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"Seek and ye shall find."

BY CHARLES TABERNER.

CHAPTER XII.

The following afternoon Walter was about to go out when Mabel entered, and in a whisper informed him that the Vicar, Mr. Clayton had called, and would like to see him. "Shall I tell him to come some other time?" she asked, when she saw he was going out. "He does not usually come here, and his visit to-day is probably owing to your presence in his church last night."

"Bring him here," he said, "I may as well meet him now as at any other time." But as he spoke, he felt the same feeling he had experienced in the church stealing over him. It made him afraid, not knowing what it was, or what he might do while in this strange sleep. But as before, he was powerless to stop it gaining a complete mastery, and when the minister entered, he was beyond all knowledge of his surroundings. Yet he stood with his hands clasped behind him as he leaned upon the mantel before the fire, and with a calm look on his face, he awaited the entrance of the minister.

"Good afternoon," said the minister on entering, as he offered his hand to Walter, which he took and pressed firmly. "Excuse me calling to-day. I noticed you in my church last night, and on making enquiries I found you was a stranger here, and I have taken the presumption to call upon you."

"I am pleased to meet you, sir," Walter replied, in a strange tone of voice. "I am also pleased that you have not waited for formalities. Please take a seat." The minister did so, and then suddenly asked, his face beaming with smiles, "How did you like our church, Mr.—?" "Merton," replied Walter in that same dull tone. "I scarcely know how to reply to your question. From a material point of view I should say you had all you could desire. But from a spiritual standpoint, I am at a loss how to reply to your question."

"You are very cautious in your reply, Mr. Merton," he said, still smiling, and rubbing his hands together pleasantly. "I am proud of my church and my congregation. They are a very select class of people, which you no doubt noticed?"

"I did certainly notice that the greater portion of your congregation were very fashionably attired. I also noticed that many of them came in late, and how they looked about to see the kind of impression their appearance had created. The impression left upon me was that these people went to church to see and be seen, and not for the good of the soul."

"There you make a most serious mistake, Mr. Merton. You do not understand these people.

When you know them better, you will change your opinion. They are our greatest patrons, and are well-to-do people."

A sad smile spread over the face of Walter as he replied, "I probably know these people better than you do, sir. One thing has struck me as very strange, and that is the absence of the poor from your church."

"That is why I say we have a respectable congregation."

"You and I differ on the point of respectability, sir. Does a person necessarily become unrespectable if he or she be poor? If a woman came to your church with a shawl upon her head, would she be admitted?"

"Certainly not. The whole of my congregation would rise in disgust if such a thing was permitted."

"But supposing she was too poor to afford anything only what was absolutely necessary for her every-day life. Surely you would permit her to join in the service if she came clean and tidy?"

"No, sir. Our church is respectable, and such a proceeding could not be tolerated for one single moment. If we permitted our churches to be open to all, irrespective of appearances, we should soon lose our congregation, and have our churches empty."

"Then you mean to imply that if the poor of your parish are unable to purchase fine clothes, they cannot be respectable."

"You misunderstand me, Mr. Merton," he interrupted. But he heeded him not as he continued, "You must admit that your church is the house of God—or so you teach. You must also admit that all are the children of this same God, whether they be rich, or they be poor. You preach that he is no respecter of persons. Why then do you make this distinction and say who shall, or who shall not, be the recipients of spiritual food? How are the poor to gain that food when you close your doors in their faces? You would ask how you do this, and say that you only insist on all appearing in church in such a way as not to offend the eye of others. If a man or woman entered your church poorly-clad, yet respectable so far as appearing clean and neat was concerned, how many of your flock would sit beside them? Would they not draw aside their skirts in their pride, and give the snub so plainly that only an idiot could mistake its meaning, and these poor creatures, who are the victims of adverse circumstances, have their feeling equally as strong as their richer companions, consequently they do not go, and the door of the church might as well be closed in their face. You preach about God, but I fear He can have no place in your church, sir."

"You are somewhat severe in your denouncement," said the minister, a little irritated. "Surely you will allow us the right to choose the class of people we associate with? It would be a great mistake to put into practice what you consider to be a wrong inflicted upon these poorer people."

"If I understand rightly, God is love itself. Just in all things, and full of pity in all things where His people show weakness. How then can He be supposed to exist in a pace where selfishness runs rampant? The very atmosphere would pollute His presence. It is clearly your duty, as a minister of the gospel, to seek out these poor creatures, and offer them of your best, but you fear to lose prestige with your better class congregation. Where, then, is your spirituality and Godliness? If we intend to follow the true God, we must be charitable to those less fortunate than ourselves, and when we find some unable, through poverty, to afford rich attire, let us try to alter the circumstances which permit such to be, and teach the people the true principles of life, and how to live in goodness and purity, and in that way destroy the mask which is so often used to hide from the world the true character of the wearer. Have you heard the wail of the miserable soul crying out from the darkness in which it lives for a little light? Or the bitter cry of the poor woman or girl who is struggling under the cruel tyranny of her employer? Have you seen the struggle which is taking place to retain her womanhood, until, through force of circumstances, she falls? Do you ever see the young girls walking the street, their object only too plainly seen, and all this is the outcome of a system of sweating; they are paid such scanty return for their labour, that they are unable to keep body and soul together out of the mere pittance. Where is your God? Where is your manhood that you will not dare to lift your hand in protest to such a state of things?"

"Your words are both strong and bitter, Mr. Merton," said the minister uneasily. "I cannot think you can be serious in what you say. I do my best for my people, and ever try to point them the way. If they will not follow, that is no fault of mine."

"That, sir, is where you fail in your duty. I noticed that you were very careful in the choice of your words in the making up of your sermon. You make them to suit the requirements of your listeners, and are ever careful not to make use of any term which might offend the refined taste of your audience. If you have a truth, why, as a man, do you not hold for that truth? If it offends, all the better, it may perhaps awaken a better feeling and be productive of some good, but you fear your congregation, sir. Instead of you leading the way, you are being led away by these people who rule the church. Learn to be a man in the truest sense of the term, and tell the simple truth whether it offend or please, and try to establish that brotherly affinity which will draw the rich and poor into closer unity, and cause them to ever give the rights and privileges to others which they seek for themselves. Denounce all selfishness, pride and self-esteem, and offer in their place, love, justice, and liberty. Then you

will be on the right road to a reformation of the people, and closer drawn to the God you profess to serve."

"I feel deeply annoyed by your words, sir," cried the minister, rising. "I will not remain and listen to your profanity. I never before in the whole of my life was spoken to as I have been by you to-day. No, sir, I cannot shake hands after the insults you have thrown upon me."

"Just as you please, sir," Walter replied. "What I have told you is simply the truth, which you cannot deny, and if that has hurt your delicate feelings, I am glad. Preach to your people for the good of the soul, and not according to the extent of their pocket or purse." Here the Vicar was too angry for further words, and taking up his hat, he bounced out of the room, while Walter gave a slight shiver, and then looked round the room in a dazed sort of way.

Mabel came rushing in and began to question him. "What have you been saying to Mr. Clayton? He has gone out in a terrible rage. You are a strange man, Mr. Merton."

"I am aware of it, Mabel," he said, "and my experience last night, and just now, have forced it home more clearly to me." Then he told the girl of his strange feelings on the two occasions when he had not known what had taken place. "I am beginning to fear this strange power," he said, strangely. "I am thoroughly helpless when it comes over me, and what I may do, or have done for that matter, may involve me in serious difficulties, and yet I am unconscious of it all; I cannot understand it."

Mabel was touched by his agitation. Her old manner of banter had for once deserted her, and she took the more serious side. "Your experience is a strange one," she said courteously, feeling her way before launching out. "Does it never strike you that there is more in it than can be explained from the material? Why are you so opposed to accepting the evidence put before you that there must be something after death? What has been given to you would have satisfied the average man, but it seems to have made little impression on you."

(To be continued.)

Easy Lessons in Phrenology, No. 8.

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[THE PERCEPTIVE FACULTIES CONTINUED.]

ORDER is located next to colour, and when large produces a square appearance towards the outer angles of the eyebrows. The especial function of this faculty is to take notice of the arrangement of things. It is an exceedingly useful faculty and very necessary that we should possess it in a fairly large degree. The opposite condition to order is called chaos [Ka-os] or confusion. Much of the success attained in business, in workmanship, in study, and in household management may oftentimes be traced to the orderly manner in which these pursuits are conducted. Young people should early be taught to be orderly; and boys and girls should themselves try to realize the advantages

of being orderly and systematic in all they do. A person possessing large Order will have a natural love of neatness, system, method, arrangement; ability to systematise ideas, to lay out work and to work by rule. This faculty is helpful in organising, and in the observing of business and other rules, laws, customs, etc. People might save themselves a great deal of worry and confusion were they more orderly. Most children possessing good average intelligence if taught and encouraged to be orderly, and appreciation shown of their being so, will take a delight in being orderly. How nice it is to see little ones put their toys carefully away when they have done playing with them, and boys and girls hang up, or neatly fold their clothes when going to bed, ready for morning; or put them carefully away until again required; and as they grow older and help their fathers or mothers in business or household work, or use tools or books when studying, to have a place for everything and put everything properly in its place, where it may be immediately found when wanted. If order, neatness and system were constantly practised in this way, the Organ of Order would soon grow large, and orderliness would become a pleasant and pleasurable habit.

IDEALITY [Ideal-ity] combined with large order gives love of cleanliness as well as personal neatness. It would be a good thing if everyone could realize the blessings attached to the free use of soap and water. It would be unkind to condemn every grimy, unwashed, and unkempt person, and say they could be clean if only they choose to be. You do not always know the circumstances which make such persons ragged, dirty, loathsome, and disreputable; extreme poverty, disease and disheartenment, or lack of early training may make them what they are. Be glad that your circumstances are better. Try to think kindly of everyone; set an example of personal neatness, cleanliness and order, and as you grow older use your intelligence and influence in helping to alter the conditions and laws which keep such people in unwholesome surroundings.

To cultivate Order have a place for everything and everything in its place, be particular, personally neat, clean and tidy; methodical and systematic in your work or business, law-abiding and regular in all you do. Many of you may know the following lines, I remember learning them when a boy, and applying as they do to the cultivation of order, some of my younger readers may think them worth committing to memory:—

"Clean hands and clean face, and neatly combed hair,
And garments made decent and plain;
Are better than all the fine things you can wear,
Which make you look vulgar and vain."

When Order and Ideality are over large the person will be extremely particular about his or her personal neatness and attire; formal, precise and exacting, and unduly fastidious in adhering to minor details of order; the least little thing out of place worries, annoys and upsets them; thus their extreme love of Order may oftentimes cost them their sweetness of temper.

