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"Seek and ye shall find."

BY CHARLES TABER, ER.

CHAPTER VII. (Continued).

A deep sigh of relief escaped him when she ceased speaking, and he exclaimed, "Thank God that I found you! But as your parents will be upset about you, we must make haste." They called at the police station on their way where she repeated her story, and after leaving their address they continued their journey, more closely drawn together, and feeling more satisfied now they had cleared away the temporary shadow which had hung so heavily over his charge. Their journey was made more enjoyable because of the freedom with which she spoke of herself and her parents, and when they left the train, and started towards her home, he was feeling thankful that he had met this girl, and was in great hopes of receiving a hearty welcome from her parents. The girl's power had already begun to work upon him, and the feeling of loneliness which had characterised him on the occasion of his father's death, was lost in a newer and deeper feeling. Though only a girl in years, there was something about her which opened out his truer nature, while thoughts of his dead mother came to him, and was received by him with greater freedom and less doubt than on other occasions when he had thought of her.

He did not understand this new feeling. It was more like a longing after something which he could not define. But had he only known that it was the working of one of those unaccountable forces which change the whole aspect of life, and are responsible for many seeing the folly of a life of uselessness, he would have been surprised as to how the change was being wrought in him, and for what purpose. But these changes are so gradual that a complete change has often been made before there is really any consciousness of it. This is not only so in religious life, but in every department where the interests of others are concerned we see and make these changes. The meeting of Walter and Mabel at a time when he was struggling with his bitterness, consequent on his father's death, was one of those events, or happenings, which are the one thing needed to prevent the sliding away into darkness of the soul which has for one moment seen the glimmer of hope in the distance, and may cause many to think that these are things which are worked out by some greater power for a given purpose. Had Walter been left undisturbed in his meditation as he leaned over the bridge the previous night, the probability is that he would not have been alive in the body.

Something about this girl was changing the current of his thoughts, for in their journey he had seen

that she must have read and studied deeply, or he reasoned so, because of the freedom and ease with which she spoke of the different subjects he introduced, and corrected him at times on points where he thought he had been safe in the statement he had made. One thing had struck him as peculiar in connection with this girl. When they had been engaged in speaking of occult matters, he had noticed the lustre leave the eye, and a vacant far-away look settle there, and it was on these occasions when she had shown a deeper power and meaning in the words she had given utterance to, but he did not think to associate this with anything outside the girl herself, and if he had been told that some other power was working through her, he would have ridiculed the idea. Yet such is a fact. Not one of God's people but what are daily influenced and affected by a force outside themselves. Thoughts, which are not the emanations of the brain, flash into the mind, and from these thoughts are built the most secure positions, and a greater standard of moral perfection gained. These thoughts are in a great measure responsible for our present standard of education.

Miss Marsden paused before the gate of a moderate sized house, which she opened, and requested her protector to enter, she saying, "Welcome to my home, my friend and protector. God grant that you may find here that satisfaction for which your soul yearneth."

CHAPTER VIII.

When the two entered the house, they were confronted by Mr. Marsden, who looked from one to the other in a strange uncertain way. Then he held out his hand to Walter, and bade him welcome to his home, adding, "I was not aware that you were acquainted with my daughter?"

"Neither was I until last night," he exclaimed as he grasped the extended hand. "My meeting with your daughter was strange, and under distressing circumstances. And I fear, will greatly upset you when you hear how and where I met her." Then he related how he had found the girl unconscious, and all particulars of her loss of memory, and the manner and way of how it was regained. This caused Mr. Marsden to turn to his daughter with a troubled face. But she quickly dispelled his fears by putting her arms around his neck, and in a merry tone of voice said, "You need have no fear, Dad, Mr. Merton has done all that was necessary under the circumstances." Then she told him of their visit to the police station, and its purpose. "Now let us dismiss the matter for the present," she added, "There has been no harm done. I was more frightened than hurt, and that was because I ignored the pleadings of my spirit friends. But they did not forsake me, but led Mr. Merton to find me, as you

must see when he tells you of his strange adventure with a lady who disappeared. I am so glad that you are friends!"

"You have given me a shock my child," said Mr. Marston. Then he turned to Walter, and thanking him for his protection, led him away saying to his daughter, "Nothing of this to your mother, Mabel, it will only upset her." Then they entered a room where a lady was seated in a chair, evidently an invalid from her position, had the pale face not revealed the fact. But her face lit up with a smile when Mabel stooped and kissed her upon the cheek. "How did you find Annie?" she asked. "I felt very uneasy about you last night, and when you did not return, I concluded that she was worse. Poor girl, I feel very sorry for her, and hope she may pull safely through."

"She was very bad last night," Mabel answered. "Her mother is terribly upset about her, but I don't think she will be taken away this time, and I told her mother so, and when I left her, she had more hope, and appeared better because of my visit. But let me introduce you to Mr. Merton, the gentleman father told us of, who rescued that poor woman from the river, I am sure you will be pleased to meet him. And the more you know him the better you will like him, she said roguishly." Then her face went sad, and her voice became sorrowful as she said, "He has just lost his father by death."

"I am indeed pleased to meet you," she said, offering a thin wasted hand, which he instantly grasped with a gentle pressure, as thoughts of his mother flashed into his mind and made him incapable of speech for the moment. Immediately the two hands touched, a feeling passed through the invalid like unto the shock from an electric battery. And a deep sigh of relief escaped her as she felt her pains becoming less severe. Consequently she retained the clasp as she emotionally said, "I am very pleased indeed to make your acquaintance, Mr. Merton. But I am very sorry to learn of your loss." Then she fixed her large, expressive eyes full upon his face in one deep searching look, which made him feel uncomfortable, for he felt that she was looking into his very soul, and when he dropped his gaze, she gave him a deeper pressure of the hand as she continued, "Be not discouraged and sorrowful, my son, they whom thou hast loved are not lost to thee. Neither does the grave hold what is dear to thee. Thy father and mother live equally as thou art living, and time will change thee to see and know that death is only the opening of the door to an higher and more perfect life. Let me be a mother to thee, that I may lead thee to find that thou art seeking. Thy touch has given me strength and made my pain easier, and I feel that thou art sent here for a purpose. God help thee, my lad," she said, as tears gathered in her eyes. Then she grasped his other hand in her trembling fingers, and then with deep pathos expressed herself as follows:—

"Oh God, Thou who art the centre and giver of all things. I plead that Thou wilt open the door of the future to this poor child, that he may find relief from the distressed thoughts which flood his brain, in the certain knowledge that the dead still live. Thy ways are many and wonderful by which Thou bringest Thy people to recognise Thee and Thy work. And in leading this, Thy son here, Thou has given us a commission. Oh, infinite Power, help us to do

our duty, that we may break away the darkness which hides from this soul Thy divine truth and beauty, and may we lead him on to that glorious position where he may feel that life has a deeper purpose than death. He knows Thee not now. But may we lead him safely through the dark valley of despair, and by drawing aside the curtain which hides the dead from the living, the known from the unknown, may we cause him to see the wonderful design of life, and awaken the soul to a consciousness that there is no death, but eternal life. Help this, Thy child, to find the light he seeketh, and may the time be near when he may again clasp those departed ones in his arms, and be able to say in truth, 'I know that my mother lives, and that I must also live after the change called death.' Then will he be drawn closer to Thee, and become a greater power for good in having found that which he sought. Now leave me," she said, releasing his hands. "I am sorry to have distressed you. You will forgive my weakness, Mr. Merton. Some power greater than myself prompted the words. God bless you!"

He was too deeply touched for words. But his action, as he stooped and kissed her upon the cheek, had a far greater effect upon the others than any words he could have spoken, and united these four together with bonds that time would never break asunder. It was a blending of soul with soul, and was destined to bring a great revolution in the young man, and be the means of his obtaining positive proof that his father and mother had gained a victory over death. The scene had been an impressive one to all concerned. As soon as the two were left to themselves, Walter turned to the other and said, "I am very sorry to find your wife an invalid. Her words to me just now have touched me very deeply, for she reminds me so much of my dead mother, that I could fancy it was her speaking to me. Yet I am pleased that I came here. I feel less bitter, and not so lonely, and if you would further extend your goodness by permitting me to remain here a few days I shall be thankful."

"My dear friend," replied Marsden, with some show of emotion, "I shall be pleased for you to extend your visit here. You are alone in the world, and the protection and care you have given to my daughter is beyond repay. So long as you care to stay with us we shall be pleased to have you. My dear wife is a strange woman, and her words to you may appear peculiar and somewhat out of place. Yet her intentions are good, and her heart is in the right place. You speak of her reminding you of your mother. That may be accounted for by her being more drawn to you than is the case with the average woman, but the long weary years she has been a sufferer has made her at times fretful, which is only natural, for it must be a terrible burden to be unable to move about only when assisted, and such has been her sad lot for many years."

"Can nothing be done to help her?" asked Walter. "Surely there must be some cure for her ailment. It must be both sad and painful to you to see her suffer, and not be able to assist her." "More so than any know, my friend," he replied. "Yet I must not let her see it, but must appear happy and cheerful, when she is sad and sorrowful. But we will not talk of it. It is a painful subject to me. We have done all that were possible to cure her, but it has availed nothing."

(To be continued).

Lesson Plan for August, 1908.

By JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.P.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn
Aug. 2	372	81	239	120	402
" 9	410	406	*359	129	408
" 16	302	96	238	125	164
" 23	86 ^{Tune 5²} Bristol	100	237	132	17
" 30	32	94	234	138	13

*Impromptu Readings by selected members.

PEARLS.

- Aug. 2nd—"The three best cards in the game of life are industry, honesty, and sobriety."
 " 9th—"The highest exercise of charity is charity towards the uncharitable."
 " 16th—"If you had the abilities of all the great men, past and present, you could do nothing well without sincerely meaning it, and setting about it."—Dickens.
 " 23rd—"The great art of life consists in fortitude and perseverance"—Sir W. Scott.
 " 30—"If you would overcome any and all of your hampering conditions, then *know* more. What you *know*, that you are, and that you can do."

LESSON PHOTOGRAMS.

AUG. 2ND.—120 MANUAL.

- I. Contrast the orthodox idea of baptism, sacrament, prayer, love feast, etc., with the thoughts conveyed in the answers to the Conductor's questions.
- II. Describe fully the rites and ceremonies referred to and ascertain the children's ideas thereon.
- III. Read with the class, 93 and 10 (Manual).

AUG. 9TH.—MANUAL 129.

