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## The Unbeliever.

By FREDELLA E. FISCHER.  
(FROM THE SUNFLOWER).

"Yes, but you swam more rapidly than I," said Walter, "and I would never have reached her in time."

"Well, it does not matter," said Lawrence, "as long as she gets out of it all right."

Some time afterwards the lady opened her eyes and asked where she was. On being informed she suddenly remembered what had befallen her and wished to know who had rescued her, as she could remember nothing, except her terror, when the boat capsized. Mrs. Weaver said to her in a kind, motherly voice:

"You are all right now, my dear, only greatly fatigued. Mr. Dunbar saved you, with the assistance of my son. They happened to be on the scene as you went under. Now, you must not talk any more, but you must rest."

"You are kind," murmured the girl, "but papa must be notified, for he will miss me and be worried."

"Very well," said Mrs. Weaver, "he shall be notified at once. Where shall I send to, miss?"

"To the Seven Oaks," said the girl, "Papa and I are staying there for the summer. Papa is the Rev. James Lane."

"Oh, you don't say," exclaimed Mrs. Weaver, "I have met your father often in the city. I am pleased to make your acquaintance, although I regret that it should be under such distressing circumstances."

Jake was despatched to the Seven Oaks, a large mansion surrounded by beautiful gardens, some seven miles distant. He returned soon, accompanied by a dignified man of fifty or sixty years of age, who appeared to be deeply distressed over his daughter's misfortune and who repeatedly avowed his thankfulness and gratitude to the young men for their timely rescue of his child, Mrs. Weaver inducing him to remain to tea in order that his daughter might become rested as much as possible before attempting their homeward journey. The Rev. Mr. Lane was greatly pleased to hear from Mrs. Weaver her son's intention to study for the ministry.

A few hours later Miss Mary, deciding that she was strong enough, was assisted by her father and Mrs. Weaver to the verandah, where she was formally presented to the young men, Mrs. Weaver presenting her son, Walter, with great dignity, Walter in turn presenting Lawrence, saying, in answer to her low murmur of thanks: "This is the gentleman to whom you owe your life, Miss Lane, for without his aid you would surely have perished."

Lawrence bowed low over her extended hand and

answered nothing in reply to her simple word of gratitude, except that he trusted she would rapidly recover from the shock she had received, his large black eyes regarding her steadily as he spoke. Mary Lane never forgot the deep, beautiful expression of those eyes, which seemed to sink into the depths of her soul. Her father, assisted by Walter and Mrs. Weaver, placed her in the carriage and they were driven rapidly away.

"Well, well!" said Lawrence, as Walter and his mother returned to the veranda, "this has been an exciting afternoon, indeed. Quite a romance. Summer day, beautiful girl, two young men, boat, treacherous lake, rescue, papa a dignified preacher, prospective son-in-law following in his footsteps."

"You wretch, you," said Walter, blushing to the roots of his hair, "will you keep still?"

"Most beautiful woman I have seen in a long time," commented Lawrence. "Did you ever see a fairer skin and such glorious eyes, limpid pools—"

"Look out, or this time you will drown," laughed Walter. "Upon my soul I believe it is you that is smitten."

Thus they spent the evening in pleasant raillery, and early next morning Lawrence took his departure, Walter regretting very much that he could not persuade him to remain. "If you were not so con-founded proud, Lorry," said he, at parting, "I could help you so much. You sadly need a rest."

"Your regard for me is of far more value than pecuniary aid," said Lawrence, with shining eyes, wringing his friend's hand. "Good-bye. I will see you when the fall term opens."

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A beautiful day in September. As Walter drove to the station his thoughts reverted to the day when he had last seen Lawrence, eight years ago. They had not met in the fall, and business had taken Lawrence away for eight years outside of the States. This summer he had returned in time to accept Walter's invitation to act as best-man at his wedding. Walter had been ordained as a minister the year previous and was considered a wonderful preacher. He had corresponded with Lawrence, telling him every summer of the renewal of the acquaintance of Miss Lane, his courtship, and finally begging him to complete his cup of bliss by appearing at his marriage as best man. Lawrence had joyfully consented. He needed a rest, after eight years of hard struggle. He had met with business reverses and was practically as poor as he had been eight years before. He was going to spend the rest of the fall with Walter and rest.

As the train stopped at the little country station he spied Walter tramping up and down the platform impatiently. "He looks the same as he ever did," thought Lawrence, quickly making his

way to his friend, who greeted him with all the warmth of their school days. Lawrence was very happy to find Walter as cordial and frank as ever. His new dignity had not changed him in the least. Lawrence had altered but little in outward appearances, his dark curls, however, showing here and there a silver thread. They chatted happily, like two school boys, on their way from the station.

"How long before the event comes off?" asked Lawrence.

"Just a week from to-day," answered Walter.

"Do you remember my prophecy to you on the veranda that evening?" laughed Lawrence.

"Yes," answered Walter, "I do remember now."

"Is she still as handsome?" asked Lawrence. Then, not waiting for an answer, he continued, "Well, you are a lucky dog, for in all my travels I have never met a woman who could equal her in beauty. I wish you much joy, Walter."

"I am a very happy man, Lawrence, very happy, indeed. I know Mary loves me, although she appears distant and haughty to an outsider. She has a good heart and is well educated. Her father is an excellent man. We agree on almost every subject, and I enjoy to converse with him. By the way, Lawrence, do you still entertain such queer ideas on the scripture as you did eight years ago?"

Lawrence smiled. "Assuredly I do, only my views to-day are much clearer and stronger than they were eight years ago. Life has not dealt kindly with me, Walter, and yet I have struggled hard, have tried to do the very best, have endeavoured to lead an unselfish life, have tried to lend a helping hand to my fellow-men whom I could assist, not kicking a man because he was down in the ditch, but rather assisting him to arise. Often I have been rewarded for this by seeing him rise rapidly in the esteem of his fellows. This has brought great happiness into my life. I have never had a home which I could call my own, never have had affection and care lavished on me, like some men have, and often my heart has bled when I have seen loving hearts and natures trodden on ruthlessly by brutes who did not realize that they were entertaining angels unawares, but still I do not blame God for this condition of affairs, do not think that he is eternally punishing me. It is man's deeds, man's greed that I suffer under. I have grown to love God more than ever before these last years. I have seen life in its very lowest forms, and still in some of the very worst conditions I have found God's love reflected from the face of an innocent child or woman. At such times I have rejoiced to think that I am living, am living for a purpose. My business has brought me into the mill towns a great deal and when I see the want and misery and suffering depicted on the faces of the women and frail children my heart sinks. I am going to devote my life to these poor wretches. I shall never have any children of my own, but these children are all mine to do for, to help as much as I can. I can find more happiness in the company of one of these little ones than I often do in the society of men."

"You surprise me, Lawrence," said Walter. "What makes you think that you will never marry? You, a man so charming in manner, of so magnetic personality."

Lawrence answered gravely.

"I am a poor man, and have seen too much of the horrors of life to be selfish enough to ask a woman to share them with me. It is the proper thing for a man like you to marry, but not a man like me. Then, too, I have never found a woman with a heart to suit me. I have had very little time for the society of women. My observations of life, Walter, have led me to the conclusion that the only and proper way to serve God is to serve man, awaken in man the God part of his nature, and in this service we find a limitless field before us."

They had reached the Weaver estate by this time and were driving down the long lane shaded on either side by large elm trees. It was fully half a mile long.

"What a beautiful home your bride will have," said Lawrence, "a fit setting for so beautiful a jewel."

"Yes," answered Walter. "I am proud and happy to be able to offer her such a home. She is, indeed, worthy of it. It has grieved me sorely that I could not help her ere this. They have been living in straitened circumstances, as I have observed, and the servants have told tales to ours. There seems some mystery attached to the death of the mother. What it is I do not know. Perhaps just financial difficulties. Of course, I have been powerless to assist them in any way, as both father and daughter are proud as Lucifer, and haughtily reticent about their affairs. They will be over to dinner this evening, while mother and I are entertaining the bridal party, on account of lack of room at the Seven Oaks. Mary's friends are staying with us. I am right glad of this, as it gives me an opportunity to do something without giving offence."

Arriving at the house Mrs. Weaver greeted Lawrence with her old-time condescension, which grated strangely on his nerves. "Perhaps I have grown more sensitive," thought he.

Walter had not changed one bit. He was as happy as a child over the return of his friend, and sat at his feet on the veranda, listening to Lawrence as he related his experiences of life in the last eight years. He had studied medicine considerably, his favorite pursuit, and now intended taking a course which would entitle him to the M.D. which he so greatly desired. Mrs. Weaver presently announced that they had better dress for dinner, as their guests were coming. Lawrence was again presented to Mary Lane.

Walter was greatly surprised and delighted to see how warmly she greeted his friend, she who usually treated all with chilling reserve. There were about a dozen ladies and gentlemen assembled on the veranda, a gay party. Miss Lane seated herself beside Lawrence and at once opened a conversation with him, asking him minutely about himself and his travels. Every one in the company marvelled at the absence of her former disinterested manner, and as Lawrence escorted her to dinner every one noted her brilliance of manner. She was a beautiful woman, of queenly bearing. A mass of tawny, golden hair crowned her small, shapely head, her deep blue eyes were lit with a wondrous light. They chatted, laughed and sang until late into the night, and after Mary and her father had departed Lawrence and Walter sat in the veranda chatting, the rest of the party having retired. Walter suddenly asked Lawrence, in his boyish way: *(To be continued).*

## Botany for the Young.

By J. KNIGHT.

Dear Bannerites,—

Last month I said the science of botany includes everything *relating* to the vegetable kingdom and to all other forms of life. I also mentioned that there was what I termed a *Borderland kingdom* in which dwelt organisms full of life and intelligence that cannot be classed as either plant or animal. This month I want to tell you just a little about these wonderful structures. But first of all, I must try and satisfy two or three of my enquiring friends, of whom one says, "It is all very well to tell us about organic structures, their functions and use, but should you not first tell us what life is?" Ah, my dear friends, this is one of those questions that has puzzled scientists throughout all time. The writers of our dictionaries do not help us very much. Walker's dictionary says, "Life is the union of soul and body," but as all of you can see this explains nothing, for we want to know *what* is soul and *what* is body? Collins' dictionary says, "Life is a state of being; existence; animation; vitality," etc., but again you will see these words explain nothing, and are only alternative words that may be used to express the same thing. Many scientists have given it up and declare, "Life is life," and cannot be defined otherwise. I feel I should not satisfy you if I left this important matter just here. So I think I could not do better than give you a few extracts from a class lecture of mine on

### "MATTER, LIFE, AND SPIRIT."

Geologists and kindred scientists agree that the crust of the earth has been a molten mass, devoid of, and incapable of sustaining, any form of life whatever, and that these heated masses formed huge mountains, which cooled and solidified. This cooling and solidifying liberated gases, which formed steam, vapour, water and air. So soon as these—air and water—were formed they became mighty agents for the breaking down and disintegration of these upheaved masses of rock. This went on until the broken off particles became soluble and plastic, in this way making the mass suitable for new combinations. Hitherto matter had neither organic form nor—of itself—objective motion; that is, motion at will, by desire, in search of food, etc. Every form of matter, in whatever combination, has the power of motion, of change, of re-formation, or re-combination. (In Crystals, is this power so wonderfully manifest, that many scientists think we have in crystallization the *first efforts of life* to combine with matter.) But whether the moving force emanates from within the mass, or is supplied from without, it only follows limited, certain and defined lines, and all growth, or increase of the mass, is brought about by additions of *similar materials from other masses*. How different with organic structures possessed of life. So soon as matter was brought to a soluble plastic condition, with light and temperature favourable, minute globular bodies, having organs and self-conscious motion, were formed; organic structures having the power to select suitable foods,—from materials *dissimilar to its own mass*—and reject those foods not suitable for its health and happiness.