CALCULATION [Kal-ku-la-shun] is located at the outer angles of the eyes, and when large gives width and fullness in this region of the brain. The

accompanying portrait of Mr. Edmund C. Baldwin, a successful Brighton accountant, is a good example of large calculation; and is a contrast to that of Mr. George Combe, whose head was very narrow in this region. I am sorry not to have a portrait of him.*



Mr. George Combe, the first British Phrenologist, had an exceedingly small organ of calculation, and although he was a great philosopher, a clever lawyer, and wrote a large number of books, try as he might, he could never master the multiplication tables. Some of my little readers who find no difficulty in figuring, and delight in their ready ability to calculate, will think it curious that a man so clever in other intellectual directions should be such a dunce at figures; but it only goes to show plainly the truth of phrenology, that where there is a deficiency in the phrenological organs there is a decided lack of ability to excel in whatever relates to the deficient organs.

Persons having large calculation have a ready comprehension of numbers, talent for mental arithmetic, and for enumerating, computing, reckoning, estimating and remembering figures; combined with the reasoning and perceptive faculties it gives mathematical ability and aids in geometry. When deficient in this faculty there is an absolute inability to compute numbers, and oftentimes a positive dislike for figures. Good ability for calculating and figuring is necessary in nearly all classes of business. Builders, contractors, architects, engineers and surveyors, need to possess a good development of calculation. While mathematicians, staticians, financiers, bankers, cashiers, book-keepers, accountants and actuaries need especially to have this faculty large, so as to give them a natural liking for figures. Hence it is an advantage to consult a good phrenologist, and to know decidedly your special abilities and tastes before starting out in life or great mistakes and disappointments may be experienced in after life.

LOCALITY [Lo-kal-ity] is situated above the perceptive organs on each side of Eventuality, which organ occupies the centre of the forehead. Sometimes it projects so prominently in persons who have it large, as to give the appearance of two little horns in the lower part of the forehead. It will interest my little readers to know how this faculty was discovered. Dr. Gall, the founder of Phrenology, had very small Locality. As a boy his taste for natural history led him into the woods for the purpose of ensnaring birds

*The portrait of the lady contrasts with that of Mr. Baldwin in showing a small organ of calculation.

and finding their nests, but he never could remember places. He would stick branches in the ground and cut marks on the trees but it was all in vain, for he invariably lost his way. "This obliged me," says Dr. Gall, "to take with me one of my school-fellows, who with the least effort of attention would go straight to the place where the snares were set. As this youth's talents were not above mediocrity the facility with which he could always find his way was all the more striking, and I often asked how he contrived to guide himself so accurately; to which he replied by asking in turn, how I contrived to lose myself everywhere." In the hope of obtaining some light on the subject he took a cast of his school-fellow's head, and endeavoured to discover persons that were distinguished for the same faculty. Later he had ample opportunities of so doing, and so the faculty of Locality was discovered. Later in life when Gall had become an eminent physician he still had difficulty in finding his way, and frequently went to the wrong houses, through wrong passages, or to the wrong rooms of his patients; and when lost while riding on horse-back he would throw the rein on the neck of his horse who would find its way better than he himself could.

Locality may be called the 'geographical faculty'; it gives perception of the relative position of objects, memory of localities, positions, scenery and places, and where things are seen or placed, and love of travelling, exploring, and seeing places. Blind persons having this faculty large, quite easily find their way about, while those who have it small lose their way. Persons having large Locality readily put their hands on, or find things in the dark.

Travellers and explorers need to have this faculty large. Some persons can easily find the whereabouts of a paragraph they are looking for in a book, while they could not remember the number of the page; in this case Locality would be large and calculation small.

To cultivate Locality travel whenever opportunities afford, and when going about notice and impress upon the memory the location and position of places and objects. Study geography and maps, and make yourself familiar with all places of interest. Persons having an excessive development of Locality have an insatiable desire to travel, and are inclined to be roving and unsettled in their habits, and to spend the greater part of their time and money in travelling. Such persons should try to be more contented with their own country, work at home, and their own fire-side; and remember the old adage that,—“a rolling stone, though it may get polished, gathers no moss.” Many a youth who might do better at home becomes a soldier or sailor, simply because of the advantages these pursuits afford for travelling. While if they would work hard at the trade or business for which they may be better suited, and save sufficient to have a good holiday ramble, or excursion once a year or oftener, their lives might be made more pleasurable and successful. Travelling, though very useful in broadening the ideas, and enlarging the scope of practical knowledge, oftentimes tends to develop a very roving and unsettled disposition.

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Temperance Page.

Conducted by Herbert E. Clarke.

THE FOURFOLD PLEDGE

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

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH

PART I.

(d) HEALTH DESTROYED BY INTOXICANTS.

(Continued).

This aspect of our subject, because of its very directness, is the one which has always appealed most strongly to the mass of thinking and observing men and women. It is the aspect which is being impressed, and with more skill as the years pass by, upon the minds of boys and girls in day and Sunday schools. The very youngest of us cannot be absolutely ignorant as to the fearful power strong drink possesses in destroying health. Some may not have realised the unhappiness and misery which are suffered by the members of a drunkard's home; some may not have learnt how ghastly are the toils and temptations of the drink fiend as he impoverishes and degrades individual and national character; but there is no one who does not know that alcohol is the rapid road to death, the relentless transformer of youth into old-age and of old-age into the silence of an unremembered grave.

It is no longer fashionable to play the alarmist in matters of morals. When we speak in bold terms of an evil, or declare the vast power of that evil, when we dare to warn those we love of the danger, there are many who turn away because, forsooth, we make too much fuss! There is a kind of tacit conviction abroad that it is only weak causes that indulge in loud complainings and continued appeals. It may be so when there is nothing in the complaint but an empty fault-finding, and nothing in the appeal but a selfish desire for gratification of an opinion. But when in its complaining the soul reaches out to something better and nobler, when in its persistent appeals a cause stands for a better earth and a happier humanity, I say that the right is on the side of him who speaks boldly, and that his easy-going critics would benefit by the deeper infusion of the same spirit of benevolence.

I shall not apologise, then, for a whole-hearted condemnation of alcohol on the present charge. Every day the newspapers bring their new evidence, full of the unspeakable bitterness of grief, every hour medical practitioners are writing up death certificates which they know would never have been but for alcohol. In our streets we meet changed faces, we see the decay of lives, we see the light step of youth heavy with the decrepitude of age. Beauty cannot stay: her throne is usurped by the tyrant of vicious indulgence, and lo! he turns it into a thing horrible to behold!

You who look calmly on, will you not have pity on the little children who are born, not only with tendencies to fall into the alcoholic sins of their parents, but also with bodies predisposed to the attacks of disease of all kinds; poor little ones, started in life with a weakness of body as well as of mind?

Moderate drinkers are accustomed to accept the statement that alcoholism is deplorable—I have before me a manifesto of moderate drinkers, who declare it almost in as many words—but they will nevertheless say that “as an article of diet we hold that the universal belief of civilised mankind that the moderate use of alcoholic beverages is, for adults, usually beneficial, is amply justified.” Now, apart from the mitigating terms of such a manifesto, viz., that strong drink is beneficial only for “adults” and even then not invariably, but only “usually,” beneficial, we frankly deny that moderate drinking is regarded as a right and beneficial thing by “universal” consent of “civilised mankind.” One thing we do know from experience, and it is this, that the resort to alcoholic stimulation grows less prevalent the more civilised morally and spiritually a race becomes. To the minds of many of the most sensitive and cultured men, as well as to those who are very particularly in a position to know, the use of alcohol is condemned unreservedly. What if Prof. Anderson, of Glasgow, a city notorious for its intemperance: what if Prof. Halliburton, of London, the great heart of our Empire: what if a dozen or so other medical men are pleased to declare allegiance to King Drink, we have a force of opinion deeper and greater and, if they wish for compliments, not less distinguished than their own, that will sweep away a false and dangerous conservatism in medical practice.

I am not desirous that any reader should bow to the opinions of authorities on the question of alcohol. That which is true can be made no more true by mere virtue of its proceeding from the mouth of a specialist. If Profs. Anderson and Halliburton are wrong, their chairs in two great universities can endow their opinions with no more truth than if the same words had proceeded from a Glasgow distiller or a London publican. These professors have their opinions, but they have no more influence on public opinion than views diametrically opposed to them expressed by Sir Victor Horslev, at London, Clifford Allbutt, at Cambridge, and William Ostler, at Oxford. Indeed, I could quote the names of other professors and practising physicians and surgeons, names so familiar to everyone, and men who have spoken so boldly for total abstinence, that on a decision by authority our views would be triumphantly maintained. I prefer, however, to continue on the principle that experience and research are better guides than the opinions of even the greatest, especially when those opinions are not entirely disinterested.

It is generally admitted, then, that the excessive use of alcohol is prejudicial to health. This admission, though simple in itself, is a very significant one, especially when we come to investigate just what constitutes excessive use. We see, then, how

truly alcohol should be classed among poisonous drugs rather than among useful foods. I may drink water in something beyond moderation, or I may eat bread or sugar in unnecessarily large quantities. I may so become overfed. But I may not drink alcohol beyond a certain amount or I materially shorten my life. And how small is the maximum allowed the moderate drinker! A few years ago it was 2oz., then it fell to 1oz., with the following warning from Dr. Fraenkel, of Halle:—“Alcohol in any form . . . and even in relatively small amounts, is a poison to the human body.” And now Prof. Max Grueber (of Munich), goes still further, and declares that there are “absolutely no scientific grounds for indicating a given amount of alcohol as harmless On the contrary it seems to me to be in the highest degree probable that the regular use of a much smaller amount than that mentioned by Fraenkel does harm to the vast majority of mankind.”

It is only a matter of time before these men, who do not themselves while working take alcohol, will be telling the world that the health of the nation can only be assured by total abstinence.

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Bible Studies.

SECOND SERIES.

“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”—Exod. xxii. 18.

The above injunction has exercised a powerful and terrible influence over the minds of well-meaning, but misguided Christians, causing them to persecute, torture, and put to death thousands of men and women throughout Christendom, as the following quotations from history’s pages will prove:—

In Bamberg and Würzburg (Germany) 1500 men and women were burned as witches in five years. In Geneva, 500 persons were burned to death in three months. In the district of Como, 100 were burned to death in one year, and 100 a year for several years afterwards. This was in the sixteenth century. While in England, between the years 1640 and 1653, no less than 3,000 were put to death as witches, besides what suffered death at the hands of the mob. In Scotland upwards of 4,000 persons fell victims to the same awful cruel injunction; the clergy, sad to relate, being the principal movers in the matter.

Dr. Sprenger, in his life on Mohammed, computes the entire number of persons who have been put to death for witchcraft during the Christian era at 9,000,000! Such has been the resentless cruelty of the bishops, priests and, clergy, to put down all forms of spirit communion, whether real or only assumed, and exterminate all who possessed spiritual gifts, except they were men and women belonging to the church of Rome, when they were canonized as saints.

There are thousands of Christians to-day, both ministers and laymen, who look upon this injunction, and several others of a similar nature, as being the divine will of God, and are only deterred by the laws of the land from putting it into practice. Not

being allowed to do so, they never fail to quote it, and some others, whenever occasion requires in the hope of deterring people from searching to develop spiritual gifts, and so obtaining spirit communion, which is the true comforter in the sad hour of bereavement.

