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ONE PENNY.

"Seek and ye shall find."

BY CHARLES TABERNER.

CHAPTER IX. (Continued).

They remained talking for some time on various topics until they were called to dinner, and when Walter entered, and was placed by Mrs. Marsden, at her special request, she greeted him with a loving smile, which he was not slow to return. He had been attracted to this helpless woman, and felt deep pity for her because of her infirmity, and as he assisted her she became brighter, and joined in the conversation with more eagerness than had been the case with her on other occasions. This change was noticed with pleasure and joy by Mr. Marsden and Mabel, though they did not make any reference to it, or comment upon it.

When dinner was over, Walter led Mrs. Marsden into the sitting room, assisted by Mabel, and placing her in an easy chair, he turned to Mabel and requested her to play them something on the piano. She complied with his request and when she saw him take his place by her mother's side her heart went out to him in thankfulness and she let her fingers wander idly over the keys in a strange, unsettled way, as though her mind was far away. Then she broke into plaintive chords and wandered on into strange and weird melodies that caused her mother to exclaim, "Whatever are you playing, child?" She heeded her not, but continued in the same strain. Sometimes like the roar of a lion, then it would die away like the mournful sound of the wind as its force became spent, to again expand in power. The tension was beginning to tell on Mrs. Marsden, when Walter crossed over to Mabel and placed his hand upon her shoulder. She started and looked round at his touch. He seated himself at the piano and taking up a piece of music he placed it in her hand and begged her to sing it for him. He commenced to play the introduction to the song. Her voice shook with timidity as she began to sing, but quickly pulling herself together she lifted her voice and put her soul into the words she sang. As she sang, a strange feeling of gladness and peace stole over her, which caused her voice to ring out sweet and clear, while a deeper pathos was introduced which entered the souls of her listeners, and none were more affected than Mr. Merton. He had never before felt so deep an inspiration. His fingers seemed to be guided by some invisible hand, while he felt that he himself was almost lost to his surroundings, and that something in the internal depth of his nature had suddenly sprung into life. It was a strange, but pleasurable feeling to him, and when the song was finished and he turned to the flushed and excited singer to congratulate her on the song,

he felt sorry that it was finished and the spell broken.

"Sing that again, my child," requested the mother. "I never before heard you sing so well." "It is not the singing, but the playing, mother," she replied, "I felt like one in a dream and thought I was singing to a soul in darkness." Then she turned again to the piano to do her mother's bidding, when Walter said, showing much excitement, "I cannot again go through that piece. While you were singing these words, 'Mother, if thou in heaven canst hear thine orphan child,' you were indeed singing to a soul in deep distress. Oh that I might know that my mother lives and hears her orphan child lisping his simple prayer. But what am I saying? Forgive me."

"I am very sorry if my words have pained you," said Mabel, touched by his agitation. "Do not distress yourself, Miss Marsden. How could you know how the song would affect me? I selected it myself, and I would not alter it if I could. For a moment I thought I was listening to my mother's voice, and thought she was singing for me alone."

"If it would not pain you," said Mrs. Marsden, "I would like to know something about your mother. I am sure she must have been a good woman to create such a feeling of love as is clearly seen when reference is made to her."

"Thank you, Mrs. Marsden, for your generous words," he said. "Some other time I shall be pleased to speak to you of my mother. Now I cannot. I am too much affected." Then he hastily left the room.

Some time later Mr. Marsden found Mr. Merton patrolling the grounds with his head bent and his face pale and sad. "Why are you troubled like this?" he asked. "Why not give up and see the greater purpose of life. You miss much of the true beauty and cause yourself unnecessary pain and sorrow by refusing to admit the possibility of life after death." "You forget the difference in the two positions Mr. Marsden," he said sadly. "I have been cradled into the belief that death ended all things, and my nature has become firm in the belief that all we see has been, and is the outcome of chance. I must have something more substantial than theory or belief before I can admit in the least the probability of what you say."

"Why, tell me a little of yourself and your parents," Mr. Marston suggested. "It may be painful to you, but it will be a relief to have an exchange of confidence. I firmly believe that our first meeting, and your visit here is the outcome of those whom you term the dead. I am very sorry that you have lost your father. We little knew when we last parted how soon we should meet again. Now you need love and sympathy, and, by the help of God, you shall find that though you have lost your parents by death, you have found others who will try to fill their places. Accept

my deepest sympathy in your deep loss. We will not dwell upon this painful matter."

"I thank you for the kindness with which you have offered me your love and home," both of which I accept with thankfulness, replied Mr. Merton. "You speak truly. It has been, and is still a great loss to me. More perhaps than you think. But as you say, we will not dwell on it. You remember my words when last we met?" he asked, suddenly.

"You mean in reference to your intention to find proof of a future, or otherwise?"

"You have repeatedly spoken in a way which has led me to think you are a believer in the existence of such a state," Mr Merton continued. "If it be agreeable to you I should like to know on what grounds you build your faith. My father was a man without any creed or belief in a God or future, and he has impregnated me with the same views. But on his death-bed, he told me he had changed since my mother's death, and that he had seen and spoken with her. I cannot accept this as being true, and believe that he was deceived in his dying hours into believing something which had no existence in real fact. Yet it has placed one in the uncertain position of not knowing what to do or think in reference to their being life after death."

"My dear fellow, I pity you. I do not say this disrespectfully. We cannot certainly weigh, measure, or know the composition of life. Yet we can prove where life is not manifest at one period of the body's development, and yet have ample proof of its presence at another. This only proves that life was before the body, and we may safely conclude it will continue after the body dies. There is no waste in nature. The body dissolves into its various gases, but what becomes of life? What becomes of the intellect? What becomes of memory? These are all parts which leave the body at death. They must exist somewhere. Life is the God spark of our being, and being indistructable. It must live after the body has ceased to be. If all was the outcome of chance as you believe, how is it that chance only acted once, so far as creation is concerned? Why does it not act to-day? If it has acted once it can do so again? When did it cease operations in creating a perfect system which is beyond human comprehension because of the justness with which everything is regulated, and clearly betrays a master mind running through the whole, and a design so perfect that we are dismayed when we try to contemplate it. If all were the outcome of chance, we should have had no uniformity in the building of this beautiful world. But all would have been confusion. Look up to the sun and the starry world, and then look down upon the sea. Cast your eyes upon vegetation. Look upon the animal, and hear the bird sing upon the wing. Then look at man. He stands upon the summit of creation. Can you honestly say these are all the outcome of chance? No, there is too much wisdom shown in the creation, and can only have emanated from a mighty mind. Now we will see what Mabel and her mother are doing."

When they entered the sitting room, Walter went over to Mrs. Marsden and took a seat by her side. "Forgive me," he said, "for leaving the room so hastily. Your words touched me deeply. I love my mother

very dearly, though she is dead. Her memory remains, and is as sweet to me as though she was present here now."

"And why should she not be here where there is so great a love as is shown by you," she answered. "You look sad and troubled, and why should she not come to help you?" "That I cannot say," he replied, doubtfully. Your husband has been trying to show me method and design in our presence here. I cannot accept his view upon the matter, but still I am made more uncertain of the position I have hitherto occupied. The song which your daughter sang has touched something within me which is new to my nature, and which appears to have been sleeping before. I have heard the same song many times before. Yet never have I been affected as I was to day. Can it be possible, do you think, that my mother can have been here during the rendering of that song?"

"My dear boy," she said, feelingly. "You are a strange mixture. Your heart is asking a question which your head rejects. Your mother is present with you always. But your refusal to open the door of your soul when she gently knocks causes her to sorrow, and it is only on such occasions, as the incident of the song, when you are lifted out of yourself, that she is able to break through the material with which you are surrounded. How I wish I could bring home to you the positive assurance that she lives, and is present here now. But fear not. Seek earnestly and truly, and thou shalt certainly find what thou seeketh."

He crossed over to Mabel and asked her if she would accompany him to the post. "I want to wire Mrs. Williams that I shall not be home, and let her know you are safe," he explained. She readily agreed, with her mother's consent, and hurried to her room to prepare herself, and in a very short space of time she returned with a smiling face. "Why are you so sad, Mr. Merton!" Mabel asked when they were some distance on their journey. "Why don't you be cheerful and happy, like me? You give one the blues when we look upon your face. Do you ever smile?" she asked, roguishly, evidently determined to rouse him if possible. "A good hearty laugh would do you good. Now try if you cannot." While she had been speaking she had tried to imitate his look, but owing to the comical expression her attempt created, he was forced to smile against himself. "There," she cried, joyously, "that's better. You will make a sour old man, Mr. Merton," she said, tauntingly, "and I pity the poor woman who has the misfortune to become your wife."

"Indeed," he replied. "Perhaps you may some day become that unfortunate lady." "Ah, ah," she laughed, throwing up her hands in pretended horror. "You amuse me, Mr. Merton. Fancy me being tied to a sour old thing like you. No, thank you." "But I may change," he answered, gradually losing himself under this girl's banter, and becoming more like to her in his manner and speech.

"There is no cure for such diseases as yours. You are for ever lost," she replied, her face aglow as she saw the merry glitter in his eye, and she knew that her rouse was succeeding in rousing him from his dejection. She was playing a part, and so well did she carry it out, that he had become quite jolly when they arrived at the post office, and leaving her outside,

(To be continued).

Bible Studies, No. 15.

DANIEL A TRANCE AND CLAIRVOYANT MEDIUM.

In the eighth chapter of Daniel are recorded visions of a prophetic nature, which are evidently subjective, rather than objective, that is to say that the visions were mental pictures impressed on his mind by a spirit who evidently wished to foreshadow coming events, and so make his visions prophetic.

We gather from the 16th verse that there were two spirits concerned in these visions and their interpretation, one of which appeared to Daniel in the form of a man, who was evidently the angel Gabriel, instructed by another, a master spirit, which was not seen by Daniel, but he heard the commands which seemed to proceed from between the banks of a river called Ulai, now called Kerrah, which is in the province of Elam in Persia. For Daniel was in captivity. This voice commanded Gabriel to make Daniel understand the vision. Daniel was afraid as the spirit drew near to him, and fell to the ground, in a deep sleep, or trance. The spirit touched him and caused him to sit upright.

How very much like is Daniel's experience to that of some of our mediums to-day who have subjective visions of pictures, strange diagrams, symbols, and colours, and like Daniel, they often need the help of some one to explain them, for they often contain a prophetic meaning, or a secret message.

