. Hon. Sec.

Lesson Plan for June, 1908.

By JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
June 7	354	357	*346	112	375
„ 14	391	3	*4	101	395
„ 21	11	12	201	130	408
„ 28	304	410	*314	{ 141	309
July 5	307	409	241	{ „	308

*Impromptu Readings by selected Members.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

- June 7.—“How often we think we are what we are not. If we are not what we think we are, then what are we?”—*Dan Leno*.
- „ 14.—“There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy.”—*R. L. Stevenson*.
- „ 21.—“A promise and its performance should be like the scales of a true balance—always present a mutual adjustment.”
- „ 28.—“A promise delayed is a justice deferred; a promise neglected is an untruth told.”

LESSON PHOTOGRAMS.

June 7th. G.C.R. 112.

Definitions. Religion, humanity, emulation, imitation, adoration, genius, deity, omnipotent, eternal, prayer, aspiration, potent, macrocosm, microcosm.

Chat about prayer and tell stories about people praying for some special purpose and the answer—as they deemed it—to their prayer. Then draw attention to the query “Is it a positive power, etc.” What it does for the earnest soul—leads him to contemplate God in nature, in himself, and others, etc. Refer to No. 1 Manual.

June 14th. G.C.R. 101 Manual.

Outline. Define beatitudes (blessings). Read with the class and explain words requiring explanation.

Summarise the 6 classes given and elicit the meaning of the last response. Draw homely illustrations as you proceed, e.g., a woman with a dirty house and untidy appearance will never provide *heaven* for her husband. Those who make promises with no intention of keeping them, will cause conditions which are anything but heavenly, and so on through the reading, and make the lesson impressive.

June 21st. G.C.R. Manual

- I.—Questions: What is Truth?
 What is Soul Expansion?
 What is Freedom?
 What is License?

II.—Define Hope, Faith, Truth and Love?

III.—The practice of the virtues culminate and blossom in Love which is God.

June 28th. G.C.R. 141 Manual.

(Take the reading only to the end of the response, deceased friend an acquaintance).

I.—What is the meaning of Spiritual Gifts? What Apostle makes special mention of Spiritual Gifts and where do you find this reference? Can any other explanation be given as to the cause of such happenings as are referred to under the head of physical phenomena?

II.—Relate to the class well-known and well-attested cases of rappings, etc. (Hydesville, for instance), through notable mediums, e.g., Slade, Eglington, Mrs. Everitt, John Taylor, Mrs. Haley, Mrs. Mellor, and many others.

III.—Show that mediumship is constitutional, and that the class in question may have splendid mediums in it if properly cared for, and that a duty devolves on all to preserve these precious gifts by living good lives and seeking to uplift themselves and others, by right living. Emphasise this part of the lesson, and defer the rest of the reading until the next Sunday.

TAKE HEED.

So eager are we in our play,
 To every danger blind,
 We rush along in childhood's day,
 Which ever way inclined;
 Nor pay attention to the voice
 That fain would check our speed,
 Though loud and clear it meets the ear:
 “Take heed, my child! Take heed!”
 And when afar from home we go,
 Our fortunes to improve,
 And with companions, high and low,
 In daily contact move,
 Within us is a voice that says,
 Responsive to our need,
 With anxious tone, a mother's own:
 “Take heed, my child! Take heed!”
 How often we had gone astray,
 Indifferent to the right,
 When pleasure threw across our way
 Its *ignis fatuus* light,
 But for the earnest voice that came
 Persistently to plead
 Thus, o'er and o'er, at the heart's door:
 “Take heed, my child! Take heed!”
 Take heed! It is a warning cry
 That loving lips repeat
 Whene'er the children venture nigh
 The snares set for their feet;
 Attentive to this watchful guide,
 In safety they proceed,
 And daily learn which way to turn,
 How wisely to take heed.
 The world is full of careless souls
 That down to ruin glide,
 Unmindful of the beacon-lights
 That burn on every side;
 And lest you ruin all your life
 By following where they lead,
 Oh, every day, in every way,
 “Take heed, my child! Take heed!”

J.C.

IN MEMORIAM.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Dear Bro. Kitson,—I deeply regret to inform you that my dear wife passed away during sleep during my absence on business, on March 26th. My daughter, Mabel, aged 9 years, was asleep by her side. It is all the more sad because she was to have been with me at the Conference. Our credentials are Nos. 36 and 37.

My dear wife was deeply attached to the Lyceum movement. She would cook Sunday's dinner on the Saturday so that she could be at the Lyceum on the Sunday morning. She was also Vice-President of the Society. The interment took place on March 30th, at the Dukinfield Cemetery, preceded by a service in our home. The service at the grave side was conducted by Mrs. Cropper, there being several hundred friends present, including the committee.

Although we had requested that no flowers be sent yet many wreaths were received.

The memorial service was held in our Spiritual Church on Easter Sunday night, conducted by Mrs. Cropper. The church was crowded. I can assure you that were it not for the fact of spirit return my day would be over, and the night would not have a single star to break its gloom. I thank God for the glorious fact that there is no death, and that my dear wife still lives and loves those she loved while in the mortal form.

ALFRED SIMPSON.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—We regret to report that during the past month two little buds of promise have been taken to the higher spheres. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darby, are old Lyceumists. The interment was conducted by Mrs. Gilbert, assisted by our President, Mr. Sharp. Our Lyceum children were in attendance and sang very sweetly "Open the door for the children." Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved mother and father.

ETHEL LEES, Secretary.

HEYWOOD (William Street).—It is with deepest sympathy and regret that I have to report the passing on to the higher life, on May 2nd, of our Musical Conductor, Mr. William Westall, whose death took place at Middlesbro'. A wreath was sent from the Society and Lyceum, which were represented by Mr. A. Walker and Mr. G. E. Taylor. On Sunday, the 10th, an In Memoriam service was held in the William Street Temple, and ably conducted by Miss A. Morris of Bolton. Mr. J. J. Taylor passed a few remarks in respect to our late brother. Miss E. A. Pollitt presided at the organ.

"Some one has gone from this strange world of ours,
No more to gather its thorns and its flowers,
No more to linger where sunbeams must fade,
Where, on all beauty, death's fingers are laid;
Weary with mingling life's bitter and sweet,
Weary with parting, though soon we shall meet;
Some one has gone to the bright golden shore;
Ring the bell softly, there's one gone before!

H. CLOAD, Secretary.

To our dear sister, Mrs. Jane Gladys Kersey, wife of Mr. Harry A. Kersey, of Newcastle, who was borne to her spirit home on the 4th May, 1908, leaving behind her a life and a memory richly endowed with the precious gems of love. She was ever a gentle minister and radiated a life that made home sacred. The great fact of soul communion between the denizens of earth and the ministers of God was the great source of her

strength, having received indubitable testimony that the dead are not dead, but living. Her heart and hand were ever for the children, and although one of the earliest workers for the Lyceum movement in Newcastle, it was not until recently, and the beginning of her long and painful illness, that she was obliged to resign the positions of guardian and treasurer to our Lyceum.