No doubt many have been frightened by these Biblical passages, not understanding their real meaning. For as the Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, M.A. truly says "Together they (the Old and New Testament) form the basis of scriptural appeal. No discrimination is made in favour of one as against the other in the public preaching and teaching of Christendom. Whatever discrepancies critical scholarship may find in the text, whatever differing degrees of inspiration may be attributed to the various writers, the Bible is still the sacred volume of the Christian Church, and the acknowledged fount of spiritual wisdom and truth to the Western world," *The Christian Commonwealth*, October 7th, 1908.

This being so we see how all important it is that we should try to instruct and educate the officers and teachers in our Lyceums concerning the true interpretation of those fearful Biblical injunctions that they may be able to calm the fears of all who may appeal to them for light and guidance on such matters. It is with this object that we undertake to supply the readers of the LYCEUM BANNER with this second series of Biblical Studies. And for convenience sake, we shall select the following oft-quoted passage as the basis of our studies, as it contains all the Biblical injunctions found scattered through the Old Testament which are generally quoted against spirit communion. It runs as follows: "There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: (Yahveh), and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doeth drive them out from before thee," Deut. xviii. 10-12. It will be noted there are nine things prohibited in the above passage. These we shall take in the order in which they occur, and we invite our readers' careful perusal of them as they appear monthly as space will permit.

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Liverpool District Lyceum Council.

The above Council held its half-yearly meeting at Liverpool (Daulby Hall) on Saturday, October 31st, 1908. An exceptionally good number of delegates were present, Mr. A. E. Keeling occupying the chair. It was resolved that the newly-appointed delegate to the November meeting of the U.D. Council, viz.: Mr. Robb (Birkenhead), move, at the said meeting, that in the opinion of this D.C. we ought not to incur the expenditure of publishing a text-book displaying the muscles used in the calisthenic movements, as proposed by the Rochdale D.C. through the November issue of BANNER. Also that we do not support their second motion, stating, "That from candidates

nominated by the D.C.'s the U.D.C. select and support four each year; unsuccessful candidates receiving the highest number of votes to have precedence over fresh nominees at the following election."

It was further resolved that the representative move the advisability of the D.V.'s meeting together, prior to the B.S.L.U. Conference, to discuss matters and exchange experiences which might prove mutually beneficial; also to decide upon a course of action *re* the alternate movement in calisthenics as discussed at the last Annual Conference.

The secretary's report, and also that of the D.V. were accepted with thanks. The D.V. advised that the conductors of Lyceums ought to allow the Lyceumists to take a more active part in the proceeding of the session as a means of drawing out the children. He also urged for more enthusiasm in the marchings and calisthenics.

The D.C. meeting, being called a few weeks after the usual date, it was decided to omit the December meeting, the annual meeting to be called for March, 1909. Each delegate was requested to ask their respective Lyceums and Societies to invite the D.C. for quarterly meetings. Hawkshead, Southport, promised to try their best for the March meeting.

The correspondence class subject was chosen as "An ideal course of group lessons" (8 groups to form course, under 6-8-10-12-14-16-18-20 and over).

Two prizes of 2s 6d. each were proposed to be given to the boy and girl Lyceumists in the Liverpool District under 14 years of age writing the best essay on "The Lyceum, and why I attend it." Each writer must put their age on the paper, together with the statement that it is their individual work. The essay must not exceed 200 words, and must be sent to the Secretary (address underneath), Mr. Mack, before February 26th, 1909. Mr. Keeling, Mr. Hope, and Mr. Mack were appointed as judges.

Mr. Hope's resignation as secretary was regretfully accepted, a vote of thanks being passed for work rendered. Mr. G. A. Mack was appointed to fill the vacancy.

It was suggested that socials, etc., ought to be held at the Lyceums for the benefit of the D.C. funds, so that more work could be done by the said Council; also that each Lyceum would set apart two collections each year for the same purpose. Delegates were requested to bring these matters up before their respective Lyceums, and let the secretary know results.

A vote of sympathy was proposed to Mr. A. Kitson in his illness, Secretary to convey same.

GEORGE A. MACK, Hon. Sec.,
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North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

The next quarterly meeting of this Council will be held in Vernon Street Church, Nelson, on Saturday, December 12th, 1908, to commence at 3 o'clock prompt. Business of great importance to be transacted. Representatives and associates are requested to be punctual.

GEORGE C. HIGHAM, Sec.

Bluebell Guild.

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

Before I am able to write to you again, we shall have Christmas here. Oh, how we all look forward to it. The pleasures, and joys, and greetings make it a very pleasant time indeed. I am so pleased it is not like some of the old customs—fading away. Because it brings joy and happiness to so many. We shall most likely hear a great deal more about it during the next few weeks.

Mr. T. Purcell, of Smethwick, writes me a nice little note, and to his enquiries, I may say there is *no charge* whatever for entry to our Bluebell Guild. The only rule is; that all those who enter shall pledge themselves to carry out its object. We are delighted to welcome his list of Bluebells, and also the next one promised. Thanks for your good wishes towards our page.

Then comes another letter from Miss Dora Parker, Manchester. Thanks Dora, for your very kind note, but I really could not undertake personal correspondence. I am sure the editor would be delighted at your little token of remembrance. In answer to your enquiring about the District visiting work, I have referred the matter to the Manchester visitor, no doubt on application you will get full information. Thanks for you good wishes.

Now I have a nice tale here, but I am afraid it will be rather long, but will send it along and see if the Editor can find room for it, if not; then it will have to be concluded in next month's issue.

WHEN PUNISHMENT FAILED.

It was late on Friday afternoon.

To Mildred Austin, the day had been one of continued effort, followed by little if any, result. Like her life in that, she told herself sadly.

Sitting in the close schoolroom, her shoulders drooped and her eyes bent upon the book they were too tired to read, she passed in review the many failures of the last few years. Successes also there had been; but hers had ever been a life of strenuous effort, in which the failures far outnumbered the achievements.

The clock struck five. The sound of a heavy desk pushed violently backward was followed by a rush of feet over the boarded floor.

With an effort Mildred looked up from her book. "Wait a moment, Elizabeth," she said, "I want to talk to you."

The girl hesitated, her hand on the half-opened door. Outside, a couple of school-fellows crouching on the ground awaited her coming. Then, with a hasty nod in their direction, she closed the door and walked defiantly up to the teacher's desk.

Looking down on the mutinous, heavy-browed face, Mildred with a great effort, concentrated her attention.

"Do you know, Elizabeth, this is the fifth night I have had to keep you in?"

The girl's hard bright eyes gazed piteously upwards. She was not lacking in beauty, this girl: her figure was short and compact, her head well balanc-

ed, while her eyes, brow, and chin showed resolution and intelligence of no mean order.

Mildred recalled an interview she had had the previous evening about the same girl. She saw once more the stern, grave face of the headmistress, and instinctively she used the words which heard then, had caused her such unutterable shame.

"You never prepare a lesson. Though you are gifted above the average, you are always at the bottom of your class. You are disobedient and insolent. To teachers and school-fellows alike, you are a nuisance. You tease the little girls and bully the good ones. You rifle your companions' boxes, and then lay the blame on others. Your word is absolutely valueless."

She paused, but Elizabeth's eyes never faltered.

"Something must be done, Elizabeth. Do you not see? Things cannot go on in this way any longer." She stretched out an impulsive hand, and there was a suspicious quaver in her voice. To her it was a dreadful thing that this child should be so indifferent to good. "The other teachers have all done their best for you, and they have failed. I have also done what I could, but I have not helped you at all. We do not want to send you away, but unless—"

At last the girl found her voice. Stepping back out of reach of the eager little hand, she asked, suddenly, "Well, what if you do? Who cares?"

"I do" came Mildred's swift reply. And the colour mounted to her pale cheeks. "Do you think it nothing to me that one of my girls should be expelled? That a life under my care should be accounted hopeless and a failure? Child, if you have no pity on yourself have pity on those who love you. There is much real good in you, Elizabeth. I know it, yet I cannot reach it. And I feel that somehow it is my fault. Yet I have tried—ah, yes! I have tried."

There fell a long silence. The teacher sat with thin hands clasped before her, and out of her tired young eyes looked forth a great anguish. Elizabeth's face worked strangely.

(To be continued.)

SMETHWICK LYCEUM.

2490	Hilda George	2500	Bessie Burrows
2491	Gertie Hughes	2501	Ida Hill
2492	Mabel Hickling	2502	Arthur Morris
2493	Katie Burgess	2503	James Hughes
2494	Louie Gilbert	2504	Fred Purcell
2495	Alice Cameron	2505	Fred Wade
2496	Winnie Dowler	2506	Claude Wade
2497	Lizzie Upton	2507	Denis Hickling
2498	Annie Upton	2508	Reggie Gilbert
2499	Stella Burrows	2509	Cecil Gilbert

HALIFAX RAVEN STREET.

2510	Lillian Haigh	2524	Janie Buckley
2511	Doris E. Binns	2525	Alice Maude
2512	Marion Cockroft	2526	Edith Lever
2513	Jessie Meadowcroft	2527	Emily Culpan
2514	Doris Greenwood	2528	Maggie Spetch
2515	Nellie Culpan	2529	Eleanor Redman
2516	Annie Maude	2530	Gladys Cockroft
2517	Alice Moorhouse	2531	Gladys Briggs
2518	May Moorhouse	2532	Harold Brown
2519	May Greenwood	2533	Alfred Ablett
2520	Lily Waddington	2534	Cyril Bedford
2521	Mirian Meadowcroft	2535	John E. Blackburn
2522	Gladys Hellewell	2536	Lewis Harrison
2523	Lucy Wadsworth	2537	Thomas E. Meadowcroft

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Editor desires to express his sincere thanks to his many friends, and the Lyceums, for their letters of sympathy and good wishes. He is sorry to add that the complaint is far more serious than was at first thought possible, and he is advised that he will not be fit for any public work this year.

Our readers will be glad to learn that our New Year No. will contain the opening article on Botany, to be illustrated, under the title of "Thoughts of a Wandering Botanist," arranged by Mr. J. Knight. This will be another interesting and instructive subject for the special study of our readers.

We are very sorry to learn that it has been decided to close the Lyceum at Yeadon for a few months owing to a sad lack of workers. We recommend this case to the prompt attention of the Bradford District Council. We trust their united efforts will infuse energy and courage into the drooping spirits of the Yeadon friends, and win the old workers to make another effort. **THE WORKERS WIN!**

We are happy to record the re-opening of the Accrington (Argyle Street) and Blackburn (Northgate) Lyceums, as intimated in our Notes last month. As will be seen in our Lyceum Reports, great credit is due to the Executive of the N.E.L.L.D.C. for the splendid service it rendered in the re-opening of the Northgate Lyceum. We trust that harmony will prevail in this Lyceum, and that all concerned will work together to secure "the greatest good for the greatest number."

It gives us pleasure to record the opening of two Lyceums at North Shields (Albion Road and Saville Street); one at Southsea; and one at Pontypridd. We give to each and all of the non-Union Lyceums a hearty invitation to apply for membership as soon as the New Year arrives. The Union's Executive will meet at Derby on January 9th, 1909. Send in your applications in time for the meeting.