- I. Introduce your lesson by a little talk on Physiology, eliciting the names used for the various parts and organs of the body, etc., the circulation of the blood, the nervous system, etc., the senses, how to maintain a healthy body, what is it that uses the body to manifest its wonderful powers to others, how it conveys its influence to others and finally the lesson to be learned from the perusal of such an interesting and wonderful subject, viz.:—

- II. "To preserve thy soul in *moderation*; teach thy spirit to be attentive to its good; so shall these, its ministers, be always to thee conveyances of Truth"

AUG. 16TH.—MANUAL 125.

- I. Refer to last week's lesson and recite the main points as an introduction to the study of this lesson on the Conduct of Life.
- II. Read the G.C.R. round the class, making necessary explanations; then turn back to the statement of the Conductor and the response thereto, viz., "Scorn to depress thy competitor," etc. Ask for examples, that is football, wrestling, hockey, etc., etc. Refer to examinations and the unworthy method of sneaking information on the thumb nails and cuffs, or on the rulers, etc. This portion of the lesson will suggest many useful thoughts to the teacher and the class.

AUG. 23RD.—MANUAL 132.

- I. Question. How do you know when a man is wise?
 - (a) His conversation is educational.
 - (b) He is unwilling to make himself a nuisance in company by impressing the fact that his name has only one letter to it "I."
 - (c) He is strictly truthful and honest, modest, gentle and lovable, and shows the fruits of wisdom and righteousness, viz, peacemaking.

- II. Lesson. Read with the class 39

AUG. 30TH.—MANUAL 138

Mortal *Life* leads through the open gateway called *Death* to Life Eternal

- I. Explain how we know this, and on whose authority we rely.
- II. Describe this natural evolution.
- III. Questions. Should Spiritualists fear death? Ought they to grieve for friends unreasonably? What other consolation is peculiarly their own besides the experiences of other people? What is our duty to people who suffer grief? What is the good of all services, circles development of medial power etc.

Finish the lesson by reading to the children, or better still reciting to them S.C.R 4 Manual.

THE SKYLARK.

O skylark gay, thy merry song
 In joyous rapture, wakes the morn,
 Thy warbling lay with cadence sweet,
 The smiling morn to blithely greet.

From grassy knoll or little nest,
 A loving power impells thy breast,
 To soar aloft on airy wing,
 Thy happy song to sweetly sing.

We gladly listen to thy song,
 At dewy eve, or early morn,
 With wondrous thrill thy little throat,
 Sends forth thy song in joyous note.

Poor toilers in the city's din,
 Hear not, alas! thy holy hymn,
 Nor see thee gently upward rise,
 On fluttering wing to azure skies.

Art thou a messenger to show
 To mortals on this plane below,
 That highest quest and hopeful cheer,
 Not sorrow, as the heavenly sphere?

Do angels in thy rapture share,
 Do smiling faces greet thee there?
 Is there before thy keener vision,
 A band unseen—a spirit heaven?

Our flights in muse but faintly grasp
 The thought divine that set thy task,
 Some power beneficent and kind,
 Not chance—but love and sovereign mind.

W. G. McPHERSON, Glasgow Lyceum.

up you may oftentimes be subjected to temptations; be manly and womanly and determined to resist them. Always be exact in speaking the truth. You will soon perhaps be starting in some kind of employment or business. Let it always be said of you that you are absolutely and thoroughly trustworthy, and can be trusted to any amount, and under all circumstances. If you become an apprentice to carpentry, remember that the nails and screws for use in your master's business are his and not yours. If in an office, remember that the employer's writing paper is not yours. If in grocery, drapery, millinery, dressmaking or any other business or employment, have the same sense of justice with regard to little things; do not be guilty of appropriating for your own use the smallest thing that does not belong to you. You will then have no fear about being tempted regarding greater things. To be truly honourable and trustworthy are among the noblest attributes of the mind, and command the highest respect.

BENEVOLENCE—[Ben-ev-ol-ens] is a noble quality. It gives to its possessor, when large, much kindly feeling, sympathy, good-nature, and consideration for others. Let it never be said of you boys and girls and grown-up comrades, that you are wanting in sympathy. There are so very many of our fellow creatures who are craving for sympathy and kindly words to be spoken to them, and for little kindly actions to be done. Benevolence is one of the noblest faculties we possess, give it scope and liberty for development. It costs very little to be kind, and you never quite know of the many troubles and discouragements which others have to contend with. There are many brave spirits in the world. We should try not ever to think too badly of others. You will find there is a world of pleasure in doing all the good you can. Most of you will know those beautiful verses of which the following is one. They are worth learning and remembering:—

"Thy kindness shall bring to thee many sweet hours,
And blessings thy sympathy to crown;
Affection shall wreath thee a garland of flowers,
More precious than wealth or renown."

As you cultivate kindly feelings and consideration for others, your faculty of Benevolence will increase; and it matters little how plain your features may be, the action of large Benevolence lights up and permeates every lineament of your countenance; and if you try to be kind and good there will be no mistaking you for other than a kindly, good person. Benevolence or the lack of it is shown in your countenance, as well as in the formation of your head, so that all may know the kind of person you actually are.

SPIRITUALITY—[Spir-it-u-al-i-ty] gives sense of, and enjoyment of spiritual existence and manifestations. Faith in things unseen; also love of the marvellous and wonderful; belief in Providence and spiritual guidance. It is the medium of spiritual inspiration, inward perception of spiritual monition. Persons who are deficient in this faculty are very sceptical. Like 'doubting Thomas' they must have the fullest material proofs before believing. They doubt and disbelieve everything which they cannot actually see and touch. There is no faith in them, or spiritual susceptibility. They recognize nothing beyond the material conditions of this world. Spiritualists having this faculty large take a broader and more comprehensive view of life and its probabilities. They can discern man's spiritual existence beyond this life, and

having mediumistic susceptibility are able to demonstrate existant conditions of man's future state and proof of the continuity of life beyond this present existence of ours. These are consoling truths, helpful to vast numbers of anxious enquirers into our future states of existence.

VENERATION—[Ven-e-ra-shon] is situated at the centre of the top of the head. It gives respect for superiority, greatness, and for whatever is old and time-honoured. Persons in whom it is large experience a sense of holyness, religious aspiration and devotion. They have great reverence for the Deity. Persons having this faculty small show a dipping in, or flatness at the top of their heads; and you will find such persons are not as respectful as they ought to be towards superiors. Unfortunately this is frequently seen in young people. Aged and infirm persons ought to command the respect of all; and persons of superior intelligence should be favourably regarded. As in the past, so in the present, people are too much inclined to worship the possession of gold and rental properties. Young people let me advise you to get your minds well informed; study and acquire all the knowledge and learning you possibly can. This will give you satisfaction. As persons become more educated and intelligent, intellectuality and goodness will be more highly esteemed and respected; while the mere groveller after money and properties will be pitied, if not actually disdained. As you cultivate respect for the aged and intelligent; devotion to religious observances, and appreciation for things ancient and antique, so your faculty of Veneration will increase in its development.

(To be continued).

CENTRAL HALL (Bradford Street).—On Sunday, July 19th, we held our annual prize distribution. Mrs. Venables kindly distributed over 60 prizes. There were also three special prizes, two awarded by Mrs. Venables and one by Mrs. Venables, junr., for the scholars making the most attendances during 1907. The three recipients each made the possible 52. Mrs. Venables again promised two special prizes to the boy and girl each making the most attendances during 1908. On Monday, July 20th, we held our annual treat, the destination being Sutton Park. Upwards of 150 went and a most enjoyable day was spent. After tea Mr. T. Aldridge, on behalf of the Lyceum, presented Miss Venables with a handsome umbrella as a token of their appreciation, and esteem on occasion of her forthcoming marriage. Miss Venables suitably responded.—W. H. TOMPKINS.

ANOTHER LYCEUMIST FOR CANADA.

At a grand social evening held on Saturday, July 18th, at Bolton Bradford Street Spiritual Hall, the members of the Lyceum, numbering about 80, took the opportunity, through their conductor, Mr. R. Billsborough, to present a travelling bag to Mr. Thomas Blackley, one of the Lyceumists, who is leaving for America on Saturday, August 1st, on the White Star liner "Cymric." The conductor spoke very feelingly at having to part with one of his adult scholars, and on the good feeling existing between Mr. Blackley and the Lyceum. The recipient kindly responded, thanking them for their kindness and good wishes towards him. Miss Webster and Mr. E. Pilkington also made several kind remarks and wished him success in his new enterprise. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games, during which light refreshments were served by the ladies. This makes about seven scholars in four years for America.—JOHN FLANAGAN.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

THE EXECUTIVE'S VISIT TO HEBDEN BRIDGE.

This beautiful little town nestles at the foot of a series of bold, verdure-clad hills, which fill the hearts of all lovers of the grand and majestic in nature with an indescribable sense of joy and happiness. The whole district is an inspiration, filling the soul with wonder, love and praise of the great Maker and Sustainer of all life and being.

When the visitor alights at the station and takes in a rapid survey of the grand scenery spread out so lavishly before him, he is filled with an almost irresistible longing to mount the loftiest hill, covered with fern, heather, and billberry bush, so that he may enjoy, from its lofty crags, a full view of this glorious district.

The Executive Council of the above Union paid a pleasant and most enjoyable visit to picturesque Hebden Bridge on July 11th and 12th, all the members being present with the exception of Mr. J. J. Bennett, Vice President, Walsall, who was unable to attend on account of sickness.

The business meeting was held on the 11th, in one of the ante-rooms of the Victoria Hall, Cheetham Street.

The President, Mr. E. A. Keeling, of Liverpool, on calling the meeting to order, gave Mr. R. A. Owen, of Bootle, a cordial welcome to a seat on the E.C., and congratulated him on his election. The President also made feeling reference to the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. J. Bennett, owing to sickness. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to him.

The General Secretary reported the resignation of the District Visitors of the Hull and Stockport Districts; the former on account of lack of time; the latter on account of removal to Manchester. These were accepted with regret. Mr. Wright, Hull, was duly elected to fill the post of D.V. to the Hull District.

It was resolved to accept the invitation to visit Barrow-in-Furness on April 10th and 11th, 1909, and that efforts be made to hold a combined gathering of the Lyceums there.

The invitation to hold the Lyceum Conference of 1909, at Burnley, North Street Lyceum, as per intimation to the Conference held at Middlesbro' was formerly given and duly ratified.

Applications for membership with the Lyceum Union were received from the Runcorn; Bradford (Blanche Street); and Liverpool (Erskine Street), Lyceums, were fully considered, the first two being endorsed. The last one was held over until the next meeting for further consideration.