Sunday, May 10th, 1908, a large concourse of friends and spiritualists attended the interment of the remains of Mrs. Kersey. While the cortege was bearing to the grave side, the Lyceum children assembled there, sang sweetly, like little angels calling, "We are waiting on the other side." Mr. Lashbrook, of Newcastle, conducted the service, during which the children sang "God folds them in His bosom," and "Nearer my God to Thee." Numerous were the floral tributes and expressions of sympathy to her loved ones in their bereavement.

ALBERT BROWN, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—It is with deep regret and the sympathy of the Lyceumists that I have to announce the passing on of our sister Lyceumist, Edna Walters, aged 8 years, of whom the mortal remains were interred at Weaste Cemetery, on Saturday, May 16th. There was a large gathering of Lyceumists to pay their last tribute to our little sister. They sang at the home, after which the children led the funeral procession to the cemetery, where singing was beautifully rendered at the grave side.

"And now she has gone I could scarce believe
As she lay so calm, that she did not breathe;
So fair in life, in her last lone sleep
She was beautiful still, 'twere a sin to weep;
For death with a hand so gentle and mild,
To his arms had taken the lovely child;
And the smile on her face, which seemed so vain,
Was a promise that we should meet again.

A. STANDISH, Lyceum Secretary.

COLLYHURST (MANCHESTER) CELEBRATION.

It is now twenty-one years since the Collyhurst Lyceum opened, as you will see by the following extract from the *Medium* and *Daybreak* for April, 1887:—

"Miles Platting, April 24.—Lyceum opened with nineteen scholars conducted by Mr. Crutchley. Miss Coghlan opened with invocation. Mr. Emmett assisted in calisthenics. We solicit the help of any friend who desires to come amongst us.—E. Ashworth, Sec."

Now we propose to celebrate our "coming of age" with a great reunion of hearts of old and new scholars on Saturday and Sunday, June 20th and 21st.

On Saturday, June 20th, there will be an "At Home," when Mr. Crutchley and Mrs. Parkinson, host and hostess, will be pleased to exchange greetings with old and new scholars and friends, at 7-30 in the evening. Admission 6d.

On Sunday, June 21st, Lyceum Open Sessions at 10 a.m., 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., when we trust all old and new scholars will make a special effort to be present and rally round our veteran conductor and founder, Mr. W. Crutchley, and thus show your appreciation of his self-sacrificing efforts on your behalf when the battle was hard and the workers were few. On behalf of the committee, we are yours sincerely,

E. B. BRAGG, President.
J. H. HORROCKS, Conductor.
J. PARKINSON, Secretary.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT VISITOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

(Received too late for our May issue.—Ed. L.B.)

There are 12 Societies in Scotland, 7 of them have a Lyceum.

Hope is entertained that Burnbank, Falkirk, and Greenock will re-open at the end of the summer season.

General remarks:—Motherwell.—A very harmonious and enjoyable session. Every department of the work is well attended to. A slight lack of punctuality in commencing was the only weak point. No. present, 28. Glasgow (Paisley Road).—This Lyceum has become well established. I gave them assistance for the first few weeks. They have three groups and a capable staff of officers.

Glasgow (Great Western Road).—This Lyceum is rather weaker than on my last visit. A few more officers, with enthusiasm in their hearts, are wanted, and no doubt would revive its strength. No. present, 16. Glasgow (Waterloo Street).—The Lyceum from Bath Street is now located here in the church secured by the Society. A good state of efficiency is maintained in every department of the work. No. present, 55.

ALLAN COWIE, D.V.

THE BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council will be held at Windhill on Sunday, June 14th, at 10-30 a.m. Business for the Agenda:—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports—Delegate to the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, District Visitors' Annual Report, Representative to Ivy Rooms Lyceum, Invitations for next meeting, Rules re Associate Membership. Open Council:—To consider the advisability of Lyceum Visitors to assist the District Visitor.

H. BIRDSALL, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting was held at Raven Street, Halifax, on Sunday, April 5th, Mr. Baker (President) in the chair. There was a good attendance of delegates. The following officers were duly elected: President, Mr. G. E. Baker; Vice-President, Mr. B. Dyson; Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Ball; Secretary, Mr. H. Peel; D.V., Mr. A. Barraclough; Auditors, Mr. Wilby and Mr. Whiteley. All the reports were accepted, but we were sorry to find that the number of scholars was slightly on the decrease. It was decided to hold the Demonstration at Huddersfield on Saturday, July 11th. As usual the evening meeting was conducted by the Council.

HERBERT PEEL, Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM (Smethwick).—Excellent weather favoured our anniversary services on Sunday, May 24th. In the regrettable absence, through illness, of Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Aronvitch, of Manchester, officiated as speaker. Two excellent addresses on "The use and abuse of psychic phenomena," and "The Lyceum and the nation," were given to large audiences. A special open session was held in the afternoon. The splendid singing of the children reflected great credit upon the choirmaster, Mr. Tozer, and his assistants. The young ladies had beautifully decorated the hall with flowers, and the mothers of the children played no unimportant part in the display of pretty dresses, and general turnout. A social and entertainment on the Monday evening concluded a notable time of sweet and happy memories.

A. MORRIS, Lyceum Conductor.

A Vision: Love is Wealth.

By THOS. JUDSON IVESON,

Author of "The Experiences of a Clairvoyant."

I dreamt I stood in the street of a strange city. It was the city of Imperial Rome. Its towers and spires gleamed in the moonlight. All was silent as a deserted churchyard. To me the silence was terrible: it was a silence I could hear as well as feel. My senses were overwhelmed, and I experienced a feeling of awe, as though I were in the presence of some higher power.

I looked up at the star-jewelled sky. It was intensely blue, and almost without a trace of cloud. Presently my attention was rivetted upon two stars, whose brilliance far out-shone any others in the many constellations which palpitated in their azure setting.

An intense feeling of mingled awe and fear came over me as I thought whilst gazing at them that they were descending together to the earth. I tried to look in another direction. The attempt served but to concentrate my gaze more and more on the white orbs; and for a time it seemed as if nothing existed in the whole vast empire of Space but myself and the two stars.

Down, down they came, almost imperceptibly, but surely, and with a steady velocity that baffled my poor human vision. They did not appear to increase in size as nearer and nearer they approached the planet on which I stood like a forlorn God.

At last they hovered over a large dome, which I thought to be St. Peter's, and the spires glistened in the sheen of their presence. I fell asleep in my heaven-haunted dream.