It appears, too, from the last verse of this chapter, that Daniel suffered from faintness after some of his visions, for he was sick for several days.

How often have mediums been made ill in the exercise of their gifts, sometimes by resisting the spirit who has been trying to control. And at other times by the presence of people who were antagonistic to the spirit manifestations, for antagonism sets in motion subtle psychic or soul powers which affect sensitive people and make them ill, and may even be so powerful as to stop all spirit phenomena. For this reason strongly biased people should not be admitted into the private circle, or even allowed to sit too near the platform during public service when occupied by a medium who is very sensitive. In such cases it is best to have the front seats filled with kind-hearted, sympathetic men and women, and so form a strong body-guard to protect and shield the sensitive from harm.

Mediums may also be rendered faint, and made to feel very unhappy, by members of the audience secretly clamouring for a test, for such strong clamorous desires from an audience register themselves on a medium's sensitive nature and cause them to feel ill, faint, and dissatisfied with their efforts, even when their descriptions have been good.

I am afraid that many old Spiritualists err most grievously in this respect, as they never seem to be satisfied in their desire for tests, tests, tests, instead of yearning for spiritual edification and upliftment, and thus set up conditions that would enable the controls to fulfil their mission of love, and impart a blessing to all, and leave a happy, joyous, contented feeling with their medium.

In the tenth chapter we learn that Daniel was in mourning for three weeks, during which time he took

very little food, and abstained from meat and wine, so that his body would be in a receptive condition. While standing, in company with others, on the bank of the river Hiddekrel, now known as the river Tigris, he saw a "certain man" (spirit) clothed in linen, whose loins were girded in fine gold. His body was like a beryl (a precious stone, of a green colour), his face was like lightning, his eyes like lamps of fire, and his arms and legs were the colour of polished brass (copper is perhaps meant, as brass was not known to the Jews). Daniel alone saw this strange spirit, for his companions were seized with a great fear and quaking, so they fled, and hid themselves. Daniel lost his strength and he fell with his face to the ground in a deep sleep, or trance, but by a touch of the spirit's hand he was made to rise on his hands and knees.

I am of the opinion that the majority of Christians, if they heard a medium describe such a spirit as having visited him, would come to the conclusion that it was none other than his satanic majesty—eyes like lamps of fire, arms and legs like copper, and a green body—no wonder his companions fled in terror and hid themselves. The majority of Christians believe that this was an angel sent by God to instruct Daniel in His Divine purpose. Is it not a pity that people will accept as divine what is recorded in the Bible, what they would look upon as of the Devil if recorded by a medium?

Then, again, the fact that Daniel alone was able to see this strange spirit, while those who were with him could only feel a presence of some awful power, should convince Christians that we may be surrounded with spirit people and not be able to see them unless we have the gift of the seer. This fact should cause them to be less sceptical, and less assertive that they could see a spirit if anyone else could.

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RE-OPENING OF ROTHWELL LYCEUM.

On Sunday, July 26th, Messrs. Hirst, Lee, Beety, and Miss Hasp visited Rothwell for the purpose of re-opening the Lyceum. There was not a large attendance of scholars, but it was felt that it would once again be an organised and helpful Lyceum. The visitors all made comments on the various recitations taken in the morning and evening sessions with helpful advice. The afternoon service was conducted by the above representatives of the Leeds Lyceum District Council, Mr. Lee in the chair. Messrs. Hirst, Beety, and Miss Hesp gave short addresses, pressing home the advantages of the Lyceum training, and Mr. Hirst also gave a few clairvoyant descriptions very clearly. At the evening service Mr. Lee again occupied the chair, and Messrs. Hirst and Beety gave short addresses to a very appreciative audience, Miss Hesp giving clairvoyance very satisfactorily. The day's services were brought to a close by a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Beety, Mr. Hirst supporting, to the local friends for giving us the opportunity of re-opening the Lyceum and the kindly manner in which we had been entertained.

A. E. BEETY.

Our Boys' Special.

MY BELOVED BANNERITES,—

This month I am supplying a second instalment of my "paper" on "How best to retain our young men and young women." Kindly refer to August number of *Banner* for first portion.

To emphasise this conception, we encourage the exercise of the functioning powers of the mind, unhampered by Creed, and unstunted by Dogma, but judiciously insisting on the due observance of a "set of principles" which we judge to be eternally good; around and upon which we conclude, all our thoughts and acts should centre, to the ultimate happiness of all. We further claim,—which is novel in the Sunday school *regime*,—that the healthy and orderly development of the body is essential to the fuller expression and advancement of the mind, or soul-nature in man, and as a hint to the fulfilment of this needful state, we introduce in our Session a series of marching and calisthenic exercises, which are meant to be at once helpful and attractive, in producing an orderly and graceful balance of our bodily forces.

This feature alone, may, in some degree, be capable of influencing even young men and women to become interested in *our* school, for, apart from the variety, which such feature lends to our session, there is a present perceptible utility in the exercise. Although we may congratulate ourselves on the beauty and breadth of our Lyceum text-book,—*The Manual*—it is still a fact patent amongst us, that even our general *curriculum* in its application, fails to secure us against a serious disinterestedness, attended with loss of some of our older members, whose time, after eighteen, nineteen, or twenty years of age, seems to be fully occupied with important duties elsewhere, that they cannot longer pay much, if any attention to the Lyceum.

Some excuse for this desertion may be found in the general assumption by adults, that the Sunday school is but the kindergarten of Sectarian Religion, where the child-mind is led to accept with unquestioning grace, the faiths of its parents, and thus perpetuate a theory of life, act, and sequence, which a stereotyped dogma dictates, and which has, alone, the qualification of age, to demand veneration.

That this is the attitude of thousands around us, is undeniable; young men and women who have contracted a notion that to remain any longer in the Sunday School is but to publicly advertise their inability to think unaided; to be still *children* in the most narrow and dependable sense in which that beautiful word may be defined.

Assuming that we are met with this argument by those youths and maidens who are being attracted out of a personal friendship, or perhaps, through mere curiosity "just to see what *our* school is like"—are we not in duty, bound to offer some justification for our School's existence—some reasonable evidence to show that our visitor need not fear to

renounce the popular "notions" concerning the "Religious Kindergarten—to show that on the strongest microscopic examination of our conception and interpretation of spiritual law, there is *no age limit*, where a secession from the Sunday School reveals the acquisition of Manhood or Womanhood, and dignity. Our first aim, then, it would seem, in order to secure the ultimate object of our "paper" is to destroy the idea, or even the inclination to believe, that we can grow too big, too old, too dignified, too *manly* and *womanly*, for our Sunday School or Lyceum.

To help us in this task, we can draw unceasing inspiration to effort from the beautiful philosophy of Spiritualism, as set forth in the readings and responses, songs and recitations, inserted in the *Manual* for our edification.

In these we may readily discover how much even the most advanced amongst us, from an ethical and Spiritual point of view, have yet much to learn concerning that wonderful demonstration we call "life," and how necessary and advisable it is that we should seek to be of service either in receiving or distributing those blessed inspirations which will help us to enlighten each other.

Even though we shall succeed in assuring our youths and maidens that we fully appreciate their presence in the School, and assure them of their utility to us in furthering the scheme of our mutual unfoldment,—our work is not complete.

Then it is, I think, more than ever necessary to realise that, in order to retain the interests of those whom our methods or philosophy have attracted, we should spare no effort to secure the all-round harmonious development of our young folks.

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The correct solution to last month's puzzle is "Do Good." (S.C.R. No. 69). Forty-one correct replies have been received.

LIST OF WINNERS—MERIT CARDS SENT.

Polly Fox, Blackpool; John Cartman, Blackpool; Albert Caville, Blackburn; Robert Rostron, Bolton; Dora French, Brighton; E. J. Barnes, Bury; Wm. Fletcher, Bury; Joseph Wood, Bury; Clara Woodcock, Burnley; Arthur Woodcock, Burnley; Bertha Penney, Burnley; Leonard Whitehead, Cleckheaton; Wilfred Bowes, Colne; Lily Wolstenholme, Gorton; Jennie Russell, Glasgow; F. Baldwin, Halifax; Lily Snape, Hollinwood; Ernest Stevenson, Heeley; Herbert Midgley, Keighley; Alice Askew, Lancaster; Lily Drieselman, London; E. Daisy Roche, London; M. Holland, Longsight; Dora Parker, Manchester; M. Harrison, Manchester; Florence G. Gate, Middlesbrough; Valentine Smith, Middlesbrough; Thomas H. Wells, Middlesbrough; Sydney Stables, Nelson; Walter Boden, Nelson; M. Hargreaves, Nelson; Ellen Rickard, Openshaw; Edward Owen, Pendleton; A. Hague, Rotherham; Gilbert Hirst, Saddleworth; Harry Wright, Sowerby Bridge; Amy Heslop, Stockton-on-Tees; Laura Heslop, Stockton-on-Tees; Ruth Turner, Todmorden; Elsie Everett, Wolverhampton; Frances Pearson, York.

PUZZLE FOR SEPTEMBER.

(Open to all Lyceumists).

In our Musical Readings we frequently find

Advices to help us, and keep us in mind
Of the many good things we ought always to do
If we to our teachings are faithful and true.
One such Musical Reading, (you each may depend),
Contains good advice, which, if followed, will tend
To produce the reforms that we need in this age;
The Motto appears just eight times on one page,
In the title are twenty-two letters, I see,
And the 'capitals'—W, R. U, N, and G.
So write out your answer distinctly and neat,
Then post it to F. Hepworth, Rockcliffe Street,
And should your solution prove really correct,
A beautiful "Merit Card" you may expect.

Send solutions not later than September 18th, to

Yours lovingly, FRANK HEPWORTH,
127, Rockcliffe Street, Blackburn.

Bluebell Guild.

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I am pleased to be able to meet and greet you once more. I hope you all have enjoyed your holidays and feel much better for them.

Miss Ethel Everett, of Wolverhampton, sends me the following report of their outing:

"I'm sure you will be pleased to hear from me. I want to tell you how very much we all enjoyed ourselves at our annual outing. We went by boats to Stretton, near Brood, and spent a most enjoyable time. It was delightful. There were swings, races, see-saws, skipping, and also football, which was all thoroughly enjoyed. Then tea was served in the open, to which we all did justice. Much credit is due to the Misses Whitehouse for the splendid way in which they catered for our needs, ably assisted by the friends, who helped to make all so very happy."

