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ONE PENNY

"Seek and ye shall find."

BY CHARLES TABERNER.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

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, and try as he would, he could not get away from the thought that there was something more than imagination. Why did it lead him in this particular direction? Then his words as he leaned over the bridge flashed into his mind, and great beads of sweat stood on his forehead as he saw a double purpose in the visitation, or imagination. It had drawn him away from thoughts which might have resulted in disaster to him, and when he remembered the words of Mr. Marsden spoken to the woman they had saved from the river, he bowed his head in shame that he had even thought of so cowardly an act.

How many more have felt just the same, and even as you read these lines there are thousands who are experiencing this feeling of depression, yet they do not try to understand its purpose or meaning. If they did, and applied themselves to solving the mystery, much trouble might be avoided, and many disasters averted. As he sat there with his mind troubled while inwardly he was deeply moved, he was only being prepared for the change which was surely to take place with him, for although he would not admit it, the first seeds had taken root, and must continue to grow until he was forced to recognise that life had a far greater purpose than to end at the grave, and in years to come, he would rejoice in the realisation that he had at least found a safe and sure foundation, and the greater joy would be added, in the knowledge that his father and mother looked down upon him in love, and that they would receive him into the great beyond with outstretched arms. Night had given place to morning, still he sat there, and as he rose to the fire, he turned with a start as a sound of shuffling feet sounded behind him, but there was nothing to be seen, and all was now still. "My fancy again," he muttered, as he placed some pieces of coal on the fire. "I must be getting nervous to be so easily deceived." But just then there came upon his table three clear and distant raps. He jumped up with a feeling of terror coming over him, and so intensely excited that he scarcely knew what he was doing, and though he waited some time for a repetition of the sound, the silence remained unbroken; then he retired, more troubled over these strange manifestations, and less certain of their origin than at any time in the whole of his experience. He was at a loss to account for them, and try as he would, he could not find a reasonable explanation. It was a new experience to him,

and when his mind turned upon his purpose prior to the death of his father, to find some proof of a future life, or be satisfied that the grave ended all, a cold sweat came over him, and he could have cried out because of the greatness of the awe that had settled upon him as he remembered his father's words: "I am confident your mother still lives, and I am anxious to join her in the future which we have condemned and treated with contempt."

These words had now a deeper meaning to him, and came upon him with a force that startled him for the moment, and caused him to hesitate before he gave expression to the words of condemnation and dis-belief which rose to his lips. "Can it be possible that what my father said was true, and not the outcome of a weakened intellect?" he thought, as he lay in his bed, with his eyes fixed upon the ceiling. "Have I been unjust in the firm stand I have hitherto taken on this subject?" and—here his thoughts were interrupted by a great light which instantly flooded the room, and caused him to half rise from his bed, while a tremor passed through the whole of his body. But the next moment he fell back with a gasp, as the form of a most beautiful lady was seen at the foot of his bed, with a smile of holiness on her angelic face, and her arms extended towards him in supplication and pleading as she whispered, "Come, my boy. Mourn me not as dead, but rejoice that I live. Seek thou the truth in all sincerity, and thou shalt find that which thou seekest. Good bye." Then she was gone.

A deep sigh escaped him as he jumped up and lit the gas. Then he made a clear search of the room to find some explanation of the light. But search as he did, he could find nothing which would explain the strange phenomenon. "My mind must be in a strange state," he said to himself as he again entered his bed. "I cannot believe these strange occurrences are anything but the outcome of a disordered mind. I will give up thinking of them, and try to go to sleep. If there be a future, and my father has survived death and entered it, he will surely redeem his promise, and until he gives to me the promised proof I must deny all else, however conclusive it may appear, and refuse to admit the possibility of life after death.

CHAPTER VII.

"Good morning!" said Walter, as he entered the breakfast-room the following morning, to the girl he had brought home the previous night. "Do you feel any better this morning?" he asked. But instead of replying she broke into tears, and wept bitterly. Mrs. Williams placed her motherly arms around her, and pleaded for her not to give way; but try and cheer up, and after some little time she was able to pacify her. While this had been taking place Walter had studied the girl more closely, and was surprised to find her so young. She would not be more than

eighteen, and the thought that one so young had, in some unaccountable way, been robbed of her personality, in respect to the past, filled him with a deep sorrow for her. He could see that she had been well-cared for, and belonged to some well-to-do family, from her manner and way of speaking. But when he thought of her parents, and the distress they must surely be subjected to in the absence of their daughter, his emotion almost overcame him. After breakfast he took her out into the lane where he had found her the night previous, hoping that it might freshen her memory. But it proved unsuccessful, and when they returned she was more sad and dispirited, and throwing herself upon her protector, she begged of him not to turn her adrift.

"Have no fear my dear girl," he answered, "I should indeed be a scoundrel to desert you, now you are helpless and alone. I will advertise for your people. But in the meantime you must remain here as my guest. Do not let yourself get morbid. We must soon find your people, then your memory will return. I am going to visit a friend I became acquainted with a short time back. I shall be pleased with your company if you care to come. It may assist you to find your people," he added hopefully. He could not understand why he should wish to take this girl with him on his intended visit to Mr. Marsden. He was, comparatively speaking, a stranger to him; yet some force kept prompting him to take the girl, and when she consented to accompany him, he felt pleased.

They left the house and turned into the path leading through the fields. "This pathway has a fascination for me," he remarked. "Why it should have, I do not know. It is the longest way to the station, yet I feel we must go by this road this morning. You do not mind?" he questioned of the girl. "Not in the least, Mr. Merton," she answered. "I am under a deep obligation to you, sir, and if I should be successful in finding my people, I am sure they will repay your kindness. There is something about you which claims my trust, and makes me feel that some great sorrow weighs heavily upon you. God grant that I may be the means of lifting that load from your shoulders." Then she stood still, her face pale, while her eyes were fixed in horror upon the narrow bridge which crossed the river, upon which was leaning the form of a man. Evidently a tramp. But when he rose and turned his face in their direction, the girl gave one agonizing scream, and fell into Walter's arms unconscious, while the man on the bridge disappeared in the opposite direction. Walter was at a loss to understand this, but giving his attention to the girl, he after a time succeeded in bringing her round, when she cried out in terror, "Do not let that man touch me again. He will kill me."

"Come, come, my child," he said, sadly, "you have nothing to fear. I will protect you with my life. What has that man got to do with you that you are so afraid of him?"

"I do not know him," she cried. "He robbed and assaulted me last night when I was coming along this pathway. Do not let him touch me again," she pleaded, clinging to him for protection.

"Have no fear," he replied, relieved that the shock of seeing this scoundrel had restored her lost memory. "The man has decamped, but he shall be found and punished as he deserves. Can you tell me now who you are, and how you came to be out here alone?" he asked, eagerly.

"My name is Mabel Marsden, and—Why, what is the matter, Mr. Merton?" she cried, when he started

at the mention of her name. "Is there something in my name which recalls unpleasant memories of the past? If so, I am very sorry. But how should I know?"

He did not immediately answer, but stood as though in deep thought, then he took from his pocket the card Mr. Marsden had given him, and passing it to her, he asked, "Is that your father's name and address?"

She took the card from his hand, and immediately exclaimed in great excitement, "That is father's name and address. How did you come by this, Mr. Merton? Do you know father? Why do you look so sad? Are you unfriendly?"

"My dear Miss Marsden," he answered, slowly, "your father and I can never be other than friends. But I am sorry for the circumstances which has placed you under my protection, knowing how it must affect your parents when they learn of your night's adventure. But you have not yet told me how you came to be wandering here alone, at as late an hour last night. You need have no fear. My journey this morning was to pay a visit to your father. But come along," he added, "we can talk as we go. That scoundrel shall not escape. I will put the police on his track immediately we enter the town. Now tell me, please, why you was out last night."

"There is little to tell, Mr. Merton," she replied. "I came out here to visit a great friend of mine who is stricken down with brain fever, and out of pity for her distressed mother, I stopped later than I had any intention of doing, consequently it was getting late, and fast growing dark, when I entered this lane, and hurried on towards the station. I have travelled this path many times before in perfect safety, and had I taken note of the warning given me, I should have remained with my friend until this morning. But I ignored the warning, and started out to catch the last train, and when too late, I recognised how foolish had been my action. Never shall I forget the horror I felt when that wicked man rose from the hedge where he must have been in hiding, and stood in my way and demanded what valuables I possessed, and when I refused, and tried to escape, he caught hold of me and threatened my life. I still further refused him, and the evil look on his face struck terror to my heart. But when he produced a knife and held it over me threateningly I cried out in frenzy, and remember no more until I awoke in your home."

To be continued.

THE BOY THAT IS WANTED.

"He'll do," said a gentleman decisively, speaking of an office boy, who had been in his employ but a day.

"What makes you think so?"

"Because he gives himself up so entirely to the task in hand."

I watched him while he swept the office, and although a procession with three or four brass bands went by the office, while he was at work, he paid no attention to it, but swept on, as if the sweeping of that room was the only thing of any consequence on the earth at that time. Then I set him to addressing some envelopes and although there were a lot of pictures and other papers on the desk at which he sat, he paid no attention to them, but kept on addressing those envelopes until the last one of them was done. He'll do, because he is thorough and in dead earnest about everything."

Wanted! boys who work?

Endeavour to dignify your calling, however humble it may be, by trying to do better in it than others have done. When you have striven to do your best, you need scarcely be afraid then of displaying too much self-esteem or self-confidence.