It was resolved to purchase another supply of 5,000 Lyceum Badges, as the stock is nearly sold out.

It was also resolved to print another edition of 20,000 leaflets, entitled: "A Lyceum: What it is." The General Secretary reported he had received orders for 8,000 of the same, at 4/6 per 1000.

The General Secretary was instructed to obtain the sanction of the Trustees of the *Lyceum Manual*, to supply the Committee elected to interview the donor and Trustees, with copies of the agreements and deeds of assignments, as per resolution of the Conference.

It was resolved to invite Mr. G. F. Knott, Rochdale, to act as Auditor, along with Mr. W. H. Tompkins.

Mr. W. Johnson and Mrs. Jessy Greenwood were elected to represent the B.S.L.U. at the United Lyceums District Councils meetings.

A long discussion ensued on the LYCEUM BANNER report as to the best way to reduce the heavy charges on parcels. The Editor was thanked for his efforts to induce Lyceums taking 12 copies monthly, to increase them to 18 copies per month, and thus effect a saving, as the postage was the same for 18 copies as it was for 12. Hearty thanks were accorded to all Lyceums who had increased their orders, and hopes were expressed that others would do the same as early as possible, and so help to reduce the loss.

The General Secretary reported the following sales as having been effected up to June 30th, 1908: *The Lyceum Manual*, boards, 627 copies; limp cloth, 214 copies; full cloth, 211 copies; half bound, 51 copies; full roan leather, gilt, 244 copies. Total 1347 copies. *Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young*, cloth 64 copies; blue and gilt, 45 copies. Total 109. *Physical Exercises*, paper covers, 110 copies; limp cloth, 107 copies. *The Spiritual Songster*, 207 copies. *Lyceum Registers*, small size, 73, large size, 20. *Some Reminiscences* by the late Mr. Alfred Smedley, 63 copies. *Hymn Sheets*, No. 1 series 1900; No. 2 series 1600; No. 3 series 1200; No. 4 series, 950; No. 5 series, 1100. Total 6,750. *A Lyceum: What it is* (Leaflet) 8,500. *Services of Songs: Ministering Spirits*, 127 copies; *Rest at Last*, 128 copies; *Unseen Hands*, 62 copies. Total 317 copies. *Lyceum Badges*, 1054.

Cash received and handed over to the Treasurer, Mr. Councillor John Venables, Walsall:—General Fund, £37 13s. 9d; LYCEUM BANNER Fund, £77 12s. 9d; Publishing Dept. £146 os. 9d. Total £261 7s. 2½d.

SUNDAY.

The morning session was well attended. There being a good gathering of Lyceumists and Members of the Executive. The conductor, Mr. C. Harte, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. The same being endorsed by the whole Lyceum rising and giving a hearty clapping of hands. He then invited the President, Mr. Keeling, to conduct the sessions of the day.

The President in responding on behalf of the E.C. invited his colleagues to signify their appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to them by rising to their feet and giving the members of the Hebden Bridge Lyceum and Society a hearty clap. The Lyceum thoroughly enjoyed the suggestion.

The session was highly enjoyed by all present. The remarks on the chain recitations, pearls, solos, etc., were helpful to all. A good number of parents were present in the afternoon, when a brief, but bright display of marching and calisthenics, under the guidance of Mr. W. Rawson, was given. After which Mr. R. A. Owen, Mrs. L. Nurse, and Mr. Albert Wilkinson gave brief addresses. In the evening, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Councillor John Venables, and Mr. A. Kitson gave brief addresses. Miss M. Greenwood ably rendered a vocal solo. The audience paid marked attention to the various speakers as they pleaded the children's cause.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

Our Boys' Special.

MY AGREEABLE ASSOCIATES.

I propose this month to offer to you the first portion of an interesting paper, which I have already submitted to a large and representative Liberty Group, and which I trust may prove helpful and profitable in many Lyceums. The title is certainly an attractive one, and I trust the body of the paper may be equally attractive, "How best to retain our young men and young women?"

The question of securing and maintaining the interest of our young men and women in Sunday School educational work has for many years past engaged the attention of responsible people in all denominations of religious thought and activity. The note of alarm—produced by an agitated clergy—has struck upon the ears of the *lay* mind generally, and we awake to the appalling realisation that our Sunday Schools are failing to retain their hold upon the pupil who has begun to look with a manly or womanly eye upon the realities of life.

I remember well that a few years ago a convocation of ministers and Sunday School superintendents was held in the diocese of Ripon, under the presidency of the Bishop, where, on the statistics of the Sunday Schools being stated, the secession of young men and women over sixteen years of age proved to be the doleful keynote from which each speaker chanted a "Miséraré" on the deplorable fact that the Church could no longer hope to hold the rising generation by the withering bonds of its orthodox methods.

Bishops, Vicars, Curates and Superintendents joined in the funereal chant, and incidentally sought to account for the depletion by suggesting inadaptability on the part of teachers, insufficiency of training, and, oh, horror, a growing tendency to *worldliness* on the part of teachers and scholars alike in the adult classes. However true these hazarded opinions may have been, they are particularly unfortunate, proceeding as they do from sources which have been generally credited with being the living fuse connected with the whole magazine of Sunday Schools.

At a later meeting, within a more limited area, the principal speaker boldly suggested that the confines of Sunday School instruction were too narrow, and that it was necessary that the plan of future action should include Social interests, in a word—that any attempt to isolate the pupil from his natural surroundings, and demonstrated social tendencies, and to substitute an artificial world of baseless hope in which to rear him, could only result, sooner or later, in his violent denunciation of the strained position thus persisted in.

Our broader Nonconformist brethren have for some years realised the impossibility of holding on to their young men and women by the well-known "submission practice," so long indulged in and grudgingly tolerated in our Sunday schools, and have therefore struck out on lines which have come perilously near the *secular* as distinct from *sacred* teaching, and which have frequently been denounced as such by their more creed-bound brethren.

The popularity of the Christian Endeavour, and

the introduction of the P.S.A. system, are evidences of the catering to the broader demands of our growing men and women, and have doubtless proved palliatives by means of which the process of mortification in Sunday schools has been temporarily arrested. But even yet, with all the advantages of which our modern Sunday schools can boast, there is an irksomeness in its methods, and a peculiar stringency in its demands, which becomes more or less repugnant to thousands of young lives that are daily bursting forth into manhood and womanhood.

The results of compulsory education, and the easy access to the world's thought through the wonderful art and industry of printing and publishing, have brought us into close contact with a new world of men and women, the light of whose lives have illuminated our pathways, and given us a broader expanse of view in relation to life. What wonder, then, if with our enlarged view of the importance of life, as perceived through relative sources of instruction around us, we claim justification in the establishing of a school for a more liberal and harmonious education, which, for distinctive purposes, we have called "Our Lyceum."

Within the area of this, our philosophic structure, we essay to cater for the mutual unfoldment of all those present known faculties which go to make up the strong and righteous man and woman, who, wherever found, are an honourable reflection on our faith in spiritual greatness.

(To be continued.)

THE ANSWER to last MONTH'S puzzle is (Mr.) E. A. KEELING. Correct solutions have been received, and a Merit Card forwarded to each successful competitor.

LIST OF WINNERS.

Annie Andrews	Hyde
J. W. Fox	Blackpool
M. Harrison	Manchester Princess Hall
Dora Parker	do. do.
Ellen Rickard	Openshaw (Beulah Street)
Alice Naylor	Middlesbrough
T. H. Wells	do.
Christopher Nuttall	Hadfield
Bertha Penney	Burnley (North Street)
Clara Woodcock	do. (Richard Street)
Arthur Woodcock	do. do.
Wm. Fletcher	Bury
Sidney Gripton	Walsall

PUZZLE FOR AUGUST.

(OPEN TO ALL LYCEUMISTS.)

Here's a new kind of puzzle ; this verse is the frame ;
 And in it you'll find that instead of a "Name"
 I have hidden a "Motto" which soon you may learn,
 If the Manual pages you carefully turn.
 The words have six letters, they stand at the head
 Of a bright S.C.R. you have oft sung or read.
 Three separate letters you'll use to complete,
 Though, of course, some of these you will have to repeat.
 Or by placing six "O's" in a line, you'll agree
 That by adding THREE HOOKS, the Motto you'll see.
 Please solve me this puzzle, and as a reward,
 I'll send you a B.S.L.U. Merit Card.

Send in solutions not later than August 20th, to
 Yours lovingly, FRANK HEPWORTH.
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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

It will be seen from the report of the Executive Council's meeting held at Hebden Bridge, that the Conference of 1909 is definitely fixed to be held at North Street, Burnley. It will be 16 years since the Conference was held at Hammerton Street, when 31 delegates met to represent 18 Lyceums. Since then there has been an interim Conference held at North Street, Burnley, on August 17th and 18th, 1901, to deal with the Constitution.

It will be interesting to note the increase between the Conference of 1893 and 1909. Guy Street Lyceum was doing good work 16 years ago, and was represented by 2 delegates. Can it be revived for permanent work, so as to again be represented, and so allow the Burnley friends to report all local Societies have each a Lyceum in active operation? I hope so, for the honour of the district, and the true and tried workers in it.

A good plan! Glasgow Lyceums have kindly decided to have all their parcels of the LYCEUM BANNER made up into one parcel, and then distribute them to their respective Lyceums, and so effect a saving of postage. This is a good plan, and would help the BANNER very much if other centres could make a similar arrangement.

We desire to call our readers attention to the fact that our esteemed founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum will be 82 years old on August 11th. We beg to congratulate him on attaining such a venerable age. Congratulations addressed to Andrew Jackson Davis, 63, Warren Avenue, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., will duly find, and cheer him!

Our readers will be sorry to learn that our esteemed Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Bennett's indisposition continues to render him unfit for business, and other duties. More hopeful news will be heartily welcomed by all.

Miss Tettie, the youngest daughter of Councillor John Venables, Walsall, was united in marriage to Mr. Bertram H. Preston, of Wolverhampton, at St. George's Church, Walsall, on Thursday, July 23rd, at 2 p.m. We wish the pair a long and happy life.

We are glad to announce to the Lyceums composing the Sheffield Lyceum District that Mr. Wm. Marklew, of 98, Eldon Road, Eastwood, Rotherham, has kindly promised to undertake the duties of D.V. We desire to bespeak a kindly reception of him by the Lyceums of his district.