When I awoke out of the sleep within a sleep I heard music—rapturous ravishing music. I was intoxicated, and entranced, with the melody. It sounded as if from afar, yet I was conscious the vibrations were near. It was music the like of which I had never heard before: it seemed to reverberate through all space and to be heard above the clang and clash of expiring worlds, and echo in the hills of heaven and through the arches of celestial palaces.

I drew my fingers across my forehead, the music died away, losing itself in the immensities.

I sat upon the marble step of a stately and magnificent mansion, and presently two forms of indescribable loveliness and beauty stood before me, with lights shining above their heads more brilliant than the most penetrating rays of the sun. Their faces were of surpassing radiance, and their mien full of majesty. Their eyes were lustrous and clear; no shade of sorrow marred their innocent beauty, and yet they held in their liquid depths divine pity.

I perceived that they had wings—wings of sapphire, wings that could give, by their reflection, birth to a rainbow. I was afraid. Before these chaste creatures I was ashamed. Their innocence and sinlessness made me conscious of my human degradation. In their saintliness my own wrong-doing stood out in humiliating relief.

"Why art thou afraid?" said one.

I could not reply, for my tongue refused its office, and I was as one dumb through awful fear.

I remembered the stars, and looked into the blue, star-bespangled arch at that patch of the eternal heavens where I had seen them. But they had vanished. Had they really fallen, and where were they? Had

they by mandate of the Deity been launched forth to stop the clocks of some poor world such as this our earth? Or had they themselves perished?

"Thou lookest for the stars that reflect the glory of the throne of Jehovah, that shine like new-born suns, whose light is reflected in the crystal sea. They are not there. They stand before thee in the shadows of a sin-stricken world."

"Be not afraid," said the other in a tone which seemed a part of the music I had heard: it was as the voices of a thousand nightingales combined in one throat.

"Be not afraid! We were once like thee: we dwelt in this school-house of pain and woe. We loved, we hated. We sinned, we sought the Cross, endured it, and sacrifice became our delight. The giving of self alone is the key that opens the door of the Temple of Joy.

As he spoke he opened the folds of the garment that shrouded his form, revealing a cross of dazzling whiteness.

"Behold the evolution of a sinner such as thou art. We came to earth to inspire men's minds to moods of goodness, and we endow them with great thoughts and work in them great deeds. Some resist the good influences; some are impelled, though often weakly, to carry out the message with which we are charged."

I was conscious that they spoke in a tongue unknown to me, yet their thoughts were in my mind and understood by me as clearly as though I knew their language as soon as they were uttered. I heard the sounds without, but they were speaking to something in me—their spirit held converse with mine.

My eyes sought the ground; they were too fair to look upon. I would have bowed down and worshipped them, but they divined my intention, and said in concert—

"We are not worthy of worship. We are worshippers ourselves. There is but One to whom we should render our soul's adoration."

Then it was I felt my tongue loosened. The impulse to speak was irresistible.

"What would ye have me say? What would ye have me do?" I said in tremulous tones, while I felt my whole frame palpitating.

They smiled. It was a smile, and something infinitely more. There is no language this side of Death to adequately describe it, or even to give it a name or earthly label, as all mortal names merely are. Their smile was light beside which electricity was "outer darkness." It lit up, so it seemed to me, the palace entrance, and its effulgence the pale light of the moon was lost.

"We do not ask thee to SAY. Our message to thee is to DO. Deeds, not words, redeem. Deeds are a nation's strength; words a nation's weakness. As with motives so with individuals. The motives of Deeds are Love and Hate. Our message to thee is that Love is the only valuable thing in existence.

The other Being then spoke:—"Love thy fellows first, and thy deeds will be the deeds of a Christ. We come to men to warn them that philanthropy is not love; that it is an organised make-believe Love; a stumbling-stone to mortals who are groping through the darkness of Time for the Universal Brotherhood that is to be God's rod of correction is but a shepherd's crook, man's the deadly weapon in the sling of a David.

Love all men; try to do them good. Give thy self, and so find thine own soul."

I suffered myself to be led to a poor man's domicile. The visitors entered without opening the door. I followed, thinking to do the same, but failed to enter in that wise. In the presence of these creatures I almost felt that I was no longer mortal. I lifted the latch and entered.

I saw a picture of poverty and misery. An emaciated form lay on a bed of straw. A man sat by the rude bed in anguish, groaning in agony of soul at his inability, I thought, to find sustenance and to bring succour to the companion of his life.

As the angels entered he cried to God for help in agonising sobs.

The angels pointed to them.

"Love the poor, the fallen, and regard the sick with compassion. Thy love will feed them, will uplift them, will heal them."

The angel kissed the woman, and the woman responded with a smile. The angel spoke into the man's ear: "Thy prayer is answered. She will live. Succour is at hand."

The man, aware of an influence, but not apparently of the presences, immediately arose. A new-born joy was in his face, and his smile answered that of his wife.

Then I heard the strange music again. The angels had departed. I walked out into the narrow alley. I cast my eyes up to the sky.

The stars had returned to their appointed places, and twinkled, I thought, with joy at the good they had done. They shone more resplendent than ever. Just as I thought they were about to descend again, my dream ended, and I awoke.

[The End.]

KNOW THYSELF.

If you would in knowledge grow,
Study first yourself to know:
Thus the ancient sages taught
In their sacred schools of thought.
And if we would thus attain,
We self-knowledge, too, must gain,
And employ for righteousness
All the talents we possess.
God, our Maker, gave us all,
Time and talents, great and small,
And we never should abuse
What is given us to use.
If we only seek aright,
God will grant us greater light,
And reveal, by heaven's law,
Visions such as prophets saw.
Then as wisdom's mount we climb
We shall gaze on scenes sublime,
And receive, as from the skies,
Truth's immortal, crowning prize.

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LYCEUM REPORTS.

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RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring since May 27th.

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 24th of June, to ensure insertion in the July issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington St.).—On Sunday, May 3rd, we held our monthly Open Session. Marching and Calisthenics being fairly well gone through. Reading by Mr A. Simpson on "children in spirit life." Readings by Mr. Wrigley, and Mr. Harrington Beech, also a good number of Pearls. We shall have our Annual Procession on Whit-Friday morning, June 12th, headed by the Burbage Brass Band, to which a hearty invitation is given to local Lyceumists and Societies, but above all we appeal to our own to turn out on that day and show unto the outsiders our true colour.

A FRANCE, Secretary.

BATLEY CARR.—On May 3rd, we celebrated our 26th anniversary. Mrs. L. Nurse, Rochdale, was the speaker. Special hymns were sung. We had splendid services. On May 23rd we had a social in aid of the Whitsuntide treat, when we hope to take the scholars to Scarborough. During the evening, Miss Lizzie Mortimer, Conductor, who was about to sail to America on a three months' visit, was presented with a splendid Morocco writing case. And on the Sunday, she was also presented with a best bound Lyceum Manual, by the members of Liberty Group, as a mark of esteem and respect. She has the hearty good wishes of all for a pleasant and instructive visit.