CAUTIOUSNESS [Kaw-shous-ness] is the faculty which, when large, makes persons highly nervous and cautious, prudent, yet hesitating and procrastinating [pro-kras ti-nät-ing], that is they put off when they ought to act with more decision and promptness. You all know the old adage, and a very good one too; "Never put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day." When cautiousness is small persons are apt to be rash and do things without thinking of the consequences, and they thus get themselves, and perhaps others, into trouble and disgrace. It is a good thing for young people to have a good amount of cautiousness so as to keep them constantly on the guard and mindful of the dangers around them. Many a rash act in youth may never be entirely rectified, even in the whole of their after-life. Girls are generally more cautious and prudent than boys, yet they may sometimes tell tales, or speak too openly, because they are lacking in cautiousness and secretiveness, and afterwards regret being so indiscreet. Boys, when bathing, will frequently show daring and venture too far, and especially so if they have large approbateness, because they think their companions will think them brave and daring, when they ought to be more careful. Again when playing cricket, football and out-door games, they will play until very hot and perspiring, then taking off their coats, sit and get cool and thus contract colds and oftentimes other dangerous illnesses. If they were cautious and prudent, they would not be so venturesome. Cautiousness gives the disposition to seek safety and to be always on the look-out lest there should be danger about. Many animals set us examples of the necessity of being cautious. Many birds build their nests in the most cunning places so as to evade the nest and egg-robbers. Then there is the cautious old crow, who keeps sentinal over the others and gives them immediate warning of any kind of danger. Many birds are very timid because of their large cautiousness, but the crow is not only cautious but daring and cunning, and he soon gets to know that the scar-crow set up in fields or gardens, is not a real living person, and he cautiously goes nearer and nearer until he finds this out—the cautious, wise old crow that he is. It is a good thing to be cautious, but not to have so much of this faculty as to make you timid, fearful and unduly hesitant and wavering, or you will frequently see other people carrying out to their advantage the grand things you had so carefully planned.

FIRMNESS is an important faculty, as it gives to persons perseverance, decision and stability of character; thus to have a good amount of it is very useful. Persons with small firmness lack will-power, perseverance and determination. They are unable to say *no* when they ought to be firm to their good resolutions. They are too easily persuaded and led; and if they are deficient in the moral faculties, they cannot be relied upon. Yet when boys and girls have this faculty too large they are inclined to be disobedient, they like always to have their own way, and are very firm and wilful in trying always to get their own way, which to say the least, is selfish. Children do not always recognise that their parents and people older than themselves have greater experience and knowledge

than they possibly can have, and are thus better able to advise them regarding what they should best do. Boys and girls should remember that when they are inclined to be disobedient and wilful they have too much firmness, and should make an effort to restrain it.

(To be continued.)

Our Boys' Special.

The respectable figure of 19, in respect to annual conferences of the B.S.L.U., has now been reached; and, in reflection upon this last, some interesting conclusions may be drawn.

First:—The conference at Manchester showed courage in accepting the invitation to Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough is almost isolated, as yet, in respect to Spiritualism, and is a long way from the honey-combed districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire, considered from the stand-point of Lyceums; yet, the gratifying total of 74 representatives (including officers) was reported.

When we remember that so many of our Lyceums are supported solely by members' pence, and have to be worked on the most economic lines, and that most of our representatives are men and women who can ill afford to sacrifice loss of wages, entailed in travelling over so long distances, there is cause for rejoicing amongst us to find that in spite of these difficulties, such a good gathering assembled to do credit to the Union at Middlesbrough. But most of all would Middlesbrough Lyceum be delighted with the response. There were one or two enthusiastic members there, I know, whose minds would revert to the time when, with half a dozen scholars, they plodded along, striving to win the approval and support of others, sometimes arriving at that despondency which threatened the extinction of the Lyceum, yet, prompted by unseen friends, struggled bravely on, until at last, the whole environment was changed, and with brighter surroundings, and in greater prominence, the Lyceum began to be an attractive force. New enthusiasts joined, and the Lyceum grew rapidly, both in numerical strength and interest, and I am certain that no hearts were more joyous than those of the Middlesbrough members, the while they entertained the welcome guests at the recent conference. It is also certain that amongst the spirit-friends who were attracted to those meetings, none would be more cheered in spirit than our much loved arisen sister, Jane Nixon, whose personality was so closely associated with the Middlesbrough Lyceum in its early days.

Whatever temporary disadvantages may have been noted in conference through the absence of representatives from 14 affiliated Lyceums, must have been counteracted in effect by the knowledge that the presence and moral strength of Union forces, served to stimulate the energies of the Middlesbrough Lyceumists, and their approximate neighbours: to even greater conquests than had yet been theirs. Great evidence of good already done, is to be found in our Editor's significant note that seventeen dozen copies of June No. of the "Banner" are ordered for Middlesbrough.

Here is a kindly hint to all Lyceums to exert themselves to emulate the action of Middlesbrough, and thus bring about as speedily as possible that desirable literary help which has now been long discussed, viz., An Officer's Edition.

With North Street, Burnley, as the Centre of activities at next year's Conference, all previous records should be eclipsed. A magnificent Church, a strong Lyceum, an excellent organising Executive, and above all a grand Centre of Northern County Lyceum effort, these are the attributes that will go to make a record conference.

I now propose to renew our Puzzle competition once more. Just so long as you appear to show an interest in these puzzles, I am willing to contribute them for your solution. Each Lyceumist who sends on a correct solution will receive a beautifully designed 'Merit Card.' The competition is open to all Lyceumists. When sending your solution, kindly enclose name of Lyceum to which you are attached.

PUZZLE FOR JULY.

I am thinking of one whom you very well know,
Who joined a Lyceum a long time ago;
And yet, he's not old, at least, so I should say;
For his back is not bent, and his hair is not gray.
His initials are three, and they're not far from here.
In straight, and in crooked they all three appear.
His surname you'll see, if you carefully look
In the Lyceum Manual—beautiful book.
Select seven letters from verse number four,
Of the 36th number of our S.C.R.
In the first line you'll find just the letters you need,
So place them together, and send with all speed.

This competition will be kept open until Monday, July 20th, and all who send correct solutions will receive a Merit Card.

From yours lovingly,

FRANK HEPWORTH.

127, Rockcliffe Street, Blackburn.

THE REFORM PLEDGE

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

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.

BY HERBERT E. CLARKE.

(a) HEALTH DESTROYED BY INTOXICANTS.

Those friends who have had the kindness to follow the somewhat interrupted course of the articles I have contributed on the above topic will recall that up to the present we have confined our attention to the effects of alcohol upon persons in normal health, and to one important aspect of that side of the question, viz., the alleged nutritious and stimulating properties of this drug. In as convincing a way as I could I have sought to expose the fallacy of the claim that a man can work or think better when he uses intoxicants than when he does not, and also to destroy the gross untruth that alcohol is a food, or that it aids in the digestion of food. The truth, as I sincerely believe it to be (and I hope not without reasonable foundation for the belief), is that alcohol is a poisonous substance in the class of stimulants, having no food value whatsoever, a circumstance which arises partly from the composition of the substance itself, whereby it cannot be expected to serve in any capacity other than that of fuel that most of the alcohol taken into the system does not undergo the chemical changes necessary for the production of heat.

We have also seen that alcohol is by no means a good solvent for the ferments or *enzymes* which are essential for the carrying out of the processes of digestion, and, indeed, of most of the healthy bodily functions. When to this we add the well-established fact of the active attack which alcohol makes upon living tissue, we have a reasonable explanation of the commoner symptoms of alcoholism, viz., loss of muscular and mental energy, dyspepsia, fall of temperature (due to depression of the heart's action following on a violent stimulus), and general loss of "tone" by poisoning of the tissues. The physiological effects of alcohol are, in fact, quite as characteristic of it as are those of strychnine or morphine, or any other drug over whose sale a restriction is rightly kept.

In this article, which is a short and very incomplete story of how health is destroyed by indulgence in intoxicating drink, I would ask my reader to start from the proposition made in the last paragraph, viz., *alcohol is a drug*, just as much as any we might purchase in medicinal quantities from a chemist. For the moment I do not intend to consider the use of alcohol as a medicinal drug. I wish rather to think of its use as the medium for a drug habit, such as that contracted by the miserable victims of cocaine or opium or potassium bromide. The term *drug* has a meaning not at first associated with it, but attaching rather as a consequence of experience. More than one standard dictionary will define this word as synonymous with any medicinal substance, organic or inorganic, but we now practically restrict the term to those particular medicines which have very distinct and powerful effects on the body, such as stimulants, anæsthetics, and narcotics, substances whose characteristic attack in some form or another is so energetic as to bring about death if excessively used.

Now, while alcohol is scarcely a drug in the dictionary sense, it is eminently so in the popular sense of the word. Quinine is widely used as a tonic medicine, but it would prove very harmful if used in excess. Still more does this apply to strychnine, which is a poisonous drug in quite small quantities, though used extensively by some practitioners. It is probable that both these substances have deleterious effects even in the smallest doses, but when correctly administered their good qualities help in fortifying the system against their poisonous tendencies.

In ordinary alcohol we have a still lower standard of usefulness, for here the benefits of stimulation are always subordinate to the destructive activity of a poison; and as we pass to other allied alcohols, such as those of fusel oil, we arrive at substances of the most virulent toxic effect, death following close on symptoms of a most horrible character, resulting from their consumption.

The experiments of Dr. Woodhead, described in the second section of this essay, show that alcohol even in small quantity poisons protoplasm in the case of phosphorescent bacilli. Since the publication of his work a number of investigators have carried the study up the scale of creation, only to obtain results of startling unanimity. That which prevents the light-giving creature from glowing in the dark retards the segmentation of the egg of the frog, stunts the growth of mice and guinea-pigs, poisons the dog and the horse, and incapacitates man, and always as we rise to more perfect organisation we find this poison able to play wilder havoc. If we have health, intoxicants will rob us of it; if we have gifts of mind

and soul, alcohol will steal them from us. In the evidence which is to follow I shall leave it for men well qualified to speak to lay their lessons at the feet of all who will receive them.

(To be Continued.)

Bluebell Guild.

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,—

Having invited a dear friend, who is a member of our Guild, to contribute this month's letter, I am sure you will all enjoy it. It runs as follows:

Dear Flora Belle.—I am pleased to comply with your invitation to send on a contribution to the Bluebell page this month. I wonder where you are, though.

Have you gone wandering away into the woods to have a peep at the early bluebells that are beautifying Nature's carpet with their delightful tints, or have you invited me to write just because it is such a long time since you heard from me?