This *something* that has given form, organs and self-motion, and the power of selecting or rejecting, is called *life*. Fraught with intelligence, adopting its own ways and means to supply its wants, to perpetuate its own existence, and to propagate its own species, accumulating experiences, and ever manifesting individuality.

All phenomena pertaining to matter—*minus life*—is spoken of as physical phenomena, or materialism, and all those phenomena manifesting the wonderful functions of life are spoken of as spiritualism. I hope you will work this matter out for yourselves, and that what I have said may be an incentive to each of you.

### STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS OF PLANTS.

All forms of life, from the most minute and simple to the most gigantic and complex, have their beginning in a structure called a cell, sometimes called a mother cell. These cells adopt various methods of multiplying so as to build up the body of the plant in the process of growing.

In some plants, as amongst *Algae* (*Prococeus*), one cell alone performs all the functions necessary for the existence of the plant. We have thus in this cell an epitome of all vegetable life; it consists of an outer firm elastic membrane, constituting a cell wall, within this there is a gelatinous mass of soft substance called *protoplasm*, embedded in which may be a little body called a *nucleus* and enclosed by protoplasm, a cell cavity containing a more or less watery fluid, called the cell sap. The properties of the elements which enter into the composition of plants are principally four—carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen; which on account of their universal presence in plants are spoken of as *organic* or *necessary* elements. In addition to these, there are some 12 or 13 other elements that enter, more or less, into the composition of plants, but not being universally present are spoken of as *inorganic*, or occasional elements. These consist principally of sulphur, phosphorus, calcium, potassium, sodium, iron, magnesium, iodine, bromine, and one or two others. These elements,—organic and inorganic—enter into many compounds which are found in plants, such as sugar, starch, cellulose, protine, chlorophyll, gums, resins, alkaloids, acids and many other compounds.

As I have said, it is in these cells where every form of life has its beginning, and it is in these cells where these wonderful chemical compounds are manufactured. It is in these cells where the food of animals and all that constitute their bodies are manufactured.

Such may be taken as the structure of a typical vegetable cell, which is a closed vesicle or sac with fluid or semi-fluid contents. Of these contents the most essential for the life, growth and development of the plant is the protoplasm; in it are contained all the substances requisite for the formation of the cell. This protoplasm is essential to the growth of the cell, and it has the power of collecting those elements and substances necessary for the propagation of other cells, which by processes of splitting, or dividing, or budding, are constantly being formed.

I want again to impress upon your minds the important fact that each of these cells, however

minute—some of these are so small that hundreds could rest on the point of a needle—is a living body expressing in its functions the manifestations of life, as perfect, for its wonderful work, as those expressed by you or me. And, whether expressed in one cell, or in the millions that unite to make up some organic structures, it is the *same one life* which animates all. There is not one life animating the plant and another vitalizing the animal; only one life for all.

I also want you to clearly understand the differences that distinguish plants from animals. Plants are the producers, the manufacturers of living things that sustain physical life, without which animal life could not exist. Animals are the consumers of that living material. Plants obtain their food and those wonderful products I have already mentioned from non-living substances and vitalize them with life. Animals obtain their food from *living* substances, and by consuming these living substances reduce the residuum once again to non-living materials. I have only space, for the present, to mention one other important difference. A most important food of plants is carbonic acid. A substance that would poison and kill animal life.

(To be continued).

	<b>Bluebell Guild.</b>	
<b>OBJECT: To promote Gentleness, Kindness and Good Behaviour. Membership is open to all.</b>		

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

Once more the holidays are over, and once more we are all getting quite accustomed to saying 1910. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without thanking all those Bluebells who have honoured me by sending such beautiful greeting cards. Strange to say everyone has Bluebells on, and most of them forget-me-nots, so evidently they have been specially chosen. It feels so nice to realise that someone thinks of me even during the Festive Season.

I must also thank Mr. Jagger, of Huddersfield, Mrs. E. Moulton, of Stockport, and Miss Rose H. Dickinson, of Leeds, for those kind and appreciative remarks about "Our Page." It is only when people write that I really know how many look forward to the pages as they appear month by month, and when I *really know*, as Ted says, well, "our Flo will write for ever."

I have had several very nice little stories sent me from one of our members who thinks they are just suitable for our Page. We are now in the month of February, so I am selecting one relating an incident in February two hundred years ago, about Robinson Crusoe, which will interest the boys, and perhaps the girls. I hope when you have read it you will write to me and tell me what you think about it.

#### ROBINSON CRUSOE.

FEBRUARY 1.—Every boy and girl has, I feel certain, heard of Robinson Crusoe. Well, it was on February 1, two hundred years ago, that Crusoe was found, after he had lived over four years on the

island, so I could not do better than tell you something about him to-day.

Robinson Crusoe's real name was Alexander Selkirk, and he was a sailor. He had a quarrel with his captain, and when the ship arrived at the little island of Juan Fernandez, which you will find on a map of the Pacific Ocean, Alexander Selkirk said he would like to stay there.

So the ship sailed away without him, and for four long years he lived there, with only animals for company, in a little hut which he himself built.

There were hundreds of wild goats on the island, and Crusoe, as I will now call him, being able to run as fast as a horse almost, caught them by chasing them whenever he wanted meat to eat. There were also many wild cats, and the lonely man amused himself by taming some and teaching them to dance!

One day some Spaniards landed on the island for a few days, and, seeing Crusoe, they pursued him, but he got into a wood and climbed up a high tree.

The Spaniards could not discover his hiding place, though they stopped by the very same tree, and killed some goats which happened to be near. At last, to his great joy, Crusoe was seen and rescued by two English ships.

When he got back to London everybody was interested in his adventures, and it caused a famous author to write "Robinson Crusoe," that exciting book which many of you will have read right through from beginning to end.

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

BIRKENHEAD.

2920 Harry Edwards.

#### HUDDERSFIELD (RAMSDEN STREET).

2921	Clara May Chappell.	2926	William Jagger.
2922	Emma Louisa Bamforth	2927	Jack Lewis.
2923	Ada Jagger	2928	Norman Atkinson.
2924	Muriel Rastall.	2929	Albert Jagger.
2925	James Wilson.		

#### LEEDS (CHURCH STREET).

2930	Leonard Ball.	2942	Lily Fawcett.
2931	Willie Fawcett.	2943	Elsie Fawcett.
2932	Wilfred Gamage.	2944	Miss Ella Gill.
2933	Willie Dickinson.	2945	Mrs. Sarah Stockill.
2934	George Smith.	2946	Alice Ball.
2935	Thomas Jackson.	2947	Miss Edith Gibson.
2736	Mr. Frank Fawcett.	2948	Elsie Dickinson.
2937	Mrs. Margaret Harrison.	2949	Mrs. Annie Colman.
2938	Miss Grace Hirst.	2950	Mrs. Agnes Beckwith
2939	Mrs. Hannah Fawcett.	2951	Mrs. Helen Bragg.
2940	Miss Helen Bartlett.	2952	Mrs. Elizabeth Swainson
2941	Miss Rose Hilda Dickinson.	2953	Mrs. Persis Spencer.

#### UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next meeting will be held in the Spiritual Church, Bradford Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield, on Saturday, February 26th, 1910, at 6 p.m.

AGENDA.—(1.) Minutes (2.) Correspondence. (3.) Secretary's Report. (4.) Nomination for B.S.L.U. E.C. (5.) Motions. (6.) Date and place of next meeting. (7.) Votes of thanks. (8.) Miscellaneous.

Tea will be provided for delegates at 4-30 p.m.

On the Sunday, Lyceum Session 10 a.m. Open Session 2-30 p.m. Public propaganda meeting at 6-30 p.m. to be addressed by the delegates.—R. A. Owen, Hon. Sec.

## Selections from the Mythology of the Ancients.

By the EDITOR.

### JUPITER.

Last month we learned something about the birth and preservation of Jupiter. This month I wish to make you better acquainted with his career. I think you will find a reflection of one or two incidents of his life in Genesis.

But first of all you should learn that the term "Jupiter" is made up of "Jou," which means "young," as he was the youngest of Saturn's sons, and "Pater," which means "father," whence was formed Joupater, which in the course of ages was shortened to Jupiter, as we find it to-day. So you see Jupiter means that the youngest of Saturn's sons came to be looked upon as the father of mankind. Indeed he was more than this. He was described as the King of Gods and men; the greatest and best; the all-powerful; the god of thunder, and the commander of rain.

There were different Jupiters among different nations. The first of them appears to be Jupiter Ammon of the Libyans. His temple, the ruins of which are still to be seen, was in an oasis, or island of verdure, in a desert, west of Egypt. Jupiter Serapis [Ser-ā-pis], worshipped in Egypt, is also very ancient. Then there was Jupiter Belus, who was worshipped by the Assyrians. And so we might go on recounting their names, as almost every nation had its own Jupiter.

Jupiter was represented as a majestic man, with a venerable beard, seated on a throne, with golden sandals on his feet, his shoulders were bare, to signify that he was visible to superior beings, and the inhabitants of the heavenly regions, while the long garment which covered the lower part of his body and reached down to his feet signified his invisibility to mortals. The Titans [Ti-tans] whom he had conquered, were laid prostrate at his feet. He had a sceptre in one hand made of cypress, which is a wood said to be free from corruption, and this symbolized the eternity of his kingdom. In the other hand he held a supply of thunderbolts to hurl at his foes. These thunderbolts were said to be composed of hail, rain, fire, and wind, intermixed with lightning, terror, fearful noise, and wrath. At his side, and sometimes on his sceptre, sat an eagle with outstretched wings, which symbolized Jupiter's sovereignty over the heavens. In front of him were two urns; one of them filled with blessings, and the other filled with evils, which he distributed among mankind as he thought best. And by his side stood Respect and Equity. Such was the appearance the ancients attributed to Jupiter.

The ancients also made offerings to him of the goat, the sheep, or a white bull, and flour, salt, and incense. The oak and the olive trees were sacred to him. He had temples reared in his honour, in which priests and priestesses served. So you will see he had a regular system of worship such as was known to the ancients.

Jupiter having been saved from the devouring fury of his father Saturn, as was related last month, was nourished by the milk of the goat Amalthea [Am-al-thē-a]. When this goat died, it is said that Jupiter placed it among the stars, and used its skin to cover

his shield, whence it obtained the name Ægis [ē-gis], that is a goat. The term "Ægis" is now used to signify anything that protects and shields from harm.

When he attained man's estate he delivered his brothers and sisters from prison, made war with Saturn, and being furnished with thunderbolts by the cyclops [Si-klops], and aided by Neptune and Pluto, he vanquished his father, and cast him into the lowest depths of Tartarus [Tar-tar-us], or underworld. He then divided the empire of the universe into three parts. He gave the dominion of the sea to Neptune, the dominion of the infernal regions to Pluto, and kept the celestial or heavenly regions for himself.

Jupiter is said to have instructed kings how to suppress violence, and rule by law and equity, erected tribunals, incited the good to the practice of virtue, and restrained the vicious by the fear of punishment.