ALFRED KITSON.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Sunday, May 3rd, we held our usual session, which was well attended. Misses G. Inscoc, A. Thompson, E. Morriss, and Masters S. Thompson, L. Thompson ably contributed to the afternoon's session. On May 10th we had groups. Mr. Norton gave an excellent address on the "Licensing Bill," which was well appreciated by the members of the Liberty Group. On May 17th Mr. Reeves read a short essay on the heroic deeds done by Miss Florence Nightingale, which was warmly received. Also Misses Thompson, G. Inscoc, N. O'Connor, and Master S. Thompson gave recitations. A solo was well rendered by Miss L. Sheldon, which concluded the session.

Miss F. INSCOE, Librarian.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On Saturday, May 2nd, we closed our winter season with a "bachelor tea party." About 120 sat down to tea. The social passed off in an excellent manner, the songs, and a sketch entitled "The Black Barber," being heartily appreciated. We heartily thank all those who, by way of donations, helped to make it a financial success.

R. ROSTRON, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Dudley Hill).—Open Session, April 26th. We had a splendid time together, and greater interest is being shown in the Lyceum work. The following took part: Solos, Mr. Fearnley, Miss Siddal, Miss Fearnley; recitations, Mrs. Gummersall, L. Rau, H. Brearley, A. Dennison, E. Stebbins; readings, Mr. Fearnley, Misses M. Worsman, E. Stebbins; addresses, Mr. Seed, Mrs. Gummersall.

H. BARNES, Secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—Progress satisfactory. Hoping for big increase in attendance during summer months. Sessions this month devoted to "group" lessons. Social programme has been greatly augmented by the playing of our newly-formed band, to the members of which much credit is due for the progression made. The following have also contributed to our enjoyment: Lily Maskell, Dora French, Ivy Collins, Fred Curry, Edith Cager, Bertha French, Chappie Severn, Mr. Cager, and Zoe Brigden.

FRANK G. CLARKE, Secretary.

BURY (Off Paradise Street).—Lyceum Sunday on May 17th. Moderate attendance at morning session. Recita-

tions and solo by Miss Butteril. Afternoon, fair number of parents, friends, etc., present. B.S.L.U. No. 1 Hymn-sheet in use. Marching and calisthenics. Recitation by Miss Ann Hardman. The Lyceum took the evening service, using No. 2 Hymn-sheet. Mrs. Kilvert ably assisted with clairvoyance. Conductor, Mr. James Swarbrick. M. and C. Conductor, Mr. H. Metcalfe, who spoke highly of the Lyceumists. Fair average weekly attendance of Lyceumists.

WM. FLETCHER, Assistant Secretary.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin).—We held our open session on May 17th, conducted by Mr. Whitehead. We had fairly good attendance, and a good session. Reading out of the Lyceum Banner by Lizzie Thornton. Miss M. Dawson, "Do a good turn when you can." Solo, Miss Collinson; Miss A. Dawson, "The lamp-post"; Miss A. Dawson, "Why I love the Lyceum." Mrs. Oldroyd addressed the Lyceum. The calisthenics and marching were good. We also had a very pleasant afternoon session. We hope to do much better next month.

B. WALSHAW, Secretary.

CREWE.—Since last report our Lyceumists have given the drama, "No smoking allowed," and "Annie's Holyday," supplemented with songs, duets and choruses, realising about £1 10s. for prizes. The following items have been well rendered during the month:—Recitations, "He came unawares," Annie Hope; "The Revenge," Fred Homer; "Sunbeam," Florence Hope; "Never Despair," Ernest Hillyard; "The Robin's Nest," Lucy Grosvener; "Farewell," Nellie Howell; "Douglas Viggars and Willie Sinclair. Songs and duets: Miss Woodvine and Miss Martin, "Wait and Murmur Not"; Tom Woodvine, "Cathedral Voices"; Gwennie Bagaley, "Angels want me for a Sunbeam"; Millie Cooper, "Singing from the Heart." Our musical conductor, whose great loss we have since had to deplore, gave a pianoforte solo and accompanied throughout.

ARTHUR BAGULEY, Secretary.

DEARNLEY.—At our half-yearly meeting the following officers were elected:—Conductor, Mr. B. Butterworth; assistant, Miss E. Hout; leaders, Mr. G. Cooper and Mrs. Scar; treasurer, Mr. Dean; secretary, Mr. T. Pinchbeck, along with teachers and sick visitors. As our membership has increased we decided to have a supply of Lyceum Manuals. On May 3rd we held our Pleasant Sunday Morning, which was very enjoyable. We shall celebrate our Lyceum Anniversary on June 21st, when that esteemed worker in the children's cause, Miss Morse, of Manchester, will conduct the services.

T. PINCHBECK, Secretary.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—The Lyceum has been very bright and attractive during the past two months. On Wednesday, May 20th a very successful tea and entertainment was given by Mrs. Pope in aid of our Whitsuntide treat, which the children are eagerly anticipating.

ETHEL LEES, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Govan Mission Lyceum, Gordon Halls, 316, Paisley Road).—A Lyceum was opened here recently, and has already a membership of 30, and a full staff of officers; which are as follow:—Conductor, Miss McArthur; Assistant conductor, Miss A. O. Stromberg; secretary, Miss M. Stromberg; treasurer, Miss McArthur; Guardian of Groups, Mr. H. Kerr; Captain of Guards, Mr. D. Brown; three Guards, Messrs. A. Rodger, J. Vicar, and Griffith; Lady Guard, Miss N. Cowan; Musical Conductors, Mrs. Elder, Miss V. Cowan; Leader of Marching and Calisthenics, Mr. H. Kerr. This Lyceum I am pleased to say is showing every sign of prosperity.

Miss M. STROMBERG, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Great Western Road).—Owing to the expected absence of most of our officers and members from town during the summer months we have decided to suspend our Lyceum sessions until September. In the meantime our members who do not leave the town will attend the other Lyceums.

W. SNEDDON, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Ebenezer Church, Waterloo Street).—This, in future, will be the address of what was once the Bath Street Lyceum. We had to leave our old hall at the end of March, but by now we have adapted ourselves to our new meeting place. The change has brought new members and new enthusiasm, and the sessions continue to be very interesting, bright and inspiring. As the oldest Scottish Lyceum, we have taken the initiative in forming a

Scottish District Council, under the B.S.L.U., and we hope thereby to strengthen the movement in Scotland. We have re-started our summer rambles, and in this way many pleasant Saturday afternoons will be spent.