Well, I am so glad to find that amongst our nine or ten thousand Lyceumists in this country we have 2,457 members of our Guild!

What does this mean? It means that 2,457 of us have pledged ourselves to gentleness, kindness, and good behaviour. I feel sure that every one of our pledged members fully realise the meaning of these grand virtues. We have agreed to do all in our power to promote *gentleness*. Just think what we can accomplish by this. Most of our *ungentle* acts have been committed through want of thought. In our home life, school life, or industrial life, we have suffered because of ungentle treatment. When we are the subjects of ungentle treatment we are apt to readily resist such with harsh retaliation. This is doubtless due to the prevailing force of animal instinct, which has a habit of showing itself, if not held strictly in check by higher soul powers, until we have completely mastered the tendency.

If we make no attempt to check this instinct, there is the danger that it will grow upon us in life, until it overcomes our ready resistance, and make us cruel, harsh, and cross. We then become a source of pain and sorrow to those around us, who are attempting something better, and eventually nobody wants to make friends of us because of our *ungentle nature*, as they call it.

Kindness may be considered in the same category as *gentleness*, but may be carried even further, for where gentleness *prompts* kindness acts.

If we develop gentleness of thought and speech, it is extremely likely that this will be followed by kindness in our acts, and we shall then be able to prevent giving pain to those around us and producing anger and bitterness in our consciousness.

This kindness is not to be reserved for our playmates and workmates only, but is to be extended to all animal and bird life around us. I often wonder if any of our members forget their promise and go bird-nesting, wantonly destroying the homes which our feathered songsters have taken so much care to build, and in which they had intended to rear a family of young birds. I often wonder if every stray kitten or dog receives that kindness which our Guild encourages amongst its members, or whether, in

moments of forgetfulness, some of us add to the miseries of these forlorn creatures. We have not time to be forgetful of our duties in this respect.

Good behaviour! After all, it is not a terrible task. to be well-behaved, and if we can assure ourselves that we have 2,457 members of our Guild who have determined to carry out their pledge, not only in their homes, but also in our Lyceums, what an example we can set to all those around us. We would not like to think that there are no well-behaved people outside our Guild, but if we can be sure that those who have joined the Guild are always trying to be of good behaviour in the Lyceum, and also at home, then the influence of the Guild is destined to accomplish wonders in helping to produce men and women who love order and harmony, and are wisful to contribute thereto by their good behaviour.

What a pleasure it must give the leaders of our groups when the scholars are all well-behaved, gentle and kind. Every Lyceumist should join our Guild, and be determined to carry out its objects. This, I think, would help to solve the difficulty arising out of a dearth of group leaders so bitterly experienced in many of our Lyceums. For after all it is not an incapacity to lead a group that is felt so much as the inability to control the conduct of the group. Most Lyceumists could comfortably lead a group if such leader were sure that every member would be well behaved, gentle and kind. Let us all try then to decrease our trials and sufferings by emphasising our principles whenever and wherever we meet.

Fraternally yours, No. 1458.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Second Batch).

2450 Ella Atherton.

2454 Lily Labrum.

2451 Ethel Fox.

2455 Gladys Dodd.

2452 Elsie Everitt.

2456 Norman Everitt.

2453 Florrie Whittle.

2457 Clarence Everitt.

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

Lesson Plan for July, 1908.

By JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	[M.P.]	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
July 5	307	409	241	103	308
„ 12	25	39	209	134	360
„ 19	34	58	207	137	345
„ 26	38	72	203	133	341
Aug. 2	180	74	202	127	337

PEARLS.

- July 5.—“The wise man maketh everything the means of his growth.”
- „ 12.—“He gains wisdom who is willing to receive instruction from all sources.”
- „ 19.—“Endeavour to be first in thy calling, whatever it may be, neither let anyone go before thee in well doing.”
- „ 26.—“No man is ever poor who seeks for what he wants within himself.”

LESSON PHOTOGRAMS.

July 5th, 103, Manual.

- I. Give your ideas as to the meaning of Brotherhood; how it affects us in relation to colored races; and what is the bond of Union that should obtain in our dealings with our fellows.
- II. Give the commandments usually ascribed to

Jesus, viz., "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," etc., and the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Contrast the law of the Angels with present-day customs.

- III. Loves Requirements are six in number. Let the class repeat these after you without the aid of their books, and then explain the meanings and apply the lesson educed therefrom.
- IV. A whole lesson might be given from the last few Sentences. The comprehensive influence of the soul that has learned to love his neighbour. He says truthfully: "My country is the *universe*; my home is the *world*; my *religion* to do good; my *heaven* wherever a human heart beats in harmony with mine." The aim of the teacher must be to show the superiority of love, and how it makes a person lovely and beloved by all.
- V. Tell your class what you know of Mr. A. J. Davis and Mr. J. M. Peebles—both wonderful men, and grand examples to the *young men in the Cause* of Spiritualism.

July 12th, 134, Manual.

Picture for the children two homes directly opposed to each other, bringing in the elements of happiness and unhappiness as shown in the G.C.R.—that is, excess in drinking, eating, sensuality, gambling, hoarding, etc., and then impress them with the great fact—that such deeds and habits begin with little wrong thoughts and actions, which grow, much as the body grows, until the person is known to his fellows as a bad man—and that it is necessary to watch their thoughts, etc. The true pathway is defined, and the source of happiness indicated in the closing sentences. Note the author of the G.C.R.

July 19th, 137, Manual.

- I. Natural Divisions and Definition of Subject :—

Spiritualism	Science	}	embracing the whole Realm of Nature.
is	Philosophy		
a	Religion		
- II. Two sorts of Spiritualists :—
 - (a) Those who believe } in communication
 - (b) Those who know } between the

} departed spirits and mortals.
- III. Nature of man defined as threefold :—
 - 1. Physical
 - 2. Spiritual body
 - 3. Innermost Spirit

} see G.C.R. for explanations.

July 26th, 133, Manual.

- I. The three orders :—

Physical	}	observance of which produces happiness.
Moral		
Spiritual		
- III. Summary of Precepts :—

Group	1. Purity, Justice, and Truth—a goal.	
„	2. Affection, will, and reason—3 faculties.	
„	3. Intemperance, Idleness } vices to be	} conquered.
	and Worldliness	
„	4. Thoughtful Self-Respect, } virtues to	} be practised.
	Self-denying work, and } Single-eyed devotion	

- IV. Lessons to be drawn from the above :—

(a) What to avoid	}	see replies in the G.C.R.
(b) What we owe to ourselves		
(c) What we owe to our neighbours		

In Memoriam.

REGENT HALL LYCEUM, ROCHDALE.—We are sorry to report the passing into spirit-life of Mr. Ernest Spencer, a Regent Hall Lyceumist, who emigrated to Canada some two years ago, and returned in January last completely broken down in health, finally passing away on Monday, 8th June. He was a young man of a quiet and reserved nature, underlying which was a soulful and uplifting presence, making him very helpful in the Lyceum. The funeral was preceded by a procession of Lyceumists, carrying floral tributes. They also sent a beautiful wreath of his favourite flowers. Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, conducted the ceremony, spoke words of consolation to the mourners, and paid a mark of esteem to the nobility of the character of our arisen friend. Mrs. Nurse also gave the memorial address on Sunday, 14th June, emphasizing the happy knowledge we possess of Mr. Spencer's spiritual existence, and the power of intercommunication between mortals and spirits. We feel the knowledge of the good life our friend has lived will be a solace to his relatives and friends in their bereavement.

Though we mourn thy loss material,
 Death has robbed thee of thy pain,
 And in spirit-life ethereal,
 We shall see thy form again.
 Strengthened by thy greater knowledge,
 Which the spirit-world reveals,
 Give thy message, Ernest to us,
 Which the spirit-world conceals. G.F.K.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—I regret to report the passing on to the higher life on June 15th, of Mrs. Bass, after a very long illness. Special references of the good work our arisen sister had done in the past in Queen Street, were made on Sunday, June 21st, by Mr. Wright and Mr. Chambers, after which appropriate hymns were sung by Lyceumists.

She has broken away from the fetters of Earth,
 Her spirit has gained that higher birth,
 But sweetest thought she lingers near,
 To soothe and comfort the mourners here.

JAMES BISHOP, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Waterloo Street).—It is with feelings of deepest sorrow that we announce the passing on of one, who for a number of years, took a very active part in the work of our Lyceum. John R. Hutchinson was a young man of upright character, and worked earnestly for reform in every department of our social life. He was loved and is missed by all.

ARTHUR S. GUILD, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden Street).—On June 11th, we lost one of our oldest and most respected Lyceumists in Mr. J. Jessop, who passed into the higher life. He was a constant though quiet worker, and until this year, a regular and punctual attender. The welfare of the Lyceum was centred at his heart, and he would forego anything rather than his Lyceum. His mortal remains were laid away in Huddersfield Cemetery; and was borne by his fellow Lyceumists. Mr. R. H. Yates conducted the service. There were a good number of Spiritualists, and Lyceumists present; who sang, "There is no death," and "Lead Spirits, Bright." The duty that was nearest,
 Was to him, the dearest. H. PEEL.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

We offer our sincere apology to two members of the Banner staff: Miss Flora Belle and Mr. Herbert E. Clarke for the non-appearance of their articles for May on account of the pressure on our space by Conference matter. The printers that had to be specially engaged for the issue failed to return the two contributions, hence their non-appearance for June. We are pleased to have them for this issue, and sincerely hope our Wolverhampton friends will also excuse the delay of their list of members.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that a Lyceum has been opened in the Laisterdyke district of Bradford. This is the district in which the St. Paul's Society and Lyceum were located. We hope the present effort will be crowned with success, and provide a home for those who were members of the St. Paul's Lyceum.

We are sorry to announce the suspension of the Lyceum Sessions of the Elland and Rothwell Lyceums. We trust that Halifax and Leeds District Councils, in which the above are located, will use their best efforts to revive them at an early date.