It would give us much pleasure to have capable volunteers for the Birmingham and London Districts. Weak Lyceums need helping, and Societies who have no Lyceum need interviewing. Who will volunteer to undertake the duties? Travelling expenses are paid out of the Union's General Fund. All Lyceums are to be visited and encouraged whether they are members of the Union, or not.

We are pleased to be able to report that a Lyceum has been opened at Reading. Particulars will be found in our List. We are also pleased to report that a Lyceum has been opened at Caerau, Bridgend, Wales. And the one at Loughborough has been reopened. Particulars of the last two will be heartily welcomed for our List.

We wish to advise Lyceum officers to pay more attention to forming of groups for the better study and cultivation of the moral and spiritual powers of their scholars, which will produce lasting results by equipping them for the duties of daily life.

Our young men and young women should be encouraged to join the Society and become interested in its upkeep and management, and thus build up a strong Society for effective work recruited, and ultimately officered by those who have been trained and educated in the Lyceum.

Societies when drafting or revising their rules would do well to recognise the value of Lyceumists between the years of 14 and 18, and accept them as junior members, whose contributions should be one-half of those paid by full members. They should have a right to attend and vote at all general meetings, but not to be eligible to hold office until they are full members. By this means they would be gradually introduced to the judicious management of the Society and realise that the welfare of the Lyceum is bound up in that of the Society.

"A Lyceum Circle," open to all Lyceumists who are members of the Society, whether junior or senior, all members to pay 1d. per week to the General Fund, would provide an opportunity for Lyceumists to develop whatever powers they may have, and become acquainted with the facts of spirit communion.

A gymnastic club could be organised for another evening at the moderate charge of 2d. per week, 1d. of it to be retained to pay for necessary apparatus, and the other penny to be handed to the society for accommodation.

Last, but not least, a Lyceum choir should be organised if at all possible, the trained voices of which would add greatly to the attractiveness of the services. By these and other means our young people may be made to find a real joy in their association with the Lyceum and Society, and the leakage of our best and most promising youths, which is deplored, and justly so, be in a large measure stopped. Societies, Lyceums, and Spiritualists in general, should remember that the grand religion and philosophy of Spiritualism comprehends Man in the Child in all his varied relations, physical, intellectual, moral, and spiritual, and the opportunity for cultivating them in their due order and degree should be given.

in this way he told me that now he rejoices in a body of health and beauty which cannot suffer pain, in which he can work and play and help others in the lovely world where he now abides, and will abide until the sacred command is given, "Come go up higher." In this beautiful way, he showed me the secret of the night, how he had been with me through the quiet hours, and now came thus sweetly to express himself upon my waking life. Now I felt sure that the grief of his father and mother, terrible as it had been, could not hurt him in his happy, guarded state. May the child's peace reach and comfort them both. His life and ours is surely meant for steady progress. The presence of this little one, so vivid and natural as it was, could not interrupt the meditation "Come, darling, worship, worship with me," I whispered. Together, hand in hand, as it seemed we adored the One Divine Life which is in us all. What a happy day I had afterwards! Before I went out, I comforted a lonely woman who had lost all she loved. I told her my happy experience. I took away the word "lost" and put "found" into her heart. When you have been helped yourself, is it not splendid to go and help others with the same help you have just received yourself? Thus I ask you all to remember the White Rose, and may the like exquisite perfume steal ever into your hearts.



Bluebell Guild.

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



My Dear Bluebells,—

I am very pleased indeed to be able to meet you once more. I feel sure you all are striving your best to keep your promise, so very ably expounded to you last month by our member No. 1458, and so are doing much good to the world.

I have been highly pleased with the receipt of a very nice letter from Miss F. Russell, London, who enclosed two nice stories, which are her *very own* experiences; and so are sure to be interesting to you. The stories are as follows:—

THE WHITE ROSE.

I had just risen from a long dreamless sleep—so deep, so sound, it seemed at first as though I had brought back no knowledge from that spirit world into which we enter during the hours of bodily rest. On that still April morning, the birds were hushed to silence: they had forgotten that the springtime had come, for snowflakes fell softly against the wide window panes. As yet, no-one, save myself, stirred in the quiet little household.

When we first awake, it is very good to meditate, that is, think intently upon some pure and holy picture which we hold firmly in the mind. While we do so, the body as well as the thoughts, must be kept very still. I began to think upon that One Divine Life which we call God and Father, and while thus busy, a little corner—a very sad little corner of my heart opened itself out, just as the flower, newly born, looks up to the morning sun and expands itself in the bright beams. The grief of eighteen months ago had made a door in the poor heart and barred it, but now all-mastering love threw down the barrier that light and life and happy confidence might enter once more. The face of a laughing, rosy cheeked boy rose up before me—the face of the lost boy we loved, just as it used to be before his illness came on and took away our earthly hopes on his behalf. In his little, tender hand, he seemed to hold a white rose, and its heavenly sweetness thrilled through my soul. In this way he reminded me that I had sent a cross of pure white flowers to be laid on the tomb where his physical body rests,

THE BLUE ROBE.

A few weeks afterwards, I was awake in the spirit life one night, and brought back afterwards the memory of all that took place there. Probably, you have all learnt something of the meaning of colours. I found myself in a great temple with the parents of the boy who had given me the White Rose. Together we knelt in prayer while the organ music rolled above our heads. But quite suddenly the harmony was disturbed by the bitter sobbing of my companions. "Why is this?" I asked. Someone answered and said, "They have awakened upon earth, and have remembered their sorrow." Turning round, I saw that the bowed form of the mother was now clothed in a robe of the most exquisite and delightful Blue that you can imagine. "What has she done with the sombre black dress she used to wear?" again I asked. And again a bright spirit answered, "The lovely blue, with which she now garbs herself, shows that her heart, though torn in twain for her only son, is filled with devotion to God, and what she terms submission to His Will; that is, you see, she is beginning to know that we are all parts of this wonderful One Divine Life and Love. Soon, very soon, as she learns more and more all tears shall be wiped away from her eyes." Then I, too, awoke, but not to sorrow, but rejoice to know there is no death.

Mrs. Earith sends me a note with the names of 11 more members. I am sending to her their cards of Membership, which I hope will give them much pleasure.

PENDLETON, LEAF SQUARE.

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| 2458. Harriet Eachus. | 2464. Daisy Eachus. |
| 2459. Mary Eachus. | 2465. Florrie Peate. |
| 2460. Ethel Eachus. | 2466. Laura Peate. |
| 2461. Lizzie Eachus. | 2467. May Peate. |
| 2462. Maggie Eachus. | 2468. Olive Peate. |
| 2463. Rosa Eachus. | 2469. Nellie Barrow. |

Your loving sister, FLORA BELLE.

IN MEMORIAM.

LEAF SQUARE, PENDLETON.—On Friday, July 3rd, Sarah Kay, aged 16, daughter of our Conductor, J. Kay, passed away to the sweeter conditions of life than has been her lot to enjoy for many years, and we feel sure that her release from the sufferings she bore so patiently was most welcome. She was a Lyceumist, but, unfortunately, she became seriously afflicted, which necessitated her removal to hospital, and only quite recently her case grew somewhat hopeless, and after two weeks' illness, suffering from pneumonia, she passed away as above. The interment took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at Weaste Cemetery, Salford. The service at the grave side was conducted by an old friend and comrade, Miss B. Mack, whose remarks were deeply thoughtful and clear, and made a deep impression on the friends who had gathered together to pay their last tribute of respect to the body of the deceased friend. We beg to tender our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kay and family.—Mrs. EARITH, Sec.

GLASGOW (Waterloo Street).—With deep regret we have to announce the passing into the Spirit Life of Mr. John Guild (22) on Sunday, 12th July. For several years an active worker in the Lyceum, he possessed intellectual abilities of a high order, being of a thoughtful and studious nature. A promising earthly career has thus been cut short, and a valuable worker on this side lost to the cause.—J.M.S.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Sunday, July 19th, at Ramsden Street, Huddersfield. President, Mr. G. E. Baker, in the chair. There was only a moderate attendance of delegates. Returns shewed that there is a falling off in the average attendance. The demonstration balance sheet was duly accepted, but owing to the very wet day, receipts were practically nil, making a levy on each Lyceum of 7½d. per head. It was decided to have the banner repaired, which was torn with the wind. The evening meeting was conducted by members of the Council.

H. PEEL, Secretary.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, July 4th. Mr. J. Kitson was elected chairman. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The District Visitors and Lyceum Visitors' Reports were given and accepted; also Delegates Report of the B.S.L.U. Conference at Middlesbrough. The following resolutions were carried: That the Secretary write each Lyceum to urge their visitors to pay their visits more regularly. That a Field Day be held in 1909. That the next quarterly meeting be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 26th, at 3-45 p.m. prompt.

The following Lyceums were represented: Armley, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Heckmondwike, Leeds Psycho, Oriel Hall, Wakefield.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Council was held at Oriel Hall, Leeds, on Saturday, July 18th, Mr. Lee, (President) in the chair.

Resolved: That this Council forward, per Miss Mortimer, fraternal greetings to American Spiritualists and Lyceumists, also the best wishes to Miss Mortimer for a pleasant holiday.

Resolved: That Field Day be held on Whit-Monday, 1909.

Resolved: That Messrs. Hirst, Lee, Beety and Miss Hesp, be appointed to assist in re-opening of Rothwell Lyceum on Sunday, July 26th.

A. E. BEETY, Secretary.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, 27th June, at Middleton, Gilmour Street Lyceum, under the presidency of Mr. Heaton, of Oldham. The minutes were approved. The report of the Penn Street delegation was approved. The delegates report of the Conference was given, as was also the District Visitor's Report, and both were accepted. The various Lyceumists who have assisted at open sessions in the district are hereby thanked on behalf of the Council. Margaret Shepherd was awarded a prize of 2s. 6d. for her efforts in essay writing. A further competition is open to Lyceumists in the district under 16 years of age for the best essay on the subject, "How can I create more enthusiasm in the Lyceum"? Prizes of 3s. and 2s. 6d. will be awarded. All essays to be sent to the Secretary of the Council not later than the 19th September, 1908. It was decided to close business meetings at 8 p.m. The Council have refrained from interfering with the alternate movement in the calisthenics. The annual meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 26th September, 1908, at Coronation Street Lyceum, Oldham. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Middleton Lyceum and Society for their accommodation and entertainment.

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

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

District Visitors' Quarterly Reports

For the Quarter ending June 30th, 1908.

BOLTON DISTRICT.—There are six Lyceums in this district.