Thank you, Miss Elsie, for your nice letter.

Miss Russell, of London, has sent me a nice appreciative letter of our Guild, and expresses a hope "to visit our part of the country and see something of Lyceum work." I am sure we shall all accord her a hearty welcome, and shall be glad to make the acquaintance of the author of "The White Rose" and the "Blue Robe."

"Uncle John," in sending me the following account of his trip, says: "I am sending you this account as an encouragement to other Bluebells to write accounts of how they have spent their holidays, for I think such articles in the BANNER would be both interesting and instructive."

MY VISIT TO EDINBURGH.

I thought I would like to have a trip to Edinbro', and determined to go by boat. It sailed at night, which was fine, and also the sea was calm. On coming on deck at daybreak I saw one of the loveliest

sights possible. The sun, shooting forth its beautiful rays over the sea, made one exclaim "How beautiful are the works of God!" Soon after we sighted a large rock, very high, a few miles from the land; and learnt it was Bass Rock, at the entrance of the Firth. There is a lighthouse, and the rock proved to be the refuge of countless sea-birds, for, on the captain's blowing the fog-horn, thousands of them, startled, flew out, darkening the sky for a moment, but soon settling down again.

We soon reached the docks and then went by land to Edinbro'. I visited Holyrood Palace on my way. It is the ancient residence of the Scotch sovereigns, and on the walls is to be seen life-sized oil paintings of them. We were allowed to visit different rooms and the stairway, and we saw some old furniture, though we could not approach it, as a rope prevented us.

After, I went into the Museum, which reminded me of Noah and his Ark, for there were two of many species of animals, viz.: the skeleton, and also the stuffed body of one.

From there I walked to the Castle by way of the parade ground, where I saw monuments of officers and men who had fallen in battle.

I then saw the Castle, which commanded a good view of the city, for it is built high upon a rock.

I was most interested in the Crown Room, where all the Regalia of Scotland may be seen; this includes Mary Queen of Scots' crown, shown in a glass case. I also saw cannon, guns, etc., taken from the enemy in war.

The soldiers have a plot of land near the side of the Castle facing Princess Street. Here they keep their pet dogs, etc. This fact pleased me, for it showed that soldiers too love animals.

I walked then through Princess Street, which is said to be one of the finest streets in Great Britain; and really its gardens are beautiful. The monument of Sir Walter Scott and the Floral Clock are well worth a visit.

I think I have now told you the chief points of my visit, and so good-bye for the present. UNCLE JOHN.

Miss Dora Parker sends me a nice letter in which she encloses the names of five new members for our Guild. The names have been duly enrolled, and membership cards sent. I hope our young friends will like them and try to carry out the rules.

I am sorry, dear sister Dora, I was unable to use your verses, as they were not up to our standard for publication. Your loving sister, FLORA BELLE.

MANCHESTER, PRINCESS ROAD LYCEUM.

2470 Frank Salkeld. 2472 Mabel Salkeld.
2471 Charles Salkeld. 2473 Roy Salkeld.
2474 Gladys Salkeld.

"The Cloud of Witnesses, and the Altar of the Home," price 6d., by G. Wheeldon, the "Belper Press," is the title of a well-written, and clearly printed pamphlet, containing a number of messages from spirit people. The following are a few of the names appended to the messages: C. Bradlaugh, Lord Randolph C—, Prince Henry of B—, Lieutenant Roberts, and Mrs. E. H. Britten. The contents are of a spiritual and elevating character.

Lesson Plan for Sept., 1908.

By JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn
Sept. 6	379	349	237	132	396
" 13	391	385	222	144	390
" 20	372	337	217	107	359
" 27	368	94	205	117	365

PEARLS.

- Sept. 6th—"Steady employment is the best panacea for impure thoughts."
 " 13th—"Life is not so short but that there is always room for courtesy."—*Emerson*.
 " 20th—"Some people are doing nothing to-day, but they hope to move a mountain to-morrow."
 " 27th—"It is not what he has, nor even what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is."

LESSON PHOTOGRAMS.

Sept. 6th. 132. *Manual*.

- I. How to know a wise man.
- II. The futility of being envious, &c.
- III. Describe True wisdom.
- IV. Lessons to be learned from I. II. & III.

" 13th. 114. *Manual*.

I. CONTRASTS.

THE TRUE.	THE FALSE.
Sweetest and best of all things	The Worst of all things
Noblest " " "	" Basest " "
Grandest " " "	" Meanest " "
Purest " " "	" Foulest " "
Most beautiful " " "	" Ugliest " "
Wisest " " "	" Most foolish " "
Rarest " " "	
Most pleasing " " "	the Most distressing

- II. The lesson contained in the reading is epitomized in the poem by H. Bonar. No. 25.

Sept. 20th. 107. *Manual*.

SUBJECT: THE KINGDOMS OF NATURE.

- I. *Mineral*. Name of the solid products and chemical affinity, such as stones, ores, salts, etc., found, or existing on or in the earth. The science which investigates these properties and affinities, and the composition of bodies is called Chemistry.
- II. *Vegetable*. A plant, especially such as are used for food; an organized body, destitute of sense and voluntary motion. That branch of natural history that treats of plants and their classification is called Botany.
- III. *Animal*. A being with an organized body, endowed with life, sensation, and spontaneous motion.
- IV. *Human*. Belonging to mankind; having the qualities of a man. The science of the functions of all the different parts or organs of animals or plants is called physiology.
- V. *Spiritual*. Consisting of spirit; incorporeal; pure; not fleshly.

FORMATION OF THE PYRAMID OF EXISTENCE.

Base of the Pyramid, the Mineral Kingdom

First step " " Vegetable "

Second " " " Animal "

Third " " " Human "

The Apex " " " Spiritual "

Through which the evolution of man is determined, and his relationship to all nature manifested.

Sept. 27th. 117. *Manual*.

- I. Questions: What are Precepts.

" is Spirituality.
 Define Spiritual riches
 and Spiritual Poverty.

- II. Training of children in Spirituality a great necessity.

Refer to the Nazarene and quote his words in reference to children.

- III. Compare the precepts given in the Bible, the Talmud, and the Koran, and finish by making a special point of the last sentences of the reading, viz., "The best preacher is the heart. The best teacher is time. The best book is the world. The best friend is God."

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN APOLOGY.

To the Editor of the Lyceum Banner.

This is to certify that it was I, and not Mr. Lawrence Tattersall the Secretary of the Burnley (Hammerton Street) Lyceum, that has defrauded the Lyceum Secretaries at Middleton, Preston, Accrington, Skipton, and Todmorden, of various sums of money under the pretence that I was the above-named person; and also, that I have appeared before the Committee of the Church, after having been identified by the Secretary of the Todmorden Lyceum from among many others, and agree to repay all the sums of money borrowed, and all expenses incurred by the above Society in their investigation for the culprit, and have tendered my apologies to the above Mr. Tattersall and to the above Society, and also to all that I have defrauded, and agree that this shall be published in the *Two Worlds*, and the *LYCEUM BANNER*, as a warning to others.

(Signed), H. F. GRIFFON.

Aug 24th, 1908.

A LYCEUM CIRCLE.

To the Editor of the Lyceum Banner,

DEAR SIR,

I notice in your notes and comments for August, a suggestion that Lyceum Circles be formed for Lyceumists only. I think it would be a good thing if Lyceums would adopt it, and that such circles be held on some evening during the week. I think it would do good for the Lyceum in more ways than one, and bring about a more harmonious condition, and enable those who have gifts, but lack opportunity to develop, a chance of unfolding their spiritual powers. The small charge suggested would hurt no one, and recoup the Society for gas and fire when such were needed. I hope abler pens than mine will take the matter up.

AN ASPIRING LYCEUM WORKER.

The Wisdom of Self-Knowledge.

*An Essay delivered to the Liverpool Daulby Hall
Lyceum by W. J. Adamson.*

Man is a complex subject! In fact, nobody has successfully defined what man is. Man is the sublimest of studies, and, since we all differ in temperament, capabilities, aspirations, and indeed in everything, it is our duty to become acquainted with ourselves to learn what are our vulnerable points, to observe our powers, and by what temptations we are beset, and by what evils most easily overcome. I consider this to be the first step towards realising our highest ideals.

It has been the endeavour of all those whom the world has revered for superior wisdom to persuade man "to know himself." Ample illustration of this is afforded by the fact that the ancient orientals were adepts in astrology, and the Mental sciences generally. Even at the present time, astrology and similar studies are much in vogue. This tends to prove that man desires more information regarding himself.

We are much influenced by heredity, our natural, and acquired circumstances, environment, parental control and influence, idiosyncrasies, fads, planetary ascendants, and so forth. But not entirely so, as our lives are in our own hands, and we must make the best use of the time at our disposal.

Will-power and the intelligent control of thought should play the major part in the moulding of our nature. Mind is all-powerful, and a strong will, backed by tact and sound judgment, will surmount almost any difficulty. Thought precedes action, that is, we must think well in order to act well. It might be compared to an "ideal," the ideal being the real, its outcome is the manifestation of the real. The same with thought: we plan, that is, mentally construct our work, and then we utilize our will-power in order to make our thought material, the result being the manifestation of our original intention. Intention is the abstract, manifestation is the physical expression of the intention. All things may thus be ascribed to one source, namely: thought.

Let us, therefore, commence by constructing some aim in life—"an ideal," then we must manifest its reality. The first step is to conquer our weakness, to put back tendencies and temptations which may influence us towards evil. Each triumph over our failings makes the next encounter easier, and in time we will take a pleasure in overcoming wrong desires. They will appear to be common-place events. But unless we firmly decide to put aside that which is detrimental to our progression, we cannot expect to successfully reach the goal of our ambitions.

If we notice carefully, we find that whenever we give way to wrong, or indulge in anything not strictly within our code of right and wrong, we frequently experience some slight reverse by way of retribution for the wrong we have done. I do not mean to convey the idea that all adversity is the

outcome of wrong doing, by no means, for such an idea would be unjust, as punitive drawbacks may not affect our material affairs, they may appear in other directions.