A sad accident occurred at the Barry Dock Lyceum picnic by which the little son of Mrs. Sweetman, Lyceum Secretary, lost one eye. While extending our sympathy to the little fellow and his parents, we are glad to learn he is recovering as well as can be expected.

We beg to draw attention to the new series of hymn sheet No. 5, just published. List of contents will be found on page two of LYCEUM BANNER Cover.

We are about to print another edition of the useful leaflet, "A Lyceum: What it is," 4/6 per 1,000, carriage free. We invite all Lyceums to embrace this

opportunity to have their name and time of sessions printed on 1,000 FREE of extra charge if ordered at once. The leaflet is splendid to put into the hands of enquirers. Send in your orders while the offer is open to you

The Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council will hold its Annual Demonstration at Huddersfield on July 11th. The procession will march from St. George's Square at 3 p.m., headed by the Almonbury Brass Band, to Longly Park, by the kind permission of Col. F. W. Beadon, where a massed demonstration of marching and calisthenics will be given. Tea at 4-30 p.m., followed by a propaganda meeting to be addressed by Mr. Will Edwards, of Accrington, and other well-known workers.

We are pleased to announce that our LYCEUM BANNER files for January, February, March and April have been made good, thanks to our friends. Lyceum secretaries please note.

Since writing last we have had the pleasure of visiting the following Lyceums: Todmorden, Nottingham (Hyson Green), and Bolton. The first and last have splendid Lyceums. The unison in the chain recitations and the explanatory comments on the same by the conductors to help the young minds to understand them were excellent, while their execution of the calisthenics will be difficult to beat.

The Lyceum at Hyson Green is quite young, but full of bright promises for the future. The poetical productions of Miss Dickinson were loudly applauded by a delighted audience. The children's singing, assisted by eight instrumentalists, was a credit to their conductor, Mr. F. Todd.

We were pleased to meet our old friend, Mr. Ashworth, D.V., looking well and fit for years of service in the Lyceum movement. We were also pleased to see Mr. Cooper, from Hucknall, full of hope for the success of their newly-opened Lyceum. Though few in number, and much uphill work to do. Courage, the brave never lack. THE WORKERS WIN.

The way lies hid in the morning mist

When we open our eyes at dawn,
 We see not the path our feet must tread,

But we trust Him who leads us on,
 And softly whispers, He knows.

We are weary and worn at eventide

With many a failure and fall,
 But there steals o'er our hearts the comforting
 peace

Of the love that understands all,
 And we trustfully whisper, He knows.

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 JESSY GREENWOOD,
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THE FOUNTAIN OF BEAUTY.

In ancient times two little princesses lived in Scotland, one very beautiful, the other dwarfish and deformed.

Marion hated Rose because she was so beautiful, and she scowled whenever anybody told her how pretty her little sister was.

Everybody disliked Marion for this, and it was no wonder that her face grew uglier and uglier every day.

One summer day Marion went out and sat down on a bank of moss, within a grotto, and soon fell into a gentle sleep. When she awoke a lovely fairy stood before her and sang a song, asking Marion to tell her what she would like best as a gift from the Queen of fairies.

Courtesying low the little maiden said:—

"Will it please your Majesty to make me as handsome as my sister Rose?"

"I will grant your request," said she, "if you will promise to fulfil all the conditions I propose." Marion eagerly promised.

"Go home, now," said the Queen:—"for one week speak no ungentle word to your sister; at the end of that time, come again here."

The end of that time arrived, and she went to the grotto.

"Have you fulfilled your promise?" asked the Queen.

"I have," said Marion.

"Then follow me."

Away they went, until they topped a high hill where was an Immortal Fountain.

"Here," said the Queen, "our journey must end. You can go no further until you have obeyed some more orders from me. For one month do by your sister as you would wish her to do to you, were you Rose and she Marion." Marion promised and departed.

This was a harder task—but she was so anxious to be beautiful that she would not give way to unkind thoughts or actions though she was severely tested.

Everyone remarked how Marion had changed. "We love her dearly," they all said, and Marion's eyes sparkled with pleasure.

At the end of the month, she went again to the grotto, and the Queen took her once more to the edge of the fountain, but not yet was the work of becoming beautiful, finished.

"Here we must pause," said the Queen, "this place you cannot yet pass." "Why not?"

"Because, they who would grow beautiful must be pure in thought as well as in action. Return home for three months, never indulge in an envious or wicked thought, then shall you have a sight of yourself in that Immortal Fountain."

Marion grew sad, for she knew how wrong thoughts overcame her.

When next she came, yet another task was assigned to her. For one whole year had she to drive away evil feelings. This was the hardest of all. She had wished to be good, to be beautiful, *now* she was to be good, because it was right.

At last she gained her wish, and when she looked at herself in the waters of the fountain, a bright colour shone in her cheeks, sweet dimples played round her mouth, and everyone remarked "How

beautiful Marion has grown! the ugly scowl has gone from her face," and people said "We declare she is as beautiful as heart could wish."

THE LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE.

Let us let the little children have the legends and the rest;

Let them keep the glad illusions of the years that are the best;

Let them know the joyous fancies of the mystic fairyland,

And the wonderful enchantments only they can understand—

For the years are coming to them when they'll sigh and softly grieve

That they left the realm of childhood in the Land of Make Believe.

In the land of Make Believe there's a vine that meets the sky,

And Jack goes up and down it—we have seen him—you and I;

There's a winding path that leads up to the bushes of the wood,

And a-many times we've trod it with the quaint Red Riding Hood;

There's a frowning cliff surmounted by a castle grim and grim,

An old Bluebeard lurks within it—you know how we peered at him!

In the Land of Make Believe we used to ramble up and down

To the playing of the piper in the streets of Hamelin town;

And we saw the fairy mother make the horses rear and prance

When we rode with Cinderella to the palace for the dance;

And of evenings, you remember, how we saw some one go by,

And we knew it was the sandman, come to shut each blinking eye.

All the others—how we loved them! How they used to come and play

Till at last they sent a message that they'd come no more one day,

For they had to leave us lonely with our broken dreams and toys,

While they stayed behind in childhood with the little girls and boys.

Let us let the children have them, ere the years come when the grieve

That they ever found the highway from the Land of Make Believe.

—Boston Journal.

CHILDREN AT PLAY.

"Open your mouth and shut your eyes."—

Three little Maidens were saying—

"And see what God sends you!" Little they thought

He listened while they were playing!

So little we guess that a light light word

At times may be more than praying.

"I," said Kate with the merry blue eyes

"Would have lots of frolic and jolly;"

"I," said Ciss with the bonny brown hair

"Would have life always smiling and jolly;"

"And I would have just what our Father may send,"
Said lovable little pale Polly.
Life came to the two, with sweetness new
Each morning in gloss and in glister.
But our Father above, in a gush of great love,
Caught up little Polly and kissed her.
And the churchyard nestled another wee grave;
The angels another wee sister.

GERALD MASSEY.

ON CHARACTER.

It is a very curious and interesting fact that the word "character," which comes into our English speech directly and without change of sound from the Greek, signifies first the sharp tool with which a seal or die is engraved, and then the inscription of the object which is cut in the seal or in the die. Our character, then, is the image and the superscription which we cut, for, however much happens to us and bears upon us from outside causes beyond our control, it is true, in the last analysis, that we determine our own character. We hold the tools which cut the legends on our life, we grave the die, we incise the seal. What are the tools with which we cut character upon ourselves? The tools are thoughts. As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is. The style and the subject of the engraved character depend on the choice of tools and on the manner of their use. The legend on the seal shows what was in the mind of the engraver as he cut with his tools. Here is a seal with a cross cut in it. The cross was the leading idea in the engraver's mind for that seal, and his busy tool translated that invisible thought of his mind into this fixed and visible sign. Character is invisible though translated into visibility, and fixed before the eye, cut out the life.

GOD WANTS THE GIRLS.

God wants the girls, the happy girls,
The lively girls, the romping girls,
The cheering girls.
God wants the girls, in tresses or curls,
That He may make them all His own,
To love, and serve, each duty done,
His daughters fair, as pillars to stand,
In temples holy, pure and grand,
God wants the girls.

GOD WANTS THE BOYS.

God wants the boys, the merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;
God wants the boys with all their joys,
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure,
His heroes brave, He'd have them be,
Fighting for truth and purity.
God wants the boys.

TO LOVE, TO LEARN.

Most of the things that worry us
Don't matter much,
Too many of us fret and fuss
At every touch;
There's nothing that's of great concern.
Except to live, and love, and learn.

It isn't doing what we would
That counts for most;
It's being brave, and kind, and good,
Amid the host;
For, better than to crave and yearn,
Is just to live, and love and learn.
We make too much of ease and joy
And sordid gain;
The things that vex us and annoy,
The toil and pain,
And every malady we spurn
May help us live, and love, and learn.
And there is nothing else to fear,
Of good or ill;
Than just the failure of good cheer,
And honest will;
No loss need fright us if we earn
More power to live, to love, to learn.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

Propaganda meetings will be held in the Victoria Hall, Hebden Bridge, on Sunday, July 12th, at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., when members of the Executive Council will give brief and bright addresses. The chair will be occupied by Mr. E. A. Keeling, President, supported by Mr. J. J. Bennett, Vice-President; and Mr. Councillor John Venables, Treasurer; and the members of the Executive Council. All friends of the movement are heartily invited to attend, and make the occasion a big success.

A Lyceum open session will also be held in the above Hall at 10-30 a.m., in which members of the Executive Council will take part.

Collections in aid of the Lyceum Union General Fund.

ALFRED KITSON,
General Secretary.

THE BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly meeting of the above council was held at Windhill, on Sunday, June 14th, on their Lyceum Blue Bell day. The church was tastefully decorated with blue bells. The delegate to the B.S.L.U. annual conference, gave his report, which was accepted. Our representative to Ivy Rooms Lyceum, gave his report, which was also accepted. As we did not receive our late D.V.'s annual report, it was decided that the secretary write to him concerning the same. The rules re-associate membership were dealt with, and thoroughly discussed. (Any Lyceumist in the Bradford District desiring a copy of the rules, may obtain the same on application to the secretary of their respective Lyceums, or from the secretary of the council.) It was resolved that we form a sub-committee to arrange all particulars for the Bunting Banner Competition, and that Messrs. Rau, Birdsall, Barnes, Alderson and Whitehead form the above committee.