It will be noted that our "Bible Studies" have entered on their second series. Singular to say, after we had written the present article a copy of *The Present Truth*, in which occurs the following announcement, came to our hands:—

Two weeks from this date we shall issue our twelfth Special Issue, the last for this year. Its subject will be "Spiritualism." The first article will discuss what Spiritualism is, and what it teaches. The next will deal with what the Bible has to say about Spiritualism, and another article will show what is its real foundation, and the falsehood of its claims. "Who Are the Spirits?" will be the subject of the next article, and the concluding one will present some facts from the Scriptures outlining the future of the movement, and its end.

We would also refer the thoughtful reader to a letter appearing in the *Two Worlds*, Nov. 20th, 1908, under the heading of *The Bishop of Salford on Spiritualism*, in which that church dignitary attributes whatever there is in Spiritualism "of a preternatural character . . . to no other agency than that of the Powers of Evil." The only corrective remedy for this state of theological fog is the light of truth shed on those Biblical passages favouring those old errors, that our Lyceum officers may learn the truth, and so instruct the children.

TO ALL OUR READERS WE WISH A HAPPY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS.

A LITTLE WHITE FLOWER.

A little white flower,
 Very humble and low,
 Just peaking from out the grass below,
 Its mite of floral beauty to show.

A little white blossom,
 Very dainty and neat,
 But growing so freely at our feet
 As to make a snowy winding sheet.

So like a little thought
 Of sweetness, just given
 When by turbulent feelings riven,
 Or on some storm-tossed billows driven.

A little smiling face,
 Looking up from the grass:
 Linked with its fellows in snowy mass,
 It speaks the things that grace can compass.

REUBEN ALEXANDER WEBB.

Blackburn.

ULVERSTON (Theatre Street).—On Nov. 8th, Mr. G. Baker, of Halifax, kindly consented to act as judge in the calisthenic competition for prizes kindly offered by Mrs. Thompson; Miss Thompson, Miss Wappett, and Mr. Dent. The prizes were for boys under nine years of age, and girls ditto. Boys over nine and under fifteen. Girls ditto, and adults. The winners were as follows: Girls under 9, May Coward. Boys under 9, Ernest Casson. Girls under 15, Elsie Brooke. Boys under 15, Tom Granger. Adults, Miss Daisy Hoggett, 1st. prize. Miss Pennington, 2nd. prize. Mr. Baker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Miss Mather conducted. Mr. Dent officiated at the piano.—J. E. Coward, Secretary.

[Owing to the great pressure on our space we have again been reluctantly compelled to hold over important matter.—Ed., L.B.]

Our Boys' Special.

LAST INSTALMENT OF "PAPER" ON "HOW
BEST TO RETAIN OUR YOUNG MEN AND
YOUNG WOMEN."

ERRATA: In October issue, read,—I would approve of a NATURAL (not National) Selection, etc.

And lastly, I would encourage the formation of Lyceum Circles for Spirit-communion. This I believe to be essential to the well-being of our Lyceum, that opportunities may be afforded our young men and women, to prove by personal observation and evidence that our beautiful philosophy is based upon the actual revelations of our spirit friends to us.

Such circles, formed for the express purpose of spiritual profit, could not fail to impress the participants with the sacredness of life, the charm of duty, and the generally beneficent influence of our Sunday School. By careful and diligent examination of our phenomena, with the object of awakening the general faculties, we should cultivate that mediumistic power which alone can keep us in touch with the living facts of Spiritualism, and thereby provide workers from our Lyceum ranks to propagate our glorious philosophy. Such a course is very desirable, and its need is daily becoming more manifest. With most or all of the forestated aids, judiciously applied in our general regime of Lyceum helps, I submit that we may joyfully anticipate the retention of those young men and women whose absence from our ranks is a common cause of anxiety.

Instead of aiming at uniformity of teaching and method, let us rather aim at *unanimity of purpose*, thus giving free scope to the quickened and quickening intelligence, or broadly-proclaimed principles of duty, right, and goodness. If these can be supplemented by furnishing opportunities for the substantiation of our phenomenal claims, then indeed shall we, in our Sunday School educational methods, help to sow the seeds of real conviction in the minds of our growing scholars, the fruition of which shall be an increased staff of active propagandists, testifying to the richest revelation vouchsafed to modern times.

By the help of our Sunday School, we should be led to seek protection from evil, and guidance to goodness, through the bright presence of the Angel World. Thus should we learn to value our Lyceum, in the totality of its influence and teaching, constrained to declare with that good soul, Andrew Jackson Davis, that "The child is the repository of Infinite possibilities."

DEAR READERS,!

I hardly expected, when I contributed the first instalment of this paper, that five months would elapse ere you could be supplied with the last instalment, but so it has proven. However, from letters which I have received from members of "Liberty Groups" I am satisfied that the paper has furnished matter for pleasant and profitable discussion, and I would now suggest that the "numbers" in which the paper

appears, namely, August, September, October, and December, 1908, be secured, and the paper read as a whole in groups interested.

To begin the New Year, I propose to ask Lyceumists everywhere to help me to keep up the interest of our readers, by submitting short essays on subjects likely to be profitable to all of us. I offer no prizes, as I desire to see how many of our readers are willing to realise that the satisfaction gained by a helpful contribution is all sufficient compensation for the trouble involved.

For the January number, the subject which I submit is:—

"THE VALUE OF SPIRIT-PHENOMENA TO
THE AVERAGE ADULT LYCEUMIST."

Make your essays short, not more than 300 or 400 words, and post to my address, 127, Rockcliffe Street, Blackburn, not later than Dec. 18th.

PUZZLES.

The correct solution to the puzzle, appearing in October BANNER is "Font," and will be found in the initials of title for Golden Chain Recit. No. 128. "The Family of Nations." Forty-three solutions have been sent in, 32 of which are correct. Places are represented as follows:—Church, Oswaldtwistle, Altrincham. Blackburn, Bury, Brighton, one each; Sheffield 3, Lancaster 4, Liversedge 1, London 4, Pendleton 1, York 1, Stockton-on-Tees 12,—Well done! Stockton. Merit Cards have been forwarded to the winners.

PUZZLE FOR DECEMBER.

There's a lady whose writings we all do admire,
Whose sweet thoughts are oft by us sung;
Her beautiful poems will ever inspire
The thoughtful, be they old or young.

From the distant, far-stretching American shores,
Her thoughts towards us are conveyed,
And in beautiful verses she constantly stores
The lessons she would have displayed.
Her name is but short even when 'tis complete,
Eight letters will form it, you'll find,
Although some of these you will have to repeat,
So please bear that fact in your mind.

The initials sometimes as symbols we use,
When making up columns for coin;
And if the right letters you happen to choose,
In the Merit Card prizes you'll join.

You will see, in the Manual, four times in all,
The name you are wanting, appears;
So please hurry up, both the great and the small,
And solve me the puzzle, my dears.

Send on your solutions, not later than Dec. 20th, to
127, Rockcliffe Street, Blackburn.

Yours lovingly, FRANK HEPWORTH.

SHEFFIELD (Stanley Street).—On November 1st, we held our 2nd Lyceum Anniversary, Mr. Spencer being the speaker, subject, "Only a little Child." Recitations and solos by the scholars were nicely rendered. On Monday we had a tea and spent an enjoyable evening, the scholars giving recitations, solos, and going through their calisthenics. Also distribution of prizes. We wish to thank all who took part, and also Mr. Vickers for his kind assistance at the organ.—Miss M. E. Marshall,

Lesson Plan for Dec., 1908.

By JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Dec. 6	371	79	241	115	409
" 13	386	31	239	132	375
" 20	395	26	232	109	357
" 27	368	63	202	103	345

PEARLS.

- Dec. 6th. "Don't grieve more than a shilling's worth over a lost shilling."
 " 13th. "No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to the race, and that what God gives him He gives him for mankind."
 —*Philips Brooks.*
 " 20th. "What is the use of immortality to a person who cannot use well half-an-hour."—*Emerson.*
 " 27th. "As each thing to more perfection grows, it feels more sensibly both good and pain."—*Dante.*

LESSON PHOTOGRAMS.

- Dec. 6th. *Manual 115.*
 I. Definitions of different words throughout the G.C.R.
 II. Ascertain the usual meaning of "The Word of God" and contrast it with what is embodied in the reading; also talk of the author (*Thomas Paine*) and show how differently he regarded the Maker of all things to the mode of thought usually attributed to him.
 III. LESSON. To inculcate feelings of reverence for the grand and beautiful in nature on every plane of being up to its ultimate—God.

Dec. 13th. *Manual 132.*

- I. GENERAL OUTLINE. Talk about the Bible in general terms until you arrive at the wise sayings of the various characters the children may give you, then comment on the sentences in order as they appear in the G.C.R., bringing out clearly the result of having a little mind and the spiritual advantages of being possessed of heavenly wisdom.

Dec. 20th. *Manual 109.*

- I. LESSON HINT. Two word pictures.

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Moses received commandments from God written on stone (direct spirit-writing)	Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten received commandments from God through the spirits (by inspiration)

- II. In each case they were intended for the guidance of human beings, in order to aid their development
 III. LESSON. Emphasize the closing sentences.

Dec. 27th. *Manual 103.*

Approach the lesson by speaking about 'Xmas and the usual festivities. How people are inclined to be generous and give presents, etc., and thus introduce the question of 'brotherhood!' Help the children to think of various ways of doing good to others even if they must sacrifice their own pleasures by so doing. This hint will give the teacher ample opportunities for stimulating the generosity and sympathy of the class.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

Mrs. Greenwood sends to all her friends much love and goodwill.

Ash Leigh,
 Hebden Bridge.

'Xmas and New Year,
 1908 and 1909.

Reviews.

Towards the Light. A mystical poem by Her Excellency the Princess Mary Karadja, in neat paper covers 1/-, cloth 2/-, Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co. London. This work is an English version of a poem which appeared in Sweden a few years ago, and caused a great sensation in the country. It purports to be the auto-biography of a man who, having revelled in all earthly pleasures, gets disgusted with life, and shoots himself. To his utter amazement, he finds that he has only killed his body; his thinking Self remains as much alive as ever. The narrative of his painful experiences in spirit-life, in which he reaps, with pain and mortification of soul the consequences of his earthly wild career, is of stirring interest, and well adapted to impress the general reader.

A Future Life Demonstrated. This is a splendid vol. of 362 pp, containing the portraits of the author. Mr. E. W. Sprague, and his wife, who is also a gifted medium. They served the National Spiritualists' Association U.S.A. for 13 consecutive years as missionaries.

The book contains a brief sketch of Mr. Sprague's ancestry, early life, etc. It is replete with detailed records of spirit manifestations, communications, tests and messages. He fully justifies the title by the stirring experiences of facts of spirit presence given in each succeeding chapter. There is not a dull page in the book, and the reader will find it difficult to lay it down until he has read it through.

The price of the book is 4/- post free. Address E. W. Sprague, 1082, Trumbull Avenue, Detroit, Mich. U.S.A.

The Mystic, price 3d., for November, contains, among other things interesting to the student of mysticism, articles on astrology, birthday forecasts, marriage lore, a really good article on "The Pros and Cons of Spiritualism." The writer places the case of Spiritualism most ably before his readers, and strong indeed must be their scepticism if no favourable impression is made on their minds.