General remarks.—*Daisy Hill.* I found a slight improvement since my last visit. Reading and responses good. Owing to lack of room the marching and calisthenics are not seen to advantage. *Hindley.*—This Lyceum continues to improve. Reading and responses good. Singing hearty. Pearls and solos being a prominent feature. Harmonious session. *Horwich.*—This Lyceum has made rapid progress since my last visit. Reading and responses well rendered. Glad to see members of the Society taking an interest in the Lyceum. They have started a developing circle in connection with the Liberty Group. *Bolton (Bradford Street).*—Good sessions continue to be held. Harmony and good feelings reign in this Lyceum.—R. BILLSBOROUGH, D.V.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all having a Lyceum.

General Remarks.—*Yeadon.*—Though only small in number there is unity, which is strength. *Brad-*

ford (Ivy Rooms).—A very strong Lyceum. A good number of adults. Lacking in punctuality. *Cleckheaton* (Old Robin Street).—This is a very good Lyceum throughout. H. ALDERSON, D.V.

DERBY DISTRICT.—There are only four Societies in this district, all of which have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Derby* (Charnwood St.).—This Lyceum shows splendid progress, and is in a very healthy state. *Belper* (Jubilee Hall).—This Lyceum maintains its uniform excellence, being well officered. *Burton-on-Trent*.—I am sorry to report this Lyceum is not as good as it has been. I hope to be able to render a better report of them after my next visit.—ARTHUR HARDY, D.V.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.—There are eight Lyceums in this district.

General remarks.—*Halifax* (Raven St.).—This is a good Lyceum, being well officered, well conducted, and well attended by both young men and young women. *Halifax* (Alma St.).—This is also a splendid Lyceum in every respect, and is a credit to the cause.

I have approached the friends at Elland with a view to induce them to re-open their Lyceum, and offered to take a party of our Lyceum members to give them a good start, but my offer has not yet been accepted.—ALBERT BARRACLOUGH, D.V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.—There are 17 Societies in this District, all but three have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Wakefield*. There was a moderate attendance. The responses to the chain recitations were good, and the comments very instructive. *Castleford*.—There was a moderate attendance, but a deep interest was manifested throughout the session. Conduct very good. *Armley*.—The morning session was not so well attended as that of the afternoon. Both sessions were good. Conduct splendid. The lessons in the Liberty Group very interesting and instructive. Mr. R. Yates and myself addressed each session for a short time.—JAMES KITSON, D.V.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.—There are 14 Societies in this district, 11 of them have a Lyceum. One interview has been held and action promised.

General remarks.—Opened a Lyceum at *Runcorn* on April 26th, when 30 were present. On my second visit I found 36 present, and making good progress. *Cheshire*, 45 present, eight minutes late start. The quality of the reading and singing not so good as before. Three members of Liberty Group gave short addresses which were highly appreciated. *Southport* (Nevill St.).—This Lyceum still remains in a weak state, there being but 15 present. The Conductor is striving hard to keep the children together, but receives poor assistance from the elders. (*Hawkshead St.*).—An all round improvement, in fact it was the best session I have attended there. There were 26 present. *Warrington*.—50 present in the morning, and 49 in the afternoon. The reading was fair, the singing excellent; as were the responses to the Conductor's questions. Group lessons in the afternoon. *Seacombe*.—The Conductor is trying to encourage the children to take a practical interest in the sessions by allowing them to conduct. A girl and boy conducted very creditably. The responses were good. The elders should give explanatory remarks on the readings for the benefit of the children.—R. A. OWEN, D.V.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.—There are seven Societies in this district, and all but one have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Barrow-in-Furness* (Dalkeith St.).—This is a splendid, well officered Lyceum. I was glad to see the members of the other Lyceum (*Abbey Road*) present to assist in making the Anniversary a success. *Ulverston*.—This is a new Lyceum. I conducted their open session by request. The children did well. There was also a good attendance of parents and friends. *Millom*.—I am the conductor of this Lyceum, which is the smallest in the district. We joined in the Barrow and Ulverston Lyceum Demonstration at Furness Abbey on June 27th, and had a very enjoyable time.—REUBEN TYSON, D.V.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—There are 23 Societies in this district, 19 of them have a Lyceum. One interview has been held.

Blackburn (St. Peter St.).—This is a splendid, well officered, and well conducted Lyceum. The entire session was good. *Barnoldswick*.—This Lyceum has made great improvements since my last visit. I hope they will visit the members of the Lyceum who have lapsed and give them a hearty invitation to join them. *Blackpool*.—There is a lack of leaders here which reflects on the Lyceum. If more interest were shown by the elders this would be a splendid Lyceum. Arouse, ye friends, for the children's sake. *Burnley* (North St.).—A well attended and excellent session. *Preston* (Central).—This Lyceum is making rapid progress, and will soon be classed among the best. *Rawtenstall*.—This Lyceum is not so good as formerly. This used to be a well attended Lyceum. I was sorry to see a poor attendance. I hope it will regain its former excellency.—WILL EDWARDS, D.V.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all but one having a Lyceum. Loughborough society has promised to re-open theirs.

General remarks.—*Nottingham* (Mechanics' Hall).—I am glad to see Mr. Farneth in office again. Excellent order, good responses to the chain recitations, and also well rendered solos and recitations. *Hyson Green*.—This is a well conducted and orderly Lyceum. The sessions are very pleasing and instructive. *Alfreton Road* (Bretton Hall).—This Lyceum, although young, appears to be healthy. Mr. J. Gratton conducted a bright and cheerful programme.—J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—There are 18 societies in this district, 16 of which have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Rochdale* (Penn St.).—This Lyceum is a fairly strong one. Responses good, marching and calisthenics are capable of improvement. *Middleton*.—A good Lyceum, both as regards responses, marches and calisthenics, and conduct. *Dearnley*.—A very good session. This is a strong Lyceum requiring more room. *Oldham* (Elliott St.).—Good, healthy Lyceum, responses, etc., very good. *Oldham* (Coronation St.).—This Lyceum continues to be blessed with success. The remarks on the chain recitations are very helpful, and educational.—JOHN FROST, D.V.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Stockport* (Baker St.).—This is a young Lyceum, located in a big district. I look

to them blossoming out into a big Lyceum. There were 30 present. The chain recitations were good. The whole session was ably conducted. *Hyde*.—This is a good, well officered, all round Lyceum. Several new members have been enrolled, and good progress made.—W. H. POULTON, D.V.

TEESIDE DISTRICT.—There are six societies in this district, three of them having a Lyceum. An interview has been sought without success with the Society at Ferryhill. General remarks.—I am very sorry to report that the Spennymoor Society has collapsed, as such an event has made it impossible to re-open the Lyceum. I had an engagement to speak at Ferryhill, when I hoped to plead for the opening of a Lyceum, but the friends there were unable to hold their meetings as the hall had been let to an auctioneer. The Lyceum at *Sildon* continues to do good work for the education of the children.—HENRY JAMES, D.V.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district; 6 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—During the holiday season a number of Lyceums in this district, including the two in Dundee, are discontinued for a few months. *Glasgow* (Waterloo Street). Lyceum is steadily increasing in number. The officers have been reinvigorated by the presence of the National Union Conference. The average attendance is about 80. The *Paisley Road* Lyceum is also increasing in numbers, and maintain a good state of efficiency. Average attendance about 24. The *City Road* Lyceum is closed till September.

A. COWIE, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.—There are 18 Societies in this district; 12 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Monkwearmouth*.—I had the pleasure of opening a Lyceum here early in April. On a subsequent visit I found them doing well, under the conductorship of Mr. Crook, late of West Houghton, Lancashire. *West Pelton*.—In view of the cramped conditions under which this Lyceum labours I have to congratulate them on the efficiency of such portions of the programme as they are able to have. I hope to see them in a hall where they can hold their sessions without restrictions. *Benwell* (Co-op. Hall).—I regret to say this hall is closed, and the Lyceum is without a home at present. I trust, however, I shall be able to announce the re-opening of the Lyceum at the Benwell Progressive Spiritual Society. I have already pleaded with the audiences of the public meetings to this end. *Heaton and Byker*.—On my last visit the Lyceum took part in the opening exercises, but late comers filled up the benches during the 15 or 20 minutes of the session. This is a fault which I asked each one present to try and remedy, as it means so much in life if we cultivate habits of punctuality in our young days. *Gateshead*.—An interesting session was held on my last visit. I was well pleased with the forward movement in this Lyceum. *Newcastle* (Royal Arcade).—I regret to report the membership is small. What use to be a thriving Liberty Group, is now almost a thing of the past. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm which makes things "go." Excuse me spurring you up, brothers and sisters, but it is really necessary.

JONAH CLARK, D.V.

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 July 24th.

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 26th of Aug., to ensure insertion in the August issue.

ASHINGTON.—We celebrated our Anniversary on Sundays July 5th and 12th, when long and varied programmes were rendered, which evoked words of praise from our speaker, Mrs. Humes, of Newcastle, and Chairman, Mr. D. Robinson, of Bedlington. On the 12th, Mr. J. G. Grey presided. The solos, readings, marches and calisthenics, were all splendidly rendered. The late Mr. Alfred Smedley was described as being present, his face beaming with joy as he watched the children. The medium was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Miss Mamie Robinson on behalf of the Lyceum. The medium suitably replied. The chapel was filled on both Sunday evenings. Master D. Robinson, junior, was the accompanist.—MATTHEW REDPATH, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On July 5th, we held our monthly open sessions, recitations being given by Bertha Cottrell and Jane Yates. Readings by Mrs. France, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Beech. Also a number of Pearls. On Sunday evening July 12th, we had our quarterly open session, which was very well attended, and everything passed off satisfactory, especially the marching, and I would like to impress on every member, the necessity for the same attentions at every session. Recitation by Mabel Simpson, reading by Mrs. France, Miss S. J. Dransfield, and Mr. Harrington Beech. Also good number of pearls, and a few remarks by Mr. Mortin brought the session to a close.—ABRAHAM FRANCE, Sec.