Mr. Clough conducted the session in the morning, which was bright and happy throughout. In the afternoon, we had an excellent time. Miss Marshall (conductor, Armley Lyceum) offered the invocation. Readings were given by Misses E. Hopwood, A. Netherwood, M. E. Hall, M. E. Kitchen, Copley, Butterfield and A. Starkey. Solo by Mr. H. Alderson, D.V. Addresses were given by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Rau. Miss Pollard announced the benediction. In the evening, Mr. Clough occupied the chair. The

church was quite full. Mr. Whitehead offered the invocation. Mr. Arnold delivered a splendid address upon "Be ye prepared from to-night to overcome all." Mr. H. Alderson gave an excellent discourse based upon "What effect would the Lyceum teaching have upon the Prodigal Son." Mr. Barnes gave us a beautiful poem. Mr. Rau and Mr. Spurling also gave addresses. Miss Pollard sweetly rendered "Strike your harps."

H. BIRDSALL, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, on Sunday, July 19th, to commence at 10-30 prompt.

H. PEEL, Secretary.

MARRIAGE AT TORONTO.—It is my pleasant duty to report the marriage of two of our Lyceumists. Mr. Wm. Morgan, of London, and Miss Ada Lees, of Raven Street, Halifax, which took place at 8 p.m., June 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Hill. The ceremony was performed under a bell of lilacs, and snowball flowers, by the Rev. Mr. Millar, a friend of the bride. Mrs. Settle played the "Wedding March" before the ceremony. The Lyceum choir sang selections from the Lyceum Manual. The remainder of the night was spent in songs, glees, recitations, &c. We concluded the proceedings about 2 a.m. by singing "Now Good Night." On Sunday, the 7th, the Lyceum united in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Morgan much happiness, and expressing the hope that they would work with united effort. Mrs. Morgan replied, and sang "Shoulder to shoulder."

Mrs. RHODA HOBSON.

MANCHESTER, COLLYHURST, COMING OF AGE.

Our coming of age celebration was a great success, and we feel sure much good seed has been sown at these meetings. Saturday, June 20th, our "At Home" was well attended. Our host, Mr. Crutchley, in his speech, welcomed the scholars and friends, gave a very interesting account of how the Collyhurst Lyceum was inaugurated. Mrs. Parkinson, hostess, also responded, with an appeal for the presence and support of old scholars and friends in the work of the Lyceum.

Our friend, Mr. Kitson, followed with an interesting address on the history of the Lyceum movement from its inception in this country up to date.

Sunday, June 21st, we had grand sessions throughout the day. At the afternoon session our esteemed founder, Mr. Crutchley, was presented with an illuminated address. Mr. Horrocks, who made the presentation, paid a splendid tribute to Mr. Crutchley and the good work he had done for the Collyhurst Lyceum during the past 21 years.

Mr. Crutchley in accepting the address, spoke under great difficulties, the emotion of the whole Lyceum being stirred in a remarkable degree. He said that nothing was further from his thoughts than the expectation of any reward, as what he had done for the Lyceum was out of pure love for the cause. And that he had done nothing more than his duty.

T. PARKINSON, Secretary.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

NOTE.—All Reports are liable to be disqualified that do not conform to the following Rules:—

RULE 1.—Reports must be written on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring since June 25th.

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 22nd of July, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On June 7th we held our monthly open session, which was fairly good. Recitation by Mabel Simpson, and readings by Mr. Harrington Beech. Also a good number of Pearls On Whit-Friday, June 12th, we had our annual procession, when about 120 members and friends joined us. We were pleased to have a good number from Dukinfield with us. In the afternoon, 46 of us had a very pleasant ramble through Reddish Vale, and on Saturday, June 13th, 23 of us had a picnic to Millers Dale, by train, and then walked along the river side to Buxton. We hope it will not be the last of such outings.

ABRAHAM FRANCE, Secretary.

BATLEY CARR (Town Street).—On Whit-Monday we gave all our scholars under 14 years of age a *free trip* to Scarborough, along with two *free meals* at the Criterion Restaurant, 4, Eastborough, who catered for our wants in excellent style. The children were accompanied by the officers, adult scholars, and parents. All spent a splendid day. The little ones amused themselves by paddling in the water, building sand castles, etc. The adults by sailing, having donkey rides, excursions round the town, enjoying the views from Castle Hill, etc. We left Scarborough at 9.10 p.m., and arrived safely home between 12 and 1 a.m., well satisfied (tired) with our splendid outing.

CORR.

BLACKBURN (Northgate).—We held our flower service on Sunday, June 7th. Mr. J. Jones, of Lancaster, a prominent Lyceum worker, was the speaker. At the morning session the marching and calisthenics were well gone through. In the afternoon an address was given by Mr. Jones as also were solos and recitations. Miss Rose Rushton sang "What shall the harvest be?" Miss Annie Rushton sang "Angels lead my footsteps;" Miss Annie Swarbrick sang "The hereafter;" Miss Gornall sang "Sweet land of sunshine." Recitations were given by Alice Swarbrick who gave "A night with the wolf;" Violet Sharples gave "Greedy Jane." Mr. Tom Tyrrell also addressed the Lyceum and a very successful day was the result of their united efforts.

JAMES McKNIGHT, Jr., Secretary.

BRADFORD, DUDLEY HILL (Shirley Road).—An enjoyable open session was held on Sunday, June 14th, when the following took part:—Conductor, Mr. Fearnley. Solos, Mr. Fearnley and Master Aldwin Dennison. Duets Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Stebbins. Musical Reading, Misses Ida Fearnley and Louisa Rau. Recitation, Miss May Worsman. Readings, Mrs. Carter, Misses Emily Stebbins, May Worsman. Accompanist, Mr. S. Kitcherman.

HENRY BARNES, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Blanche Street).—The above Lyceum was opened on Sunday, June 7th, 1908, by Mr. Robert Lewis, of Bradford. In declaring the Lyceum open, he hoped that it would be a success, and gave us every encouragement. Mr. H. Hargreaves conducted the Lyceum session, the opening hymn being, "Open the door for the children," after which an open session was held, the following taking part:—Messrs. T. Manchester, Bilsboro' and F. Hillas; Misses Elsie Farren, Laura Hargreaves, Annie Terry, and Mrs. Hillas. The Lyceum commences at 10 a.m., and 1.30 p.m. May it be a success once again in Laisterdyke; the elders are very earnest in their work.

CORR.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—On Sunday, June 7th, we held special services for the benefit of the Lyceum. In the morning, Mr. Hale conducted and ably explained the recitations, etc. Duets were given by Mr. Hale, Mary Flatt, Marian Hale, and May Flatt. Readings by Thomas Foster and Mr. Hale. In the afternoon Miss Greaves remarked upon "The Children." Mrs. Hale gave convincing evidence of Spiritualism. In the evening Mr. Hale read a lesson "The Lyceum." Mrs. Hale gave a very good address and excellent phenomena. Solo by Mr. H. Alderson, D.V., "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Recitation by Miss B. Townend. "In the signal box." Mrs. Hale conducted large after-circle, assisted by Miss Greaves. We had a very successful day.
Miss E. FLATT, Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Saturday, June 13th, we held our annual picnic at Mill Farm, Blake Street. The attendance was very good, considering the inclement weather. We started from Vauxhall at 2.39, arriving at the farm at 3.30, where the children were interested with a box-kite, which Mr. Warner Clarke, kindly brought with him. There was also football and swinging boats, and the lake for anyone who wished to boat. While we were assembled at tea, there was a very sharp shower of rain which lasted about an hour. After the rain had ceased, there was racing, etc., the winners receiving prizes. After spending a good afternoon, we returned back by the 7.59 train.
FREDERICK CHEW, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On June 13th, we held our annual picnic to Hindley, but the weather being very wet, we adjourned to the Hindley Spiritual Temple, when about 60 scholars sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Lyceumist. After tea the rest of the evening was spent in songs, games, and dancing. On June 14th, we had the election of officers, but there was no change only in secretary, when *John Flanagan* was elected in place of R. Rostron. On June 21st we had Mr. Kitson for our open session, when he attended in the morning and a harmonious gathering closing with a few incidents of the early struggle of the Lyceum.
JOHN FLANAGAN, Secretary.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Whit-Friday we held our annual procession and field day. About 120 Lyceumist and friends processed the principal streets, headed by Walkden Prize Band. We had singing, marching, and calisthenics on the fair ground. Good number of spectators, Football, cricket, racing, etc., in the field. On Whit-Saturday, the Band of Hope held their annual trip, visiting Southport and Church Town Gardens. A splendid outing damped by the moistness of the atmosphere. Some 30 or 40 of us journeyed to Carr Woods, Ashworth, on the 15th June, being favoured with sunshine and grand scenery. The walk of 5 or 6 miles was enjoyed by everyone.
WM. FLETCHER, Assist. Secretary.

CARLISLE (West Walls).—On Sunday, June 7th, we held our usual open session with only a moderate attendance. The following programme was much appreciated. Recitation were given by Masters H. Wright, B. Potts, and Miss J. Potts. Duet by the Misses M., A., and O. Wright. On Whit-Monday our Lyceum held its 1st annual trip to Talkin Tarn, a beautiful spot 10 miles from Carlisle. The afternoon was spent in games, boating and rambling in the woods, followed by tea in the open air. Everybody had a most enjoyable time. We thank one and all for their kindness in helping to make it a success.
ARTHUR WYATT, Secretary.