It is reported of him that on one occasion having heard a report of the wickedness and impiety of men, he descended to the earth, in order to learn the truth of it for himself; and, on visiting the house of Lycaon [Lī-kā-on], king of Arcadia [ār-kā-dia], he announced himself as a god; but instead of sacrifices being offered to him, he was derided as an impostor. The king, in order to try whether he was a god or not, killed one of his servants, and had portions of him cooked, and served at the table before Jupiter. Jupiter was so vexed with the crime of the king that he fired the palace with his lightning and turned the king into a wolf.

On another occasion Jupiter visited Phrygia [Frig-i-a], attended by Mercury in disguise. He found himself rebuffed at every house where he asked for refreshment until he reached a poor cottage inhabited by a labourer named Philemon [Fil-e-mon], with his wife Baucis [Bō-sis]. These old people set before him the best they had, with so much willingness that Jupiter desired them to follow him; and when they reached the top of the hill and looked back, they saw that the whole country was swallowed up by an earthquake, except their own cottage, which was transformed into a temple. Jupiter told them to ask of him whatever they desired most and promised he would grant it. They requested to be made the priest and priestess of that temple, and both die together when they grew too feeble to serve in it. Their request was granted; and after living to an extreme old age, they were turned into trees—one an oak tree and the other a lime tree, at the same moment, as they were standing at the door of the temple.

It will be remembered that in the Bible Jehovah said he would go down and see if the reports of the wickedness of the men of Sodom and Gomorrah were true, and he destroyed these cities by fire from heaven, and punished Lot's wife by turning her into a pillar of salt for looking towards the doomed cities (Genesis, chapters 18 and 19).

Jupiter destroyed the house of the king Lycaon with fire, and turned the king into a wolf. It is on account of the similarity of such incidents that has induced Christian writers to assume that the ancients had copied their incidents from the Bible.

The ancient authors of mythology loved to typify nature, such as the sun, moon, planets, time, space, light and darkness, etc., as gods and goddesses, giants, and heroes. So by Jupiter we have the purest

air, or æther, represented as a god, while Juno, Jupiter's wife, represented the grosser air which surrounds the earth.

He is credited with being the father of a great many gods and goddesses, and the nine muses, also of Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, who is said to have sprung from Jupiter's head full grown and clothed. He was the father of Apollo, or the sun, and of Diana [Di-ā-na or Di-an-a], the goddess of chastity and hunting. The reader will readily understand that the above are not human beings, but mythical beings to charm and inspire the common people who were ever kept in ignorance of their true nature. The true inner meanings were only revealed to those who were initiated into the ancient Mysteries, and to reveal any of them was punished by death.

It was the custom of the ancients to honour their heroes by attributing their parentage to a god. Nothing less was good enough in the eyes of the common people, and it pleased the priests and the nobles to pander to their fancies. So it came about that Alexander the Great was said to be the son of Jupiter. Jupiter was also claimed as the parent of several others, for such is the custom of mythology.  
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### The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive Council of the above Union held its quarterly meeting at Oldham, Elliott Street, Spiritual Church, on January 8th and 9th.

On the Saturday evening twelve of the Lyceum children, under the able tuition of Mrs. Frank Shaw, prettily rendered an operetta, entitled, "The Queen of Choice," in honour of the occasion, which won well merited applause.

Letters of regret at unavoidable absence were received from Mrs. Law, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Kersey.

There was a heavy agenda demanding the careful attention of the Executive, and the items were dealt with in a thoughtful manner; presided over by Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, President.

The typed copies of the minutes were accepted as a correct record. Business arising therefrom was carefully dealt with.

The General Report was very exhaustive, bringing under review all matters affecting the welfare of the movement. The sales and receipts for the whole of the year 1909 were given, and compared with those of the year 1908. It was gratifying to learn there was a general improvement or advance on 1908.

THE LYCEUM BANNER report, while showing a slight increase on the previous year, left much to be desired before the cover could be replaced. But certainly it is worth trying for.

The Treasurer's and Permanent Secretary Fund reports were duly presented and adopted.

A large amount of correspondence was duly submitted for consideration, some of it was of more than ordinary importance, which might have far-reaching consequences.

Nine applications for membership were considered. The following were ordered to be entered on the Union's Roll: Earlstown; Hull (Wright Street); Toronto; Darlington; Winnipeg; and Sydney, N.S.W. The remainder were referred back for further information and compliance with the Union's Constitution.

### SUNDAY.

In the morning, the Conductor, Mr. J. Frost, moved a hearty vote of welcome to the members of the Executive, in which he referred to the good that had been done on their previous visit. They were hoping for even better things this time. They were looking for something new that would give them a stimulus for future effort. Mr. Clayton, President of the Society, briefly seconded, Messrs. Frank and Walter Shaw ably supported. Mrs. Bentley, President, and Mr. Latham, Vice-President, ably responded for the Executive.

Chain recitations were nicely rendered, the whole Lyceum responding in unison. The golden chain, entitled "Self-abnegation," was ably led by Mr. Keeling who first questioned the Lyceum as to the meaning of the title, eliciting several answers, thus fixing the attention of the entire gathering. His comments at the close of the reading drew remarks from Messrs. J. Knight, J. Venables, R. Latham, W. Shaw, Mesdames Nurse and Bentley, which were very edifying. Recitations, "Complaints of the poor," and the "Divine order," were well recited. The latter was a fitting climax to the discussion on "Self-abnegation."

AFTERNOON. The open session was well attended, there being visitors from Chadderton, Hollinwood, Macclesfield, Manchester, Middleton, Royton, and Uppermill.

Mrs. Annie E. Bentley presided in her usual able manner, and made good use of the members of the Executive by assigning various portions of the programme for them to lead. Mr. R. A. Owen offered some valuable comments on "Deeds, not words." Mrs. Nurse, Messrs. Venables, Keeling, and Johnson, respectively, read the connective readings to "Hand in hand with angels." "Reform," was assigned to Mr. Kitson, who referred to the hard lot of the reformer, whether social, political, or religious. Pearls and a recitation were given, and a solo by Miss Diggle. The whole of the sessions were most enjoyable, and evoked words of praise from the audience.

Refreshments being provided, a number of the visitors were able to stay to the evening's propaganda meeting, which was well attended, and ably addressed by the members of the Executive. Mrs. Bentley, President, presiding.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec

### In Memoria.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows—  
Not exceeding twenty-four words, Free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—It is with deep sorrow I report the passing on of Mrs. Milton Lord, a Lyceum and Society worker, on December 23rd.—Harold Smith, Sec.

LANCASTER.—It is with deep regret I report the passing on of Mrs. Stephenson in her 63rd year. Her physical loss will be sadly felt.—A. Bleasdale, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—It is with deep sorrow I report the passing on of Mrs. Ann Nurse. She was one of the oldest members of our Society.—W. Briggs, Sec.

## British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER, 1909.

**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.**—There are 11 Societies in this district; 10 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Smethwick*: My visit to this Lyceum was an interesting one. Although the room, like the Lyceum, is rather small, the Lyceumists made the best use of it. Their responses to the chain recitations were read, and apparently well understood. The singing was hearty. The recitations were good and instructive. The call for pearls was well responded to. The marching and calisthenics were well rendered. A most delightful session. Expenses nil. **ROBERT H. MORGAN, D.V.**

**BOLTON DISTRICT.**—There are 7 Societies in this district; 5 of them have a Lyceum.

General Remarks.—*Leigh* (Brown Street): There is a general improvement in this Lyceum, greater interest being shown. Good sessions are being held. Readings and responses very good. Marching and calisthenics smart. Expenses 1/-. *Hindley*: I had the pleasure of welcoming our President on her first visit to Hindley. Her remarks were appreciated. They have acted on her advice. General order good. Expenses 1/-. *Daisy Hill*: There is a further improvement in the general conduct of this Lyceum. Great credit is due to the earnest workers. Pearls, readings and questions good. Room too small. Expenses 9d. *Bolton* (Bradford Street): Good sessions are being held here. All the groups are fairly well attended. Many questions are asked on the chain recitations. Pearls have been adopted as a part of the session.

**ROBERT BILLSBOROUGH, D.V.**

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**—There are 15 Societies in this district; all but one of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Blanche Street*: A very good Lyceum with the exception of groups; more care should be taken and none neglected. I hope to hear of them having a better room soon. Expenses nil. *Star Street* (formerly Crowther Street): This Lyceum has had to move into Star Street, and although less in numbers, they have a good prospect before them. Harmony and love prevails. Expenses nil. *Otley Road*: I was sorry to see so few adults present, otherwise a very good session, in which great interest was taken. Expenses nil. *Cleckheaton*: I stayed with them morning and afternoon, and found them to be an excellent Lyceum. They are doing good work. Expenses 2d. *Ivy Rooms*: There is great improvement here. General conduct, marching and calisthenics good. Much interest taken in the groups. Expenses nil. *Yeadon*: I am sorry to report this Lyceum has suspended its sessions until suitable officers can be found. Expenses 1/-. **HENRY RAW, D.V.**

**DERBY DISTRICT.**—There are 4 Societies in this district; all of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Burton-on-Trent*: This Lyceum continues to do a good work, but it would be much better if the members of the Society took more interest in the welfare of the Lyceum. Conduct good. Expenses 1/9. *Derby* (Charnwood Street): After a season of disappointment this Lyceum is showing signs of new life and energy.

Conduct fairly good. Marching and calisthenics good. **A. HARDY, D.V.**

**LEEDS DISTRICT.**—There are 17 Societies in this district; 13 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—Nov. 1st I visited *Wakefield*. This Lyceum seems to be making steady progress. Conduct and session very good. Expenses 11d. Dec. 5th I visited *Leeds* (Church Street), and found a great improvement. There is a great interest taken in its sessions. Expenses 1/5. I visited *Ossett* on Dec. 12th and found an improvement in numbers. General conduct good. Expenses 4d. Dec. 26th I visited *Leeds* (Joseph Street). The numbers were small, but the interest in the session good. Expenses 1/5. *Dewsbury*: This Lyceum keeps to its usual standard. **JAMES KITSON, D.V.**

**LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.**—There are 17 Societies in this district; all but 4 have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—Oct 3rd. *Chester*, 10-30 a.m. 24 present. Singing good. Reading rather disconnected. I hope to find soon this Lyceum gain its former excellency. Expenses 2/10. Oct. 24th. *Daulby Street*, 10-30 a.m. 43 present. Reading excellent. Singing fair Pearls numerous. Marching and groups greatly improved. Oct. 31st. *Birkenhead*, 11 a.m. 78 present. Although a change of officers had recently taken place the session was as good as usual, except the singing, which was very weak and should be attended to. Expenses 7d. Nov. 7th. *Runcorn*, 10-30. 35 present; 5 minutes late start. Pleased to observe an all round improvement except in numbers. One of the Leaders read a chapter from the Bible to his group, and this is the first time I have witnessed same as D.V. Expenses 1/4. Nov. 7th. *Widnes*, 1-45 p.m. 21 present. As a new Lyceum the work is progressing favourably. The children pay careful attention to the proceedings. Expenses 1/1. Dec. 6th. *Earlestown*, 1-45 p.m. 22 present. This Lyceum recently started; should do good work. The majority present were adults, and with a little more experience of Lyceum work and the addition of more little ones, should do well. Expenses 2/7. Dec. 20th. *Crewe*. 18 present 10-30 a.m. A heavy snowstorm prevented the majority from attending. An interesting session was held. The responses were good, as also the discipline. Expenses 4/6. Postage 2d. A happy New Year to all Lyceumists in my district. **R. A. OWEN, D.V.**

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT.**—There are 16 Lyceums in this district; the number of Societies without a Lyceum not stated.