BATLEY CARR (Carr Street).—Our sessions during the past month have been well attended, and highly enjoyed. The comments on the chain recitations have been both interesting and instructive to both child and adult. The Group lessons are much enjoyed, as much useful information is contained in them. The children are working hard to render assistance to the Society's Anniversary Tea on Saturday, August 22nd. Tea at 5 and Entertainment at 7 p.m. Services on the 23rd, at 2-30 and 6-0 p.m. Medium, Mrs. Wade, Bradford.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Sunday, July 5th, we held groups. Mr. A. Thompson, Liberty Group, and Mr. Reeves and Miss F. Inscoc the Junior Group. Mr. Thompson took for his subject "The Philosophy of Spiritualism," which was very much appreciated. On Monday, July 13th, we held the children's social games. Refreshments were provided for the children during the evening. On the whole it was a very pleasant evening. On Sunday, July 19th, we had Mr. Franklin of Bearwood to take the Liberty Group. He took for his subject "Nature," which was both interesting and instructive.—FREDERICK CHEW, Sec.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, July 5th, we held our 24th Annual Flower Services. An open session was held in the afternoon, the room being crowded to overflowing. After marching and calisthenics, Miss Nurse, of Rochdale, gave some encouraging remarks, expressing the thought that we should soon be first in the country. Several of our children gave songs and recitations, etc. In the evening we had a large congregation of adults in addition to scholars, each one being presented with a flower on entering. The platform being decorated with flowers and plants. After golden and silver chain recitations were gone through, Mrs. Nurse again addressed the audience. She spoke of our Lyceum motto (The children our hope). Mr. Moorey, our conductor, occupied the chair. Altogether a pleasant day was spent.—E. HOLDING Sec.

BRADFORD (Blanche Street).—The above Lyceum held its open session on Sunday, July 5th, in the presence of a good number of scholars and friends. Mr. Hargreaves conducted the session, and after the marching and calisthenics, the following took part. Recitations, Misses A. E. Leadbeater, L. Hargreaves, E. Leadbeater, Elsie Fallin, and M. Gornall. Solos were sung by Messrs Manchester and Bilsborough, and Miss E. Kneeshaw. A very good session, one that will long be remembered by the strangers present. We are still gathering in the children to the fold of spiritualism, and are meeting with success.—H. HARGREAVES, Sec.

BRADFORD, DUDLEY HILL (Tong Street).—A beautiful and harmonious open session was held on Sunday July 5th, when the following took part:—Trios, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Stebbins, Miss Siddle; Duet, Mr. Kitchman, Mr. J. W. Garrod; Solos, Mrs. Seed; Mr. Garrod; and Mr. Fearnley; Musical Reading, Misses Ida Fearnley and May Worsman. Recitations by Mrs. Gommersal, Masters Harry Platts, Alwyn Dennison and Miss Linda Johnson. Readings, Miss Louisa Rau, and Miss Mary Worsman. Addresses, Mr. Seed, Mr. Garrod. The Lyceum elders took the Society's platform in the evening.—HENRY BARNES, Sec.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—Glad to report increased attendances. Professor Severn has, after an interval necessitated by stress of business, recommenced his instruction lectures, having dealt this month with "Phrenology and how it may serve you," and "The Faculty of Language," both of which themes proved interesting and helpful. On Sunday the 5th, we were much gratified by a visit from Councillor D. G. Davis, of London, and shall look forward to his promised return visit. The recitations and responses, and social programme show improvement, a special word of praise being due to the members of the Band for their efforts. The following have also assisted to brighten the sessions, The Misses French, Bridgen, Maskell, Cager, Scoggins, Leach, Messrs Cager, Severn, Scoggins.—FRANK G. CLARKE, Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On July 5th we held our Anniversary Services before a moderate attendance. Mr. Sleigh, of Derby being the speaker for the day. On July 11th, we held our annual picnic which was held at Willington, in a field kindly lent us by Mr. and Mr. Astle of that place. Owing to the unfavourable weather the attendance was very scarce, but those who went enjoyed themselves in a first class manner. At 5-30 p.m., about 70 sat down to an excellent ham tea, which was provided for us by our Ladies' Committee. On July 12th we had an excellent attendance at the Lyceum, which I may say is improving.—H. BROWNHALL, Hon. Sec.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Saturday, June 27th, 1908, we had a ramble to Deepley Vale (poor Children's Holiday Home) Bircle. A party of 40 paid a visit to above, returning to rooms for refreshment and social. Some 60 persons attended the social. Profits to defray Whitsuntide expenses. On Sunday the 28th, we had Mr. J. McIntyre with us in the Liberty Group, dealing with Socialism. Animated and amiable interest being taken in the subject. Hope to have the favour again. Lyceum still maintains a fair average weekly attendance.—WM. FLETCHER, Assist. Sec.

CHESTER.—The first Lyceum Anniversary was held on Sunday, the 10th July. Mr. Hanson Hey conducted the services. Excellent addresses, recitations and songs were ably rendered by Misses Kate Davies, Annie Ellis, Mabel Williams, Florrie Rainford, Gladys Ellis, Lynda Priddey, Nellie Cain, and Gertrude Empling. In the afternoon the Lyceum Choir gave a service of song. The President of the Society, Mr. Grindley, jun., took the readings. Mr. F. A. Williams, Conductor, assisted by our late Secretary, Mr. Samuel Williams, presided. The afternoon and evening services were assisted by a string band, under the conductorship of our Choirmaster, Mr. A. B. Priddey. Mr. Muspratt presided at the organ in his usual able manner. The collections were in aid of the Annual Excursion.—ARTHUR WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

CLECKHEATON (Old Robin St.).—We held our tea and presentation of prizes on July 4th, when there was a good attendance. The concert consisted of a dialogue by 16 of the youngest scholars, entitled "The fairy ring"; and also a dialogue by 4 elders, entitled "Mixed pickles." The following presented best copies of the Lyceum Manual. Mrs. Wilkinson gave one to Master H. Walshaw, and one to Miss A. Dawson for best attendance. Mr. Whitehead one to Miss L. Thornton for good conduct. And the Lyceum presented Miss C. Collinson with one for best solo and recitation. The Misses Mangors gave an exhibition of Indian club exercises. On July 5th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, which was fairly well attended.—B. WALSHAW, Sec.

COVENTRY, FOLESHILL (Broad St.).—On Saturday, July 4th, we held our first summer outing. We went by brake to Stonleigh Deer Park, a place noted for its fine rare old oaks, and beautiful scenery, where 40 of us had tea. After which we indulged in games of various kinds, racing and rambles, when we came across about a dozen fine stags, which allowed us to approach very near to them. Mr. Councillor Grant, our president, went with us, and distributed sweets, ice cream, &c., everybody having a most enjoyable time. Thanks to all who in any way contributed to our afternoon's pleasure.—G. H. PRETTY, Conductor.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—During the past month our Lyceum sessions have been very encouraging, the average attendance being about 60. We have commenced to wear badges for each group, which look very nice, especially in the marching. We have also been pleased to welcome several visitors, which include Mr. S. Crutchley, of Birkenhead, on the 20th July, who kindly favoured us with a song, and at our evening service spoke very highly of the work done in our Lyceum, for which, as a body, we are very proud.—ETHEL LEES, Sec.

DUKINFIELD (Railway St.).—On Sunday, June 24th, we held our half-yearly meeting. The following officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. A. Hodgson; Assistant Conductor, Mr. J. O. Wrigley; Secretary, Mr. J. E. Haydock; Treasurer, Mr. J. O. Wrigley; Musical Conductor, Mr. A. Johnson; Guardian, Miss P. Harrison; Leaders, Messrs. A. Hodgson and J. E. Haydock, Misses G. A. Haydock and A. Hattersley; Captain of Guards, Mr. G. Nunn; Guards, Mr. R. Hall and Miss L. M. Haydock; Librarian, Mr. F. Bacon; Auditors, Messrs. W. Williams and A. Johnson. The Lyceum is progressing rapidly. The membership has increased during the last 3 months from 27 to 60 in number, and the average attendance for the last six months is 22.—J. E. HAYDOCK, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD (Westwell St.).—We held our open session on July 5th. The silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading was led by Miss Maud Cross, Miss Maud Barnes, and Master Arthur Eatough. The golden chain was led by Mr. Baxter. A recitation was given by Miss Doris Baxter. A song was given from the *Manual* by Miss Louisa Holt. An essay was also given by Mr. Simpson, on "God."—MISS MARY A. HOLT, Sec.

HEYWOOD (William Street).—On Sunday the 12th inst. we held our Anniversary Services. Mrs. Gardiner being the speaker. The children sang "Lyceum Anniversary Song" and "The World is full of Music." The choir sang the anthems "Seek ye the Lord," and "I will lift up mine eyes." The soloists were Miss E. A. Pollitt and Miss Bessie Spencer, and Mr. and Mr. Walter Chadwick. Mr. Granville Kay sang "Nazareth." The conductor was Mr. John Holt, and the organist was Mr. S. L. Mason, A.P.N.C.L. On Sunday the 5th, we held our election of officers, a full staff of officers being elected to do duty. On Saturday the 18th, we had a very enjoyable ramble to Chadderton Hall. We were joined by our Middleton friends.—H. CLOAD, Sec.

HUCKNALL (Watnall Road).—We are making steady progress here. Sickness among our scholars has reduced the attendance for a few weeks. On July 12th, we had Mrs. Foster, of Leicester, and on the 10th we had Mrs. Carryer. Both ladies spoke very nicely and encouragingly to the children, who are week by week learning the beautiful teachings taught by our spirit friends. The officers are cheered and encouraged in their effort. So with God's blessing on our humble efforts we are sure to win.—MARY A. COX, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter St.).—On July 5th, our Lyceum scholars supplied the day's services. The chain recitations and singing were well rendered. The following items were given: "Teasing Thomas," by Cassie Masheder; "The Robin's song," by Elsie Knight; "Willie Gust," by Alice Hurst; Frances Brandon and Minnie Blackburn also contributed to the programme. Misses Brandon and Brook gave a duet. In the evening Mrs. Barrow gave a solo, followed by an address from Mrs. Burton. Mr. Williams gave the clairvoyance. We brought a splendid day's services to a close by singing "Good night."—MONA BARROW, Sec.

HULL (Lime Street).—On Sunday, July 12th, we held our Lyceum Sunday which proved a great success. The children acquitted themselves remarkably well, and all seemed to enjoy the programme, which consisted of solos, recitations, and Lyceum hymns. The collections for the day amounted to £1 10s. 3d. On the Monday night we held a social, but owing to the unsettled state of the weather, many were prevented from attending, but I think most of those who came enjoyed themselves. The proceeds which amounted to 17s. 9½d. will

go to swell the funds for our trip to Hornsea on the 23rd of July.—ANNIE HOPWOOD, Sec.