When we remember that all our spiritual aid and guidance are governed by the trend of our thoughts on the principle that "like is attracted by like," the natural conclusion to be drawn is that wrong doing is detrimental to our intellectual advancement, and our "ideals" suffer accordingly. If we endeavour to elevate our thoughts, we attract the noblest and most exalted influences, both from our fellow mortals, and our spirit friends.

We are all more or less magnetic, all those on the same plane of intellect as ourselves are susceptible to our attraction,—"birds of a feather, flock together," therefore by improving our minds, we attract those of superior intellect, and each effort for betterment helps the next effort, because we attract as we advance, and differentiation of thought creates new thought, and such creation mutually benefits the mental affinities concerned in such creation, thus aiding our process of evolution.

We should study ourselves, as a first essential to the study of all things, and so powerful is the mind if properly developed and trained, that by looking within ourselves, and concentrating, we can attract all the knowledge we desire, in fact, we have within ourselves infinite possibilities if we can only realise it.

It is evident that to reach the apex of our ambitions, it is essential that we minimize our imperfections and unpleasant and objectionable characteristics, otherwise we cannot satisfactorily realise our ideals, as each flaw we possess increases our burden.

In conclusion, I would like to say, that NOW is the time to act. When we feel a desire for better conditions, to live better and more careful lives. It is the voice of the soul whose growth and unfoldment, is stunted in so many instances.

"DO IT NOW."

A CHILD'S MISSION.

What would the angels have us do
Little girls like me and you?
Can *we* do good, as our parents can
Working for truth and the good of man?

Can these hands that God has given,
Help to make our earth like Heaven?
Will *our* simple words of cheer,
Check, or dry the mourners tear?

Can *we* spread our noble cause,
And teach the people nature's laws?
Will angels *help* us if we try,—
Our loved ones who are ever nigh?

"Yes," comes the answer loud and clear,
"We'll help each one now gathered here:
We love to hear your voices sweet;
We love to guide your little feet."

With this assurance from above,
Willing hands and hearts of love,
We'll try to make this earth more bright,
And build in heaven a home of light.

MRS. E. MOULD, Stockport,

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Several correspondents have written grateful letters for the suggestions made in our notes of last month, and asked us to continue the same. As our esteemed contributor, Mr. Hepworth, is dealing with the subject, we prefer to allow his articles a free field, to which we wish to draw our readers' careful consideration.

It will be seen elsewhere, that several Lyceum Secretaries have been imposed upon. Some of them appealed to us for advice and protection. Our advice was, *and still is*, in all cases detain such persons until a reply telegram has been despatched to the address given to ascertain if they are speaking the truth. If they are honest it will do them no harm to wait for the necessary reply. If they are imposters they will be detected, and you will be saved from being imposed upon.

For several years now the Lyceum at Johannesburg, S.A., has been a financial member of the Lyceum Union. Our readers will be interested to learn that the Lyceum at Wellington, N.Z., has decided to join the Lyceum Union. The Lyceum at Auckland, N.Z., affirms its intention of doing likewise.

The Lyceum Union extends the right hand of fellowship to all Lyceums, and desires to unite them in one grand bond of Brotherhood the better to carry on the grand aims and objects of the Lyceum movement. The time will come when there will be an International Conference held every ten years.

The Sheffield (Balaclava Road) formerly the Langsett Road Lyceum, has been successfully re-opened, and have decided to renew their membership with the Lyceum Union.

The Benwell (Newcastle-on-Tyne) Atkinson Road Society, have taken over the Co-operative Hall, and re-opened their Lyceum on August 9th, when over 30 were present. As the Co-operative Hall is much larger than their old one they are hopeful of building up a good, strong Lyceum.

Madame Estella Johnson has also opened a Lyceum at Cochran Street, Benwell, about ten minutes walk from the other one, and her efforts are meeting with a fair amount of success. It is the intention of both Lyceums to join in the Union when the Executive meet in October next.

The East London Spiritualists' Association (Stratford Centre), Workmen's Hall, Romford Road, have decided to start a Lyceum on August 30th, or Sept. 6th. We are glad to see these signs of a general awakening of Spiritualists to the children's moral and spiritual welfare. Too long have the innocents been sacrificed to the God of Indifference.

Our contemporary, *Light*, for August 22nd, contained an excellent letter recording communications from children in spirit life. The information given is in full agreement with the golden chain recitation No. 139, and must be comforting to the mourners' hearts, whose appeals for such information have appeared in *Light*.

Mr. R. A. Webb, Blackburn, desires us to record his appreciation of Mr. McPherson's verses on "The Skylark," which appeared in our last issue. He says:—"Glasgow Lyceum ought to feel proud of such a member!" We believe they do, and justly so.

Mr. Dan Fisher, of Birmingham, has hit upon a new plan for inducing children to read the *Lyceum Banner*, namely, to buy from them, at full price, all well-read copies. By this means he hopes to induce the Lyceumists to make themselves fully acquainted in what is taking place in the Lyceum movement.

The following medical testimony to the valuable effect of calisthenics, with musical accompaniment, is worth noting. If a cure by it is so valuable, how much better and cheaper is prevention!

The Gartloch Asylum committee have agreed to the Medical Superintendent giving a twelvemonths' trial to the teaching and practice of calisthenics, with musical accompaniment. In a report to the committee, Dr. Parker says that for many years the use of gymnastic and calisthenic exercises, to promote development and assist training in cases of mental arrest, has been recognised as of service. Physical drill, especially with musical accompaniment, has been long used in the training and education of imbeciles and weakminded persons, but physical drill has been little used in asylums for the insane. Many asylum inmates, however, are cases of arrested mental and physical development, and likely to be benefited by the same treatment as imbeciles. It is generally conceded that in improving the physique of the body, the mind is acted on favourably; but this is not all, ordered and rhythmic movement and music tend to soothe excitement, and bring those submitting to their influences into greater harmony with their environment for the time being, and give them an interest which is not self-centred. In submitting to the discipline of the drill, the first steps towards improvement are unconsciously made. A single good recovery by this means, Dr. Parker adds, would pay for any outlay.

Are we what we make Ourselves?

By MISS THERESA ROBINSON.

Read before the Manchester, Princess Road, Lyceum Liberty Group.

According to many Spiritualists' views we are not, nearly everything is put down to the spirit world, especially anything that is good. Most of the lectures and addresses are supposed to be given by some spirit, through the organism of a medium, and I have noticed that if a lecture given through one medium happens to be a good one it is the control that gets the credit. But if another medium gives a lecture (also under control) and it is not satisfactory, then, of course, the medium is at fault. To account for this, perhaps it will be said that "like attracts like," or, that if a person does not live a spiritual life here, we cannot expect to hear a spiritual address through the organism of that person, but if we judge by the Spiritualists' teachings there should be no partiality shown on the part of the spirit friends. Why should a good and holy spirit not control a bad person here? Or, why should a bad spirit not control a very good living person here? My idea is to be what we make ourselves, to use our own intelligence, and develop our own reasoning faculties, and not to depend on our spirit friends too much, for are they not just as liable to make mistakes as we are ourselves? We are helped, certainly, by our spirit friends, for which we ought to be thankful, but is it not sufficient to call upon them for help when necessary, instead of relying on them always? We are to live our own lives. Then does it seem natural that those friends who have passed on should come and take possession of our bodies and get the credit which we hitherto should have earned if we had only used our gifts of intelligence and reasoning faculties? We have only the same chance as those who have passed on before us, and it is our own fault if we do not live a satisfactory life, for we all have the choice between good and evil. I do not think we ought to come back and use another person's body, also their strength and energy, to make amends for our past life, for we are taught that "each one must live out a life of his own," and if someone else is for ever trying to use our minds and bodies, how can we live it out? and how are we to learn the true natures of people with whom we come into contact if such people are all influenced?

No; I think the right thing is that as far as we can, we should live according to our lights, with the spirit friends there to guide and help us only when we find ourselves too weak at any time to resist temptation. We should take the blame for our own wrongs, but also be given the credit for the good we do.

UNITED LYCEUMS' DISTRICT COUNCIL.

May I remind all District Councils that the Annual Meeting of the above will be held during November, and that all notices of motion must reach me not less than 21 days prior to date of meeting, which will be announced later.

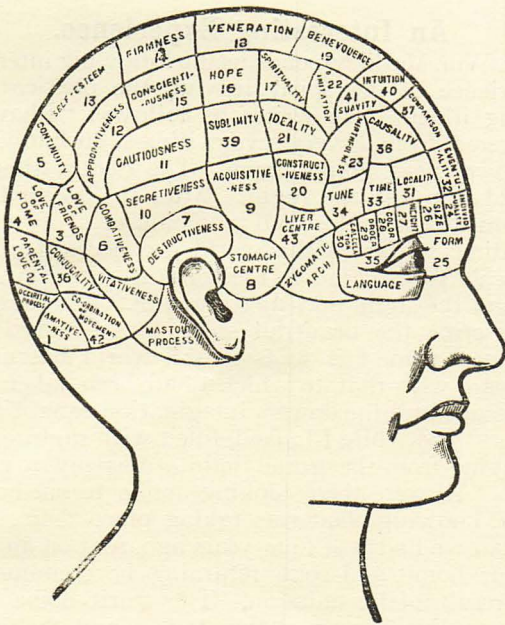
R. A. OWEN, Hon. Sec.

An Interesting Experience.

Mr. Wm. Marklew sends us the following interesting experience of the spirit leaving the physical body during illness. He writes as follows: "I have just recovered from a very severe illness, during which I was very near going home. The doctor thought I should not last the night. After the doctor left me I seem to have lost all consciousness of my surroundings as far as this world is concerned, and was suddenly transported to the spirit world. Never shall I forget the sight that met my gaze. Language fails to describe the beautiful scene that I looked upon. There are some fair spots in this world, but none to compare with that to which I had been taken. The landscape and the flowers imagination cannot picture them. And while I looked, filled with rapture, I saw emerging from the grand habitations my own loved ones. All were there looking across to our home on earth, knowing what was taking place there. I saw the lad we had lost four years ago, sent on an errand to our home, and soon returning he communicated the result of his mission. The spirit home I shall have to live in was shown to me, and the prospect filled me with such joy that I started to cross the very thin line that intervened between me and that home, but a noble looking personage stepped to my side, and said, "Not yet, my child. See!" and, pointing to my home he showed me what was lacking in that home, a little ornamentation had to be done before it was complete. And so, very unwillingly, I had to leave that beautiful home behind, and come back to this life. I found myself in bed, with those looking after me, watching for the change which took place that night. The danger was over. And now I am at spiritual work again, stimulated by what I saw to greater efforts."