In Memoriam.

HYDE LYCEUM.—It is with deepest sorrow and regret that I report the passing into the higher life of our late marching conductor, Thos. Wm. Adams, at the somewhat early age of 27 years. He passed away on Nov. 1st, after three weeks of great suffering. His body was interred at Worsley Church, he being a native of Worsley, and coming over at week ends to our Lyceum, thus showing the enthusiasm he had for the cause. He had a military funeral, having served in the late South African war, gaining a medal and three bars. He was a Lyceumist whom we could ill afford to spare, for a better Lyceumist never entered into the movement. He was heart and soul in the work, and went about it in a very quiet, genial, unassuming manner, without any outward show of fuss, thus making friends with everyone. The children would work for him as if their whole lives depended upon it, and he in return for them. A great number of the Lyceumists journeyed to Worsley (some 14 miles) to his funeral, thus showing the respect they bore for him at Hyde. On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, we held a memorial service, when a large audience was present. Our late conductor, Mr. Wm. Poulton, presided, and he spoke at some length as to the qualities of our brother. Mr. Hanson Hey was the speaker, and he took for his text, "Death the Gateway to Life," which deeply affected all present. The Lyceum scholars sang, "Thou hast passed the shadowy portals." Madam McEwen sang, "O Rest in the Lord," and Mr. Meal, the organist, played the "Dead March" in Saul, the audience standing during the playing of same.

He is not dead, our loved who said farewell;
Will love us still, and often near us dwell;
The life he lived, the work he here began,
Will progress on, even in the Summer-Land,
Where God is all in all, where light and love doth reign,
Where partings are unknown, we'll meet our loved again.

JOSEPH SMITH, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—It is with regret I announce the passing to the higher life of one of our Lyceumists, little Jennie Silvers, aged 4 years, on October 31st in the hospital. She had only been ill a few days. Her passing on was quite unexpected. Our sympathies are extended to her sorrowing parents.
Miss E. H. Yates, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Silver Street).—It is with deep sorrow that I have to report the passing into the higher life of Laura Ethel Heslop, one of our Lyceumists, at the early age of 10 years and 9 months, on November 19th. The remains were interred on Sunday, November 22nd, the service being conducted by our esteemed conductor, Mr. C. Harrison, assisted by Mr. H. H. Broadbent, of Castleford, and Mrs. Houldsworth, of Bradford. Musical Reading 209 was given at the house, and hymn 332 from the Manual at the cemetery, and No 1 from the Hymn Book at the graveside. She was one of the first Lyceumists enrolled here, com-

mencing with the Lyceum, and hardly ever missed a session. She has now joined her mother in the Summer-land; and all our sympathies are with her father, brother and sisters.
R. Brown, Sec.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

To the Friends of the Lyceum Movement.

Permanent Secretary Fund, 1903 and 1908.

At the Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U., held at Blackburn, in 1903, it was decided to adopt another method of securing financial help to the Permanent Secretary Fund, by placing the management and collection thereof in the hands of a Financial Secretary, acting under the control of the Executive Council, with the hope of reaching those who are in close sympathy with the work of the Union, and its hard working General Secretary, Mr. Alfred Kitson. Up to that time Mr. Kitson had been in the undignified position of one asking for and collecting his own salary. A most undesirable position indeed for him. Although styled a permanent secretary the funds of the Union have not allowed of a proper return for work done, hence this appeal to your generosity to help us by a substantial donation or an annual subscription (the latter preferred).

Will all Lyceum Secretaries take notice of the above, and if their Lyceum has not already sent on a subscription, to kindly do so not later than Dec. 31st. The above is reprinted from the 1st circular issued by the Union for the purpose of attracting the attention of friends who are in sympathy with the children's cause, and also with a view of giving a satisfactory explanation to those Lyceums who have not understood the meaning of the cards lately issued by the financial secretary, as well as being a gentle hint to those who have sent no reply to the same.

Out of a list of about 200 Lyceums, only 42 have responded. Hurry up! friends. An error in last month's list needs correction. Barrow-in-Furnace (Dalkeith Street), sent a donation of 10/6, instead of 5/- as stated in the list of contributions. Contributions to hand since last issue of the BANNER are as follows:—

Mrs. Thompson, 2/6; Oldham (Coronation Street) Lyceum 10/-; Bolton (Bradford Street) Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Birkett, 2/6; Mr. Glendinning, 10/-; Hindley Lyceum, 2/6; Keighley Lyceum, 10/-; Brixton Lyceum, 2/6; Todmorden Lyceum, 5/-; Gt. Harwood Lyceum, 2/6; Blackburn (St. Peter Street), 10/-; Macclesfield Lyceum 7/6; Liverpool (Daulby Hall) 10/-; Ulverston Lyceum, 2/6; Halifax (Alma Street), 5/-; Miss Mortimer, 2/6; Mr. Wadsworth, 2/6; Wolverhampton Lyceum 2/6; Collyhurst Lyceum, 5/-; Bethel Street, Leeds, Lyceum, 10/-; Stockport Lyceum, 5/-; Maskell Street Lyceum, Manchester, 10/-; Nottingham Lyceum (Gladstone Hall), 5/-; Mr. George, 10/6; Newcastle-on-Tyne Lyceum, 15/-; Skipton Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Davis, 2/6; Shipley Lyceum, 2/6; Rochdale (Regent Hall) Lyceum, 5/-; Dundee Lyceum, 15/-; Dukinfield Lyceum, 2/6; Mrs. Batie, 1/-; Halifax (Raven Street) Lyceum, 10/-.

MRS. GREENWOOD,
Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge,

Interesting Wedding at Collyhurst, Manchester.

At St. James', Collyhurst, on Wednesday, Nov. 4th, Miss Ethel Waters to Mr. Harold Bowker, before a large congregation. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. C. P. Keeling, M.A. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked charming in a white silk semi-empire dress, white silk hat trimmed with three large ostrich plumes, and draped with a lace scarf. She carried a beautiful bouquet of pure white flowers. She was attended by Miss Nellie Hall as bridesmaid, who was neatly attired in a dress of raspberry cloth, with large white felt hat trimmed with white plumes and ospreys; and was assisted by Miss Jessie Bowker and Master F. Bowker, each carrying a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bride's mother was tastefully attired in black chiffon taffeta, relieved with a vest of cream net, black satin hat, with black feather and white osprey. The bridegroom's mother was also dressed in black chiffon taffeta, black lace yoke over white satin, each carrying a bouquet of old gold chrysanthemums. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Walter Woodfen as best man, Mr. John Cooper also being in attendance. After the ceremony a reception was held in the Collyhurst Spiritualist Hall, where a large gathering of relations and friends offered their congratulations and good wishes to the newly-married couple. The presents were numerous and handsome.

The bride has been a member of our Lyceum from childhood, and the service she has rendered the Lyceum and the church by her beautiful singing will long live in the memories of those who have had the pleasure of hearing her. On behalf of the Collyhurst Lyceum, I beg to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker, and trust their united efforts will meet with the success they so richly deserve.

J. PARKINSON, Sec.

On Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 2 p.m., a marriage ceremony was celebrated by Mr. Ed. Swan, of the Blackpool Lyceum, the contracting parties being Mr. Norman Halliwell, late of the Blackburn Lyceum, but now residing at St. Anne's and Miss Agnes Eastwood, of the same place. The ceremony was witnessed by a numerous audience.—A.C.E.

TODMORDEN.—We held our open session on Nov. 1st, when the following items were admirably rendered, viz.—Short speech by Mr. G. Crossley; reading by Mr. W. J. Braund; recitations by the following, "Past and Present or Looking Backward," Miss Bertha Lee; "Horatious," Master Ben Pellowe; "The Dolly Tub," Miss M. Stephenson; "The Squirrel," Miss S. Pellowe; "The Pawnbroker's Shop," Miss Laura Braund; Duet, "Invocation to Angels," Misses Betsy A. Crossley and Edith Skerritt; Hymn, "The World is growing good," by Misses Sarah Ridgeway, Lily A. Braund, and Ethel M. Lord.—Wm. Clark, Secretary.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Silver Street).—I am glad to state that our Lyceum is maintaining its standard. On Nov. 2nd, we had a social gathering of Lyceumists and members of the society, and also presented Mrs. Brittle with a *Lyceum Manual*, Hymn Book, and a tea pot and stand, upon her leaving Stockton to go to reside at Nuneaton. The *Manual* was presented by Mr. Heslop, Assistant Conductor, Hymn Book by Mr. Dodsworth, on behalf of the society, and tea pot by Mrs. J. Harrison, on behalf of the ladies; all expressing the wish that they may prosper in their new home. Songs and recitations were given by Mrs. Outhwaite, Mr. Gallagher, and others. We had altogether a very enjoyable evening.—R. Brown, Secretary.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

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

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

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our monthly open session, musical readings, silver chain and golden chain being well rendered. Altogether we had a very good session, recitations being given by Jane Yates and Mabel Simpson; readings by Mr. Simpson, Mr. O. Wrigley and Mr. H. Beech. On Saturday, Oct. 31st, we had with us the Magnetic Healers' Association, about 65 being present to tea in the afternoon. In the evening we had a good public meeting, about 12 healers being at work. It is a work that is much needed in our movement, and we hope good results will arise therefrom.—A. France, Secretary.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, we held our second monthly open sessions (I might add that the church have given the first Sunday in the month for the children to give their recitations in the evening instead of the ordinary service). Recitations by the children were rendered beautifully; also the song by Miss Jennie Kendall, "Only tired." Vocal solo by Miss Hoggart. Our worthy conductor, Mr. Griffiths, said a few words, followed by an address by Mr. Owen. I am sure all that were present spent a very pleasant time.—J. A. Hapson, Secretary.

[Will the new secretary please favour us with her full address.—Ed.]

BATLEY CARR (Carr Street).—On Nov. 7th we held our annual tea and concert on behalf of the Lyceum funds. A good number of parents and friends partook of a good tea, ably served by the male members of the Lyceum. After tea deep interest was manifested in the concert, the first half of which was provided by the children, who for over an hour kept the audience in close attention, winning frequent applause. The latter half was provided by the adults, whose numerous items of interest, both sentimental and humorous, provided an entertainment extending over 2½ hours. The proceeds realised £3 4s. 10½d., for which our hearty thanks are given to all who helped to make it a success.

BLACKBURN (Northgate).—On Nov. 15th the above Lyceum was re-opened under the auspices of the N.E.L.L.D.C. It was pleasing to see a number of the old workers, and 60 scholars present at the morning session. An open session was held in the afternoon, when a good and varied programme was gone through to the evident delight of all. The naming of a child by Mr. Will Edwards, D.V., added to the general interest. Short addresses were given by Messrs. G. Howarth, Geo. C. Higham, R. Latham, and W. Edwards. The evening service was conducted and addressed by the Executive of the N.E.L.L.D.C., Messrs. R. Latham, G. C. Higham, and W. Edwards. The day's sessions and service will be remembered by all with pleasure.—W. Edwards, D.V.