A. S. GUILD, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden St.).—On April 26th we held our Anniversary Services, which were a decided success. In the morning we had an Open Session, when an enjoyable programme was gone through. The following were the contributors:—Ada Jagger and Grace Powell, recitations; Miss E. Boothroyd and Miss Laura Rastall, songs; Mr. H. Peel, a poem of his own composition. Miss Smith rendered a pianoforte solo with excellent skill, and also very ably accompanied at the piano for the marching, calisthenics and solos. Mrs. M. Law also favoured us with a few encouraging remarks.—In the afternoon and evening Mrs. M. Law occupied the platform, the subjects being, "What is a Lyceum?" and "Make ye the way of the Lord."

T. SHIMMELL, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter's St.).—On May 3rd we held our Open Session before a moderate congregation. The singing and readings were well rendered. The golden chain recitation was very good. There were solos by Mrs. Barrow, Mr. Wallis, and Miss E. Brandon. Recitations by Misses M. Blackburn and E. Knight. Readings by Mr. Massheder, George Day, and Misses F. Wilson and E. Brandon. The marching and calisthenics were very fair.

Miss MONA BARROW, Secretary.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—On Sunday, May 10th, the members of the Fountain Group provided the programme for the usual monthly Open Session; Miss Houldsworth conducted. Miss B. Kay took the leader of marching, and the following sang: Solo, G. Clarke; recitations, J. Halliday, V. Clarke, H. Hullah, B. Pickles. Pianoforte solo by W. Northington, Miss B. Shackleton being the accompanist. Also on Sunday, May 17th, the Lyceums gave an Open Session, in connection with the Anniversary of the Society. Mr. H. Kay conducted, and the following gave recitations: Mr. F. Longbottom, V. Clarke, Miss A. Whitaker, M. Walker, S. Kay. Solos by Master H. Midgley and Gladys Clarke; and a duet by Miss M. Summers and R. Riley. Pianoforte solo by W. Mornington. Mrs. Stair spoke a few minutes to the Lyceumists, Miss Holdsworth being the accompanist.

E. SHACKLETON, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Albion St.).—On May 10th, we held our Open Session, which we all enjoyed very much. We had with us a gentleman who had travelled all over the world, so he gave us some of his interesting experiences, and told us about the Lyceums he had visited in different parts of the world. After the address we had marching and calisthenics, which completed a very pleasant afternoon.

A. HURST, Junr., Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen St.).—On Sunday, May 3rd, we celebrated our 10th Anniversary, when we had the pleasure of having with us Mrs. Place Veary, who has just returned from South Africa, as our speaker. In the afternoon, along with Mrs. Veary, was Mr. Smith, of South Africa, who spoke on his travels in that country, after which a rose was presented to each leader and Mrs. Veary by two of the Lyceum scholars, Misses M. Wilson and G. Hunter. The hymns of No. 2 Hymn-sheet were well rendered by the Lyceumists in the evening before a very large attendance of members and friends. The programme was like that of the afternoon. Mrs. Veary gave a very good address. Recitations and solos were given by the following Lyceumists: B. York, Miss M. York, Miss G. Hunter, Miss Holt, Miss Veary, Miss Water-ton, Miss Brewin, Mr. Chambers, L. Goldsmith, and Mr. Smith.

JAMES BISHOP, Secretary.

LONDON, BATTERSEA (Henley St.).—Sunday, May 10th, we celebrated the 10th Lyceum Anniversary, which was a great success. Solos, recitations and a short calisthenic display by the children, were appreciated. Also addresses in the afternoon by Mr. Spencer, Mr. Ashley and Mr. Sims. A quantity of beautiful flowers, added to the festivity of the occasion. In the evening addresses were given by Mr. Spencer and Mr. Wilkins, in the absence of Mrs. Walters, through illness. The children acquitted themselves very well, and a solo was beautifully rendered by Miss Greenman. A social tea was held at 5 o'clock p.m. Officers for the new term are conductor and treasurer, Miss Morris; Miss A. E. SHERMAN, Secretary.

LONDON (Chiswick, 56, High Road, W.).—It is my pleasant duty to make a very satisfactory report with regard to the doings of the above Lyceum in the last two months. Under the able conductorship of Miss Cole, a sewing class has been started, and it is the pleasure of the grown-ups to attend on Fridays from 7 to 8.30 to encourage the little girls working, as well as to the Elocution Class under our friend, Mr. Simpson. During the last month Groups have been formed in our Lyceum which have proved very beneficial and successful, especially enjoyed by the elder members, who form the Liberty Group. On Sunday afternoons, during the Session, object lessons are given which are very instructive and interesting to all. The attendance for the past few months has been regular and steadily increasing in numbers.

E. PETIT, Secretary.

LONDON (Fulham).—Our first business meeting was held on Sunday, April 26th, when Miss Morris, of Battersea Lyceum, kindly gave her valuable services for the occasion. Mr. Ashley was elected as Lyceum conductor. The meeting was followed by a sociable tea. The parent society generously gave up the evening service to allow the Lyceum to give a full session to the audience, so as to show the parents and friends both our Lyceum methods and quality of its teachings. Piano solos were well rendered by Master Miller (Lyceum organist) and Master Ashley. Recitations were given by children ranging in age from 4½ years. We spent a very enjoyable time.

Miss ANNIE KEPPLER, Secretary.

LONDON (Tottenham).—Our operetta, entitled "Snow White and the seven Dwarfs," was a complete success. A splendid report appeared in the local paper, the "Tottenham Herald," which we hope will bring our Lyceum to the public notice. At the close of the operetta Mr. Boddington distributed the prizes, and our photos were taken by flashlight in tableaux. On the first Sunday in each month our Lyceum children assemble at the evening service, and go through their afternoon session from the Lyceum Manual. This has given great pleasure to the adults and cheered our fellow workers in the cause.

Miss ELLEN BARNES, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Princess Hall, Princess Road).—On May 3rd we received a letter from our conductor, Mr. Rastall, stating that owing to repeated break-downs in health, his doctor advised complete rest. It was received with deepest regret, for he has been our conductor for several years. Our love and sympathy go out towards him, and we hope he will soon be restored to perfect health and strength, so that he will be able to take his usual place and renew the work he loves so well. On May 10th a presentation of a chatelaine bag was made to Miss Hall, our organist, who has left us, by Nellie Robinson on behalf of the Elders of the Lyceum. Mr. Rastall came and made a few kindly remarks.

Miss T. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—Our Open Session was made doubly interesting by the competition in calisthenics for prizes. They were awarded to Harold Howitt and Lottie Bentley. But as there were some who were very near perfect, Mr. Masters and Mr. Elridge gave one each to J. McCaig and A. Huntboch. Mr. Boddington made the presentations, and made a nice little speech, which was well appreciated.