JOHANNESBURG.—We held our monthly open session this morning (June 5th, 1908), with a large number of scholars in attendance. We have now about 35 scholars and always a few visitors. Recitations were rendered by almost every one. Songs were sung by Mildred Horne, Gladys Back and Deborah Gass, aged 8 years. Hilda and Winifred Back sang a duet, entitled "Sweet and low." Three months ago the President of the Society of Spiritualists promised to give a prize to the scholar who brought the most children to the Lyceum during the quarter. The prize was given this morning to a little girl, Minnie Jacobs, who has not been in the Lyceum very long herself. The Silver and Golden Chain Recitations were led by Mr. Cartwright, our Conductor. I remain, yours sincerely, GLADYS BACK, Scholar.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—We held our usual monthly open session on Sunday, July 5th, when the Lake Group provided the programme. Conductor, Miss Shackleton. Leader of marching, Miss Pollard. A duet was given by E. Rowley and M. Haliday. Recitations by A. Whitaker, M. Walker, M. Wright, and L. Hullah. The marching was led by M. Sumner and A. Whitaker. Calisthenics by M. Walker and E. Rowley.—E. SHACKLETON, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Sunday, July 12th, we held our Flower Services. In the morning before a good attendance of Lyceumists the distribution of prizes took place, our late conductor, Mr. H. C. Shackshaft presented the prizes with a few encouraging remarks to each scholar. After which recitations and solos were given. In the evening the Lyceumists took the platform, rendering songs and recitations from the *Lyceum Manual*. Mr. W. B. Wright gave a short address on Lyceum work, the following recitations and solos were given: Misses G. Hunter, F. Waterton, D. Goldsmith, L. Holt, Breward, M. York. Master Goldsmith. Master Herbert Hill at the piano.—JAMES BISHOP, Sec.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, July 5th, our Lyceum and Society held their first flower service. The hymns were sung very well, and the parts from the musical readings were read by Nonus Roberts, Elsie Dawson, and Ivy Bancroft. A recitation was rendered by Decima Roberts entitled "Where is Heaven?" and we received an encouraging speech from Mrs. Spittlehouse, the medium. The flowers smelled and looked beautiful, and we spent a very enjoyable day.—N. ROBERTS, Sec.

LONDON (Chiswick).—During the last month the attendance has been well maintained, averaging 35 per Sunday. Success has rewarded Miss Cole's (our Conductor's) efforts. We have now 3 groups, viz:—"Liberty" group with purple sashes and badges, "Excelsior" group with primrose yellow favours, and the "Fountain" group with red. The favours give an added interest to the children; besides making the Lyceum picturesque. The scholars' singing is much improved. Recitations freely given, Miss Cole having secured the help of Mr. Simpson for elocutionary training; which takes place with the sewing class on Friday evenings, and is well attended. The membership roll is being increased.—PERCY SMYTHE, for Sec.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On Saturday, July 18th, we had our annual outing to High Beech, Epping Forest. Although it was rather wet we enjoyed ourselves. We went to the house boat on the Connaught Waters. Owing to the rain we had our tea and races in the Rooserville Retreat.—ELLEN BARNES, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, July 19th, we had a very good session, there being a good number of members present. The silver and golden chain recitations being well responded to. Marching and calisthenics were fairly good, after which we went in groups. In the Liberty Group our Conductor read a paper which had been written (inspirationally) by one of the members of the Lyceum, entitled, "Help the little ones," which was very uplifting and inspiring to the members of the Group.—WM. ALBINSON, Sec.

MANCHESTER SOUTH (Princess Hall).—We held our half yearly election of Officers on July 5th, when the following officers were elected. Conductor, Mr. Hepton; Assistant Conductor, Miss E. Forrest; Secretary, Mr. Cridland; Musical Director, Miss Garner; Attendance card marker, Mr. Evans; Assistant attendance card marker, Miss B. Forrest; Leaders of marching, Miss E. Forrest and Mr. Cridland. Leaders of Calisthenics, Miss G. Roberts and Master R. Cridland; Teacher of Liberty Group, Mr. Hepton; Teacher of Lily Group, Miss Brazendale; Teacher of Snowdrop Group, Miss B. Forrest; Guardian, Miss G. Roberts; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Brayendale; Absentee Visitor, Miss E. Forrest; Financial Secretary, Mr.

Hepton; Lyceum Visitor, Miss Parker; Trustees, Mrs. Brazenale and Mr. Chappell; Treasurer, Mrs. Cridland. On July 16th, we introduced a new feature into our Lyceum.—A. CRIDLAND, Sec.

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—On Sunday, July 5th, we held our open session, when the following Lyceumists rendered recitations. Miss F. Horrocks entitled, "The Elephant and the Child"; Miss M. A. Schofield, "The Burial of Sir John Bull"; Miss E. Horrocks, "Wake up little Maiden"; Miss A. Simpson, "Life's Lesson." The marching and calisthenics were well done, under the conductorship of Mr. H. Bailey. Our friend Mr. Knott spoke a few words to the Lyceum. In the evening Mr. Knott opened with prayer and gave an address on "Spiritualism." Our local medium Mrs. Simpson gave good clairvoyance.—MISS L. DUNCALF, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On July 5th we held our open session. On the 12th, we held our Anniversary Services, when the Service of Song "In heaven's name" was nicely rendered. The songs and solos were rendered by the Lyceum members. They also gave the anthem "Consider the lilies." We had a fairly successful day. On Thursday the 16th, we had our annual summer outing to Plumtree. Unfortunately the day was wet, but all the children and about 20 adults were present. Mr. More, the owner of the farm, gave us permission to use both his barn and grainery, enabling us to keep dry. The children had their sports and races under cover, and so enjoyed themselves.—MISS E. H. YATES, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—June 28th was the day of our Anniversary which was listened to by good audiences both morning and evening. A short address was given at both services by our Conductor, Mr. Deakin, and Assistant Conductor, Mr. S. Farnath. Recitations were rendered in an efficient manner by Misses M. Bullivant, M. Vine, V. Rayner, E. Brown, T. Brown, E. Farnath, C. Randall, A. Brown, and Master H. Randall. Solos were given by Miss A. Rayner and Master H. Farnath, who also favoured us with a duet. Mr. J. W. Rayner who ably conducted, gave a fine selection on the Violin. On Sunday, July 12th, we received a visit from Mr. H. E. Clarke, our late Co-Lyceumist, and conductor of the Temperance Page.—LEWIS COOKE, Sec.

OLDHAM (Elliott St.).—Our election of officers took place on June 28th, when the following were elected. Mr. F. Shaw, Conductor; Miss Stott and Mr. W. Shaw, Assistant Conductors (re-elected); Mr. John Frost, Secretary (re-elected); Mr. A. Horsman, Assistant Secretary; Miss A. Stott and Joe Clayton, Guardians; Miss L. Benson and Mr. W. Shaw, Calisthenic Conductors (re-elected); Teachers, Mr. Slater, Mr. W. Shaw, Miss Holloway, Miss E. Worthington. We hope the above will work in harmony with each other for the benefit and success of the Lyceum. On July 12th, we held our open session, when Mr. Barnes, of Bury, was our speaker for the day. We had a splendid time, all passing off successfully.—A. HORSMAN, Assist. Sec.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, July 5th, we held our election of officers, the following being elected:—Conductor, Mr. J. Lister; Assistants, Miss Theresa Hodson and Joseph Leonard; Calisthenic Conductor, Mr. J. Leonard; Assistant, Miss J. Walker; Musical Conductor, Mr. H. Buckley; Liberty Group Leader, Mr. J. T. Standish; Librarian, Miss Lucy Booth; Guardians, Annie Walker, E. Greenwood, Albert Ogden and Cecil Bamford. On Sunday, July 19th, we held our good open session, marching and calisthenics being fairly well gone through. We still have the good attendance on this day; it is always a red letter day with us.—T. INGHAM, Sec.

PENDLETON (Leaf Square).—On Sunday we celebrated our sixth anniversary. We were pleased to have with us Mr. Kenyon, from Ford Lane, who spoke to the children from pearls rendered by them. Most of the children had some little duty to perform at the services, on this our day. Miss Nellie Dean, sang a special solo from the *Lyceum Manual*, entitled, "Shall we know the loved ones there." Master James Earit's officiating at the organ for each service. The recitations and pearls deeply interested the audiences. Mr. John Kay, our worthy conductor, distributed the prizes, each recipient, 30 in all, receiving a gem of thought worthy of their deep consideration.—MRS. EARITH, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—On Sunday, July 5th, we held our half yearly meeting for the election of officers, when the following were elected. Conductor, Mr. J. Weldon; Assistant Conductor, Mr. W. Brown; Guardians, Mr. T. Dixon and Miss A. Booth; Captain of Guards, Mr. J. Brown; Teachers, Miss E. Weldon and Miss E. Whiteley; Librarians, Miss M.

Kershaw and Miss N. Kershaw; Treasurer, Mr. W. Brown; Sick Visitors, Mr. J. Brown and Mr. W. Brown, Miss M. Cryer and Miss A. Booth; Musical Directors, Mr. E. Sander-son and Miss D. Dixon; Conductor of Calisthenics, Miss E. Bradbury.—JAMES WELDON, Sec.

SHAW.—I am glad to be able to report steady progress in our Lyceum. On Sunday, June 29th, we held our flower service. In the afternoon we had a most enjoyable open session, conducted by Mr. Taylor. Recitations were given by Albert Taylor, Harry Taylor, Greaves Taylor, Sam Brassington, J. W. Kenyon and J. A. Shepherd. Songs were given by Sarah Shepherd and Maggie Pears. The marching and calisthenics were very well done. Mr. Taylor gave a short address.—J. LEIGH, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—July 5th. Mrs. Johnson, who has been appointed one of the conductors for the next half year ably conducted. The readings and responses were rendered in a very creditable manner. Mr. W. C. Mason, in the afternoon gave a short address and delineations to the group. July 12th. The session was opened by Fred Smith who is one of our young and newly appointed conductors of great promise, who is not only willing to teach, but is willing to be taught. Mr. Mullett addressed the Lyceum on "Obedience," and cited a case where prompt obedience saved the life of a boy, and prevented the wreck of a train. He also addressed the group on "The wind bloweth where it listeth."—H. BOWMER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On July 5th, we held our open session; a moderate attendance. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in the usual able manner. The Lyceumists not responding so freely with items, our programme was somewhat shorter than usual. The following items were well rendered and very much appreciated:—Duet, "The Voyage of Life," ably rendered by Misses Alice and Hilda Wilson; recitations by Beatrice Beardoe, Mrs. Stevenson, Florence Vernon, and James Beardoe. I would now like to appeal to the elder members of our Lyceum in regard to attendance and trust they will make manifest their love for the Lyceum by their presence to take part in the sessions—especially the morning session—and thereby give the Lyceum a more encouraging aspect.—G. STEVENSON, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawshead Street).—On July 5th we held our Flower Service. There were flowers in great profusion, and the decorations, which were done by the members of both Lyceum and Society, were splendid. The services were conducted by Mrs. Cannock, of South Wales. The following recitations were nicely rendered: "The children's hour," by Miss Lucy Bolton; "Give the children bread," by Miss E. Bolton; "Edinburgh after Flodden," by Miss L. Blackburn; "Flowers," by Miss E. Beaumont; "In the Forward," by Mr. Burton. Madam Belle Guest also rendered solos, which were very much appreciated by the congregations. After the services the flowers were sent to the Children's Sanatorium.—NORMAN ARMITAGE LISTER, Sec.