BLACKBURN.—On Sunday the annual election of officers of the Lyceum took place, resulting in the following persons being elected to their various offices:—Mr. G. Edwards, conductor, assistant conductors, Misses Jones and Eddleston; Mr. A. Salter, secretary; Miss Allen, financial secretary; Mr. J. Hindle, treasurer; Mr. T. Edwards, musical director; Mrs. Webb and Mr. E. Holding, calisthenic conductors; Mr. G. Edwards, junr., librarian; Miss S. Ainsworth, marching leader; Miss A. Wolstenholme, guardian; captain of guards, Mr. T. Holland, senr.; guards, Mr. E. Hepworth and Mr. T. Holland, junr.; Mr. J. Haworth, registrar. We trust the above will work harmoniously together for the spiritual improvement of the Lyceum.—A. Salter, Secretary.

BLACKPOOL (Albert Road).—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, we held our 13th anniversary. Mr. Jones, of Lancaster, was the speaker. Miss Catlow and Miss Eaton rendered solos, and Mesdames Goldsborough and Garlick very ably officiated at the services. On the Monday evening we had a musical evening, conducted by Mr. Birch. On the 18th we held the anniversary tea, and the following entertainment was well enjoyed:—Solos, Miss Catlow, Miss Eaton, Master Stanley Garlick; recitations, Masters Joe and John Cartman and B. Swan, and Misses Hobbs, Fox and Howes. A troupe of pierrots, composed of Lyceum scholars, gave selections. Messrs. H. Shepherd, J. Duckworth, J. England and R. Ireland, and Bessie Barnes, also entertained. Mr. Swan presided, and Mr. Procter was the accompanist.—Arthur C. Eaton, Assistant Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM (Saltley).—On Sundays, Nov. 1st, 8th, and 15th, we held open sessions. Good programmes well arranged by our worthy conductors. On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, we held groups, Mr. William Norton presiding over the Liberty Group, and Mr. Brown and Mrs. Eaton over the Juniors' Group. Mr. Norton gave a very instructive and interesting paper on "Poverty." The subject was dealt with in a very able manner, giving much room for thought. Progress very satisfactory.—Frederick Chew, Hon. Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On Saturday, Oct. 31st, we held a social evening, when about 100 friends and members enjoyed the excellent programme arranged by the committee. Miss A. Clarke, soprano, rendered two songs, entitled, "Killarney" and "Down the Vale," in a splendid manner, this being her first appearance on the platform. Miss B. Wood again rendered recitations that suit every time she appears. Mr. Smart, of Horwich, gave two comic songs. Mr. Billsborough also sang. Light repast was served during the interval, dancing, etc., being partaken in. Saturday, Nov. 14th, was a red letter day, because the tea party and entertainment was on behalf of the Lyceum football club, who played their return match with Bury Lyceum. About 200 sat down to tea.—John Flanagan. [Please Note Rule 3.—Ed.]

BRADFORD (Blanche Street).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our usual open session, before a good attendance of scholars and friends. Mr. H. Hargreaves conducted the session, when the following took part:—Recitations were given by Frank Merrell, Violet Winterburn and Martha Gornall. Solos were given by Lena Battye and Florrie Madin; also a duet by Mr. F. Manchester and Miss E. Rothera. A very good session, thoroughly enjoyed by all.—H. Hargreaves.

BRADFORD, DUDLEY HILL (Tong Street).—Nov. 1st—We had a beautiful open session. The following took part:—Recitations: Masters Alwyn Dennison, Harry Platts, Ralf Leach. Solos: Miss May Worsman, Messrs. Rau, Fearnley and Kitcheman. Duet: Misses Ida Fearnley and Emily Stebbins. Address: Mr. Rau. Accompanist, Mr. Squire Kitcheman.—Henry Barnes, Secretary.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our usual open session, about 25 members being present. Mr. Curtis conducted the session, while the following also took part:—Recitations, Mr. McBrine, Doris Brownhall, and Albert Botham. Mr. Curtis and G. Forrester rendered us a duet. I may say that a physical culture club has been formed for the benefit of our senior group, which is highly appreciated and well patronised.—H. E. Brownhall, Hon. Secretary.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Oct. 25th our conductor had a pleasing ceremony to perform in presenting a beautiful flower stand to one of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Burns, on the occasion of her marriage. She also received a beautiful photo frame from the Excelsior Group. On Nov. 8th we held our open sessions, morning and afternoon. Marching and calisthenics very good; as also were the songs, recitations and addresses by Mr. Taylor, of Heywood, and Mr. Taylor, of Shaw. In the evening the two gentlemen were again with us; also Mr. Golding, of Bury, all three giving short but instructive addresses to a large number of Lyceumists and friends.—Jos. Wood, Assistant Secretary.

CREWE (Mill Street).—On Nov. 1st we held our anniversary. The B.S.L.U. hymn sheets were used, No. 3 in the afternoon and No. 2 in the evening. The readings were given by Ada Buxton, Nellie Ford, Lily Spencer, Frank Sinclair, Fred Horner and Willie Sinclair. Mr. George Clarke, of Liverpool,

gave two addresses, which were highly appreciated by the audiences, and calculated to produce good results. The anniversary was a success and should have a tendency to make the society take a deeper interest in the Lyceum.—H. Walker.

DARWEN (Church Bank Street).—On October 25th we celebrated our Lyceum Anniversary. There was a good attendance at the afternoon open session. Mrs. L. Nurse, of Rochdale, was the speaker, who gave good addresses on the Lyceum work both afternoon and evening; and also good clairvoyance. There was a crowded audience at the evening service. The election of officers took place on Nov. 1st, and the following were duly elected:—Conductor, Mr. A. Arnold, with two assistants, Mrs. Kirkham and Mr. T. Marsden; secretary, Mr. J. Nightingale; treasurer, Miss Mary Bury. The syllabus system in our Liberty Group is proving of special value. Essayists come from all ranks outside Spiritualism, who give us some splendid essays. Open session once a month.—John Clarkson, Assistant Secretary. [Please Note Rule 3.—Ed.]

DERBY (Chanwood Street).—On Nov. 1st we had a very interesting open session, each group taking part in songs, recitations, and dialogues. The marching and calisthenics also show a decided improvement, owing to the zeal of our late president, Mr. Sharp. We are also very pleased with our Lyceumists for the interest they took in learning a cantata, which was given in the afternoon of our harvest festival, for the benefit of the society's funds, and which proved a great success.—Ethel Lees, Secretary.

DONCASTER (Temperance Hall).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our annual election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were duly elected, who have willingly consented to perform their duties in the Lyceum while in office:—Conductor, Mr. T. Booth; assistant conductor, Miss H. Hilson; secretary, Doris Rock; assistant secretary, Miss M. Gleadhall; treasurer, Mr. Booth; auditors, Mrs. Thorpe and Mr. Booth. Miss Hopwood was re-elected as musical conductor and Miss E. Lee as the assistant musical conductor, a position she will no doubt fill ably. The other offices practically remain the same as last year.—Doris Rock, Secretary.

DUNDEE (Barrack Street).—Our Lyceum is still making good progress. Officers are very busy just now teaching the children their parts in the sketches and songs which are to take place in one of the largest halls in our town on the night of Christmas. Much good has been done by Walter Crompton, our drill instructor, in the way of presenting to the Lyceum a full edition in numbers of the Children's Encyclopedia, edited by Arthur Mee. Our average attendance for the past two months is 45. During that time we were visited by 52 members from our adult society.—James Inglis, junior, Secretary.

GATESHEAD (Beaconsfield Hall).—Sunday, Nov. 1st, being our annual prize distribution, we held an open session. There was a splendid gathering of parents and friends. After the usual suver and golden chain recitations, our Conductor, in a few well-chosen remarks called upon Mrs. J. Clarke, of Newcastle, to present the prizes. Mrs. Clarke gave an excellent address on Lyceum work, and congratulated each of the 33 recipients, and hoped it would stimulate them to greater efforts on behalf of the Lyceum. An excellent programme of songs, solos, recitations, dialogues and duets was then rendered by members of the Lyceum, each item being heartily applauded, which brought an enjoyable session to a close.—W. Hall, Hon. Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—We held our open session on Nov. 1st. The silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading was led by Miss P. Birtwistle, Master Albert Taylor and Mrs. Ainsworth. The golden chain was led by Mr. Thornley. A recitation was given by Master A. Holt. Solos were given from the Manual by Misses L. Holt, N. Almond and M. Sharples.—Mary A. Holt, Secretary.

HADFIELD (Albert Street).—Our Lyceum had a plain tea on Saturday, Nov. 21st, which was a success. After tea a very good programme was gone through, Mrs. A. Waterhouse being the chairlady. Her remarks were very brief and to the point. The programme consisted of pianoforte solos by Miss E. Harris and W. Chorley. Songs were given by Misses J. Booth, C. Booth, A. Kenworthy, E. France, L. Bramhall, M. E. Hinchliffe, Mrs. A. Waterhouse, Mr. C. Nuttall, Mr. J. France, H. Brightmore and W. Wolley. Recitations by Miss M. H. Beeley and W. Chorley. Dialogue by C. Nuttall and E. Waterhouse,

entitled "Mr. Brown and his servant." We closed with a dance. Everybody went home looking much brighter.—C. Nuttall, Secretary, pro. tem.

HALIFAX (Raven Street).—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, we held our open session. Conductor, Mr. Baldwin, assistant, Miss Mallinson. Recitations were rendered by Misses Minnie Jowett, Gladys Greenwood, May Moorhouse, Gladys Hellewell, Jessie Meadowcroft, Doris Binns, Bertha Laycock and Lily Waddington. Duet by Miss Eleanor Redman and Miss Lucy Wadsworth. Reading by Masters Harold Brown and Alfred Ablett. Song by Miss Newsome. Marching and calisthenics, under the able conductorship of Miss Mallinson, were gone through with credit. Accompanist, Miss Culpan. Splendid attendance of parents and friends.—Mr. J. Bedford, Secretary.

HINDLE (Bridge Street).—On Sunday morning, Nov. 8th, we had a very enjoyable time. We had with us Mrs. Stafford, from Oldham, speaking to the children, offering a prize for the best three essays on the following subjects:—1st, What is the Lyceum? 2nd, What benefit do I gain from the Lyceum? 3rd, What will the Lyceum teach me to be? She will give a fortnight for each essay, and the prizes will be given at Christmas. Mr. Butler gave a book, called "Magnetism and Electricity." This book is for going through their calisthenics, and with the calisthenics deep breathing. Then there were six picked out who went through it again, and they all deserved a prize. Miss Sarah Skidmore got the prize. Miss Stafford was the lady judge and all of us had a very good time of it.—Rd. Barrington, Secretary.

HORWICH.—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, we had with us three members of British Mediums' Union, being Mr. Knight, and Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, there being about 80 present, but we have 92 on the register. Mrs. Bentley put the Lyceumists through their marches and calisthenics and also said a few words to the children. We have a football club now to keep the lads together.—Ernest Fernihough, Secretary.