General remarks.—*Hollinwood*: Owing to bad weather there was a poor attendance and a late start. Those who were present maintained the record and dignity of the Lyceum. No expenses. *Uppermill*: Lyceum anniversary. This Lyceum appears at a standstill, and owing to their isolated conditions very little help seems to pass their way. They are few in number, but earnest and sincere. No expenses. *Chill Street*: Owing to the absence of both key and conductor we were a full 10 minutes late in opening. The session passed off well, conducted by the assistant. The attendance fully up to the average. The liberty group was well attended. Some 45 adults were present. Expenses 2d.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The passing on to the higher life of our beloved founder of the Lyceum will be a great surprise to our readers. Lyceum conductors will make suitable reference to the event. There should be no tears of sorrow, but mingled with our sense of material loss should be the glad recognition of a spirit's birth into that grander world of realities, where dissembling and pretensions are of no avail on account of the real motives being seen and fully understood. Our friend and teacher is promoted, not dead.

We beg to draw the attention of Lyceum Secretaries and Conductors to a letter appearing on another page *re* the forthcoming conference and celebration of the Lyceum Union's Coming of Age. All who intend to take part should set about their arrangements at once.

The friends at Birkenhead are selling photos of Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis at 1d. each, or 9d per doz., the proceeds from the sales are in aid of the Conference Delegates' Entertainment Fund. Send all orders to Mr. J. T. Atkinson, 42, Jackson Street, Birkenhead.

Will Lyceum Secretaries please note that it is important that their Lyceums' contributions be paid at once, as only those Lyceums who are FINANCIAL members of the Union are entitled to nominate members of the Executive Council, or to send Delegates to the Conference, and only to such will nomination forms, &c. be sent. In cases of neglect it will be no good pleading to be excused on account of "pushed for time, etc.," as the General Secretary to the Union is bound by the Constitution which knows of no exceptions.

Mr. Hudson Tuttle is offering his newly published book, *Stories from beyond the borderland*, to all English Lyceumists at one dollar per copy, *post free*. It is selling in America at one dollar and 25 cents per copy, postage extra. It is well bound in full cloth, gilt lettered, and contains excellent portraits of the authors, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Tuttle, who have been connected with the Lyceum movement over forty years. This is the only book of stories written for the children of

Spiritualists, and we hope it will meet with a large sale. Address all orders to Mr. Hudson Tuttle, Berlin Heights, Ohio, U.S.A.

In an interesting letter to hand from Mr. Martin, N.S.W., late of Attercliffe, he speaks very hopefully of being able to establish a Lyceum at Pelaw Main. He is pushing the sale of the Lyceum Badge as an excellent device for mutual recognition; and the sale of the LYCEUM BANNER as being the best way of keeping in touch with the Lyceum movement. He speaks very highly of the Lyceum in New South Wales, which he is able to visit occasionally, and where he met Mr. Glover, late of Leicester. Mr. Hudson, the conductor, sends greetings to all English Lyceumists. He also informs us that a Lyceum is being formed at a place called Burwood. Our young and enthusiastic friend has our best wishes for the success of his efforts.

We regret to learn that the Lyceum at Oldham (Waterhead), and the one at Skipton, have ceased to exist. In the former case the Society has broken up; in the latter case there are hopes of the friends of the children rallying round the Lyceum standard in course of time.

On the other hand the Spiritualists in Sutton-in-Ashfield are desirous of starting a Lyceum; as also is a Society in Newcastle-on-Tyne. We trust to learn of them being accomplished facts at an early date.

Fourteen of the young men and young women of the Middleton Lyceum have formed themselves into a black and white minstrel troupe with the object of helping any Lyceum in need, for expenses and light refreshments. They have already rendered assistance to Harpurhey Lyceum, and are willing to help others. Apply to Mr. T. Walker, 78, Edward Street, Middleton, near Manchester.

#### A NEW YEAR WISH.

Far from the world, where for-get-me-nots grow  
'Neath the sky's fair sunlit blue;  
Out from the sweet-hued flowers—lo!  
A wish is borne to you.  
Only a wish, a new-year greeting,  
Expressing a hope, sincere and true,  
To wish each day of the new-born year  
May have a wealthy store for you.

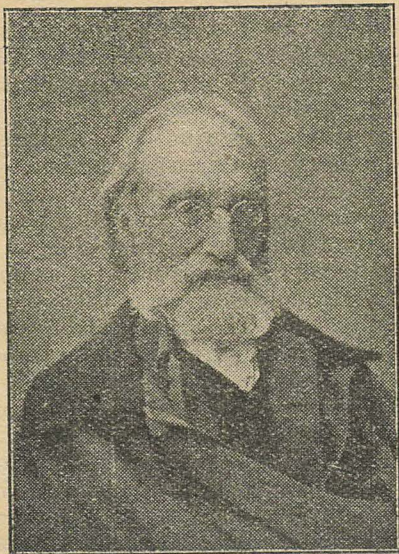
FREDERIC BURNSIDE.

[The above was crowded out of our last issue.]

A series of bazzars have been arranged to be held at various centres during the year 1910, in support of the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd. All Lyceumists are invited to help to the best of their abilities. The Executive Council of the Lyceum Union have appointed Mrs. Jessy Greenwood as receiver of all gifts of monies, books, needlework, or other articles for sale. Address all letters, and parcels to Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

#### THE A. J. DAVIS PAMPHLET.

This pamphlet is now ready. Lyceums which kindly offered to take certain quantities of the same at 1/9 per dozen, post free, if the Executive Council would print it, will confer a favour on us if they will forward their orders at once.



Mr. Andrew Jackson Davies.

**The Transition of the Founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, Dr. Andrew Jackson Davies.**

It will be a severe shock to our readers to learn that the beloved founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum passed quietly to the higher life on Jan. 13th, 1910, in his 84th year.

He was born at Blooming Grove, Poughkeepsie, Orange County, N.Y., August 11th, 1826, of poor parents, and in his youth suffered great poverty.

On account of failing health Dr. Davies retired last August on his 83rd birthday from the practice of medicine at 63, Warren Avenue, Boston, and retired to his home, 50, Summer Street, Watertown, Mass. He has been a sufferer from asthma, and this, together with the infirmities of old age, was the cause of his passing into the higher life.

His passing on is only 12 days short of the 47th anniversary of his inauguration of the CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM which the English and American Lyceums have been celebrating. In his passing on this world has lost a wonderful seer whose name will live among its denizens when nations shall have waxed old and passed into decay. But the heavens are richer by the entrance of one of their brightest and best representatives on earth.

Having taught the people of this world of the beautiful Summerland—a land of eternal youth and vigour; having given to them the MAGIC STAFF by whose touch the dross of earthly strifes and pleasures are turned into the gold of angelic joy and happiness; having also given to the world a higher and grander conception of human nature—dispelled the erroneous teaching that children are "born in sin and shapen in iniquity," by his glorious affirmation that a child being a part of the divine Over Soul of the Universe "IS A REPOSITORY OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES," on which is based the grand scheme of the Children's Progressive Lyceum; he has now arisen to become a dweller in that Summerland, and enjoy the rich and glorious harvest of the good life he lived so worthily here.

"How can we best honour his name and show our appreciation of him?" is a very pertinent question, to which we can only find one answer: "By being faithful and devoted workers in the Lyceum movement."

Was it coincidence, or inspiration from the higher life that led the Lyceum Union to publish, in a cheap form, the most essential portions of Dr. Davis' original Lyceum Manual by which over 2,000 Lyceumists have been enabled to read his inaugural address, and study the diagram by which the whole Lyceum arrangement is so graphically depicted?

While we are contemplating Dr. Davis' entrance to the Summerland, let us also think of his dear, devoted wife, Dr. Della E. Davis, who has been wife, nurse and physician to her husband in his declining days. Let our loving sympathy go out to her who is left to mourn the physical loss of her world-renowned husband. May she, at this critical time, realise the great fact that there is no death in God's wide world. This we know, that where he is, there she may join him in due time. In the meantime let our united prayers be that the good angels will continue to watch over, guard, guide and protect her until she rejoins him in the Summerland.

**Lesson Plan for Feb., 1910.**

Arranged by MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD.

**SESSION PROGRAMME.**

	Date	Opening Hymn	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn
Feb.	6	395	97	213	103	387
"	13	412	96	206	132	378
"	20	†364	52	*217	131	340
"	27	88	29	236	114	356

\* See No. 881, Bristol Tune Book.

† " 474 " " PEARLS. " "

- Feb. 6th. "Never judge your future possibilities by your past failures."—W. Acre.
- " 13th. "Knowledge advances step by step, not by leaps and bounds."
- " 20th. "The more honesty a man has, the less he affects the air of a saint. The affectation of sanctity is a blotch on the face of piety."—Lavater.
- " 27th. To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance."

**LESSON PHOTOGRAMS.**

Feb. 6th. 213 Manual.

Discuss the reading with the class, make necessary explanations of words, and elicit from the children their ideas of 'right,' 'wrong,' and Truth, and conclude the lesson by emphasizing the phrase, "it is a sign of true courage to stand for the right, when right is miscalled wrong."

Feb. 13th. 206 Manual.

Let the children tell the meaning of the title of the poem. Show the scholars the effect Selfishness has on the characters of children, men and women, and how much more beloved is the man who knows how to help his fellows. The home life should be held up to the children as the place where little courtesies, self-sacrifices, and much love should be displayed. The

continual practice of such habits is sure to make a boy or girl a power for good as they grow older and learn to understand the great need there is in the world for sympathy.

Feb. 20th. 217 Manual.

I. Notes.—An uncommon reading full of beautiful sentiments breathing spiritual enlightenment. The taste for beauty is inherent and needs but the necessary environment to grow and blossom in the human kind. Every teacher insists on cleanly habits at school, has pictures, flowers, plants, etc., to train the eye in colour, form, and taste for refinement. She is a pattern to the child, who mimics the teacher in various ways all too well known by those who make child life a study. The school often is a counterbalance to the dirty ugliness of many homes, hence the efforts of the educational bodies for regular and periodical examinations, medically, and which in time is sure to result in the formation of school clinics. Good work is being done in some towns where classes are in active working, teaching young mothers how to manage the baby.

'The Beautiful' is a big subject and touches the spheres of so many divisions of life that one can only very inadequately deal with it in one lesson. Still the door of knowledge opens wide for the apt teacher, and the child will be quick to observe the beauty inspired by the teacher. Teacher! try to be beautiful in spirit and thy reward shall be the beautiful love of thy charges.

Feb. 27th. 114 Manual

A coin rings 'true' or 'false' and its worth is soon decided.

Character is very similar.

The thorough, well-balanced, fearless—because of loyalty of truth—and courageous person makes his mark on the world's counter, and is a friend to be trusted. This is the kind of grit all Lyceumists should show. Our beautiful teachings make it very clear that our building tackle is composed of our thoughts principally. The teacher can, here, make a strong appeal to the class to sustain the good name of Spiritualism by obeying that inner monitor called conscience, and thereby determine the true or the false in every way.

## Correspondence.

### THE COMING OF AGE OF THE LYCEUM UNION.

To the Editor of LYCEUM BANNER.