Miss E. H. YATES, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott St.).—I am very pleased to report our Lyceum is still in a good, healthy condition, and every credit is due to our Conductor, Mr. G. E. Diggle, and the officers in its maintenance; we hope to still continue to progress. I am pleased to say our late Conductor, Mr. Horsman, has benefitted much by his twelve months' rest, and has almost recovered from his accident; he is now willing to again resume in this noble work, and we wish him, along with all the other officers and workers, every success.

JOHN FROST, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On May 10th we held our Open Session, which was well attended, and ably conducted by Mr. Kenyon, in the absence of our Conductor, who was at the Lyceum Conference. Both adults and children responded most readily to the Conductor's call for recitations, etc. Mr. F. Johnson spoke encouragingly to the children and presented the prizes. He also moved a vote of sympathy to Mr. Kirby, who has been absent for some time, owing to an accident. The marching and calisthenics were

nically rendered, which evoked a word of praise from a visitor. At 6.30 p.m. the service of song, "Rest at last," was ably rendered to a good audience, Mr. John Williams being the reader.

A. STANDISH, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Penn St.).—On Sunday, May 3rd, we held our monthly Open Session, when singing, silver and golden chain recitations, marching and calisthenics were gone through in an efficient manner. We had a few Pearls given. We had also a recitation by Miss D. Dixon, entitled "Handsome is as handsome does," which was well rendered; hoping to have a record attendance next month.

JAMES WELDON, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent St.).—The members of the mutual improvement class, associated with the Society and Lyceum, had a very pleasant ramble to Healy Dell, Smallshaw Wood, and Dunish Booth Farm. They had tea at the farm. There were with us friends from Dearnley, Whitworth and Royton. Mr. J. A. Warwick conducted the ramble. Mr. Seanor took photos of the groups, both comic and otherwise. The party numbered about 30, and are eagerly anticipating the next visit to Car-wood, on May 30th.

Miss S. A. SCHOFIELD, Secretary of the Class,
11, Jermyn St., Rochdale.

ROTHERHAM (Percy St.).—We have successfully re-opened our Lyceum, and elected the following officers: Mr. J. T. Smith, conductor; assistant, Mrs. George Bruce; secretary, Mr. R. Papworth; musical conductor, Miss A. Liversedge; leaders of groups, J. H. Barker, F. Page, George Bruce, and Arthur Clayton; leaders of the marching, Miss G. Blades and R. Papworth. Librarians, Miss M. Fairhurst and Master H. Slack. At the afternoon session we had about 20 friends from Attercliffe to give us a helping hand. Master Hugh Bowmer and Miss Edith O. Metcalfe gave several recitations. It was a pleasure to listen to them, and reminded us of the good old times before we had our trouble. We hope to build up another good Lyceum.

R. PAPWORTH, Secretary.

RUNCORN.—Having a portion of the S.N.U. Executive with us on April 26th, we thought it a good opportunity to start a Lyceum, which had been talked of a long time. Mr. R. A. Own, D.V., was in attendance, and conducted our opening session, assisted by Messrs. Albert Wilkinson, J. Knight, Councillor Ward, Macdonald, and Mrs. Greenwood. There was a good attendance, and those who had never seen a Lyceum were struck with its mode and quality of teaching. There were a good number of pearls and recitations given. It has caused a deep interest to be taken in the movement, and we feel we shall succeed. We feel convinced there is great need for a Lyceum.

GEORGE A. MACK, Hon. Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—On May 3rd Mrs. Johnson conducted the morning session, and complimented the Lyceum on their marching and calisthenics, so ably conducted by Mr. Foster. In the afternoon we had two visitors, delegates of the Sheffield District Council, who gave splendid addresses, and were appreciated by the Lyceum. May 10th the morning session was conducted by Miss Appleby. Mr. Bowmer and Mr. Fulwood were called upon in turns to explain different parts of the lessons. Mr. Green ably conducted the afternoon session. May 17th Mr. Whiteley, our musical conductor and delegate to Lyceum Conference, gave a report of his visit to the Conference. The groups have been taken by Mr. Bowmer, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Dunn, respectively.

H. BOWMER, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On May 3rd we held our Open Session. We had a good attendance, considering the inclement weather. Mr. Baines, our conductor, having resigned, Mr. R. Swindon (assistant conductor) very ably conducted a most enjoyable session. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in a splendid manner. The following Lyceumists took part in the afternoon's programme: Pianoforte solos by Miss Mary Bradley and Alberta Hudson. Duet, "We are trying to follow the angels," by Misses Alice and Susan Wilson. Recitations were given by Hilda Wilson, Ernest Stevenson, F. Vernon, E. Tipple, Mr. Ashforth, Mrs. Middleton, and Reginald Stevenson. At the close of the session, Miss Nellie Wood was unanimously elected conductor.

G. STEVENSON, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead St.).—May 17th, our Lyceum Anniversary was conducted by Mr. A. Kitson, the genial secretary of the Lyceum Union, who delivered morning, afternoon and evening, educational and comprehensive addresses, which were in complete accord with the auspicious occasion, and gave universal satisfaction. Large audiences. Record collections. The floral decorations were in harmony with the event. At the Lyceum Session the subjoined was effectively rendered:—Solo, "The Children's Day," Miss Elsie Guest; reading, "Little Tommy," Mrs. Kay; recitations, "The Drunkard's Wife," and "The Stowaway," Miss Bolton; "The Singing Leaves," Miss Alice Smart; "Flogging a Soldier," Edgar Kingsley; "Grace Darling," Miss Beaumont. We were highly complimented by Mr. Kitson on our efficiency. We felt encouraged because we worked hard for several weeks. The workers win.

ELSIE GUEST, Secretary.

STALYBRIDGE (Vaudrey St.).—We re-opened our Lyceum on May 3rd. 30 present, mostly adults. Mr. T. Myatt conducted in his usual able manner. A Lyceumist from Dukinfield recited "Striking the Rock." The various chain recitations, singing, marching, calisthenics, and brief addresses filled us with hope for the success of our efforts. We are holding our sessions in the afternoon for the present.

JAMES McDERMOTT, Treasurer.

STOCKPORT (Central).—On May 3rd Mr. Hamer, of Shaw, presented four books to children who had written essays on the subjects, "Why I am a Lyceumist" and "What is a Lyceum?" The essays were sent to Mr. Kitson, who awarded Doris Wager and Frank Marston as first; and Hubert and Frank Axon as the second. During the summer months, on Saturdays, we shall hold rambles. These rambles have been a source of pleasure to all who have joined in them. Mr. Hamer has also promised to give two prizes, one for the male and the other for the female, who gives the most recitations during May.