INTERESTING WEDDING AT BLACKBURN.

On Thursday, August 6th, the beautiful "Spiritualist Temple" at Blackburn, was the scene of a pretty ceremony, when Miss Jessie C. Hepworth, eldest daughter of Mr. Frank Hepworth, the well-known public worker, and Resident Organiser at the Temple, was united in wedlock to Joseph Swarbrick, of Bury. Mr. J. J. Morse conducted an impressive service. Mrs. J. Ward, and Miss May Hepworth, acted as bridesmaids, and Master Morris Hepworth as "page." Mr. John Ward performed the offices of "best man." A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. A. H. Holt, organist for the Temple, played suitable selections, including Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The congregation sang, "Bless Lord, the happy pair." (No. 44, National Hymn Book.) A reception and breakfast afterwards took place at the home of the bride's parents, when Mr. Morse proposed the health of "bride and bridegroom." Mr. John Ward seconded. Mr. Hepworth also made some observations pertinent to the occasion, and presented the couple with a poetical "Acrostic," admirably suited to the hour. The bride's cake was supplied by Mr. Barker Holden, of Whitebirk. The newly wedded pair left for Southport, where a brief honeymoon will be spent. It is interesting and pleasing to note that both bride and bridegroom have been Lyceumists from childhood. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents from relatives, personal friends, and officials of the Blackburn Society and Lyceum.—Correspondent,



Easy Lessons in Phrenology, No. 6.

BY J. MILLOTT SEVERN, F.B.P.S., BRIGHTON.

Past President of the British Phrenological Society,
Incorporated.

HOPE is a very useful and necessary quality. Destitute of hope we should be poor, miserable creatures. This faculty equally applies to religious matters as to every-day conditions; and if we would enjoy a full share of happiness in life we need to buoy up our faculty of Hope. The Bible says:—"Hope we have as the anchor of the soul." It is Hope that makes us cheerful, joyous, contented, bright, happy, enthusiastic, and look forward with expectation to a brighter and better future; and not confining itself to the affairs of this life it inspires individuals with faith in a happier future state, and belief in the immortality of the soul. How necessary then it is that we should cultivate Hope. Children are very seldom lacking in this quality. It is later in life when they begin to take on and realize the cares and responsibilities of manhood and womanhood, that they are apt to get discouraged and deficient in hope. Some persons having abnormally large Hope may be too speculative and hope beyond the bounds of reason; but most persons have not sufficient hope and thus they soon get disheartened and discouraged; and give up oftentimes at the moment when hope would be so very helpful to them. Endeavour always to be as hopeful and cheerful as possible; in this way you will be happy yourself, you will attract hopeful and encouraging conditions towards you, and you will help to make the lives of others more hopeful and happy. You may not only be an angel of mercy, and a messenger of love, but also an angel of brightness, hope and cheerfulness; and the world is wanting so very much of all these things.

We will now consider the Perceptive faculties, which include Individuality, Form, Size, Weight, Colour, Order, Calculation and Locality.

The perceptive organs are located immediately

above the ridge of the eyebrows, and when large show projection in these regions. Persons having the perceptive large are keen observers. They learn considerably by observation, more so than from thinking, pondering and reflection. When the perceptive are large and the reasoning and reflective organs small, there is a decided projection of the eyebrows and the forehead slopes back. This makes the forehead appear low. Shakespeare speaks of "Foreheads villainously low;" and it is perhaps because of this saying of Shakespeare that many persons have the notion that low foreheads indicate heads of murderers. Well, now, it is not a nice subject at all to talk about murderers to young people. If we would be really good men and women, we should constantly think of all that is good and ennobling; and not of wicked, bad and disagreeable things. But I mention this so as to dispel from your minds the idea of low foreheads being always associated with criminal tendencies. A well-developed upper part of the forehead is generally a good sign of a thoughtful, intelligent and studious mind. A person may, however, have fairly large reflective and reasoning organs and the perceptive extraordinarily large. Such a person will be a good thinker and reasoner, and very good perhaps in planning; yet with such a formation of head he will be a greater observer, than a thinker and reasoner; and his large perceptive will dispose him to take very practical views. He may be a very practical businessman or mechanic; or if engaged in purely intellectual or literary pursuits, or the professions he will be interested in the practical rather than the theoretical aspects of these pursuits; and he will more readily apply his knowledge to practical and business purposes. He jumps to conclusions more quickly than the man with a large upper-forehead and thinking reasoning brain; and, if the head is small, there will be a general lack of thoughtfulness and reasoning intelligence. Persons sometimes do rash acts because they do not stop to think of the consequences of their impulsive conduct; but it would be very wrong generally to attribute criminal tendencies to persons having slanting foreheads.

INDIVIDUALITY [In-di-vid-û-al-ity] is located in the centre between the eyebrows just above the root of the nose. It is the faculty which draws our attention to things and objects. Persons having the faculty large are keen and minute observers. They examine things closely and in detail. They like to see and to have actual experience for themselves. They are generally of a scientific bent of mind. It is surprising how very much some persons see, and how very little others see. This aptitude for, and interest in seeing, does not entirely depend on good eyesight. For instance, let us take two persons as an example; the eyesight of each is good, both visit the same places, pass the same objects; but one has seen and taken into account dozens more things and objects than the other; because one has large individuality, and the other has this organ small. With the latter it is a matter of "having eyes and seeing not." I know an old lady—a friend of ours; she has lost the sight of one eye, and sees badly with the other; the doctor has warned her not to use this other poor eye too much; but she has large individuality, and a very

observant and enquiring mind, which gives her an intense desire to know and to see and examine things for herself. As she eagerly reads the morning newspaper by the aid of a magnifying glass, and is gently chided for going against the doctor's orders, she pathetically says, "I know I shall soon be quite blind, but I do want to see all I can while my one poor eye lasts." The earnestness and industry of this poor old lady to see and acquire all the knowledge she can, while she has still a bit of sight left, is a lesson which should appeal to and impress all my readers, whether young or old, who possess good intellectual faculties and good eyesight, but do not make the fullest and best use of them.

Most of you will know Mr. Hanson Hey, Secretary of the Spiritualists' National Union. While staying with us last week I took the opportunity of examining his head. He has large individuality; and the perceptive faculties generally are large, with large locality, comparison and causality. He has been addressing the Brighton Lyceumists and Spiritualists, and while here he has delighted us with his immense fund of knowledge. Although he has only one leg, and has to walk with a crutch and stick, he has a love of travelling, and an intense love of acquiring knowledge, and his large individuality and perceptive make him use his eyes to good advantage. There is scarcely anything that is worth seeing, in the many places he has visited, but that he seems to have acquainted himself with; and, having language large, he is able readily to express himself, and thus, whether speaking in public, or conversing with friends, his abilities for acquiring knowledge, and his aptitude in imparting and applying his knowledge, immensely delights and instructs the whole of his hearers.

What a great deal we may do, and what a great help in the world we may be, if only we will try!

(To be continued.)

Laws of our Being.

A Golden Chain Recitation by G. Brown, Member of Gladstone Hall and Parliament Street Lyceums, Nottingham.

Conductor.—What is the first law of our being?

Lyceum.—Consciousness of our existence.

Conductor.—What is the second?

Lyceum.—Recognition of the fact that there is a life beyond the grave.

Conductor.—What is the third?

Lyceum.—To discover the purpose and meaning underlying all life and being.

Conductor.—Why do you consider "Consciousness of our being" the first law?

Lyceum.—Because the principle of being is Progression. Before we can progress, however, we must be conscious of our own existence; therefore, Consciousness of our Being must be the first or fundamental law.

Conductor.—Why do you consider Recognition of the life beyond death to be the second law?

Lyceum.—Because recognition of that fact allows us to view the universe and God from a cosmic in-

stead of from a personal point of view.

Guardian.—It also teaches us the beauty and grandeur of human existence.

Conductor.—To discover the purpose and meaning underlying all life and being you say is the third law. What are your reasons for so thinking?

Lyceum.—Everything in this world, whether animate or inanimate has a purpose or place in the Divine plan. We, who are children of God, must of necessity live in accordance with the highest laws of our being. Only by following out this law can we obtain true and lasting happiness.

Conductor.—Are these all the laws of being?

Lyceum.—No. But these three laws are the basic, of fundamental laws of our life, and are, therefore, of supreme importance to us.

Conductor.—Can you give an epitome of all our laws?

Lyceum.—The central or dominate law is, that we must always strive to develop all the latent faculties within us that make for Godliness and Wisdom.

Guardian.—For wisdom and love go hand in hand.

THINGS THAT NEVER DIE.

The pure, the bright, the beautiful, that stirred our hearts in youth,
The impulses to wordless prayer, the dreams of love and truth;
The longings after something lost, the spirit's yearning cry,
The strivings after better hopes—these things can never die.
The timid hand stretched forth to aid a brother in his need,
A kindly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend indeed;
The plea for mercy softly breathed, when justice threatens nigh,
The sorrow of a contrite heart—these things shall never die.
The memory of a clasping hand, the pressure of a kiss,
And all the trifles, sweet and frail, that make up love's first bliss;
If with a firm, unchanging faith, and holy trust and high,
Those hands have clasped, those lips have met—these things shall never die.
The cruel and the bitter word, that wounded as it fell
The chilling want of sympathy we feel, but never tell;
The hard repulse that chills the heart whose hopes were bounding high,
In an unfading record kept—these things shall never die.
Let nothing pass, for every hand must find some work to do;
Lose not a chance to waken love—be firm and just and true.
So shall a light that cannot fade beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices say to thee—these things shall never die.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SPIRITUALISTS LYCEUM.

The above Council held its third annual demonstration on Saturday, July 25th, in the Harpurhey district. The inclemency of the weather had a very great effect upon the attendance, there being only about 500 adults and children present, when quite 900 were expected. The inviting Lyceum—Harpurhey—led the way with a new banner, bearing on one side a splendid photo of Mrs. E. H. Britten. There were eight Lyceums represented, Openshaw having the largest number. The Miles Platting Mission Band headed the procession, followed by Mr. E. A. Keeling, Mrs. A. E. Bentley, Mr. W. Johnson, and Mr. Tinker, President of the Council.

