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The Unbeliever.

BY FREDELLA E. FISCHER.

(FROM THE SUNFLOWER).

"Well, old chap, what do you think of my future wife?"

Lawrence slowly knocked the ashes off his cigar and answered: "What do I think of your future wife? Why, I think her far too brilliant a woman for a preacher's wife. She is of an unusually broad turn of mind, and, I fear, will never make a congenial companion for you, Walter. That woman ought never to marry. She would make a brilliant actress."

"You are anything but complimentary Lawrence, but let me tell you something very remarkable. Never, in the eight years that I have known Mary Lane, have I seen her as animated, as talkative, as she was to-night, and you are the first person to ever give utterance to such an opinion. Mary has very little liking for public life, in fact, her father is strongly opposed to anything pertaining to the dramatic art. Mary has lived very quietly since her return from school."

"Did you ever hear who her mother was?" asked Lawrence.

"No, answered Walter. "I have never heard anything of her, except what Sarah, their old house-keeper, had confided to our Peggy. That she was a high-strung creature, with a terrible temper, who could ruin more silken house gowns in a week than the Rev. Lane could earn in a month. But then, you know, servants talk a lot of trash sometimes."

"How odd. I remember the first time we met the lady," said Lawrence, with a laugh. "She wore some sort of a pink silk tea gown. Do you recall how the long train interfered with our attempts to bring her to shore?"

"Sure enough," said Walter, "now that you recall it, I remember. But otherwise Mary is a quiet, home-loving woman."

"Well, well boy, don't get frightened," laughed Lawrence, slapping his friend's shoulder heartily. "You will remember that this is only my first impression of the lady."

"Yes, but you are confoundedly accurate in some of your prophecies."

"Tut, tut, have no fears of my predictions," answered Lawrence. "But now, old chap, if you will excuse me, I will retire. I never sleep when I travel and I am quite tired."

Alone in his room Lawrence gave himself up to these reflections: "Poor Walter, I fear this is but a marriage of convenience for the Lane family. You, in your frank, honest simplicity of nature, imagine Mary Lane at heart as sincere as yourself, whereas

she is no more suited to you than June is to December. I trust it may turn out better than I expect."

Lawrence awoke next morning to the sounds of hearty laughter amid the babble of merry voices on the lawn under his window. Walter had left nothing undone for the entertainment of his guests and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. In the afternoon Miss Lane appeared, clad in a gown of pale blue, a filmy creation, adorned with beautiful laces. "A perfect picture," said Miss Dent, the maid of honor, a jolly, cheerful girl, who had been entertaining Lawrence with an account of all the fun she had been having for the past week.

Mary greeted Walter coldly and, after kissing Mrs. Weaver on both cheeks, in a formal manner, turned to Lawrence with a charming smile, and, extending a slender white hand, said:

"Mr. Dunbar, I am driving to the village for some very necessary purchases. Would you like to accompany me? The road leads along the lake where you rescued me from a watery grave eight years ago."

"Why, with pleasure," answered Lawrence, "if Walter will excuse me, as I have promised him to visit the stables this afternoon."

"Lady first, always," said Walter, good naturedly. "You will certainly enjoy the drive very much, Lawrence. It will give you an opportunity to view some of the most beautiful spots on our estate."

Seated beside Miss Lane in the elegant light summer rig drawn by two beautiful bays, which he afterward learned had been a birthday gift from Walter, Lawrence marvelled greatly at the beautiful personality of the woman. Arriving at the lake she spoke in such glowing terms of her gratitude that a blush of embarrassment surged over Lawrence's handsome face. He was attired in a light suit and wore a very becoming straw hat, setting off his dark curls, attracting the admiration of Miss Lane.

She chatted and jested with him continually, until they reached the village, where her manner instantly changed toward the proprietor of the small store to one of haughty condescension.

"What a pity," thought Lawrence, "that so beautiful a nature is so spoiled by these haughty ways."

Returning home Lawrence beguiled the time in relating his adventures in Australia. Miss Lane proved an attentive listener.

Thus, day after day found her at Lawrence's side, Mrs. Weaver at length complaining to Walter that Mary did not seem to take a particle of interest in the arrangements for the wedding, leaving it all to her.

"Well, never mind, mother, dearest," said Walter,

fondly. "She is so happy let us not disturb her. I will help you all I can."

"Yes, my boy, but Mary is never as happy in your company as she appears to be when with Lawrence Dunbar. I almost wish you had not asked him here. He is such an unbeliever. It does not seem fitting that you, as a clergyman, should have selected him. Why did you not ask one of your clerical friends?"

"Simply because there is not one whom I love like Lawrence. I don't see, mother, how it is possible for you to entertain such unfavourable thoughts toward Lawrence. He is the noblest friend I ever had, and is a good man, even if his ideas of religion do not agree with ours."

Mrs. Weaver said no more but mentally determined to closely observe Lawrence and Mary.