DEAR SIR,

We have now entered into the year that will become historic in our Lyceum movement—"Its Coming of Age."

If there is any particular period in the history of any movement that merits recognition it is its coming of age, and it behoves that movement, if it wishes the public generally to have a due sense of its importance and value to the community at large, to celebrate that occasion in a befitting manner.

There is one aspect of the Celebrations at the coming Conference, to which I would like to draw the attention of your readers.

It would add to the interest of the occasion, and bring before the notice of the public more forcibly, if the rank and file itself, if our Lyceum scholars took part in the Celebrations.

What a magnificent opportunity for a great Lyceum Demonstration by the children themselves. Our international and distinguished visitors would have an ocular demonstration of the strength of the movement and it would help the British public to pay due regard to, and recognise our movement as one of the greatest progressive forces in our midst.

On Whit-Monday, when the Celebrations take place, it is a general holiday: all those who are fortunate enough to be able, try to go to the seaside or perhaps take part in Sunday School processions.

Why not a Demonstration and Procession of Lyceum children? The opportunity, time and place is an unique one. Cheap excursions are run on that day, and a very great percentage of our children would only be half-price. Surely, if ever a great effort should be made, it is on such a memorable occasion. If our Lyceumists wish Humanity at large to be aware of the fact that our movement is growing up to manhood's estate, and is going to take its place in the front rank of progressive forces in our midst, and demands recognition as such, then to use an Americanism "*it is up to us*," as Lyceumists, to seize the opportunity. Sacrifice time, energy, and even a little money. Let all Lyceumists, who can possibly come, make an effort. To all Lancashire Lyceumists especially I would appeal; very many could come from Yorkshire, and Cheshire cannot fail to realise its duty. Space forbids me giving in detail all who might. Lyceum Secretaries put the matter before your Lyceums. We at Birkenhead have every possible facility for such a demonstration. Let us one and all rise to the call. Will Secretaries write me not later than March 1st, to say their Lyceum will take a part in this glorious effort?

J. T. ATKINSON,

42, Jackson, Street, Birkenhead,

Local Organising Committee Sec.

### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

1909 account. Rutherford Street Lyceum, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 3/6; Foleshill Lyceum, 5/-; Hawkeshead Lyceum, Southport, 2/6; Newcastle-on-Tyne Lyceum, 20/-; Elliot Street, Lyceum, Oldham, 21/-; Lincoln Lyceum, 12/-; Barnsley Lyceum, 2/6; Widnes Lyceum, 2/6, Hamilton St. Lyceum, Birkenhead, 2/6; Queen St. Lyceum, Leicester, 4/-; Belper Lyceum, 20/-; Mr. T. F. Smedley, 2/6; Mr. G. Wheeldon, 5/-; Mr. W. Wheeldon, 5/-; Mrs. Adshead, 2/6; Mr. and Mrs. Gull, 2/6; Mr. White, 2/6; Mrs. Bodell, 2/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins, 2/6; Mr. Holland, 1/-; Mr. Varney, 1/-; Mr. Moffat, 1/-; Motherwell Lyceum, 5/- 1910. Mr. Kitson's services at Leeds, 5/-.

The above have been acknowledged and the thanks of the E.C. are due to all the workers and well wishers of the Union for their regular and continued support during 1909 and previous years.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD,

Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

## Quarterly Reports, continued from page 28.

*Maskell Street*: Owing to stormy weather the attendance was small, and the morning was chiefly devoted to practising a service of song. Expenses nil. *Pendlebury*: This is a new Lyceum, and lies a long distance out. They are small in number and have had considerable help from the District Council. I hope they will continue to make headway. Expenses 8d. *Princess Road*: Last Sunday in the year found a good number of the adults present. The routine of the session was fairly well gone through and everything passed off very satisfactorily. Expenses nil. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.—There are 25 Societies in this district; all but 3 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—There has been another Lyceum opened in this district at *Brierfield*, which intends joining the Lyceum Union. I visited *Accrington* (Carter Street). It ought to do well if the elders take a little more interest in its welfare. They intend joining the Lyceum Union. *Barnoldswick*: In the newly opened church there were 57 on the register. At the other there were 31 on the register. The sessions were well conducted. Expenses 2/5. I paid a visit to *Colne* and found one of the best Lyceums in the district, everything in harmony. Expenses 1/11; postage 4d.

WILL EDWARDS, D.V.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.—The 5 Societies in this district have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—Nov. 28th. *Millom*: There were 3 children and 8 adults present. No doubt the scarcity of the children was due to the inclement weather. I was pleased to learn they had enrolled 2 new members. Expenses 3/-. Dec. 5th. *Barrow* (Dalkeith Street): Morning session not many present. Singing fair; chain recitations good; marching rather too long. I visited them in the afternoon. Chain recitations nicely rendered. Miss Mabel Brockbank recited Mr. Hepworth's long poem on the growth of the Lyceum. *Abbey Road*: Anniversary service in the afternoon. The recitations were well rendered; the singing fairly good. Mrs. Butterworth, of Lancaster, conducted the services. Evening, a good audience assembled. The singing was good. The recitations were well rendered. Expenses 10d. *Ulverston*: On Oct. 10th and 11th we celebrated our second anniversary. We had very successful services, conducted by Mr. Dobson, of Barrow. Our numbers keep fairly steady.

MISS WINIFRED MATHER, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—There are 15 Societies in this district, all but one of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks. *Heywood*, Oct. 3rd. Wet morning. Over 40 present. Opened punctually. Chain recitations, singing, and marching and order good. Calisthenics excellent. A good discussion class. A splendid Lyceum. Expenses, 1/6. *Shaw* (Lyon Street), Oct. 24th. Over 30 present. This Lyceum is well conducted by Mr. Wormall. Many solos and pearls but no recitations or groups. Order is excellent. They should try to induce more elders to attend. Expenses 6d. *Rochdale* (Penn Street): 30 present. This Lyceum is suffering from lack of enthusiasm. Chain recitations and singing good. Marching excellent, calisthenics moderate, recita-

tions and pearls not responded to. Group lessons interesting. Expenses 1/-. *Oldham* (Coronation Street): This Lyceum is in need of elders to get the best results. Marching good, calisthenics poor. Out of 16 children 8 gave recitations. Good solos and pearls. Expenses nil. *Oldham* (Central), Dec. 5th. Afternoon. This is a smart Lyceum, over 40 present. Singing hearty, chain recitations splendid. A good Liberty group. The way the session is carried out is a credit to the movement. Expenses nil.

FRANK SHAW, D.V.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.—There are 12 Societies in Scotland, 7 of them have a Lyceum, 3 of the Societies have been interviewed, viz: Greenock, Dunfermline, and Glasgow (Sauchiehall Street), but none of them are at present in a position to commence a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Edinburgh* Lyceum continues to improve in numbers and efficiency under a very suitable staff of officers. Half expenses 2/-. *Dundee* (Forester's Hall): The work here is very well carried on. There is a spirit of earnestness, and harmony among them which keeps the sessions at a high standard of excellence. Number present 50. The Lyceum at *Overgate* is also in a flourishing condition. Number present 50. The marching and calisthenics are carried out with vigour. The Society keeps itself closely identified with the work. They promised to consider the question of joining the Union. The sessions at *Barrack Street* was over before I could reach them. I learned they are getting along very well. Number present 28. Half-expenses 5/6. *Glasgow* (Waterloo Street): This Lyceum continues to have instructive sessions, although the attendances are rather less at present, averaging about 45. *Glasgow* (Paisley Road): This Lyceum continues about the same in numbers. It is well conducted and has an interesting Liberty group. Attendance about 22.—ALLAN COWIE, D.V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.—There are 18 Societies in this district, all but two of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Wombwell*: The interest in this Lyceum is fully sustained. A very pleasant session was held. Expenses 1/8. *Doncaster*: I paid a surprise visit to these Lyceums. Wood Street was holding on very well, and although they had no music, the marching and calisthenics were good. I visited the Temperance Hall Society in the afternoon and evening. The Lyceum had been neglected. The reason assigned was the illness of the Conductor. I aroused the interest in one or two young men who promised their help in carrying it on. Expenses 2/1. *Parkgate*: The friends here, although few in number, are trying again to set the Lyceum going. Conductor said there should be sent the contributions to the Union. [No word of any kind to hand. Particulars of time of session, Secretary's name and address required for LYCEUM BANNER List.—ED. L.B.] *Rotherham*: Open session in the afternoon. A great improvement in every respect. *Sheffield* (Balaclava Road): Steady progress is being made here. More helpers are needed to cheer the faithful few. I tried to encourage them in their good work. Expenses 8d. *Sheffield* (Stanley Street): The conductor here is a model of patience and perseverance. She surmounts the

difficulties in a wonderful manner. Discipline excellent. Expenses 6d. (Darnall): This Lyceum is improving. Its prospects are brighter. An old worker has taken the work in hand. Good attention. Responses good. Answers to questions showing a fair grasp of what had been read. Expenses 6d. (Spital Hill): They have made a start here but only hold a morning session. I urged the benefits of the Union. They promised to join. Expenses 6d. [The remarks concerning Parkgate apply to this Lyceum.—Ed. L.B.] (Attercliffe): Their new hall is a great improvement on their old hall in which they were cramped for room. I was pleased to see 30 new faces added to their number. Expenses 6d.

WILLIAM MARKLEW, D.V.

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

General remarks.—*Stalybridge* (Bennett Street): I found an improvement in this Lyceum. Chain recitations very good indeed. No marching or calisthenics. Expenses 1/3. *Macclesfield*: I found an all-round improvement in this Lyceum. The chain recitations, marching and calisthenics good. The session was well conducted throughout. Expenses 1/11. *Stockport* (Central): This Lyceum maintains its usual standard in attendance and discipline.

J. MARSTON, D.V.

TEESIDE DISTRICT.—General remarks.—*Middlesbrough*: I conducted by request, and was pleased with the way the Lyceum acquitted itself. The responses in the chain recitations, and the marching was good; as also was their conduct. Number present 70. *Shildon*: Nov. 7th. I found this Lyceum well conducted and well ordered. Responses very good. Group leaders very earnest. Marching, considering the size of the room, very good. I am glad to learn they are to have a church of their own shortly. *Stockton-on-Tees*: The first session in the new church well attended. Mr. Willie Roder conducted. Many of the officers from Middlesbrough were present, to wish us success in our new home. Chain recitations, marching and calisthenics good. The discipline, considering the new surroundings, was all that could be desired. 77 present, exclusive of visitors. No expenses. CHARLES HARRISON, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.—There are 19 Societies in this district; all but 6 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Ashington*: A healthy tone pervades this Lyceum. The work done is satisfactory. I would like to see more of the individual effort amongst the members. We cannot benefit others without reaping an advantage ourselves. THE WORKERS WIN! Expenses 2/6. *Newcastle* (Royal Arcade): Though small in number this Lyceum maintains its general excellence. Its greatest drawback is lack of floor space. *Gateshead* (Eden Society): This Lyceum has now the best conveniences as regards meeting place of any in the district and bids fair to show their appreciation thereof by good and useful work. Expenses 6d. *Monkwearmouth*: I am afraid this Lyceum is subject to the humours of the parent Society, whose members seem to have but hazy notions about Lyceum teachings, removing their children because the Bible is not used. This makes uphill work for the faithful officers. Ex-

penses 1/11. *Newcastle* (Rutherford Street): This Lyceum is going ahead and increasing its numbers splendidly. I was glad to see so many young men and young women enlisted in the good work. The distribution of 6 bannerettes, kindly presented by a lady friend, was a pleasing feature on Dec. 26th. They are works of art, and will long be treasured by the Lyceum. Expenses 3d. *Newcastle* (Benwell): There is a sincere desire here for improvement, and a willingness to work for its attainment. I sincerely hope their brightest aims will be reached. Expenses 5d. *North Shields* (Saville Street): This Lyceum is going on satisfactorily in every way. I would like to see them members of the Lyceum Union, and so stand shoulder to shoulder in unity for the maintenance of the Lyceum movement. Expenses 2d.