The procession aroused a great deal of interest, and many interesting comments were heard as it wended its way, under the courteous guidance of a good force of police officers. The weather cleared splendidly, and the children arrived at the two places appointed for tea in real good form, and did full justice to the good things provided. The evening Mass Meeting was held in the Harpurhey Society's meeting room, and in addition to those already mentioned, the Council's Committee were invited to the platform. Mr. J. J. Morse and Mr. J. C. Chappell, taking part, and also addressing the meeting. I am pleased to report the affair has proved a success in every way. The Council is in a good, sound financial state, and harmony reigns supreme.—J. C. CHAPPELL, Hon. Sec.

IN THE SILENCE.

Softly when the day is done,
In the Silence all alone,
Loving voices come to me,
From the realm of mystery.

Spirit voices, loving, kind,
Speaking deep within the mind,
Words of kindly helpfulness,
Thoughts to sweetly lift and bless.

Thoughts to strengthen purest ties,
Thoughts to clear the clouded skies;
Still the frets and cares of life;
Calm the winds and waves of strife.

Ling'ring in the soul's retreat,
Comes an influence pure and sweet,
Waking aspirations pure,
Blessings bring that e'er endure.

O, the heavenly beauties seen,
In the silence deep, serene,
And the angels touch with vision
Glimpsing fairest fields elysian.

And the soul in raptured wonder,
Music hears from "over yonder,"
Symphonies of heavenly sweetness
Thrilling with divinest meetness.

Sweet the hour to Silence given,
Bringing antepast of heaven,
While the soul in silence waits
Op'ning of the golden gates.

JAS. C. UNDERHILL.

TEMPTATION.

Someone suggestively remarks that "temptation never stays where it is not welcome." It may alight like a bird, but it will also flit like one if neither place nor material for nest-building are found; it will not make a home for itself where no facilities are offered. We speak of an "overpowering temptation," but such a thing is impossible where there is whole-hearted resistance. Something within has secretly sided with the enemy before he wins a victory.

The trouble is that temptation so often seems harmless—a rather agreeable guest, indeed, to be entertained up to a certain point. We do not intend to seek revenge for the injury we have received, or to speak the bitter word that would hopelessly break old ties, but there is satisfaction in brooding over our wrongs, and thinking just how we might retaliate; a sense of triumph in planning the crushing remark we might make if we would. We would not unfairly possess ourselves of that which belongs to others, but there is a feeling of virtuous honesty in contemplating how easily it might be done, and a pleasure in planning what we would do with the wealth if it were ours. Such moods are not recognised as temptations, but, after all, they are the advance-couriers, and they slowly create an atmosphere which temptation finds congenial.

MARRIAGE AT BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

It is a pleasant duty to report the marriage of two of our Lyceum officers, Mr. James Kellett and Miss Mary E. Coward, which took place on August 6th. In the evening a reception was held, dancing and singing being indulged in, a very enjoyable evening being spent. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne." Our Lyceum unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Kellett much happiness.

J. A. HOPSON, Secretary.

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P.S.F. contributions:—Nelson Lyceum, 15s.; Services of Mr. Kitson, Sowerby Bridge, Belper, and Burnley (Hammerton Street), 15s.; Mrs. M. Law's services at Slaithwaite, 5s.

MRS. GREENWOOD, Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—On Sunday, August 2nd, we held our Lyceum anniversary. The speaker was Mr. Crutchley, of Manchester. Mr. H. Bailey was the chairman; Jas. Dearnley was the organist. The opening hymn was "Shoulder to shoulder." Our friend, Mrs. Frost, rendered a solo entitled "For all eternity." Mr. Crutchley spoke a few words to the Lyceum and friends. In the evening the opening hymn was "Children's Day." Our friend, Mrs. Simpson, rendered a solo, entitled "Polite me"; Mrs. Frost, entitled "Heavenly song." Mr. Crutchley spoke a few words on the G.C.R., entitled "Our duties." Our local medium, Mrs. Simpson, gave clairvoyance. We closed with the Lyceum hymn "God speed the right."—Miss L. Duncalf, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter's Street).—On August 2nd we held our monthly open session. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. There were readings by Mrs. Burton and Cissie Massheder, and recitations by Alice Hirst, entitled "Get up early," and Martha Garside, entitled "Going to town." There were solos by W. W. Wallis and Edith Brandon. The golden chain recitation was read fairly well. The marching and calisthenics were better than usual.—Mona Barrow, Sec.

In Memoriam.

WILSON.—In loving memory of a dear Husband and kind Father, Thos. Wilson, who passed to the Higher Life on August 15th, 1907.

Although thy hand we cannot clasp,

Thy face we cannot see,

Yet let this little token show

We still remember thee.

37, Manchester Road, Huddersfield.

LANCASTER.—I have to record the passing to the higher life on Aug. 8th of Molly Townley, a promising Lyceumist. We recognise amidst our sorrow that our loss is her gain. A vote of condolence with the parents has been passed by the Lyceum.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—It is with the deepest regret I report the passing of Kate Butler, age 13, to the higher life on August 22nd, under somewhat painful circumstances. Kate was one of the earliest scholars when the Lyceum was first formed, and amongst the most regular and punctual attendants. We are truly sorry to part with her in physical form, and our sympathy is with the parents who will miss her bright face and cheery manner.

J. E. LESTER, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE (Pinn Street).—It is with deep regret I announce the passing on to the higher life of our Bro. Officer, Job. Brown, aged 76. The mortal remains were interred in the Rochdale cemetery on July 30th. There was a large gathering of Lyceumists, society members and friends. Suitable hymns were sung at the home and grave side.

JAMES WELDON, Sec.

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 August 28th.

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 23rd of September, to ensure insertion in the October issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, August 2nd, we held our monthly open session, the ordinary programme being gone through. Recitation, Jane Yates; readings, Misses Eldon, Harrington, Beech, T. Shepley, Allan Boothroyd and Harold Coupe. Also a few pearls. On Sunday, August 9th, we had an official visit by Mr. J. Marston, District Visitor from Stockport, who gave a few well chosen remarks of what might be done, even by the youngest Lyceumists. And as the winter months are now drawing near, let us each resolve to do our little towards furthering the cause we represent.—Abraham France, Secretary.

BATLEY CARR (Carr Street).—Our sessions during the past month have been well attended. Several new scholars have been enrolled. The comments on the chain recitations continue to be both instructive and interesting. The children rendered splendid service to the society's entertainment in honour of its 35th anniversary. The programme lasted two hours. The Lyceum circle is doing well. One of the mem-

bers is now able to render assistance at the Society's after meetings and Thursday evening meetings. The gymnasium class will soon be reopened. Other interesting projects to keep the members together are under consideration.

BIRMINGHAM, HANDSWORTH (90, Westminster Road).—Our Conductor kindly let us use their house and garden today, August 6th, as the new hall is undergoing repairs. We had visitors from Saltley, Sutton Coldfield, and Wednesbury. Our visitors gave us a few words of encouragement and promised to assist us if their help be needed. Presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Eardley by the youngest and oldest Lyceumists present. Mr. and Mrs. Eardley, who were greatly surprised, suitably replied. A very enjoyable time was spent together.—Dan Fisher.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—It is with regret that I have to report a decrease generally in the above Lyceum. I trust that the Lyceumists will rally together and see if they can bring the Lyceum to its usual standard again. If any one can suggest anything to improve matters will they please send on their suggestions to either the Secretary or Conductor, when it will be attended to at once. Since last report two of our Lyceumists (Mr. Wm. Burgess and Miss D. Chew) have been joined in marriage. The Lyceumists extend their heartiest and best wishes for their wedded life. It is hoped they will continue to help the cause along by their united effort.—Frederick Chew, Sec.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—Lyceum Day and Flower Service on August 2nd, the room being tastefully embellished with plants and flowers. Morning: Mr. H. Metcalfe, M. and C. Conductor, filled his office with credit, the Lyceum obeying his commands with grace and alacrity. Solo by Mr. James Swarbrick, Conductor. Mr. Chadwick briefly addressed the Lyceum, concluding with "Johnny's Account." Recitations by Mr. Powell and others. We gave the service of song, "The Little Violinist," in the evening, Mr. G. F. Knott taking the readings with fitting expression. Silver collection. The Liberty Group aim at having a more systematic routine in the near future.—Wm. Fletcher, Assistant Secretary.

CLECKHEATON.—On August 8th our Lyceum had a picnic at Windybank Farm, when a good number of scholars, members and friends were present. We indulged in games of various kinds, marching and calisthenics. We had our photos taken, but the wind was too strong to get them right. We appreciate the kindness shown to us by a member Mrs. Clarkson, in the way we were entertained at the farm. Also Mrs. Drew, a friend, who presented all the Lyceum scholars with chocolates. We had another picnic on August 22nd, at Mr. and Mrs. Walshaw's, Listing Lane. We spent another enjoyable time together. The Lyceum scholars were photographed by Mr. J. Hodgson, a late conductor. Success to our Lyceum.—B. Walshaw, Secretary.

CREWE (Mill Street).—On Saturday, August 15th, we held our annual picnic, when between 80 and 90 members and friends drove to the village of Weston, about three miles from Crewe. We had tea, and spent the afternoon and evening in a large field, kindly placed at our disposal by Mr. G. Lewis. It was an ideal day for the purpose; the sunshine was continuous and lovely. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.—H. Walker.

DARWEN.—Our Harvest Festival and Flower Services were held on August 16th. Mrs. Batie was the speaker, her subject being "Education," and "The Summer-land." The choir rendered anthems at each service. The rooms were tastefully decorated. The morning Lyceum was an open session, when the marching, calisthenics, songs, recitations, etc., were done in a most superb manner by the scholars. On Monday evening a Fruit Banquet and Social was held. A most successful time and enjoyable. Fruit was distributed. The syllabus system so far has done well in connection with the Liberty Group. The Young Men's Guild are offering dates for football and cricket with other Lyceums, so please note.—John Clarkson.

GATESHEAD (Beaconsfield Hall).—On August 3rd we held our annual outing, when the train landed us in Beamish at 10 a.m., where we spent a most enjoyable day. We were joined by the Beamish and Pelton friends, who added to our enjoyment. On August 23rd we held our second anniversary, to be continued on August 25th and 30th, when we had a good time. An excellent programme of pearls, songs, recitations, etc., were rendered by members of the Lyceum, both in the afternoon and evening services. I think every one in connection with the Lyceum, whom I should like to name, but space won't permit, tried their best to make the anniversary services a success. Their efforts were highly appreciated by the large audiences.—Wm. Hall.