CHESTER.—We held our usual open session on Sunday, May 31st. Addresses were given by Messrs. Tasker, Richardson, Williams, and Mr. Owen, D.V., of Liverpool. Recitations were ably rendered by Misses Nellie Caine, Gladys Ellis, and Miss Graham. The usual marching was dispensed with on this occasion. Though we are making good progress in this, under the able leadership of Capt. P. Hodginson, A.S.C., the attendance was not all that could be desired.
ARTHUR WILLIAMS, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD (Lyceum, Old Assembly Room, Falcon Yard).—On Whit-Monday our scholars had their annual tea, at which a number of parents and friends were present. After tea, the children marched to a field, and had a scramble for sweets and nuts, also indulged in games and racing. They again returned to the school room for refreshments, when prizes were presented to the winners

of the various races, thus closing a pleasant day's enjoyment when the children were dismissed, tired but happy.

J. MARTIN, Hon. Secretary.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin Street).—On Whit-Monday we had our Lyceum trip and treat, when 30 of us journeyed in wagonettes to "Honley Pleasure Gardens." The drive was highly enjoyed. On arrival at 2.15, the children enjoyed a few games till tea was served at 4 p.m. Then, the proprietor, Mr. Mellor, allowed us the use of the platform and piano, and we went through our marching and calisthenics, surrounded by over 400 spectators, who cheered our efforts. We enjoyed our outing very much. We give praise to Mr. Mellor for the way in which he catered for us.
B. WALSHAW, Secretary.

COLNE (Cloth Hall).—On June 21st, we held our flower service, when the Hall was nicely decorated with flowers and ferns. We held an open session when the following gave recitations: Misses E. Brown, E. Wilkinson, A. Saunders and Merton Butterworth. Miss L. Christian rendered a solo. There was a good gathering of parents and friends. Mrs. Forrest, who was the speaker for the day, named five children, and gave a short address to the Lyceum. We had a good session, and spent a very pleasant time together.
Miss F. COLES, Secretary.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—On Whit-Sunday, we had the usual open session, the attendance being exceptionally good. Whit-Tuesday, was a happy day for both old and young, being our annual treat. The children and friends were conveyed by brakes to Hazelwood (a village near Derby). Some of the elders cycled. Altogether our numbers were 140, a great increase on previous years. A nice tea was provided, to which all did ample justice to. Games, races, etc., were freely indulged in. Before dispersing, on arriving back at Derby, all joined in a hearty sing, concluding with "God be with you till we meet again."
ETHEL LEES, Secretary.

DEARNLEY.—June 7th was our "Banner Sunday." A grand day was spent. On Whit-Friday we met at the room at 9.30 a.m., and walked in procession to a field at Greengate, where sweets and buns were served. Our Lyceum officers are thankful to the many supporters who made the treat such a success. Sunday, June 21st, was our Lyceum Anniversary, when we had good audiences all day to hear Miss Florence Morse, who delivered two good addresses. The collections fell a few shillings short of last year.
T. PINCHBECK, Secretary.

COVENTRY, FOLESHILL (Broad Street).—On Sunday May 31st, we held our first "Floral Service," the proceeds being in aid of the Lyceum treat, most of the children scoured the country lanes in quest of wild flowers, of which there was quite a display, for which several prizes were given. The flowers were afterwards taken to the Coventry and Warwickshire hospital. The children sang "Heart Flowers." A solo was well rendered by Miss M. Kerby, Percy Altree, Archy Altree, and Oliver Altree sang "God of mercy." Our speaker for the day being Mr. Burrows, of Birmingham, who spoke very highly of the Lyceum movement, and the great need of educating our children in the truths of Spiritualism.
G. PRETTY, Conductor.

GLASGOW (Waterloo Street).—This Lyceum is still progressing and the sessions are very bright and harmonious. On Sunday, 21st June, we held our open session and the display given will, we hope, encourage parents to give their children a Lyceum training. In connection with the Liberty and Excelsior groups, a developing circle has been formed, and good work is being done in this direction.
A. S. GUILD.

GT. HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—We held our open session on June 7th. The silver chain recitation was led by Miss Maud Cross. The golden chain was led by Mr. Baxter. A recitation was given by Master H. Baxter. Miss A. Holderness rendered a song from the manual.
Miss. MARY A. HOLT, Secretary.

HORWICH.—It is my pleasant duty to make a satisfactory report with regard to this Lyceum, our numbers now being 70. We held our open session on the Sunday afternoon of June 14th, and in the evening the Lyceum gave a service of song entitled "Spirit return," the solo entitled, "Mother come back" was given by Miss R. Frost. Reader being our Conductor, Mr. Emsall. Both services

being well attended. On Sunday, the 21st, we held our flower service, when selected songs were taken from the Lyceum Manual, our speaker being Mr. Jas. Wallace, of Littlebrough. We have started our summer rambles, our first one on June 6th, being round Rivington, and the second on June 20th, to Barrow Bridge.

ERNEST FERNIHOUGH, Secretary.

HUDDESFIELD (St. Peter's Street).—We held our open session on June 7th, and it was an enjoyable day. The readings and singing were done splendidly. We had a recitation by Miss Alice Hirst, entitled "A little girl who would'nt say please;" another recitation by Miss Fanny Brandon, entitled "Her shadow." A reading by Mr. Massheder, and a solo by Mr. Wallis; a duet by Misses Brandon and Brooke. The marching and calisthenics were done splendidly.

Miss MONA BARROW, Secretary.

HUCKNALL (Watnall Road).—We are making good progress here considering the short time since we opened. The children enjoy the Lyceum sessions with their chain recitations, marching, etc. very much. On June 11th, we gave our children an outing to Nottingham, Clumber Buildings, where the friends made us feel at home amongst them. We had a good tea, and the children enjoyed themselves. I think we shall all have a kindly remembrance of our visit.

MARY A. COX, Secretary.

HULL (Lime Street).—On June 2nd we had a social—given by Mr. Brown and friends; the object being to purchase more manuals for the Lyceum. The gift, which consisted of 25 manuals and a songster, was presented to the Lyceum on June 14th, and was highly appreciated by all. It was also the election of officers. The following were elected: Conductor, Mr. Smith; Guardian, Mr. Carr; Librarian, Miss A. Morgan; Treasurer, Mrs. Brown; Secretary, Miss Hopwood; Musical Conductor, Miss Porter; Drill Instructor, Mr. Smith; Elocutionist, Mrs. Hogg; Captain of Guards, Mr. J. Turner; Two Guards, Misses E. Morgan and B. Clark; and a Corps of Leaders, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Brown, Misses Porter, Wright, Hopwood and Morgan.

ANNIE HOPWOOD, Secretary.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—On Sunday, June 14th, we held our monthly open session, which was given by the members of the "Stream Group." Miss B. Shackleton conducted. Solos were given by H. Midgley and T. Pickles. Duet by W. Summers and T. Clarke. Recitations by E. Riley, T. Halliday, G. Rowley, and J. Midgley. Mr. A. Midgley took the lead in marching, Mr. Stansfield being the accompanist.

E. SHACKLETON, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—Open session held on June 7th. The following Lyceumists took part in our session, and acquitted themselves with credit: Songs by the Misses and Master Walker and Willie Jones; recitations by Alice and Lizzie Askew, and also a song by Miss Gardiner; pianoforte solo by Miss Stephenson. We are pleased to state that the Lyceum is now in a healthy state, and I am proposing joining Barrow and District Council.

J. JONES, Conductor.

LEEDS (Psycho Lyceum).—On Whit-Monday we had our Lyceum trip, Scarborough being our destination. We arrived there about one o'clock. Tea was provided in the Scarborough Spiritual Rooms, which were placed at our disposal by the society, for the second time, and to whom we are greatly indebted. A very enjoyable half-day was spent, one or two having rather exciting experiences. We arrived home early next morning thoroughly tired. Upwards of 70 Lyceumists, parents and friends were with us to make the trip a success.

WM. BARNES, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Albion Street).—On May 31st we held a flower service in connection with our summer outing, which was well attended, by both scholars and friends, who showed their appreciation of the rendering of the different items. There were recitations and solos well rendered by scholars and leaders. We had with us Miss Ruth Sage, who performed the ceremony of naming a baby, which was very impressive, and somewhat novel to many that were present. The collections were good, and I am pleased to say we are on the increase, steadily, but surely.

A. HURST, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Sunday, May 31st, the Lyceumists repeated their anniversary services on behalf of the Society, the hymns of No. 2 Hymn-sheet were well rendered by the Lyceumists in the evening, before a good attendance of friends. I am also pleased to report that during the last month the Lyceum has been visited by many workers in the Lyceum work. Pro. Fletcher, of Brighton, gave some very good lessons to the Lyceumists. On Sunday,

June 14th, Mr. Brown, the conductor of Nottingham Lyceum paid us a visit, and gave a good account of the work. The following Lyceumists give recitations and solos: Miss Hunter, Waterton, Breward, Holt, Goldsmith, Place, Barton, B. York, M. York.

JAMES BISHOP, Secretary.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, June 7th, our Lyceum held its first open session, which was very successful. Recitations were rendered by Lily and Ruby Rutter and Decima Roberts; and solos were sung by Mrs. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Rutter. The marching and calisthenics were done very well, and we all agreed that we had had a very enjoyable time.

N. ROBERTS, Secretary.

LONDON, BATTERSEA (Henley Street).—Our Lyceum is still progressing. On May 31st usual lessons gone through, 42 children present. On June 7th Mr. Frost came and addressed the children; subject of address, "The Word of God." Fifty-two children present. On June 14th usual lessons. Miss Morris addressed the children, on the "Pioneers of truth"; 52 children present. On June the 21st after usual lessons, Miss Morris addressed the children on "Words and acts of kindness. We had a recitation by Ethel Slee, entitled "The children's Home." Fifty-four children present.

ANNIE E. SHARMAN, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—We have introduced two new features into the Lyceum, on the recommendation of our conductor (Mr. Barrington). The first is the introduction of pearls, which has been very successful, as some very good ones have been given. The second is the joining of hands of our members and singing of "God be with you till we meet again," for the conclusion of our session. On Sunday, June 14th, a conference was held in the hall, so we went through part of our programme for the benefit of the delegates, who were very pleased. Then we took part in the conference business, which was very interesting.