J. H. MARSTON, Hon. Secretary.

TODMORDEN.—On Sunday, May 3rd, we held our usual monthly Open Session, when the following programme was gone through. Opening remarks by the Conductor, Mr. J. A. Greenwood. Recitation, "The Lighthouse," Miss L. A. Braund. Duet, Misses N. Jones and M. Greenwood. Song, Master Ben Pellowe. Recitation, "Conscience," Miss B. A. Crossley. Duet, Misses Stephenson and Pellowe. Recitation, Master W. Crossley. Song, "Home Sweet Home," Miss Uttley. Recitation, "The Lifeboat," Mr. W. Clark. Recitation, "No Lifeboat," Mr. W. J. Braund. Recitation, "The Warriors of the Sea," Mr. J. A. Greenwood. There was a very good attendance, and we are pleased to report the Lyceum is still steadily growing.

Mr. GEORGE CROSSLEY, Secretary.
Miss A. EMMETT, Asst. Secretary.

WINDHILL.—We held our Open Session on May 3rd, which was very good. Solos and readings were given by the following:—"The workers win," by Misses Ethel Brown and Daisy Butterfield; "Keep your balance," by Master H. Roberts; "Better than gold," by Miss Maggie Butterfield; "The philosophy of life," by Misses N. Copley, M. Stead and A. Netherwood; "Your Mission," by Misses E. Brown and A. Roberts. Misses N. Copley and M. Stead sang "No night there"; Masters G. and E. Roper sang "Trust in God and do the right"; and Mr. and Miss N. Copley sang "Children's day welcome." We brought our session to a close by singing hymn 315 L.M.

E. ROPER, Hon. Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Midland Chambers, Princess St.).—On Sunday, May 3rd, we held an Open Session, and distribution of prizes awarded to the children for attendances and good behaviour. Our esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, were present. Mr. Wilson very ably conducted the children, in a very satisfactory manner, taking their parts in the silver chain, golden chain, and musical readings. Mr. Owen (Conductor of the Lyceum), in a short address, sketched the work of the Lyceum through the year, and thanked all those who had assisted him in the work. At the close Mrs. Wilson presented the prizes to the children, making a few appropriate remarks to each recipient. Sunday, May 31st, we held our anniversary sermons.

Mrs. M. E. DAVIS.