JOHANNESBURG (End Street).—We held our monthly open session on Sunday, Nov. 1st. We had a very enjoyable gathering. All the Lyceumists were not present, but we hope to have them all next Sunday. The singing and responses were good. The recitations given were mostly from Spiritualist poets, such as Wordsworth, Longfellow, Tennyson. Three songs were given by Lyceumists. Some of the Lyceum scholars gave short lectures, which were very interesting, but I am very sorry to say that there were only two given. Sometimes there have been as many as six. Our closing hymn was "Let the lower lights be burning."—(Sgd.) Amy Horne, Scholar.

LANCASTER.—Sunday, Nov. 1st, interesting open session was held, wherein the senior members of our Lyceum had to entertain the juniors, who seemed generally to be having their day off, at least off work. One little girl, however, volunteering to assist; that was Lena Verden, who recited very nice indeed. Duet by Miss M. Fisher and Mr. Jones, our conductor. Song by Miss Ford. Finally, we that had been drones in the session, felt much ashamed of ourselves, realising that we would be shown up in our BANNER. Our leaders had their usual monthly committee; much good business done. Parent society has taken an excellent step, granting scholars between ages 18 and 21, admission to membership at half usual subscriptions.—J. Sayle.

LEICESTER (Albion Street).—On Oct. 25th we held our open session, when we had with us Messrs. W. Johnson, J. Knight, and R. A. Owen, of the National Executive. Mr. W. Johnson and Mr. W. Owen spoke many words of encouragement, both to the leaders and scholars. Mr. Knight took the G.C.R. On Nov. 15th we had Mr. Ashworth, the District Visitor. We were pleased to see him once again. He was delighted with the manner we went through our marching and calisthenics. He was also pleased when Mr. J. C. Hurst, conductor, said that we had four new scholars that day. I am pleased to say that we are growing slowly, but surely.—Mr. A. Hurst, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—The Lyceum is still progressing, enrolling new members every week. On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we spent a very pleasant time. In the evening the Lyceum rendered the service of song, entitled "Unseen hands." Our Assistant Conductor, Miss N. Newcombe, was the reader. The Lyceumists sang their hymns and gave the recitations in good style. Solos were given by Mr. Chambers, and Misses Wilson. On Nov. 8th we held a very enjoyable session, having with

us Mr. Hurst, the conductor of Albion Street Lyceum. Also Mr. Snowden, both speaking very highly of the Lyceum and its workings. After which Mr. Hurst spoke to the Lyceumists on the good they could do to others.—James Bishop, Secretary.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, the Lyceum held the usual open session, in which recitations were rendered by Mr. Nicholson, Thomas and James Claydon, Ruby and Lily Rutter, and Decima Roberts. A solo was sung by Sarah Dixon, entitled "Hand in hand with angels." The marching and calisthenics were done very well. We also received a few remarks from Mr. Richardson, Mr. Claydon and Mr. Dobby, in connection with Lyceum work.—N. Roberts, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL (Daulby Hall).—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, the Lyceum conducted the services for the whole of the day. In the afternoon a Lyceum session was held, which was briskly conducted, and evidently enjoyed by the numerous visitors. In the evening, an interesting service of song, entitled "Marching Onward," was excellently rendered by the Lyceum. Mr. Keeling was the reader, and Miss Nicholas and Miss Procter were the soloists. The day's proceedings reflect considerable credit on our musical directress, Miss Owen, and the officers generally, not forgetting our Conductor, Mr. Keeling.—W. J. Adamson, Secretary.

LONDON, BATTERSEA (Henley Street).—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, we had a very interesting Lyceum session, 66 children being present. Pianoforte duet by Olive Williams and Maudie Thomas. Song by Maggie Entwistle. Recitation by Ethel Slee; pianoforte solo by Kitty Barker; recitation by May Coleman; pianoforte duet by Maudie Thomas and Olive Williams; and the last recitation was given by one of the youngest Lyceumists, Drucilla Slee. This being followed by a farewell tea given to the Lyceum by Miss Morris, who for 11 years has been our conductor, and to whom we owe in a great measure the success of our Lyceum. We have now 76 children on our books. It is with deep regret that we are parting with her.—Annie E. Sharman, Secretary. [Please Note Rule 3.—Ed.]

LONDON, BRICKTON.—Our Lyceum, although not increasing rapidly in number, is increasing in its feeling of enthusiasm. Led by our conductor, we are determined to conquer all opposition, by this proving that "Workers Win." We have had several visitors this month, who have given us words of encouragement. We are able to hold excellent committee meetings, as the adult members of the church are working with, and for us. We have taken up dancing to make our mid-week session more attractive to the younger Lyceumists.—Violet Parmiter, Secretary.

LONDON, CHISWICK, W. (110, High Road).—We are glad to report that our Lyceum is still progressing, under the able conductorship of Miss Cole. We now have about 60 names on the register, with an average attendance of about 40 each Sunday. On Nov. 1st a revival meeting was held, at which we were favoured by the presence of a friend from the Plaistow Lyceum, who spoke a few words of encouragement. Also a Lyceumist from Canning Town, who gave us a recitation. A very interesting and instructive lesson was given by the Conductor, illustrated by a drawing representing "The ladder of Light or Truth," and the afternoon proved a very happy one. We are always pleased to welcome visitors from other Lyceums.—Miss B. Imison, Hon. Secretary. [Please Note Rule 3.—Ed.]

LONDON, STRATFORD (Workman's Hall).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, our Lyceum opened by Mr. Tilbey (conductor), and our first session held. The scholars who were present have attended regularly, and are greatly interested in the teachings. The marching and calisthenics are good. Mr. Tilbey has been, and is still, working hard for this Lyceum; may his efforts be crowned with success.—G. Hunt.

LONDON (Tottenham).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we had a good time together in our Lyceum. Liberty and Excelsior groups very interesting. Sunday, Nov. 8th, good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Miss Ellen Barnes gave a paper, which was followed with discussion. Nov. 15th—Pearls were very good; also the responses. Recitations by Dorothy Steele, Elsie Barnes and Phyllis Cole. Sunday, 22nd, we had a fair attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Recitations by Fred Lightfoot, Kathleen Jones, Elsie Barnes gave a solo, and also Dorothy Steele and Ivy Cole sang "Hear the angels."—Mr. C. Barrington, Secretary.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Saturday, Nov. 7th, we held a social and dance, promoted by the adult members of the Lyceum. It is the first of a series which will be held during the winter months, towards clearing off the debt on the chapel. The effort was a great success in every respect. On Sunday, Nov. 8th, we had a fairly well attended Lyceum session. The responses to the silver and golden chain recitations were good. Miss Edith Birch recited "A tribute of love to Andrew Jackson Davies," which was published in the LYCEUM BANNER for Oct. All present enjoyed it.—Wm. Albinson, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, SOUTH (Princess Road).—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, we held a musical afternoon, commencing at 2-30 with a good audience. Lyceumists and friends rendered recitations and solos; also Mr. Salkell, a well-known proficient, rendered two violin solos, and Mrs. Barratt two solos, to whom we are greatly indebted. Towards the close of the meeting Mr. Chapell gave a very appropriate speech, followed by the presentation of an umbrella to our late conductor, Mr. Rastall, by a Lyceumist, Miss Nellie Robinson, together with a short speech. Mr. Rastall suitably replied, expressing his deepest sympathy with the children's cause.—A. Cridland, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, BENWELL (Co-operative Hall).—Our Lyceum is progressing favourably. We have an average attendance of forty-five scholars. We also have a class for the adult members, which is very well attended. Solos and recitations are given by the scholars every Sunday, which are listened to with the greatest interest by all. On the whole I think we are doing splendidly.—Mr. A. Pickles, Hon. Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Royal Arcade).—Before a crowded audience on Sunday, Nov. 1st, Mr. J. Clarke, D.V., distributed prizes to the successful scholars for the year. These included two consolation prizes, given by Mrs. Clarke, and three conductors' prizes for the best work done in the Lyceum. Mr. Clarke emphasised the fact that the Lyceum was not a school exclusive for the young. Under the leadership of Mr. H. A. Kersey the following scholars gave a miscellaneous programme:—Misses Nellie Bentley, Lily Marshall, Bella Seed, Clara Servant, Cora Smith, Era Brittain and Kate Smith; Blackpool, Masters Eugene Mein, Fred Oswald, Jack Bentley and W. Servant. Miss Lily Clarke accompanied. Mrs. Clarke with clairvoyance brought an entertaining service to a close.—Albert Brown, Secretary. [Please Note Rule 3.—Ed.]

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—We held our open session on Nov. 1st. After the opening our Conductor, Mr. L. Shipley, spoke a few words to us. We then had recitations from three of our youngest members, Lily Huntbach, Harold Huntbach and Dollie Davis. Alice Huntbach gave us a solo, accompanied by her brother, Willie. Mr. Elvidge, the president of our society, gave a short address. Then our old friend, Mr. Marsters, gave us a good address on "Temperance," and a reading called "The Temperance Mill." Miss Fletcher, a lady Mr. Marsters brought to see us, gave two beautiful piano-forte solos. Altogether we spent a very pleasant and instructive afternoon.—Miss E. H. Yates.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—On Nov. 1st we held our open session. The following gave recitations:—Mr. Deakin, Ivy Brown, Ethel Baker, Ada Brown, and Mr. S. Farnath gave a reading. On Nov. 8th Mr. Deakin read a paper on "Temperance," written by L. Cooke, held over from the previous Sunday, owing to lack of time.—Lewis Cooke, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, we held an open session. Mrs. Nurse, of Rochdale, most ably officiated as speaker. There was a good attendance. We opened the session by singing "The angels are coming, I hear from now." Then we had for the silver chain, "Better than gold," taken by Miss A. Walker. Musical reading, "Triumph of love," Miss Warburton first reading, Miss James second, and Mr. Cecil Bamford third. Golden chain, "The conduct of life," by Mr. Ingham. Recitations, Misses Hilda Pointon, Edith Ingham, Masters Walter Lister and Tom Bray. Solos by Misses Wardle, Walker, Annie Walker, Chapman, Pointon. Duet by Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Greenwood. The pearls were numerous; no lacking. Mrs. Nurse and Mr. Lester gave us some good advice.—T. Ingham, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—We still keep having excellent sessions Sunday after Sunday, the responses being very good. Recitations very fair. All seem to be working in harmony for the good of the cause. We have good attendances at each