STOCKPORT (74, Lower Hillgate).—The members and Lyceumists of the above Society had their annual outing to Reedsmere in char-a-bancs, accompanied by several cyclists. The weather was all that could be desired. The drive was through some of the most beautiful rural scenery in Cheshire. Owing to the kind forethought of our president, Mr. Reece, a good substantial tea was provided on our arrival. Before returning we had two hours to spare, which were spent by the children in pleasant games and rambles. We arrived in Stockport about 10 p.m., having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.—EUNICE BURGESS, Conductor.

TODMORDEN.—On Sunday, July 5th, we held our open session, when our newly-appointed Conductor, Miss Sarah Utley, gave splendid advice to the Lyceum scholars. Also the following items were gone through: Recitations, "The Skylark," Miss Bertha Lee; "My angel name," Miss S. Pellowe; "Beggar boy," Miss P. Luke; "The angel's mission," Miss N. Brand; duet, "Over the river of light," Misses Maggie Greenwood and Nellie Jones; song, "Invocation to angels," Master Ben Pellowe; duet, "Clap your hands for joy," Masters Fred Johnson and Wm. Sutcliffe.—MR. SAM W. GREENWOOD, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Wm. Clark, Secretary.

WEST PELTON.—On June 28th and July 5th we celebrated our Lyceum Anniversary. The first Sunday services were conducted by Mr. Dowell Todd, of Sunderland, and the second Sunday by Mr. Robert Major, of West Pelton. Each morning we missioned the streets. The Lyceumists sang special hymns and recited dialogues and recitations each afternoon and evening. I think everyone in connection with the Society and Lyceum tried their best to make the Anniversary services a success. Their services were highly appreciated by the audi-

ences. On Saturday, July 11th, the Lyceumists had a field day in the "Bottoms," where games such as cricket, football, skipping, etc., were indulged in.—F. JAMES, Sec.

WINDHILL.—We held our open session on Sunday, July 19th. We had a very good attendance. Marching was very nicely gone through, and readings were given by Mrs. Copley, "Live for something"; Miss L. Bentley, "Our May Queen"; Miss Stead and Copley recited the "Spiritual Ten Commandments"; Miss Daisy Butterfield recited, "Sulky Bessy"; Miss Maggie Butterfield, "The Overflow of Marinell." Mrs. Copley and Miss Copley sang, "Over the river." We brought our session to a close by singing 326 in "Lyceum Manual." And so "The Workers Win."—E. ROPER, Hon. Sec.

YORK (St. Saviourgate).—Through the kindness of Mr. B. L. Rowntree, we held our Annual Treat in the grounds of the Homestead, Clifton. The youngsters had a grand time on the large sea-saws and giant strides. A merry-go-round was also in use for the smallest children. Tea was served in the Pavilion at 5 o'clock. After tea sports were organised and much fun was created by the obstacle and jumble races. After the races the prizes were presented by Mrs. Skirrow, every child receiving some article or toy. Before leaving for home every child was presented with a packet of sweets, nuts, and a bun. The weather was bright and warm and the whole function was a great success.—CHARLES HALL, Sec.

OUTING AND PRESENTATION.

Favoured with glorious weather, July 25th was a day long to be remembered by every Lyceumist connected with the Leicester (Albion Street) Society. The locality chosen was a farm in the neighbourhood of Belgrave. After games had been indulged in a substantial tea was served, to which ample justice was done. Following the tea a presentation was made to Miss Emily Boshier, who in a few weeks will leave England to take up her residence in New Zealand. The present, which had been subscribed for by the leaders and members of the Lyceum took the form of a handsomely bound copy of the Lyceum Manual, together with a copy of the Spiritual Songster, both suitably inscribed.

Mr. Hurst, our enthusiastic Conductor, made the presentation. In a few well chosen words he eulogized the valuable assistance which had been rendered the Lyceum by Miss Boshier, who for many years has been an active worker and leader amongst us. He regretted exceedingly the loss we should sustain, but trusted she would carry with her many happy memories of the pleasant and profitable times spent together, and concluded by wishing her success in her new sphere of labour.

In responding, Miss Boshier thanked all who had contributed, sincerely appreciating the spirit which had prompted the gift. She gave delight to the Society by expressing her intention to keep in touch with members, though seas would divide, by means of correspondence.

After this ceremony more games and races took place, everyone present both young and old participating.

A large number of visitors were present and all united in their appreciation of the admirable manner the arrangements had been made by Mr. J. Hurst (Conductor), Mr. A. Hurst (Secretary) and their bodyguard of helpers.

A. HURST, Secretary.

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Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Abraham France, 174, Margaret Street.
Bacup, Market-street, 2 p.m. Mr. H. Salisbury, 8, Clay Street.
Barnoldswick, Market-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. R. Ashley, 18, Stuart Street, near Colne.
Barnsley, George-yard, 10-30 and 2. Mr. C. H. Scholey, 26, Blenheim Road.
Barrow-in-Furness, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 2. Miss F. Dobson, 28, Argyle Street.
Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mr. John Kendall, 31, Osborne Street.
Barry Dock, Newland-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward Road, Cadoxton.
Batley Carr, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Miss P. Mortimer, Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, Batley.
Belper, Jubilee-hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
Birkerhead, 161, Grange-road, 11 a.m. Mr. John Parry, 60, Chester Street.
Birmingham, Martineau-street, 11 a.m. Miss F. Davis, 77, Murdoch Road, Handsworth.
Birmingham, 52, Crawford-street, Saltley, 2-45. Mr. Fredrick Chew, 27, Ellesmere Road, Alum Rock, Saltley.
Birmingham, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire Road, Smethwick.
Blackburn, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. McKnight, Junr., 47, Bicknell Street.
Blackburn, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Ernest Holding, 46, Sandon Street.
Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. William Crichtlow, 69, Albert Road.
Bolton, Bradford Street, 10 a.m. Mr. John Flanagan, 97, School Hill.
Bradford, Bowling Back Lane, Blanche Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. H. Hargreaves, 3, Kimberley St., Leeds Rd.
Bradford, Carlisle Road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30. Miss A. Kewley, 143, Barkedend 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, Howldes 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, Stainton Street, Corporation Road.
Castleford, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. A. Attack, 100, High 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.
Dearnley, Rochdale-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Pinchbeck, 555, Halifax Road, Small Bridge, Rochdale.
Derby, Charmwood-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, Temperance 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. J. E. Haydock, 116, Turner Lane, 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, 236 Gt.-Western-road, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Sneadon, 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, 35, 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 Clea.
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. J. Bedford, 15, Ramsgate Street, Hanson Lane.
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 Snopce, 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. Horace R. Millar, 5, Eleanor Street, Millhouse.
Huddersfield, St. Peter-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Mona Barrow, Skilbeck's Yard, Lowerhead Row.
Hull, Lime-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Annie Hopwood, 5, Beaconsfield Avenue, Cornwall Street.
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 Home, P.O. Box 6209.
Keighley, Heber-street, 9-45 and 1-30. Mr. E. Shackleton, 11, Acra 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, Lancs.
Leigh, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Robinson, 14, Sefton Street, Lancs.
Lincoln, Exchange Arcade, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Nicholson, 45, Waterside, North.
Littleton, Well-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Lewis Westcott, 35, Flush, Heckmondwike.
Liverpool, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Millicent Clarke, 12, Osborne Grove, Everton.
Liverpool, Erskine Street, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Madge Parker, 2, Spofforth Road, Edge Hill.
London, Battersea, Henley-street, 3 p.m. Miss Sherman, 12 J. Peabody's Orchard Street, Westminster.
London, Brixton, 8, Mayal-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Walter Underwood, 127, Camberwell New Road, S.E.
London, Chiswick, W, 56, High-road, 2-45 p.m. Mr. E. Petit, 56, High Road, Chiswick, W.
London, Fulham, S.W., 25, Fernhurst-street, 3 p.m. Miss Kepple, 20, Lysia Street, Fulham Palace Road, Fulham.
London, Tottenham, 193, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss Ellen Barnes, 2, Laurel Villas, Felixstowe Road, Lower Edmonton.
Longton, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 95, Coronation Street.
Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10 a.m. Mr. William Albinson, 5, Bond Street.
Manchester, Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Lily Sims, 96, Cranworth Street, C. on M.
Manchester, Cheetham, Halliwell-lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Lee Williams, 86, Bellott Street, Cheetham.
Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Joseph Parkinson, 77, York Street, Moston Lane, Blackley.
Manchester, 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, 96, 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. Alfred Stringer, junr., 10, Grove Elace, Grey Street, Hardwick.
Manchester, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Cridland, 95, Alexandra Road, Moss Side.
Manchester, West Gorton, William-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. P. N. Humphreys, 3, Tiles Street, North Road, Longsight.
Middleton, Gilmour-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Lizzie Duncalf, 7, St. Leonard's Street, near Manchester.
Middlesbrough, Grange-road, W, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul's Road.
Millom, Main-street, 2-15 p.m. Mrs. E. Wilkinson, 41, Lonsdale Road.
Monkwearmouth, Calvert-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Robert Wardle, 8, Montague 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, Polinaise Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton & Byker, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. N. Gay, 112, Tynemouth rd., Heaton, near N/C.
New First, Miners' Hall, 2 p.m. Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde st., Hirst, via morpeth.
Nottingham, Brittain Hall, Alfreton Rd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Grattan, 210, Alfreton rd.
Nottingham, Hyson Green, Hawarden-terrace, 10-30. Mr. C. E. Sharp, 51, Gauntley st., Hyson Green.
Nottingham, [Mechanics Hall], Burton-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195, Wollaton st.
Nottingham, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartine-st., 2-30. Miss E. H. Yates, 1, St. Ann's Valley, Hungerhill rd.
Nottingham, Parliament-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Joseph E. Lester, 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.