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- Accrington**, Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. R. Sutcliffe, 60, Pendle Street.
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Alltrincham, Station-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Bardsley, 1, Daisy Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, Timperley.
Arnley, Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. Mr. Sam Crabtree, 3, Abercorn Street, Arnley Road, Leeds.
Ashington, 2 p.m. Mr. Matt. Redfern, 177, Clyde Street, Hirst, via Morpeth.
Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Abraham France, 174, Margaret Street.
Bacup, Market-street, 2 p.m. Mr. H. Salisbury, 8, C'ay Street.
Barnoldswick, Green-street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. A. W. Jackson, 6, Commercial Street, near Colne.
Barnoldswick, Market-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. R. Ashley, 18, Stuart Street, near Colne.
Barnsley, George-yard, 10-30 and 2. Mr. C. H. Scholey, 26, Blenheim Road.
Barrow-in-Furness, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 2. Miss F. Dobson, 28, Argyle Street.
Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mr. John Kendall, 31, Osborne Street.
Barry Dock, Newland-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward Road, Cadoxton.
Batley Carr, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Miss P. Mortimer, Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, Batley.
Belper, Jubilee-hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
Birkenhead, 161, Grange-road, 11 a.m. Mr. John Parry, 48, Victoria Street.
Birmingham, Martineau-street, 11 a.m. Miss F. Davis, 77, Murdock Road, Handsworth.
Birmingham, 52, Crawford-street, Saltley, 2-45. Mr. Fredrick Chew, 27, Ellesmere Road, Alum Rock, Saltley.
Birmingham, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire Road, Smethwick.
Blackburn, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. McKnight, Junr., 47, Bicknell Street.
Blackburn, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Ernest Holding, 46, Sandon Street.
Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. William Critchlow, 69, Albert Road.
Bolton, Bradford Street, 10 a.m. Mr. Robert Roston, 32, Philip Street.
Bradford, Carlisle Road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30. Miss A. Kewley, 143, Barkerend Road.
Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Edith Flatt, 47, Airedale Road.
Bradford, Shirley-road, (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mr. Henry Barnes, 61, Cutler Heights Lane.
Brighouse, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. George Crowther, 19, Piggott Street.
Brownhill, High-street, 9-30 and 2 to 3. Mr. W. Yates, Howdles Cottages, Watling Street, near Walsall.
Brighton, Manchester-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Frank G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret's Place.
Burnley, Hammerton-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Lawrence Tattersal, 26, Hornby Street.
Burnley, North-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw Street.
Burnley, Richard-street, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Andrews, 26, Duke Street, Burnley Wood.
Burton-on-Trent, Hurling-wood-wharf, 10 and 2-45. Mr. George Forrester, 54, Gordon Street.
Bury, off Para-lime-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. W. H. Golding, 94, Wood Street, Elton.
Cardiff, 58, Queen-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. S. Harris, c/o Mr. E. Jones, 124, Habersham Street, Spotlands.
Carlisle, West-walls, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 2, Stainton Street, Corporation Road.
Castleford, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. A. Atack, 108, Hugh Street, Beacroft Road.
Chester, Commonhall-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Williams, 34, Henry Street, Newtown.
Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. James Martin, 16, Valley Road, Spittal.
Clayton-le-Moors, 10 a.m. Mr. James Simpson, 80, 1, Lickup Street, near Accrington.
Cleckheaton, Old-Robin-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Walshaw, Listing Lane Cottages, Gomersall, near Leeds.
Colne, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Miss Florence Coles, Victoria House, Colne Lane.
Crewe, Mill-Hill, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Baguley, 20, Richard Moon Street.
Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Hope, 19, Harrison Street, Atherton, near Manchester.
Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. John Clarkson, 116, Red Earth Road.
Dearnley, Rochdale-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Pinchbeck, 555, Halifax Road, Small Bridge, Rochdale.
Derby, Charnwood-street, 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Lees, 7, Newland Street.
Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Arthur Simpson, 4, Barber Street, Heightlands.
Doncaster, Guild-hall, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hilda Hilsen, 42, Childer Street, Elmfield.
Doncaster, Wood-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Alfred Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Balby.
DuKinfield, Railway-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Ellis, 91, Dean Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Dundee, Barrack-street, 12-30 a.m. Mr. James Inglis, Junr., 22, Dundonald Street, Clepington.
Dundee, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Mary I. Odhner, 10, Garland Place, Barrack Road.
Edinburgh, 5, Queen-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Lewington, 22, West Savile Terrace.
Elland, James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street.
Gateshead, Beaconsfield Hall, Coatsworth-road, 2-30. Mr. Wm. Hall, 34, Balfour Street, Beasham.
Glasgow, 236 Gt.-Western-road, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Sneddon, 61, Henderson Street.
Glasgow, Govan, Paisley-road, 4 p.m. Miss M. Stromberg, 66, Orau Street, Maryhill, Glasgow.
Glasgow, Ebenezer Church, Waterloo-street, 4 p.m. Mr. A. S. Guild, 281, Cathedral Street.
Great Harwood, West Well-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Holt, 36, St. Edmund Street, near Blackburn.
Greenock, Cathcart-street, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann Street.
Grimsbury, Strand-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Daisy Scott, 75, Blundell Street, New Clew.
Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Philip Bealey, 6, Wesley Street, near Manchester.
Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 4, Green Terrace Square, Savile Park.
Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Lewis Stevenson, 57, Haigh Street, Battinson Road.
Heaton Norris, Baker-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. J. Williams, 63, Lancaster Hill, Stockport.
Hebden Bridge, Victoria Hall, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. H. Houlston, 15, Buttress.
Heckmondwike, Tower Street, 10-30 and 2. Mrs. Wilfred Lunn, 3, Commercial Street.
Heywood, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Herbert Wood, Holland Street, William Street.
Higher Broughton, Hilton-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Tinker, 26, King Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.
Hindley, Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Barrington, 209, Sandy Lane, near Wigan.
Hollinwood, Byrom-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Snope, 661, Hollins Road, near Oldham.
Horwich, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Fernihough, 52, Richmond Street, near Bolton.
Hucknall, Watnall-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Mary A. Cox, 28, Watnall Road, Hucknall, Torkard.
Huddersfield, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. T. A. Shimmell, 314, Ravensknowl Road.
Huddersfield, St. Peter-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Mona Barrow, Skilbeck's Yard, Lowerhead Row.
Hull, Lime-street, 10 a.m. Miss Ethel Wright, 122, Severn Street, Holderness Road.
Hyde, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Joseph Smith, 15, Queen Street.
Jarrow, Market-square, 2 p.m. Miss Dora M. Foster, 53, Dee Street.
Johnnesburg, 11 a.m. Mr. Joseph Horne, P.O. Box 6290.
Keighley, Heber-street, 9-45 and 1-30. Mr. E. Shackleton, 11, Acre Street, Knowle Park.
Lancaster, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Daniel Atkinson, 2, Shaw Street.
Leeds, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Wood, 2, Westbourne Mount, Dewsbury Road.
Leeds, Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Harrison, 7, Teal Street, Stourton.
Leeds, Grove-house-lane (Psycho), Mr. Wm. Barnes, 23, Ashton Street, Harehills Road.
Leeds, Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. Powell, 17, Gaslielder Terrace, Hunslet Moor.
Leicester, Albion-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36, Gwynn Street, Melton Road.
Leicester, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Bishop, 10, Mere Road.
Leigh, Brown-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Woodward, 22, Poet's Nook, Lancs.
Leigh, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Robinson, 14, Sefton Street, Lancs.
Lincoln, Exchange Arcade, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Nicholson, 45, Waterside, North.
Littleton, Well-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Lewis Westcott, 35, Flush, Heckmondwike.
Liverpool, Daulby-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Millicent Clarke, 12, Osborne Grove, Everton.
Liverpool, Mount-pleasant, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Madge Parker, 2, Spofforth Road, Edge Hill.
London, Battersea, Henley-street, 3 p.m. Miss Sherman, 12 J. Peabody's Orchard Street, Westminster.
London, Brixton, 8, Mayal-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Walter Underwood, 127, Camberwell New Road, S.E.
London, Chiswick, W, 56, High-road, 2-45 p.m. Mr. E. Petit, 56, High Road, Chiswick, W.
London, Fulham, S.W., 25, Fernhurst-street, 3 p.m. Miss Kepple, 20, Lysia Street, Fulham Palace Road, Fulham.
London, Tottenham, 193, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss Ellen Barnes, 2, Laurel Villas, Felixstowe Road, Lower Edmonton.
Longton, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 96, Coronation Street.
Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10 a.m. Mr. William Albinson, 5, Bond Street.
Manchester, Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Lily Sims, 96, Cranworth Street, C. on M.
Manchester, Cheetham, Halliwell-lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Lee Williams, 86, Bellott Street, Cheetham.
Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Joseph Parkinson, 77, York Street, Moston Lane, Blackley.
Manchester, Harpurley, Mitford-street, Couran-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington Road, Crumpsall.
Manchester, Higher Openshaw, Beulah-street, 2-30. Mr. W. T. Weitzel, 90, Church Lane, Gorton.
Manchester, Hulme, Junction-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Stansfield, 22, Clarence Street, Moss Side.
Manchester, Longsight, Chell-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Charles Fox, 8, Booth Street, South Gorton.
Manchester, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Miss Theresa Robinson, 11, Wellington Avenue, Whalley Range.
Manchester, West Gorton, William-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. P. N. Humphreys, 3, Tiles Street, North Road, Longsight.
Middleton, Gilmour-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Lizzie Duncalf, 7, St. Leonard's Street, near Manchester.
Middlesbrough, Grange-road, W, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul's Road.
Millom, Main-street, 2-15 p.m. Mrs. E. Wilkinson, 41, Lonsdale Road.
Monkwearmouth, Calvert-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Robert Wardle, 37, Osborne Street, Fulwell Road, Sunderland.
Morley, Fountain-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Herbert A. Hill, 2, Tomlinson Buildings, High Street, nr. Leeds.
Motherwell, Park-street, 3 p.m. Miss Jeannie Hendry, 138, Brandon Street.
Nelson, Vernon-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. H. Stables, 5, Hammond Street, Wolverden.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, 20, Royal-arcade, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Albert Brown, 33, Polmaise Street, Blyadon-on-Tyne.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. Frank E. Brittain, 3, Victoria st.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton & Byker, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. N. Gay, 112, Tynemouth rd., Heaton, near N/C.
New Hirst, Miners' Hall, 2 p.m. Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde st., Hirst, via morpeth.
Nottingham, Hyson Green, Bedford-rd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Gratton, 210, Alfreton rd.
Nottingham, Hyson Green, Hawarden-terrace, 10-30. Mr. C. E. Sharp, 51, Gauntley st., Hyson Green.
Nottingham, (Mechanics Hall), Burton-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195, Wollaton st.
Nottingham, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartine-st., 2-30. Miss E. H. Yates, 1, St. Ann's Valley, Hungerhill rd.
Nottingham, Parliament-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Joseph E. Lester, 1, Lake st., Hyson Green.
Oldham, Coronation-st., 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Ingham, 12, Eleanor st.
Oldham, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. Mr. John Frost, 81, Franklin street.
Padiham, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Houlgrave, 22, Forrester st., near Burnley.
Parkgate, Ashwood-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. E. J. Storey, 165, Rawmarsh rd., Lime Kilns, Rotherham.