ELLEN BARNES, Secretary.

LONDON, BRIXTON, S.W.—After three months' of continuous success our Lyceum work promises to establish itself in such a way that permanency seems assured. On Sunday, 21st of June, "Lyceum Sunday" was the order of the day. After our usual afternoon session, 40 in number sat down to a tea. The hall being decorated tastefully with flowers, made everything enjoyable. I should like to name all who personally helped to make our evening meeting a success, but space does not allow. Collection for the children's outing to Riddlesdown, 12s. 3d., and other gifts were given. The singing and recitations were splendidly rendered, look out for our next.

W. UNDERWOOD, Conductor.

MACCLESFIELD (Cumberland Street).—We held our half-yearly meeting on June 14th, when the following officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. T. Albinson; Assistant Conductor, Mr. Challinor; Leaders, Mrs. Rushton, Miss A. Birch, and Miss L. Smith; Guardian, Miss Edith Birch; Assistant Guardian, Mr. H. Locke. Secretary, Mr. W. Albinson. In the afternoon and evening we had as our speaker, an old friend in Mr. Hepworth, of Blackburn, who gave good and uplifting addresses. On Sunday, June 28th, we are having as speaker Mr. J. H. Smith, who is over on a short visit from America. We are anticipating a good time.

WM. ALBINSON, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, ARDWICK (Maskell St.).—On Sunday, June 21st, we held our "Quarterly Open Session." Mrs. S. J. Jones, conductor, presided. The following Lyceumists contributed to the harmony of the session: Solos by Misses Archer and Dempster and Alice Stanley; and Mr. George Vernon, jun.; recitations by Misses Minnie Stanley, Dolly Webb, Marion Dean, Dolly Paddock, and Miss Such; Masters G. Webb, H. Jones, R. Gilbert, and A. Sims. Mr. Vernon, Senr., gave a few encouraging remarks to the Lyceumists. Marching and calisthenics under the guidance of Mr. W. Barton being very smartly done. In the evening Mr. John Jones gave a short address on "The origin of our Lyceums," which we greatly appreciated. Misses Dempster and Archer kindly helped by giving good clairvoyance.

Miss L. SIMS, Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On June the 9th, two of our leaders got married—Mr. A. Lucks and A. Harrison. The happy pair were the recipients of many useful presents. About 100 guests enjoyed themselves in the Lyceum Room until 2 a.m.—At our monthly open session we started taking pearls from the scholars, and prizes will be given for the best given. Mr. Albert Wilkinson, of Nelson, has sent our Lyceum an enlarged photograph of B.S.L.U. Delegates. We have had

it framed in oak and hung up in the Lyceum. We are all proud of it, and thank him for his kindness.

W. COWELL-PUGH, Secretary.

MOTHERWELL (Watson Street).—This Lyceum is progressing very favourably indeed. On Sunday, June 7th, the attendance was exceptionally good. One of the principal features of the Session was the beautiful manner in which Mrs. Anderson, an enthusiastic member, rendered "The Holy City." In our Liberty Group we were favoured by a very interesting paper on "Personal Magnetism," from our Conductor, Mr. Winning. The quality of the essay reflected great credit on the essayist for the clear manner in which he brought home the facts to each one present.

JEANNIE HENDRY, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, BYKER.—I attended the Anniversary services of above Lyceum on May 31st, and without detracting in any way from the all-round praise deserved by the children, would like to emphasise two items in the programme: One was a dialogue taken from the Manual, entitled "The three Rules," rendered by Misses Jenny Hughes and Lily Marshall. The other, "The Teachings of Spiritualism," was submitted in a most excellent manner by Miss Annie Lawrence, the clever daughter of the renowned speaker and writer of that name. Many comments were made upon her remarkable memory and delivery. I heard strangers remark that they had gleaned more of our cause from these two items than from anything they had heard before.

G. B. GRANT.

NEWCASTLE (Royal Arcade).—The celebration of our 21st anniversary took place on the 14th of June, depending entirely upon the children, who acquitted themselves with honour, rendering one of the most successful anniversaries ever given. The hall was packed, many being unable to gain admittance. Master Eugene Mein conducted the "G.C.R. 108." The Lyceum memorising the questions. Isabella Seed sang "Daddy." Ellen Slater recited "My Kingdom." Clara Servant, violin solo. M.R. 204; Masters John Seed, Arthur Currie and Willie Slater, reading the responses. Miss Cora Smith sang "A Dream of Paradise." Nellie Bentley recited "The Children's Hour." Willie Slater, concertina solo. "Be Happy," by the Lyceum; and a violin solo by Cecil Walton. Mr. W. Westgarth gave an address.

A. BROWN, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On June 7th was "Temperance Sunday." After the opening we had a very good address from our old friend Mr. Marsters, and a beautiful recitation entitled, "My Mother," from another old worker, Mrs. Courgin. Willie Huntback officiated at the piano. We hold our annual Lyceum party on July 16th, any friends wishing for a good-half day in the country will be heartily welcome to go with us to Plumtree.

Miss E. H. YATES.

NOTTINGHAM, HYSON GREEN (Hawarden Terr.).—I am pleased to report marked progress to the movement generally, and increase of members. We celebrated our Lyceum Anniversary on June 14th. In the morning we had a good session, full of good things. In the afternoon we had a good service of solos, recitations, etc., followed by an instructive address by Mr. Alfred Kitson. In the evening our hall was packed to listen to the children's singing and reciting. A dialogue, specially composed by Miss Dickinson, won warm applause. Mr. Kitson gave another good address. The special hymns, ably led by Mr. F. Todd (our esteemed conductor) and assisted by a number of violins, flute, cornet, and cello, were warmly appreciated.

C. E. SHARPE, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—On the 28th of May the children gave a very good concert, which was much enjoyed by a full audience, and was quite a success, financially. The proceeds were towards special prizes and "Summer Outing Fund." The programme was arranged by Miss Twelvetree (conductor). Among the items were tamborine dance, action songs; "The Tribute of Flowers," by the younger members; and "The Japanese Fan," by older girls. Thursday, June 11th, three Lyceums met in the Hall, and were provided with a free tea and evening's entertainment, from the proceeds of the Amalgamated Society's Mass Meeting. About 100 children sat down to tea, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and it was a happy time for all present.

JOSEPH E. LESTER, Hon. Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, May 24th, we celebrated our Lyceum anniversary, the platform and the forms round were nicely filled without being crushed. Our conductor, Mr. Lester, being very proud to see so many

present, also for the readiness in which the recitations and pearls were said, everything to the mark. On Whit-Friday our Lyceum went to Conny Castle, many of our friends from other Lyceums joined in with us, all having a splendid time together. We spent the day in various ways. Games were indulged in, racing, skipping rope, and football—the married men playing the single, and won. We finished the night with a social evening at the rooms.

T. INGHAM, Secretary.

PADIHAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, we held our usual "open session," which was well attended. We had a recitation by Mrs. Eastwood, entitled "Jenny Lee," and a song by Mr. Eastwood, of Great Harwood, entitled "Things that never die." We had a recitation by Robert McManus, entitled "Somebody's Lonely."

A. HOULGRAVE, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—We held our annual Children's Picnic on Whit-Thursday, when we journeyed by bus to Daisy Nook. Games and boating were freely indulged in, and the catering was first class. Rather unpleasant weather. We returned after a most enjoyable day. On Whit-Friday our procession was headed by the Reddish Brass Band, around the principal streets of the district, after which we all sat down to a splendid tea. We realised a fair amount in collections. Sorry to report the mishap to our banner. The strong gale tore it right across, which will cost £5 or £6 to repair. A. STANDISH, Lyceum Secretary

RAWTENSALL.—On Sunday, June 7th, we held our monthly open session, when we had a very enjoyable time. We had songs from the Misses N. and B. Mantle, and S. L. Barnes. We had solos from Misses M. Mansfield and A. Long. Miss Mansfield also gave us a recitation entitled, "Guilty or not Guilty." On Sunday, June 14th, we held a christening when Miss Dewhurst conducted the ceremony. The children who were named were two girls of Mrs. Mantles. One was named Violet, its spirit name being "Purity," while the other was named Linda, and its spirit name being "Progress."

Mr. H. HAWORTH, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—On Sunday, June 21st, we held our Lyceum anniversary services, which were well conducted by Lyceumists only. We opened our afternoon service with hymns 360, entitled "Seeds of Promise." Mr. F. Rothwell offered prayer. Then we sang the Lyceum anniversary song, 336. Mr. Rothwell gave a short address on Lyceum work. Then we sang "Be kind to each other," after which our Sister, Mrs. Pollard, gave clairvoyance. Then we closed with the members' parting song. In the evening we followed the same course. We opened with hymn No. 337, entitled "Heart Flowers." We also sang Nos. 339 and 354, and our Sister, Mrs. Pollard, offered prayer.

JAMES WELDON.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On Sunday, June 7th, we held our first open session, before a goodly number of people, responses, marching, calisthenics and recitations being gone through in delightful fashion. It is with pleasure I record the progress of our Lyceum. We have only been open eight weeks, and we have about 60 children and adults on the books. So we have made splendid progress, and we are still pressing onward and upward. I am hoping for another open session, so that we can have the distribution of banners to the group leaders, and I hope it will spur all officers on to work more earnestly for the children's cause in Rotherham. R. PAPWORTH, Secretary.

ROYTON.—On Sunday, June 14th, we held our open session, when we had a good attendance, and a good session. Recitations were well rendered by the following:—Miss May Garside, "Mother, what is death?" Miss Hilda Jones, "I never trouble trouble till trouble troubles me"; and Mrs. L. Bennett gave a temperance recitation, entitled "The last shilling." Marching and calisthenics were gone through, which completed a very pleasant evening's session.