session. I am very glad to state that our Conductor, Mr. Frank Shaw, is still following up the system proposed by the Executive Council on their last visit to Oldham, which shews that they have left some good behind them, and I sincerely hope that their visit to Oldham will not be the last.—A. Horsman, Assistant Secretary.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Oct. 25th we had with us Miss Coles, of Chiswick, and Mr. Clarke, of Brighton. Miss Coles encouraged the children to persevere in their work, and praised the recitations. She also urged them to try and bring their companions to school with them. Mr. Clarke also spoke very kindly and tactfully. On this occasion we held an open session. On Nov. 1st Mr. Hector Lacey (our President) addressed the children, basing his remarks on a recitation given by Master Fielder "Make your mark." We are certainly making slow, but sure progress. The recitations being good and the children gaining more confidence in themselves.—Miss M. Harris, Sec.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our usual open session. There was a good attendance of about 60. Mr. Scourft gave a short address. Recitations by Elizabeth Thompson, Maggie Hornby, Annie Hornby, Ivy Pye, Nellie Chank, Amy Coupe, and Doris Longbottom. Song by Elizabeth Higginbottom. We are enrolling new scholars every week. We hope all will work hand in hand next year as they have done this. On Saturday, Nov. 7th, the officers and leaders gave the Lyceumists a tea party, when about 60 sat down to tea. After tea the time was spent in games. All present seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope it will encourage them to take a greater interest in the Lyceum. A happy evening was brought to a close by singing "Good night."—C. Fisher, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—We held our harvest festival on Nov. 8th, Mr. Barker being the speaker. We had a good day. On Nov. 14th we held our monthly Lyceum Meeting. We changed the time of starting the morning session to 10-30, and close at 11-30. Mr. Bruce, was elected conductor, as Mr. Smith resigned. We elected leaders. They are Mr. Smith, Mr. Dalton and Master Eric Metcalf, Miss G. Blades, Miss D. Vernon and Miss Z. Metcalf.—John Rolfe, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—We held our usual open session on Sunday, November 1st. There was a very good attendance. Mr. Norris conducted the session, which was bright and harmonious throughout. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in splendid style. The second series of calisthenics is being introduced, also improved method in chain march. The afternoon's programme consisted of the following. Solos were rendered by Miss Ada Brookes, May Needham, and Mr. T. Oliver. Recitations by Gladys Thickett, Florence Vernon, Mrs. Middleton, Beatrice Beardoe, Cecil Norris, James Beardoe, R. Stevenson, Alan Whitworth, and Eric Norris. Sunday, November 15th, R. Swinden conducted afternoon session. Mr. Oaten (Resident Organiser, Sheffield District) addressed the Liberty Group on the afternoon's lesson. Subject "Brotherhood."—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SHIPLEY (Teal Court).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our open session. Opening hymn, No. 334. Invocation by Mr. J. Moore. The attendance was very good. The silver chain recitation, musical reading, and golden chain recitation were gone through very nicely. Marching very good, calisthenics poor. Solos, recitations, and duets were nicely rendered by the following: Miss A. Birdsall, Misses P. and E. Winterbottom, Miss Ivy Edmondson, Miss H. Winterbottom, Miss H. Rastric, Miss L. Clark, Miss S. Murphy, and Mr. A. Oldfield. Piano-forte selection by Miss H. M. Oldfield. Accompanist E. H. Coles. The benediction by Mrs. Welbourn, who was conductor for the day, closed a very pleasant and enjoyable session.—E. H. Coles, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we held our open session. A good attendance of scholars and friends were present. Recitations were rendered in a very pleasing manner by Misses Lizzie Bolton, Amy Hardy, Blanche Hardy, Kitty Bolton, Lucy Bolton, and Josey Bolton, the latter being only six years old it proved a good example for the older ones to follow. Marching and calisthenics completed our afternoon's programme. A very happy day had been spent by all. On the 8th, we had the pleasure of Mrs. Scholes's presence, who conducted our Lyceum, she has taken a great interest in us from our commencement. We are looking forward with eager anticipation to a tea and social to be held at an early date.—Miss Edith Beaumont, Secretary.

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

- Accrington**, Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. R. Sutcliffe, 60, Pendle Street.
- Accrington**, China-street, 10 a.m. Mr. J. F. Shuttleworth, 95, Hyndburn-road, Church.
- Altrincham**, Station-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Bardsley, 1, Daisy Bank, Bloomsbury Lane, Timperley.
- Armley**, Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. Miss Ruth Marshall, 29, Thornville St., Burley Fields, Burley, Leeds.
- Ashington**, 2 p.m. Miss Kate Wilson, 23, Fifth Row, Ashington, via Morpeth.
- Ashton-under-Lyne**, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Abraham France, 174, Margaret Street.
- Bacup**, Market-street, 2 p.m. Mr. H. Salisbury, 8, Clay Street.
- Barnoldswick**, Market-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. R. Ashley, 18, Stuart Street, near Colne.
- Barnsley**, George-yard, 10-30 and 2. Mr. C. H. Scholey, 26, Blenheim Road.
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 2. Miss F. Dobson, 28, Argyle Street.
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mr. John Kendall, 31, Osborne Road.
- Barry Dock**, Sea View Hall, Sea View-rd., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward Road, Cadoxton.
- Batley Carr**, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Miss P. Mortimer, Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, Batley.
- Belper**, Jubilee-hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- Birkenhead**, 161, Grange-road, 11 a.m. Mr. John Parry, 71, Church Street.
- Birmingham**, Martineau-street, 11 a.m. Miss F. Davis, 77, Murdoch Road, Handsworth.
- Birmingham**, 52, Crawford-street, Salfley, 2-45. Mr. Fredrick Chew, 27, Ellesmere Road, Alum Rock, Salfley.
- Birmingham**, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire Road, Smethwick.
- Blackburn**, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. McKnight, Junr., 47, Bicknell Street.
- Blackburn**, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. Salter, 2, Edith Street.
- Blackpool**, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur C. Eaton, 11, Cookson Street.
- Bolton**, Bradford Street, 10 a.m. Mr. John Flanagan, 87, 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.
- Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. George Crowther, 27, John Street, Lane Head.
- 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**, Hamerton-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Lawrence Tattersal, 26, Homby Street.
- Burnley**, North-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Herbert E. Laycock, 16, Renshaw Street.
- Burnley**, Richard-street, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Haworth, 113, Branch Road.
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurlinglow-wharf, 10 and 2-45. Mr. H. Brownhall, 18, Derby-road.
- 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, Habershorn Street, Spottlands.
- Carlisle**, West-walls, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Wyatt, 2, Stainton Street, Corporation Road.
- Castleford**, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. A. Atack, 100, High Street, Benncroft Road.
- Chester**, Commonhall-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur Williams, 19, Gladstone Avenue.
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. James Martin, 16, Valley Road, Spittal.
- Clayton-le-Moors**, Victor-st., 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. Mrs. F. H. Pearson, Victoria House, Colne Lane.
- Crewe**, Mill-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford-avenue.
- Crompton**, Rochdale-rd., 10 and 2. Mr. J. Leigh, 418, Manchester-rd., Shaw, near Oldham.
- 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. James Nightingale, 10, Pine Street.
- Dearnley**, Rochdale-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Pinchbeck, 555, Halifax Road, Small Bridge, Rochdale.
- Derby**, Chamwood-street, 9-45 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 Dora Rock, 69, Copley Road.
- Doncaster**, Wood-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Alfred Bates, 12, Belmont Avenue, Baby.
- Dukinfield**, Railway-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Williams, 187, Portland Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
- Dundee**, Barrack-street, 12-30 a.m. Mr. James Inglis, Junr., 7, Park Avenue.
- Dunfermline**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Mr. James C. Dempster, Elsinore-place, 3, Hilltown.
- Edinburgh**, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George 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. Win. 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. Stronberg, 66, Oran Street, Maryhill, Glasgow.
- Glasgow**, Ebenezer Church, Waterloo-street, 4 p.m. Mr. A. S. Guild, 281, Cathedral Street.
- Great Harwood**, West Well-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Holt, 36, St. Edmund Street, near Blackburn.
- Greenock**, Cathcart-street, 4-30 p.m. Mr. Alex. Peacock, 71, Ann Street.
- Grimsby**, Strand-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Daisy Scott, 75, Blundell Street, New Clew.
- Hadfield**, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Philip Beely, 6, Wesley Street, near Manchester.
- Halifax**, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 4, Green Terrace Square, Savile Park.
- Halifax**, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. 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, Cheetham Street, 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 a.m. Mr. Fred Snape, 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**, 132, President street, 11 a.m. Mr. P. Cartwright, P.O. Box 6209.
- Keighley**, Heber-street, 9-45 and 1-30. Mr. E. Shackleton, 11, Acree 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), Miss Pawson, 27, Prosperity-street, Camp-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, Gerny Street, Melton Road.
- Leicester**, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Bishop, 10, Mere Road.
- Leigh**, Brown-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Woodward, 22, Post's Nook, Lancs.
- Leigh**, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Sifton Street, Lancs.
- Lincoln**, Exchange Arcade, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Nicholson, 45, Waterside, North.
- Littleton**, Well-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Harry Hirst, Well Street, near Liversedge.
- Liverpool**, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. W. Adamson, 19, Copperras Hill.
- Liverpool**, Eskine 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. Mr. Joseph Dix, 9, Bloom Park Road, Fulham.
- London**, E. Stratford (Cent.), Romford Road, 3 p.m. Mr. George F. Tilley, 399, Romford Road, Forest Gate.
- London**, Tottenham, 193, High-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Barrington, 33, Bury-street, Lower Edmonton, N.
- Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 96, Coronation Street.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. William Albion, 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 Pugh, 77, York Street, Moston Lane, Blackley.
- Manchester**, B. Parhey, Mitford-street, Couran-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Edmondson, 89, Chapel Lane, Blackley.
- Manchester**, Higher Openshaw, Beulah-street, 2-30. Mr. H. Hill, 3, Hughes-street, Odgen-lane, Higher Openshaw.
- 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 Duncaif, 7, St. Leonard's Street, near Manchester.
- Middlesbrough**, Grange-road, W. 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul's Road.
- Milom**, Main-street, 2-15 p.m. Mrs. E. Wilkinson, 47, Lonsdale Road.
- Monkwearmouth**, Calvert-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. B. Belleth, 13, Romford-street, Pallian, Sunderland.
- Morley**, Fountain-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Herbert A. Hill, 2, Tomlinson Buildings, High Street, ar Leeds.
- Motherwell**, Drinnan's Halls, 3 p.m. Miss Jeannie Hendry, 138, Brandon Street.
- Nelson**, Vemon-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. H. Stables, 5, Hammond Street, Wolverden.
- Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 20, Royal-arcade, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Albert Brown, 60, Mary Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.
- Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell, Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. A. Pickles, 57, Ellesmere Road, Benwell Grove.
- Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton & Byker, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. N. Gay, 112, Tyne-mouth 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. Gratten, 210, Alfreton rd.
- Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Hawarden-terrace, 10-30. Mr. C. E. Sharp, 51, Gauntley st., Hyson Green.
- Nottingham**, (Mechanics Hall), Burton-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Lewis Cooke, 195, Wollaton st.
- Nottingham**, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartine-st., 2-30. Miss E. H. Yates, 1, St. Ann's Valley, Hungerhill rd.
- Nottingham**, Parliament-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Joseph E. Lester, 70, Shakespeare-street.
- Oldham**, Coronation-st., 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Ingham, 12, Eleanor st.
- Oldham**, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. Mr. John Frost, 81, Franklin street.
- Padiham**, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Houlgrave, 22, Forrester st., near Burnley.
- Parkgate**, Ashwood-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. E. J. Storey, 165, Rawmarsh rd., Lime Kilns, Rotherham.
- Pendleton**, Broad-st., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. J. Earith, 2, Leaf Square, Pendleton.