GREAT HARWOOD (Westwell Street).—We held our open session on August 2nd. The silver chain recitation was led by Miss Mary A. Holt. The musical reading by Miss Patience Birtwistle, Mr. Thornley and Mr. Baxter. The golden chain recitation was led by Mr. Shaw. A song was given from the Manual by Miss A. Thornber and a duet by Misses E. and L. Waring.—Mary A. Holt, Secretary.

HINDLEY (Bridge Street).—Our election of officers took place on August 9th, when the following were elected:—Mr. J. Woodcock, conductor; Miss B. Jackson, assistant conductor (re-elected); Mr. Rd. Barrington, secretary; Mr. Lawler, treasurer; Miss M. Jackson and Miss B. Jackson, marching and calisthenics conductors; Miss N. Bleasdale, librarian; Miss Taylor, musical director. Teachers, girls' group, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Lawler; teachers, boys' group, Mr. Lawler and Mr. Woodcock. We hope the above will work harmoniously together for the spiritual upliftment of the Lyceum.—Rd. Barrington, Secretary.

HORWICH.—We held a tea party and concert on the 15th of August in aid of a football club. We had a good attendance. We had visitors from Daisy Hill and Bolton. About 200 sat down to tea. We had Mrs. Wilkinson, of Bradford, with us, who distributed 4 Lyceum Manuals to the 2 females and 2 males who put the most attendances in during the last 12 months. On the 22nd most of the Lyceumists spent a good time at the marriage of two of our Lyceumists. This Lyceum keeps improving in the attendances.—E. Fernihough, Sec.

HUCKNALL ((Watnall Road).—On Sunday, August 16th, we had a visit from the District Visitor, Mr. Ashworth, and also Mr. Marsters, the Temperance Visitor. The two gentlemen spoke to us, and told us something to remember. In the absence of our Conductor, Mr. Cooper, our musical conductor, Mr. Thomas, took charge, and after going through our morning session, our young friend, Mr. Brown, of a Nottingham Lyceum, led the marches. And it was a very good half hour spent; one to be remembered by all concerned. Our visitors were very pleased with our progress and promised to come again very shortly, and we shall be heartily glad to welcome them, as they helped and encouraged both teachers and scholars alike.—Mary A. Cox.

HULL (Lime Street).—On August Bank Holiday the senior members of our Lyceum held their first annual outing. We left our hall about 10 a.m. and journeyed by brake to Beverley Westwood. After a most delightful drive we arrived at our destination a few minutes to twelve. We had a little refreshment, and then dispersed in groups to enjoy ourselves as we liked. We left about 7-30 and arrived home about 9 o'clock, tired but happy. We are all looking forward to another outing next year. On August 10th we had a concert in aid of the Lyceum, which was arranged by Mrs. Hancock and Lyceum children.—Annie Hopwood, Secretary.

KEIGHLEY.—We held our annual field day on July 27th. A free bun tea was served to the Lyceumists. After tea sports were held in a field kindly lent by Mr. R. Shackleton. Mr. H. Alderson, the B.L.D.C. District Visitor, kindly presented the prizes to the respective winners. A shower of rain spoilt the field, and the rest of the evening was spent in the temple. Dancing, conducted by Mr. Leach, marching and calisthenics, conducted by Mr. H. W. Kay, sports conducted by Messrs. J. Harris, A. Midgley, J. Teal and J. Ellis. Mr. J. Carr acted as judge. Altogether we had a splendid day; everybody old and young, seemed to be making the very best of everything.—E. Shackleton, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—Sunday, August 2nd, usual monthly open session. The following recited: Mrs. and Misses Alice and Lizzie Askew, and Douglas Morris. Songs by Miss Lund and Annie Askew. We also had the pleasing duty of presenting to our late Conductor, Mr. Stephenson, an enlarged photo. of himself, framed in oak. He having come over for the holidays advantage being taken to make the presentation. Kind and felicitous words were spoken by Miss Lund, Mr. Dawes and Mr. Taylor, and others. The Conductor, Mr. Jones, made the presentation on behalf of the Lyceum. Mr. Stephenson feelingly replied and was overcome by his emotions at the splendid gift.—J. Jones.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On August 2nd we held a very enjoyable session, having with us Mr. and the Misses Lees, of the Derby Lyceum. Each one made a few suitable remarks on the Lyceum work. On August 22nd we held our annual outing, the place selected being Woodhouse Eaves,

Loughborough, many friends joining us. Racing and games were indulged in. On August 24th Mrs. Place-Veary, on behalf of the Queen Street and Albion Street Lyceums, exhibited in the latter place the presents and curious articles she has brought back with her from South Africa. She also spoke on her travels, which proved very interesting to a large and appreciative audience. The meeting ended with a social.—James Bishop, Secretary.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, August 2nd, we held our open session, when a good number of friends were present. The marches and calisthenics were well done. Recitations were rendered by Ruby Rutter, Sarah Dixon, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Thomas. There were not many recitations, but those that were recited were well appreciated by the audiences. Our Lyceum is now progressing favourably, and the number of scholars is increasing.—N. Roberts, Secretary.

LONDON, BATTERSEA (Henley Street).—On Saturday, July 25th, the Lyceum children had their annual outing to Ashstead Woods, leaving Battersea 10-28 and arriving at destination 11-30. Lunch was provided, and then the children indulged in all kinds of recreation. Tea was provided at 4 o'clock, after which there were sports, etc., for which prizes were given. After a very enjoyable day we arrived back to Battersea about 9 o'clock. There were 51 children and four officers. Owing to 14 of the children being under the age of six they were not taken, but given a treat on August 1st, when tea was provided, after which there were various amusements, and then the little ones were sent home with toys quite happy.—Annie Sharman, Secretary.

LONDON, BRIXTON.—I am pleased to report our Lyceum is making progress steadily, and our numbers have increased considerably. Our outing was to Staves Common. We had two brakes. The weather was not of the best, but we all enjoyed ourselves very much. We have formed four groups; namely, the Sream, the River, the Excelsior and the Liberty groups. We are desirous of having appropriate badges or sashes for them.—Violet Parmiter, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On July 28th Miss Turner, our Musical Director, read to us about "Children in spirit life," and she also taught us a few new hymns. On August 2nd we had Mr. Clegg to visit us, who kindly spoke to us on "Memory." On August 9th our Conductor, Mr. Barrington, gave us a lesson on "Astrology." The Lyceumists who have helped to entertain us during the month are Ada Barnes, by a solo; Phyllis Cole, pianoforte and vocal solos; Kathleen Jones, recitations and reading; Elsie Barnes, vocal solo, recitation and reading; Florence Blake and Fred Lightfoot, recitations.—Ellen Barnes, Secretary.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, August 9th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, when we had record attendances, the speaker being Mr. Will Phillips, his subject being "Lost and found, or Spiritualism the discoverer," in the afternoon, and "Spiritualism and education, a plea for the children," in the evening, in which he excelled himself. A string band of upwards of 20 performers rendered selections, conducted by Mr. T. Albinson, which were highly appreciated, the soloist being Master A. Albinson, who sang beautifully. On Saturday, August 15th, the Lyceum annual outing took place, when the children marched to a field provided for the occasion, where tea was served, and racing and games being indulged in. The outing proved very enjoyable to all.—Wm. Albinson, Sec.

NELSON (Vernon Street).—On Saturday, August 8th, we held our annual Lyceum field day. A procession of 260 marched from the Lyceum to the field, where games were indulged in until 4-30. Coffee and buns were then served to over 300 Lyceumists, church members and friends. After our repast races took place, open to Lyceumists and visitors. Also one for married ladies which caused much amusement, after which 1st and 2nd prizes were kindly distributed by our esteemed conductor, Mr. H. Hargreaves. During the summer months we have had several rambles in connection with the Lyceum, on Saturday afternoons, which have been greatly enjoyed by all who took part in them. Pleased to say our Lyceum keeps growing in numbers and in useful work.—Mrs. H. Stables, Lyceum Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—We held our open session on August 2nd, when we had a bright little address, and temperance songs and recitations. August 9th—The speaker for the day, Mr. Thompson, "Owd Jonathan," visited us and gave a most interesting lecture on "California."

August 16th—The speaker, the Rev. S. Barnett, of New Zealand, came to the Lyceum and gave us a talk on New Zealand and the people there. It was instructive and interesting. August 23rd—We are holding a flower service, morning and evening, and we have invited two of the other Lyceums to the afternoon session.—Miss E. H. Yates.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—August 1st was the occasion of our annual party, when we journeyed by special car to Woodthorpe Grange, and had a splendid time. We were favoured by the best of weather and everything went off without the slightest hitch. August 16th—On this date we had a special open session for the benefit of a number of visitors, who favoured us with their presence. The following gave recitations, &c.: Florrie Westbury, Edith Farnath, Milly Vine, Elsie Brown, Harry Randall, Cissie Randall, Victoria Rayner, Ada Brown. A solo was given by Harry Farnath, who also joined in a duet with Adelina Rayner. Mr. J. W. Rayner gave two violin solos. Mrs. Deakin gave two Lyceum badges, one to Edith Farnath and the other to Florrie Westbury, for the best rendered of recitations.—Lewis Cooke, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—We have had a very encouraging month and, with the exception of one regrettable circumstance (which is notified in another column), a very happy one, including several interesting events. The most appreciated perhaps being the summer treat. The children were taken to Attenborough in conveyances kindly lent by Mr. Weston, and nearly 100 sat down to tea. With nice weather, large gathering of friends and good accommodation, the day was a huge success. Among the visitors this month I should like to make special mention of Mrs. Pitts, of Armley Lyceum, whom we were very pleased to welcome and who gave us several good ideas pertaining to Lyceum work, for which we thank her.—J. E. Lester, Hon. Secretary.

PORTSMOUTH.—In connection with the above an outing took place to Rowlands Castle, on Wednesday, August 12th, when about 40 children and friends journeyed by train. On reaching Rowlands the party at once journeyed to Wallis' Tea Gardens. Swinging, games, &c., were enjoyed by the children, some of their elders visiting the beautiful grounds of Stansted House. After tea, sports were enjoyed by the children, the prizes and all expenses connected with the children's part of the outing being contributed by members and friends of the temple. All concerned were most enthusiastic in their thanks and praise to the Conductor, Mr. Wits; the Secretary, Mrs. Nicholls, and the Committee, Miss Hayes, Miss Wits and Mrs. Guthridge.—Mrs. Nicholls, Secretary.