Miss LOTTIE GARSIDE, Sec.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—June 7th, Whit-Sunday. Mrs. Johnson opened the session, the marching and calisthenics were well rendered, under the conductorship of Mr. Foster. The afternoon session was opened by Miss Appleby. Several of the Lyceumists gave splendid recitations. On Whit-Monday the Lyceum held its annual trip to Wharnccliffe, in vagonettes, which is about eight miles from Attercliffe. There they enjoyed themselves in games, racing, and mounting the crags. Eighty-one Lyceumists sat down to a splendid tea, at about three o'clock; after which the officers

and parents numbering about 30 also sat down to tea. About 40 of the parents and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to go with the trip, and all enjoyed themselves.

H. BOWMER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—Sunday, May 31st, was our Lyceum Propaganda Day. We had a pleasant time at the afternoon session, and addresses in the evening by Miss Nellie Wood, Mr. Lake, R. Swindon, B. Magness, and E. Vickers. Solo by Miss Lizzie Slinn. Duet by Misses Wilson. On Sunday, June 7th, we held our usual monthly open session. We had a good session. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in splendid style. The following Lyceumists rendered their services: Solo ("Ora Pro Nobis") by May Needham; quartette ("God folds them in His Bosom"), R. Swindon, R. Oliver and Misses Alice and Susie Wilson taking part. Recitations: Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Bradley, E. Stevenson, A. Beardoe, F. Vernon, R. Stevenson, and James Beardoe.

G. STEVENSON, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Sherd Road).—Our annual trip on Whit-Monday was to Bradford, where scholars, teachers, members and friends spent a very enjoyable time. The weather being very nice and favourable, everything went off in fine style. Nearly 100 sat down to tea, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bigans, of Glasgow, who take a great interest in our Lyceum, distributed prizes amongst the boys and girls. We are looking forward for our brother taking our services in August. Mrs. Mitchell, conductor.

SHILDON.—On Sunday, June 14th, the Lyceum anniversary was held in the Main Street Hall, Shildon, the chairman for the morning service, 10.30, being Mr. J. Smith, of Shildon; for the afternoon, at 2.30, and evening at 6.0, Mr. J. Brass. There was a good attendance at each of the services. Hymns, recitations, etc., were well rendered, and great credit is due to the children for the able manner in which they acquitted themselves.

JAMES PEAT, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On June 7th, we had election of officers. On June 14th we had an official visit from Mr. R. A. Owen, D.V. On June 16th, the Lyceum members and friends gave a splendid concert in aid of the funds of the Union, consisting of solos, duets, dialogues, recitations, readings, and phonographic selections. Several of the foregoing excited the admiration of all present, and there was a general consensus of opinion that the efforts put forth on this occasion excelled all previous attempts since the inception of the Union. Mr. Beardsworth, the president, presided.

E.B.

SOUTHPORT (Nevill Street).—On June 7th we held our open session, which we enjoyed very much, and we had a good number of visitors from several Lyceums, who spoke very encouragingly to the children, and the little ones responded most readily to the call for recitations, etc. "The village blacksmith," by Dorothy Mortimer; "Meet us, Angels," by Leo. Smart; "Miss and Master," by Eva Grimshaw; "Fairland," by Reggie Randle; "Little Blue Apron to fill," by Florence Green; "Wreck of the Hesperus," by Alice Smart; "Falling Stars," by Connie Butterworth. After which we had marching and calisthenics, which completed a very happy morning.

E. A. RANDLE, Conductor.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On June 7th, we held our Lyceum anniversary, when Mr. Geo. P. Young, of Glasgow, was the speaker. An open session was held in the morning, conducted by Mr. W. Wilson. The welcome to speaker and visitors was nicely given by Miss Doris Butterworth, who presented Mr. Young with a beautiful rose. Mr. Wright led the silver chain recitation, "Resignation," in memory of Mr. Hugh Booth, and spoke of Mr. Booth's example as a quiet worker, who last year, was with them in the physical form, now he was with them in the spiritual form. Space will not allow of a more detailed account. Suffice it to say that the whole of the services were highly appreciated.

ERNEST BOTTOMLEY, Sec.

STALYBRIDGE (Bennett Street).—On Whit-Friday our Lyceumists had a field-day, going by tram car to the terminus and a short walk to a farm on Harrop Edge, where a field had been engaged for the Lyceumists to have an enjoyable time in races and games for prizes provided by special collections at our services. Tea was arranged for at one of our Lyceumist's near by, Mr. Knowles, and a most

enjoyable day was spent; all delighted. Yesterday, Mr. Musgrave, of Blackpool, visited our Lyceum and gave a most interesting and encouraging address. Our attendance yesterday was a record, over 50 present out of a register of 66, and all thoroughly interested in the work. We appreciated Mr. Musgrave's visit, and would appreciate visits from any and all Spiritualists at our Lyceum.

J. CROASDALE, Conductor.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Silver Street).—On June 7th, we had special services on behalf of the church. We had an open session during the afternoon, which was well attended. At night special hymns were sung by the Lyceumists. The service was conducted by Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. Heslop; both made special appeals on behalf of the Lyceum and the children's cause. Recitations were given by Laura Heslop, Ivy Harrison, Lily Williams, Lilian Jones, Elsie Jones, Amy Heslop, Ethel Rodham, Edie Rodham, Arthur Carter, Arthur Brittle, and Lizzie Brittle. Solos by Mrs. Outhwaite and Miss Harrison. Altogether we had a most enjoyable day. We also had the pleasure of enrolling ten new scholars, which was a good day's work.

R. BROWN, Secretary.

TODMORDEN.—On Sunday, May 31st, we held our Lyceum anniversary. The speaker for the day being Mr. Alfred Kitson, who gave some splendid advice to parents and scholars, which we trust will be productive of much good. In the morning we held an open session. The following items were given:—Recitations: "Ten practical rules of life," Miss S. Pellowe; "Lucy Grey," Miss Bertha Lee; "Why I love the Lyceum," Mr. Ben Pellowe; "First Grief," Miss Florrie Dale; Miss H. M. Sutcliffe; "The angel's mission," Miss Laura Braund; "Questions," Miss Lily A. Braund; duet, Misses Stephenson and Crabtree; song, "Something sweet to think of," Miss B. A. Crossley. Mr. Kitson also said a few words and complimented us on the progress we had made.

Miss A. EMMETT, Asst. Secretary.

Mr. GEORGE CROSSLEY, Secretary.

ULVERSTON.—On June 14th we held our open session. There was a good attendance, and a splendid programme. After the usual chain recitations, etc., etc., the following items were nicely rendered. Recitations, "Invitation to the Lyceum," Jennie Linton; "A Noble Boy," Robby Casson; "There is no Death," Annie West; "There is room in the World," Tom Grainger; "Live for something," H. Christopheron; "The Three P's," Albert Hughes; "The Children's hour," Doris Coward and G. Hoggatt; "Wings" Ernest Casson. Songs "Angels lead my footsteps," Nellie Hoggatt; "Be happy," Gladys Hoggatt; Chorus, "Swiftly time is bearing us away," the Lyceum. Mrs. France gave a short address. Mr. Tyson presided. Miss Mather conducted marching and calisthenics.

J. E. COWARD, Sec.

WALSALL (Bradford Street).—On Sunday, June 21st, we held our special services, morning and evening, Mr. H. A. Kersey, of Newcastle, being the speaker. In the morning the service took the form of a model session. The Chairman (Councillor John Venables), in introducing Mr. Kersey, explained the great part Mr. Kersey had played in bringing the Lyceum movement to the front, both at home and abroad. Mr. Kersey, in an interesting address, explained his investigations into Spiritualism, and the great benefit he had derived from it. In the evening, before a splendid audience, Mr. Kersey urged all parents present to come and see the children in Lyceum and hear for themselves how the Lyceumists were instructed.

W. H. TOMPKINS, Hon. Secretary.

WOMBWELL.—During the last two months we have made splendid headway. The number of members have increased to such an extent that we are over-crowded, and it has been suggested that we limit the numbers. The interest and enthusiasm is just as high as at the commencement. The evening services are now made more interesting by some of the Lyceumists singing selected songs. On Whit-Monday an interesting event took place, the wedding of two of our Lyceumists, Mr. T. Birkett (Lyceum Organist) and Miss N. Fern, at Bonsall. A tea was given on the following Saturday, when the Lyceum scholars presented the happy pair with a hall-rack and brushes; a social evening was afterwards thoroughly enjoyed.

R. W. SPITTLEHOUSE, Secretary.

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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, 60, Chester 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, Smeething, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire Road, Smeething.
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. John Flanagan, 97, School Hill.
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 Tattersall, 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, Hurlinglow-wharf, 10 and 2-45. Mr. George Forrester, 54, Gordon Street.
Bury, off Paradise-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, Habershon Street, Spottlands.
Carlisle, West-walls, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 2, Staunton Street, Corporation Road.
Castleford, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. A. Attack, 100, Hugh Street, Beancoft 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, Pickup 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.
Dearley, Rochdale-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Pinchbeck, 555, Halifax Road, Small Bridge, Rochdale.
Derby, Chamwood-street, 10-45 and 2 p.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 Hilson, 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, Bensham.
Glasgow, 235 Gt.-Western-road, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Sneddon, 61, Henderson Street.
Glasgow, Govan, Paisley-road, 4 p.m. Miss M. Stromberg, 66, Oran 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.
Grimsby, Strand-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Daisy Scott, 75, Blundell Street, New Clew.
Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Philip Beely, 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, 60, 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 Cload, 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. Tom F. 13, 71, 11, Street.
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.
Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Mr. Joseph Horne, P.O. Box 6249.
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, Gasholder Terrace, Hunslet Moor.
Leicester, Albion-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36, Gernyn 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, Lanes.
Leigh, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Robinson, 14, Sefton Street, Lanes.
Lincoln, Exchange Arcade, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Nicholson, 45, Waterside, North.
Littleton, Well-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Lewis Westcott, 33, 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, Caumberwell 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, 66, 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, Harpurhey, 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.
Milom, 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, 32, Polmaise Street, Blaydon-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, Tyneworth 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, Gaultney 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, 70, Shakespeare-street.
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.