JONAH CLARKE, D.V.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

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

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

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our monthly open session. The following Lyceumists taking part: Recitation by Jane Yates, readings by Miss Eldon, Mrs. France, and Mr. Harrington Buck. On Sunday, January 9th, we had our quarterly open session, the Lyceum taking charge of the whole day's services. In the morning after the marching and calisthenics, a very pleasing ceremony, that of naming a baby, by one of our Lyceumists, Miss Eastwood. Earth name, Willis Rigby, spirit name, "Grace." In the afternoon an address was given by Mr. Morton and clairvoyance by Mr. A. France. In the evening we had a Lyceum session, remarks by Mr. Morton and a few clairvoyants by Mr. France.—A. France, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD.—On January 2nd we had a most memorable session, 96 present. It was most gratifying to the officers of our Lyceum to see the attendance and the heartfelt interest of the children in the session, and also in the annual election of their officers and leaders which followed. One pleasing feature of the election of group leaders was that the children themselves in the elder groups nominated and supported the election of their leaders. The elected officers are as follows: Conductor, Mr. Pearson; assistant conductor, Mr. Powell; guardian, Mr. Taylor; treasurer, Mr. Mathison; calisthenic and marching conductor, Miss Robb; assistant, Mr. Roberts; musical conductor, Miss Morton; captain of guards, Miss Bladon; District Council Delegate, Mr. Parry; sick and general visitor, Mrs. Atkinson.—J. T. Atkinson, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Blanche Street).—On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our usual open session before a very good gathering of scholars and friends, when the following took part: Recitations by Frank Merrell, A. Carver, Lena Battye, Ernest Merrell, Elsie Fallen, and Herbert Hargreaves. Reading by Gladice Metcalf. Solos by Mr. James Merrell, Mrs. Hillas, Elsie Fallen and Laura Hargreaves. A very enjoyable time was spent under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert Hargreaves.—J. Babbs.

BRADFORD, WEST BOWLING (Boynton Street).—On New Year's Day we had a tea and Christmas tree for Lyceum scholars and other children of the district, which turned out

a success. After tea each child was presented with a prize from the tree. On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our open session. We had a moderate attendance of scholars and visitors in the morning. Recitations were given by Hilda Croft and Annie Ward. Olive Dean gave us "A Child's Inquiry," which she had learnt from "THE LYCEUM BANNER" during her illness, which was appreciated by all present. Songs were given by Norman Haley and J. A. Dean; Lily and Sam Winder recited No. 77 out of the Manual.—J. T. Dean, Secretary.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Sunday, December 26th, we had our pearl Sunday, when everyone present gave a pearl. The marching and calisthenics were gone through, and the following ably assisting with songs and recitations: Misses West, Maskell, Bridgen, Cager, and Messrs. Rhodes and Curry. Our Lyceum band, consisting of eight members, is doing exceedingly well.—Geo. H. Curry, Assistant Secretary.

**BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).**—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, we held our open session, which was very well attended. The following took part:—Songs by Misses Longworth, W. Thompson, J. Redman and Mr. W. Metcalfe; duet by Misses M. Roberts and A. Redman; pianoforte solos by Miss Redman and Master S. Carr. Mr. Bailey, who was the conductor, spoke a few words to Lyceum scholars. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in a most creditable manner. Mr. Singleton was the accompanist.—Mrs. Riley, Secretary.

**BURY (off Paradise Street).**—On December 25th we held our annual tea party and entertainment. Moderate attendance. The Society's president being ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swarbrick in producing two dialogues and a series of Tableaux which were heartily applauded. January 1st a free breakfast was served to some 450 poor children, who enjoyed their morning repast and gift of bag of sweets, etc. Donations per Mr. J. Byrom and P. Wallace and profit from socials (per Mr. D. Helm, Sec. Poor Children's Breakfast Fund) defraying cost of breakfast. January 15th a snip social was held (a new feature), and greatly enjoyed. The Lyceum is about holding its own in order, attendance, and work.

**CHESTERFIELD, LOWER PAVEMENT (Old Assembly Rooms).**—On Sunday, January 9th, we held the annual election of officers. Mr. Fisher, the president of the society, presided. The balance sheet was read and was considered satisfactory, showing a slight increase on last year's balance. After a few comments were passed upon the year's work the following officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. Bradshaw; assistant, Mr. Welch, Mr. Cowell, and Miss Hobster; musical conductor, Mr. Brewin; assistant, Miss Hobster; leader of marching and calisthenics, Mr. Briggs; guardian, Mr. J. Hobster; captain of guards, A. Philpott; guards, Winnie Slater, Mabel Knight, Ernest Hobster, and Tom Hand; register markers, Wilfred Hobster and Willie Hand; treasurer and Secretary, T. Brewin.—T. Brewin, Secretary.

**CREWE.**—We had an enjoyable session on January 2nd, the following took part: Fred Homer, pianoforte solo; Ethel Reay and Harry Sinclair recitations; Ethel Willcox and Jack Reay mandoline duet.—H. Walker, Secretary.

**CROMPTON.**—On December 24th we held a grand social and supper which was well attended. On December 25th we had a social and Christmas tree. Songs were well rendered by Miss Sarah Shepherd, George Wood and Ralph Forester. On January 3rd we elected our officers as follows: Conductor, Miss Sarah Shepherd, assistant, Willie Pears; leaders, John Clegg and Mr. Harrison, Maggie Pears and Sarah Holt; guardian, Mr. Standaloft; librarian, Mr. Pears.—Charles Smith, Secretary.

**DAISY HILL.**—The following is a list of officers and committee: Conductor, Mr. Alfred Haward; leader, Miss Amy Clarke; secretary, Walter Shepherd; committee, Daniel Hope, Ernest Woodward, James Hope, Frank Price, Ben Price, Wm. Woodward, and John Gaskell. The following were presented with prizes on New Year's Eve: Girls, Martha Woodward, Annie Woodward, Amy Clarke, Doris Hall, Nellie Howarth, Nellie Jolly, Polly Aspinall, Rachael Fairbrother, Janey Woodward, Lizzie Gaskell and Alice Gaskell. Boys: Harold and Ernest Birchall, Willie Livesley, Frank Leonard, and Ben Price, Stanley, Jonathan, and Wm. Shepherd, and Harry Hall.—Walter Shepherd, Secretary.

**DEARNLEY.**—On Sunday, January 9th, Mr. A. Warwick gave a very interesting and instructive paper on the "Origin of Light, or how to strike a light." It was highly appreciated.—H. J. Manning, Secretary.

**DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.**—The fourth anniversary of the above Lyceum was held on Sunday the 5th December, 60 members being present in addition to the visitors. Mrs. Thompson gave an interesting address on the origin and aims of the Lyceum movement, and also named and dedicated two children in a beautiful manner. At the evening service seven members of the Lyceum performed the calisthenic exercises. Alice Cross recited a poem on the Lyceum, by Mrs. Thompson, and Leila Summers sang a solo. The annual social was held on the Tuesday following, when Mrs. Thompson presented 21 prizes to the deserving members for attendance, recitations, and good conduct. The new year starts with 69 active members and with every prospect of improved success.—W. Knox, Conductor.

**FOLESHILL (Broad Street).**—On Tuesday, December 28th, we held our annual Christmas tea party and Christmas tree which was a decided success. We had about 120 to tea, after which an entertainment was held, when Misses Mabel and Eva Kerby rendered an interesting dialogue. It was followed by a play called "The Slave of the Lamp, or Aladdin in Japan," the following Lyceumists taking part: George Bambrick, Jessimane Bambrick, Enid Cox, Daisy Cox, Ada Bambrick, Clarice Cox, Daisy Atkin, Raymond Bambrick, Annie Cox, Winnifred Cox, and Mr. L. E. Atkins. After which each Lyceumist received a present off the Christmas tree. Thus bringing an event long to be remembered by all to a close.—J. Gibbs, Secretary.

**FORDSBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.**—Last Sunday we held our monthly open session which proved to be a great success. After our opening hymn we had our silver chain recitations, musical readings, and golden chain recitations. Then Mr. Thomas read a paper called "A Ladder of Light," which was very interesting. Several nice recitations were then given, and Mrs. Connolly's three little girls sang "Open the door for the Children" very nicely. "The Promised Land" was also sung by Lulu Hammersley. Mr. Truran then gave a few words on the "Ladder of Light." We were also very glad to welcome back Mr. Utton, our Secretary, who had been away for a short holiday.—Harry Jose, aged 12.

**HADFIELD.**—On Sunday, January 16th, we held our annual election of officers as follows: Conductor, Miss Beeley; guardian, Mr. C. Nuttall; captain of guards, Mr. T. Ridgeway; librarian, Agnes Kenworthy; secretary, W. Chorley; treasurer, J. Waterhouse; musical conductor, Miss Harris; leader of calisthenics, C. Booth. Assistants were also elected for certain offices.—W. Chorley, Secretary.

**GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).**—We held our open session on Sunday, January 2nd. The silver chain was led by Mr. Thornby; the musical reading was led by Wilfred Taylor, Mrs. Holt, and Richard Leaver; the golden chain was led by Mr. Thornley. Recitations were given by Nora Wrigley, Mary Alice Holt, Arthur Holt, Alfred Ainsworth, and Ferdinand Valentine. Taking all into consideration we had a good session.—Miss Alice Anderton, Secretary.

**HEBDEN BRIDGE.**—An entertainment was given by the members of the Lyceum on January 8th, when the cantata, entitled "The Christmas Gift," was given, the principle characters being Misses Dorothy Rawson, Gladys and Mabel Hill, Hilda Houlston, Eileen Smith, Alice Cook, Eva Thornton, May and Laura Coad, Mariani Ward, and Walter Worsley as Santa Claus. It would be invidious to make distinctions when all did so well. A little sketch, "Our neighbours' fowls," by Master Donald Smith and Misses Eileen Smith and Mabel Hill was splendidly rendered and had to be repeated. A dialogue by Misses Hill and Houlston "St. Valentine's Day," was splendid. A character song by Hilda Houlston, "Domestic Troubles," was recalled. A sash drill and nigger story followed.

**HORWICH (Beatrice Street).**—On Saturday, January 1st, we had a tea party and concert, this being the children's first effort. There was a good number who sat down to tea, and in the evening the room was well filled. The concert consisted of songs, duets, aciton songs, tableaux, tableaux vivants, recitations, and also Indian club drill. The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. Collier. Great praise was due to our brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, and also our brother, Mr. Gough, the pianist, for the good way in which they had trained the children. We also passed a vote of thanks to our brother, Mr. Vinten, for showing his limelight while the entertainment was on.—F. W. Frost, Secretary.

**HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden Street).**—On December 26th and January 1st an operetta entitled "The Wishing Cap" was

performed by thirty Lyceumists. The principal parts were well sustained and the choruses tunefully sung. Miss A. Brook made a charming Dame Durden and Mr. H. Peel as Farmer Durden was a great success. Katisha, a gipsy queen, and Ike, her husband, were well taken by Miss F. N. Graham and Mr. J. S. Jagger; as Elsa (Farmer Durden's daughter) Miss Gracie Powell was particularly good. The other characters were housemaid, scullery maid, dairymaids, milkmaids, fairies, will-o'-the-wisps, and gypsies. The principals and children were trained by Miss Entwisle, under whose management the operetta was produced.—Miss Clara Entwisle was the accompanist.—T. Ellis, Secretary.

JARROW.—On December 27th we held our Christmas tea and distribution of prizes. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Clark, D.V. to present the prizes, our conductor officiated (Mr. Hodgson), there being a large attendance of parents present. Our treasurer and her husband (Mr. and Mrs. Poole), presented the Lyceum with a Christmas tree and presents for each Lyceumist. Our proceedings came to a close about 9.45, all having spent an enjoyable day.—Annie Hodgson, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—We commenced the new year with grand resolves and high aspirations, encouraged by a retrospect of good work done in the year just ended. Many of us receiving this day, January 2nd, at the annual prize distribution, awards fully up to the standard of our merits. Several special prizes, presented for essays, recitations, and solos rendered through the year were well earned, while attendance prizes were nobly won, some not having missed a single session. The election of officers evoked much interest, many changes of position with the leaders and several acquisitions. The most signal change being the adoption of Mr. William Bleasdale as conductor, one of the few left who helped at the opening of our Lyceum 22 years ago.—J. Sayle.

LEEDS, HUNSLET (Church Street).—Our Lyceum officials gave a tea and concert on Saturday last, New Year's Day, for the Lyceum scholars and their friends, and it was a great success as our place was packed out. All Lyceum scholars under 15 were admitted free to the tea and concert, and every one of the scholars was given a bag with nuts, sweets, one apple, and one orange in it, so they had a good time. They did their work well in the concert. Two of our scholars sang "The Presence of Angels," and many of them gave recitations. After the concert we had our marching which pleased the audience. Many of them came on Sunday to the open session to see and hear themselves.—A. Bradshaw.

LEICESTER (Albion Street).—On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our open session. A number of friends were present. Mr. Ayriss addressed the Lyceum scholars. Then the scholars rendered solos and recitations. After that we had marching and calisthenics. On Thursday, January 6th, we had the Lyceum tea given by Mr. Ayriss. There was a good number of friends present. After tea we had games, singing, and recitations, everyone present enjoying themselves; it was their own fault if they did not. After the children had enjoyed themselves till after 8 o'clock we had a dance for the elder scholars. Finishing the evening about 10 o'clock with smiling faces.—A. Hurst, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Sunday, January 16th, the officers of the Lyceum for 1910 were elected as follows: Conductor, Mr. S. Hunter; assistant, Miss N. Newcombe; treasurer, Mr. W. Wright; Secretary, Mr. J. Bishop; assistant, Mr. J. Smithson; musical conductor, Mr. H. Hill; assistants, Masters L. Goldsmith and B. York; leader of marching, Miss M. York; assistant, Master Lucas; group leaders, Misses Baldwin, Clarke, Reavell, York, Clarke, Seden, and Mr. J. Wilks; guards, Mr. A. Piccaver; captain, Masters Berrell and Barton. On January 23rd Mr. Wright gave a good and instructive address to the Lyceumists. A very good session.—James Bishop, Secretary.

LONDON, BRIXTON (Stockwell Park Road).—We have now a Lyceum Church and a spiritual home with a library attached. This is the first in London, of which we are proud, and our motto is the "WORKERS WIN." We had a solo from our treasurer on the 16th January called "Angel Whispers," and a recitation from Doris called "The Fairy," and also a solo from one of our Lyceumists called a "Spirit Sailor Boy." We had a nice opening on 15th January by Mrs. Benurepere, one of our many helpers. On the 8th we had a grand children's tea party, after which we had a Christmas tree.—Alex. Brooking.

LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Road).—On December 30th we had a most enjoyable tea. The feature of the evening

was a dream play entitled "Pantomania" specially written by Mrs. Petz. The following Lyceumists took part: The two fairies were Grace Cushen and Nancy Worrall; Crusoe and Friday, Jackie Jackson and Bertie Williams; Cinderella, Dorothy Sadler; Aladdin, Will Worrall; Jack and Jill, Dora and Bert Passfield; Bo-peep and Boy Blue, Laura Ryder and C. Williams; Dick Whittington, Le Winbow; Red Riding Hood, Ethel Cushen; Cissie, Bertie, and Baby, Nellie, Norman, and David Hughes; Governess, Ada Ryder; and the Babes in the Wood, Messrs. Stebbens and Wellsbourne. Miss E. Cholmondeley was a very able accompanist.—Blanche Petz, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—We held our annual tea party and there was a good number of Lyceumists and friends present. After tea we had a fine time with games, songs, recitations, etc. Lily Blick gave us a solo. Recitations, Nelly Barnes, Elsie Barnes, Kath Jones, Dorothy Stello, Ivy Cole, and Dorothy Stevens, all Lyceumists sang "A glad New Year." Our conductor, Mr. Barrington, acting as M.C. After a grand time together we brought our party to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne." Sunday, January 9th, we had our good friend Miss Morriss with us, who gave us a very nice and encouraging address on new year resolutions, which was enjoyed by all.—Nelly Barnes, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, CHEETHAM.—On Sunday, January 9th, we held special services, when Mr. Hamer, the healer, was again the speaker. A very interesting ceremony was performed at the evening service, when Mr. Hamer distributed prizes for essays. The winners for girls under 13 were Miss Minnie Hart 1st, Miss Nellie Smethurst 2nd, Miss Elsie Williams 3rd. Boys: Master Donald Phillips 1st, and Sydney Sidebottom 2nd. Adults: Mrs. Brummitt 1st, Mrs. Irons 2nd, Mrs. Smethurst 3rd, Mr. Adshead 4th. The Lyceum sang special songs very nicely. We had a little cripple on the platform who has never yet walked and Mr. Hamer has undertaken the case, and we all wish him success. We all enjoyed the services very much.—J. Sidebottom, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, HARPURHEY (Mitford Street).—The Lyceum party was held on New Year's Day, when about 100 sat down to a substantial tea. A miscellaneous entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. The following rendered songs, recitations, etc., Hetty Duncan, Hetty Farrow, Ethel Broadfield, Alice Newman, Willie Nuttall, Miss Bertha Turner, and Messrs. Geo. Doodson and Tom Edmondson. Mr. Geo. Bunning (Newton Heath) gave us some fine up-to-date records upon his gramophone. The Middleson (Gilmour St), Black and White Artistes presented an excellent programme, consisting of solos, duets, etc., which delighted both young and old. We are greatly indebted to them for their visit. The party concluded with a free distribution of oranges, apples, and nuts.—J. Skarratt.

MANCHESTER, OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—On Saturday, January 8th, we held our annual tea party and prize distribution when about 100 sat down to a good tea. A few songs were given by the younger Lyceumists and friends, after which our late conductor, Mr. Weitzel, distributed the prizes and spoke a few words to each recipient. Speeches were made by Mrs. Brown, Mr. Coulthurst, and our conductor, Mr. J. Turner, which I hope will find a resting place in the minds of those present and bear fruit in the near future.—John Hy. Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

MANCHESTER, SOUTH.—December 26th we had a pleasing visit from Mr. and Mrs. Bentley. January 1st our annual party, having a good gathering of Lyceumists and friends to a most enjoyable tea. Games were next indulged in, also songs, recitations, and dances by Lyceumists. After which our conductor, Mr. Hepton, assisted by Mr. Chappell, presented 31 prizes to children for attendance, giving a few very pleasing and appropriate remarks, also presenting to all Lyceumists gifts from the Christmas tree. Dancing brought a highly appreciated programme to a happy and successful close. January and we held our election of officers, when all officers were retained unanimously. We are pleased to say the children made splendid attendance last year, showing to us a progress.—Miss M. M. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our Lyceum open session. Our speaker for the day was Mrs. Furniss, of Castleton. Good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The marching and calisthenics were gone through under the conductorship of Mr. Hartley. The efforts of the following Lyceumists were appreciated. Recitations, George Barrington, "Get a Transfer"; H. Bryan, "Although"; Lizzie Collinge, "Loo and Kitty"; M. E. Whitehead, "Kindness"; Annie Simpson, "Robin Redbreast"; Duet, Hilda and Fred

Collinge, "We are trying to follow the Angels"; Dialogue by Clara Walsh and Adelaide Wilkinson, "The Golden Side." A number of pearls were also given. Mrs. Furniss gave a few helpful remarks to the children. In the evening a splendid address, entitled, "Onward, out of the night."—T. Walker, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.—On January 2nd we held our usual open session, when there was a good attendance of both adults and children. Mr. Winskip, one of the officers, being the speaker. The Lyceum treat was held on Monday, January 3rd, the children having a splendid tea provided by members and friends of the society. After tea games were indulged in to the delight of both parents and children. The children each received an orange during the evening, and upon leaving were given a small present through the kindness of one of our lady friends. We hope to make huge strides in our Lyceum during this next year.—Miss M. Simpson, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Rutherford Street).—On Sunday, December 26th, we had a special day, the occasion being the presentation of 6 Lyceum Banners, a gift from Mrs. Cowling, one of our oldest Lyceum workers in Newcastle. The Banners were presented to the Lyceum by Mr. Burkhardt on behalf of Mrs. Cowling. After the presentation we were favoured with the following: Solo, "No night there," Lydia Willis; recitation, "The four Sunbeams," James Adams; solo, "Wave the Banner," Ernest Curtis; recitation, "A cup of cold water," John Armstrong; solo, "Catch the Sunshine," Miss Lily Batey; solo, "Bringing in the Sheaves," Mr. A. E. Brinklow; duet, "Only Remembered," Mr. A. E. Brinklow and Mr. Alf. Willis. Miss A. D. Adams officiated at the organ.—Alex. D. Adams, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our open session and distribution of prizes. The attendance was good, but regret the absence of visitors. Recitations were capably rendered by May Simmons and Violet Hather, also a mouth organ solo by Harold Huntback, all of which was much appreciated. The conductor, Mr. L. Shipley, delighted us by reading a welcome letter from our late secretary, Mrs. G. Thorley, nee Yates, of America. Mr. T. Marsters (Temperance Visitor), in speaking to the children, congratulated them upon their exceptionally good attendance, a large number having put in 52 attendances. He afterwards distributed the awards. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Marsters concluded a most enjoyable session.—A. Shipley, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics Hall).—Sunday, January 23rd, at 2-30 p.m., a mass meeting of the four Lyceums in Nottingham was held in the Mechanics Lecture Hall. Mrs. A. Bentley, President of the B.S.L.U. presided. A good programme of special recitations and songs was gone through, apart from the usual Lyceum session. A smart display of calisthenics was given by the Gladstone Hall Lyceum. A good audience assembled considering the inclement weather. Mrs. Bentley made an irreproachable conductor and made some very apt addresses. Four children, one from each Lyceum, gave an address of welcome and presented Mrs. Bentley with a bouquet. The collection was voted to the Permanent Secretary Fund. Congratulations to Mrs. Bentley on her stand against sweated industries. Lewis Cooke, Secretary.