RAWTENTALL.—We held our usual monthly open session on Sunday, August 2nd. We had a very enjoyable gathering. We had songs from Miss Nellie Mantle and Miss S. L. Barnes, and a duet from Misses A. Long and M. Mansfield, after which Miss Mansfield gave us a recitation, entitled "Bread and butter."—H. Haworth, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—After a month's silence, I am pleased to report we are still making progress. On Aug. 2nd we held a flower service that was very successful, Mr. J. Siddons, of Derby, being the speaker. He gave us a very nice address on the language of flowers. On August 16th most of our children were taken to Parkgate to help them with their Lyceum Anniversary. The combined forces of both Lyceums acted with unity and love to make it a grand success, our conductors taking the platform afternoon and evening. Every one present enjoyed the addresses and singing.—Robt. Papworth, Lyceum Secretary.

ROYTON.—On Sunday, July 26th, we held our anniversary. In the afternoon we had renderings of silver and golden chain recitations by Miss Haslam, Mr. Holmes and Miss Walsh. Miss Lottie Garside sang "Open the door for the children." We had also recitations by Miss May Garside and Miss Hilda Jones, followed by the marching and calisthenics. Mrs. Furness, of Castleton, gave an address on "Lyceum work." In the evening we had renderings by the choir. Miss Ada Harvey sang "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Miss May Garside and Miss Hilda Jones received prizes for efficiency in reciting, presented by the Conductor. Mrs. Furness gave a suitable address and brought to a close an enjoyable day.—J. H. Budd, Conductor.

SHEFFIELD (Attercliffe).—July 26th we celebrated our Lyceum anniversary in the Attercliffe Vestry Hall. Special hymns and anthems were well rendered by the children and choir, interspersed with recitations and golden chain recitations. J. K. Jones's Guides gave a very effective address on

the Lyceum movement. We tender our grateful thanks to our Musical Conductor, F. Whiteley. August 9th—Mr. Oaten, our speaker for the day, gave a stirring address to the Lyceum, on "Your position in the movement." August 16th—Morning session. Mr. Marklew, District Visitor, paid us his first official visit. In the afternoon we held an open-air session at the top of Brompton Road, which was well attended. J. K. Jones and S. Fetherstone addressed the audience.—H. Bowmer, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On Sunday, August 2nd, we held our open session, which was well attended. We had a bright and harmonious session, and the following long and varied programme was very much enjoyed: Solos were rendered by Miss Ada Brooks, May Needham and Alberta Hudson. Duet "Be kind to each other," by Miss Alice and Hilda Wilson. Recitations were given by Florence Vernon, Beatrice Beardoe, R. Stevenson, Stanley Vernon, E. Stevenson, and James Beardoe. I am pleased to report increasing attendances, and hope for its continuation. We are looking forward with great interest to our anniversary day, which takes place on Sunday, October 4th, in the New Vestry Hall, Meersbrook. Mr. Alfred Kitson is the speaker appointed for the occasion.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—We held our open session on August 2nd. There was a good attendance. The following recitations were nicely rendered: "A letter to Santa Claus," by Miss Lucy Bolton; "The parson's idol," by Miss E. Bolton; "Brownie," by Miss Kitty Bolton; "Winking, blinking, and nod," by Miss Blanche Hardy. The session was a highly enjoyable one. We are looking forward with high anticipations to our annual outing to Parbold. Of the affair I hope to have a good report next month.—Norman A. Lister, Secretary.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On August 20th, we had our annual Lyceum trip, when 70 Lyceumists and friends went to Great Broughton, a pretty village near to the Cleveland Hills, conveyed there by four large brakes. The day was very dull, but did not rain much. We had games, cricket, football, &c., in a large field in full view of the beautiful hills about 1½ miles away. After having our photos taken and tea, to which full justice was done, we went back to the field for the sports. There were about 70 prizes to compete for. The fun was fast and furious in different parts of the field, and at the finish every one seemed tired and ready for the drive back home.—R. Brown, Secretary.

TODMORDEN.—We held our usual open session on August 2nd, when the following items were gone through. Speech by Mr. Wm. Clarke; reading, "The children's plea for the licensing bill," by Mr. W. J. Braund; recitations, "A question," Mr. Braund; "How my sailor boy," Miss Ruth Sutcliffe; "Question," Miss Bertha Lee, Miss Lily A. Braund; Dialogue, "The presence of angels," by Masters Jos. Broadbent and Ben Pellow; chorus, "Scatter seeds of kindness," by Misses Betsy A. Crossley, Mary A. Sutcliffe, Sarah Bridgeway, Ethel M. Lord and Lavinia Sutcliffe; duet, "The Lyceum Band," by Misses S. A. Stevenson and S. Pellow; chorus, "Forward press to conquer," by Masters J. Broadbent, Fred Johnson, Wm. Sutcliffe, Ben Pellow and Robert Walton.—Wm. Clarke, Secretary.

[Write on one side of the paper only, please.—Ed. L.B.]

WINDHILL (near Shipley).—We held our open session on August 2nd. We had a good attendance. The exercises were much enjoyed. Readings were given by Miss D. Butterfield, "Pass it on"; Mrs. Copley, "Gentle words"; solos, Mr. Hopwood, "Ministering angels"; Miss M. Butterfield, "We all might do good"; Misses Copley and Stead, "Summer Land." Mrs. Hopwood rendered a selection on the organ. Closing hymn, "Let the lower lights be burning."—E. Roper, Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Midland Chambers).—On Sunday, August 2nd, we held a very successful open session. There was also a good attendance of parents and friends. Mr. Sanders very able conducted, and the children went through their programme satisfactorily. On Monday, August 3rd, we had our Lyceum excursion. We left town at 9 o'clock a.m. and travelled by boat to Stretton. We spent a most enjoyable day in the country, the weather and everything else being in our favour. We returned home at 9.30 p.m., each one delighted to have had a few hours away from the busy town, with its hot and dusty streets, and to wander through the lanes and fields of an ideal country place.—(Mrs.) M. E. Davis,

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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.
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Blackburn, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. McKnight, Junr., 47, Bicknell Street.
Blackburn, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Ernest Holding, 46, Sandon Street.
Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. William Critchlow, 69, Albert Road.
Bolton, Bradford Street, 10 a.m. Mr. John Flanagan, 97, School Hill.
Bradford, 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, Barkerend Road.
Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Edith Flatt, 47, Airedale Road.
Bradford, Shirley-road, (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mr. Henry Barnes, 61, Cutler Heights Lane.
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Brownhill, High-street, 9-30 and 2 to 3. Mr. W. Yates, High 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, Spotslands.
Carlisle, West-wall, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 2, Stainton Street, Corporation Road.
Castleford, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. A. Atack, 100, Hugh Street, Beancroft 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.
Crewes, Mill-Hill, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford-avenue.
Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Hope, 19, Harrison Street, Atherton, near Manchester.
Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. John Clarkson, 116, Red Earth Road.
Dearley, Rochdale-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Pinchbeck, 555, Halifax Road, Small Bridge, Rochdale.
Derby, Charnwood-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, Elmfild.
Doncaster, Wood-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Alfred Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Bainton.
Dukinfield, Railway-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. White, 91, Dean-st., Trinity-square, 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. Sneddon, 61, Henderson Street.
Glasgow, Govan, Paisley-road, 4 p.m. Miss M. Stromberg, 66, Oran Street, Maryhill, Glasgow.
Glasgow, Ebenezer Church, Waterloo-street, 4 p.m. Mr. A. S. Guild, 281, Cathedral Street.
Great Harwood, West Well-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Holt, 36, St. Edmund Street, near Blackburn.
Greenock, Cathcart-street, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann Street.
Grimsby, Strand-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Daisy Scott, 75, Blundell Street, New Cleve.
Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Philip Beeley, 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, Byron-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Snope, 661, Hollins Road, near Oldham.
Horwich, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Fernihough, 52, Richmond Street, near Bolton.
Hucknall, Watnall-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Mary A. Cox, 28, Watnall Road, Hucknall, Torkard.
Huddersfield, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. 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. Mrs. A. Hodgson, 34, Nansen-street.
Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Mr. P. Cartwright, P.O. Box 6209.
Keighley, Heber-street, 9-45 and 1-30. Mr. E. Shackleton, 11, Acre Street, Knowle Park.
Lancaster, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Daniel Atkinson, 2, Shaw Street.
Leeds, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Wood, 2, Westbourne Mount, Dewsbury Road.
Leeds, Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Harrison, 7, Teal Street, Stourton.
Leeds, Grove-house-lane (Psycho), Mr. Wm. Barnes, 23, Ashton Street, Harehills Road.
Leeds, Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. L. Hurst, 3, Hopewell-terrace, Glasshouse-street, Hunslet.
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.
Littletown, 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 Edmondton.
Longton, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 96, Coronation Street.
Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10 a.m. Mr. William Albionson, 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, Courant-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Edmondson, 13, Wellington Road, Crumpsall.
Manchester, Higher Openshaw, Beulah-street, 2-30. Mr. W. T. Weitzel, 90, Church Lane, Gorton.
Manchester, Hulme, Junction-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Stansfield, 22, Clarence Street, Moss Side.
Manchester, Longsight, Chell-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. 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, near 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, Wolvenden.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, 20, Royal-arcade, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Albert Brown, 32, Polmaise Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell, Cochran-st., 2-30. Mrs. Estella Johnson, 6, Cochran-street, Benwell.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton & Byker, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. N. Gay, 112, Tynemouth rd., Heaton, near N/C.
New Hirst, Miners' Hall, 2 p.m. Mr. Ronald Johnstone, 11, Clyde st., Hirst, via morpeth.
Nottingham, Brittain Hall, Alfreton Rd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Gratton, 210, Alfreton rd.
Nottingham, Hyson Green, Hawarden-terrace, 10-30. Mr. C. E. Sharp, 51, Gauntley st., Hyson Green.
Nottingham, [Mechanics Hall], Burton-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195, Wollaton st.
Nottingham, (Gladstone Hill), 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.
Pendleton, Broad-st., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. J. Earith, 2, Leaf Square, Pendleton.