NORTH SHIELDS (Saville Street).—On December 27th we held a grand concert and distribution of prizes for regular attendance. Mr. Walton, of the parent society, kindly gave them to the scholars with kind words of good advice. On January 3rd we held our annual tea and social. Tea was served about 4-30 when about 60 children and adults sat down. The rest of the evening was spent in games and dancing, everyone enjoying themselves.—J. Roper, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—We held our annual Lyceum tea party on January 1st, about 50 Lyceumists and friends were present. After a good tea prizes were distributed by Mrs. Birchall to the scholars for good attendance and recitations during the past year. Mrs. Simpson, who is 68 years of age, was heartily applauded on receiving her prize. We then spent a social evening together, songs being rendered by Mrs. L. Simpson and Mrs. J. W. Ogden. Recitations were given by Miss Hilda Holden, Emma Holden, Hilda Poynton, Florence Jackson, Harry Dunkerley. A dialogue entitled "A Henpecked Husband," was rendered by Mrs. Harrop, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Dunkerley, Mr. Dunkerley, and Mr. Holden. This concluded a magnificent programme.—James Holden, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On Saturday, January 8th, we held our annual New Year's party. On this occasion we were pleased to have with us the Executive Council of the B.S.L.U., and to show our appreciation of their coming we displayed a

cantata under the able leadership of Mrs. F. Shaw, entitled, "Queen of Choice," which was well rendered. In the evening, Mr. Clayton, our worthy president, presented 26 prizes to Lyceumists. We had a very successful time on Sunday, having good sessions in which the E.C. members took part, giving us some good advice and wished us to work harmoniously together for our children's cause and the upliftment of humanity generally. We feel sure this encouragement will be fully appreciated by all Lyceumists.—Miss Ward.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On New Year's Day we held our annual tea party and prize distribution, we also had a Christmas tree which was a great attraction. When tea was over the prizes were presented to the Lyceumists by Mr. W. Airey, President of the society. 23 specials, 13 firsts, 2 seconds, and 3 thirds. This is out of an average attendance of 80. Pleased to say this was the most successful party that has yet been held in the room, there were 230 present, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. We hope to still make further progress.—C. Fisher, Secretary.

ROYTON (Cotton Street).—Our election of officers for the half year was as follows: Conductor, Mr. C. Stretton; assistant, Miss A. Beatty; guardians, Miss H. Bradley and Mr. T. W. Banford; assistants, Miss Rodgers and Mr. Roberts; teachers, Misses H. Bradley, and A. Beatty, Secretary, Mr. C. Stretton. The Lyceum is making good progress, all are working together in harmony.—C. Stretton, Secretary.

ROYTON (Union Street).—On Sunday, January 9th, an interesting ceremony was performed by Mrs. Jackson, of Harphey, in the naming of a baby of one of our Lyceumists. The name given was Doris, its spiritual name "Truth." On Sunday, January 16th, we held our open session, there being a very good attendance of scholars and friends. Solos were given by M. Garside, Mrs. Bennett, S. E. Haslam, L. Garside, and A. Haslam. Recitations by F. Thomas and Mr. Frank Shaw. Marching and calisthenics were gone through in a very creditable manner. Our District Visitor, Mr. Shaw, gave some encouraging remarks. A very pleasant session was brought to a close by singing No. 99 in the Manual.—Miss E. Haslam, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On January 2nd we held our usual open session which was well attended. I can now assure you we are making satisfactory progress. The hearty singing, splendid responses, as well as some very good marching and calisthenics was only part of the good things provided for. One of our elder Lyceumists, Mrs. Jones, gave us a splendid recitation. Then we had a few kind words of advice from Mrs. Roddis. Then we had a little surprise for our musical conductor, Miss Annie Liversedge, who was presented with a Spiritual Songster and Lyceum Manual by our worthy conductor, Mr. Gartrey, subscribed for by officers and friends of the Lyceum. This brought to a close an enjoyable session.—Chas. Dalton, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—The last few weeks have been a period of most successful, pleasant, and interesting events. On December 25th we held a social and concert. There was a crowded audience, and the main feature in the concert was the burletta "Who's Who," given by the members of the dramatic club. January 2nd, open session. The voluntary services of the Lyceumists being rendered in the usual able manner. January 6th, tea and social arranged as a Lyceum children's treat. After tea fruit and sweets were distributed, and a variety of games were indulged in. January 16th, Lyceum propaganda day. In the evening Lyceumists rendered the service of song "An Angel in Disguise." The reading being accomplished by R. Swinden.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hallins Lane).—On Tuesday, January 11th, a surprise party was given by the Misses F. and C. Thorpe, A. Mawer, and B. Dewhirst. A good number attended and spent a most enjoyable evening. On Sunday, January 16th, we had our annual prize distribution, Mr. Smithson of Dewsbury presenting them. Over 60 books were given, all of which were good and useful. The first prizes were won by Ernest Bottomley and Joe Steel, both having the full number of marks.—Joe Steel, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—The annual tea and entertainment was presided over by Mr. Beardsworth, president. A large programme, consisting of songs, solos, duets, dialogues, readings, selections, recitations and sketches were successfully rendered by Joey Bolton, Hubert Denton, May Kay, Maud Riding, Polly Tomlinson, Dulcie Hardy, Berty Riding, Edna Kay, Doris Wainwright, Clara Hardy, Ethel Guest, Benjamin Rimmer and Leonard Wignall, after which several games were indulged in. To Miss V. M. Saunders and Miss Beaumont, the

joint secretaries, Mrs. Guest and Miss Lizzie Bolton, every praise is due for organising the party and entertainment. Votes of thanks were accorded the artistes and workers, which was carried with acclamation.—Miss E. Beaumont, Secretary.

SEACOMBE.—On Sunday, January 2nd, we held our annual election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mrs. Fiddes; Assistant Conductor, Mr. G. Robb; Secretary, Mr. J. Thompson; Assistant Secretary, Miss Brown; Treasurer, Mr. Locke; Guardian, Mrs. Dophin; Librarian, Miss Fishwick; Musical Director, Miss Dagliesh; Marching and calisthenics, Mr. G. Robb; Leaders of Groups: Mr. Robb, "Excelsior" group; Mr. J. Thompson, "Liberty" group; Miss Brown, "Star" group; Miss Fishwick and Mrs. Dolphin, "Fountain" group. Guards, Mr. J. Locke, Lily Waters, A. Knight, Ivy Redpath.—John Thompson, Secretary.

SHAW (Lyon Street).—On Christmas Day we held the Lyceum annual tea party and entertainment. Mr. Thompson presided over the entertainment, which consisted of songs, duets, action songs, and two dialogues, all of which were well rendered, several having to be repeated. Much praise is due to Mr. Wormall, the late Conductor, and Miss Hornbuckle for the training of the children. The room was crowded. On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, we held the annual meeting, when the following officers were elected:—Conductor and Secretary, Mr. Leigh; Assistant Conductor, Miss B. Short; Leaders, Miss N. Rowlinson and Mr. H. Hardan; Assistant Leaders, Mr. E. Horbuckle and Miss Wright. Guardians, Mr. D. Shaw and Miss E. Ingham. Librarian, Mr. R. Wormall. Treasurer, Mr. Rawlinson.—J. Leigh, Secretary.

STOCKPORT (Central).—On Jan. 2nd we held our anniversary sessions, Mrs. Bentley, our well-known Lyceum Union President, being in charge. In the afternoon, before a good attendance, the Lyceumists acquitted themselves with honour, eliciting praise from our good sister for the reading, reciting, pearls, marching and calisthenics. In the evening, again before a large audience, Mrs. Bentley gave a lucid address, pleasing all with her clairvoyant delineations. She was ably supported by the veteran worker, Mr. J. Knight. Equally delightful were the two solos, given by a young girl prize vocalist, Miss Richardson. The collections for the day was towards purchasing the prizes. On Jan. 15th the adult Lyceumists held their annual party. About 60 Lyceumists and friends.—J. H. Marston, Secretary.

STOCKPORT-ON-TEES (Brunswick Street).—You will no doubt be surprised to learn that the above Lyceum have at last got to a more spacious and convenient place. The society at Stockton-on-Tees have, through quiet and persistent effort, secured a place of their own suitable for a place of worship, measuring 48ft. by 30 ft., with a seating capacity of about 300. We had our first open session on Dec. 26th, conducted by Mr. C. Harrison and R.W. Heslop, assisted by Mr. Rhoeder, of Middlesbrough. There were about 30 Lyceumists from Middlesbrough. On Dec. 28th we were all entertained by the society to a splendid tea, to which full justice was done by one and all.—R. Brown, Secretary.

TORONTO (Summerfeldt Hall).—On New Year's Day, we held our annual children's treat, when over eighty people sat

down to tea, with ham, cakes, etc. In the evening an entertainment was given, consisting of songs, recitations, sketch and waxworks. Six of our youngest members also went through the calisthenics. The latter part of the evening was given to the dismantling of the Christmas tree, when each member received a prize from the hands of Santa Claus, that character being most ably fulfilled by Mr. Rowland Hill. The children enjoyed the latter part of the programme immensely. The proceedings were brought to a close about ten p.m. by all singing "Now good night." The chair was filled by our Conductor, Mr. Ernest Brooke.—Mrs. Ernest Brooke, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our annual entertainment on Christmas Day. The Lyceum rendered a service of song, entitled "The Abbey Bells." Conductor, Mr. John D. Walton; Musical Director, Mr. Samuel Wright. Also on New Year Eve the Lyceum rendered two sketches, entitled "Aunt Matilda's Collar" and "The Boy's Pic-nic." They created much interest. There were also songs and recitations, given by the Lyceumists. We had two most enjoyable evenings. The proceedings were in aid of the building funds.—Mrs. Hick, Secretary.

WINDHILL.—We held our open session on January 2nd, and had a very good attendance. Solos, readings, etc., were given by Mr. H. Alderson, "Angels come unto me"; Mr. Raw, "Wisdom orders all things well"; Miss D. Butterfield, "Angels lead by footsteps"; quartette, Misses A. Copley, E. Hopwood, M. Stead and M. A. Potts, "Go forward"; duets, Misses A. Copley and E. Inman, "Ministering angels"; Misses A. Holmes and M. Stead, "No night there"; Misses D. Butterfield and E. Waterworth, "Go forward"; recitation, Mr. A. Scott, "Robin"; readings, Miss D. Butterfield, "Pass it on"; Mr. J. Trueman, "The Word of God"; Mrs. Copley, "The old and the new"; Mrs. Copley, "The garden of the heart." We closed with "Strike your harps."—G. Roper, Hon. Secretary.

WOMBWELL.—On Sunday, Dec. 26th, we held our special open session. Recitations by Reuben Scott, Arthur Pascoe, Eric and Lillian Spittlehouse, Elizabeth A. Eyre, Maria Roberts, Nora Bannister, Dorothy and Barbara Gregson. Mrs. Swinden, of Heeley, named our youngest scholar, Geoffrey James Birkett. Mr. Swinden gave a short, but very instructive address. Conductor, S. D. Spittlehouse. Our grateful thanks are due to the Barnsley Lyceum for their help and attendance. Misses Hetherington and Harrison favoured us with a duet. Mr. Hetherington with a recitation. Record collection and attendance. Evening, service of song, entitled "Rest at last," reader S. D. Spittlehouse. Readings by Madge Womersley, Lillian Spittlehouse and Florence Bestall.—S.D. Spittlehouse, Secretary.

[We much regret that The Boys' Special, Lyceum District Council Reports, and Special Prize Essays are crowded out this month.—Ed. L.B.]

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