The week drew to a close. "Every day like a wedding here," said Miss Dent to Lawrence, as they were strolling homeward on the Saturday evening, the girl's arms filled with wheat, while Lawrence's hat was filled with fruit which they had gathered. Miss Dent was a good companion. "Just the sort of girl to make a poor man happy," thought Lawrence, walking beside her. She was humming a snatch of a song, and seemed to find pleasure in every little thing which crossed her path. She was not pretty, but a sunny smile enlivened her plain features when she spoke, which gave evidence of a good heart, and a good soul. They had been out all day together. Lawrence had seized the opportunity after breakfast to follow her out on the veranda and had proposed a trip to the lake, having heard that Mrs. Weaver and Miss Lane would be all day superintending the house decorations. Miss Lane was coming early and Lawrence had determined to avoid meeting her until after Monday, as little as possible. She had shown such a marked preference for his company that he was annoyed and embarrassed before the rest of the guests. She had been as unconcerned as a child and her eyes would follow him wherever he went. Lawrence was sure that Walter had observed his growing embarrassment, so to-day he had managed to keep away from the house as much as he possibly could. They had remained at the lake until luncheon. Miss Lane was waiting for them on the veranda, and laughingly chided Miss Dent for having carried off Mr. Dunbar. "The selfishness was all mine," answered Lawrence, meeting her appealing glance with a long, searching, but not unkindly look. Her face flushed deeply and then turned pale, as he continued, in a low, steady voice:

"I find Miss Dent a most charming companion. She is so fond of dogs, horses and everything which my heart holds dear that for a time I almost imagined I had a boy at my side. Indeed, she is even worse than a boy, for she chased me up a tree for a bird's nest and then laughed at my clumsy efforts to reach it. She has no heart, for she made me carry such loads of stone, shells and other souvenirs that I am almost exhausted. Not content with martyring me all morning, she insists on my accompanying her to the old quarry this afternoon." Miss Dent looked up in surprise, for she had made no mention of the quarry to-day.

The whole party, excepting Miss Lane, was extremely merry at luncheon and Mrs. Weaver's thin face beamed with approval as Lawrence complained of the cruelty of Miss Dent. Mary was unusually quiet, and Walter, thinking her silence due to fatigue, looked at her with an earnest love in his large, clear eyes. Lawrence noticed the look and his heart sickened.

"Poor Walter, how can he be so blind?" thought he. Upon arising from the table he turned to Miss Dent and said: "Will you be rested by two o'clock?" Something like an appealing note sounded in his voice, and there was an appealing expression in his dark eyes.

"Why, yes, any time you are ready," answered she. "I had promised Mrs. Weaver to assist her this afternoon, but perhaps we can get back in time, that I may help."

"Mrs. Weaver will dispense with your services this afternoon, won't you, Mrs. Weaver?" asked Lawrence. "Why certainly," answered Mrs. Weaver, highly pleased at the turn affairs were taking. "Miss Dent cannot be with us longer than a few days next week and we want her to enjoy herself."

"Then I will repair to my room until two," said Lawrence, "as I have some letters to write."

Without looking at Mary he quitted the room. Miss Dent spoke of him with animation, saying: "He is a delightful man. So different from any man I have ever met, so natural in manner, not attempting any flattery or complimentary sayings, just as he expressed it, as if I were a boy. I know he is a good man, a real good man."

"You had better be careful, Miss Dent," put in Miss Lane, in a strained effort at raillery, "or you will be losing your heart."

"No danger," laughed Miss Dent. "If I did I know it would be a lost cause, instead of a lost heart. I suspect that Mr. Dunbar has a ladylove somewhere who holds his heart captive."

"What grounds have you for your suspicion, Jessie?" asked Miss Lane, becoming suddenly interested.

"Oh," answered Miss Dent, "this morning while we were rowing he told me of a young lady whom he had met in a hospital, a nurse, I think, who cared for him during a serious illness. He spoke of her in such glowing terms, of her beautiful soul, her tender love for the little ones."

"Was she a young person?" asked Miss Lane.

"Why, that I cannot possibly answer," said Miss Dent. "But I will find out this afternoon, if you wish to know."

Miss Lane colored under the searching look of the girl, ignoring the remark.

At two Lawrence appeared on the veranda, and together they set off for the quarry, he carrying his umbrella to protect her complexion from the sun.

"For you must look your very best on Monday," said he, looking down in the frank, brown eyes turned up to his. He took her small brown hand in his and said, sadly:

"I wish you were my sister, Miss Dent, I like you, pardon my frankness, but I think you will understand me."

(To be continued).

Selections from the Mythology of the Ancients.

By the EDITOR.

JUNO.

This goddess was the daughter of Saturn and Rhea, and was the sister and wife of Jupiter, whose career was dealt with last month.

Just as Jupiter was described as being of majestic mein, and the father of the gods, so Juno was described as being the Queen of Heaven and the mother of the gods.

She was represented as a majestic woman, seated on a throne, with a sceptre in one hand and a spindle in the other, indicating power and industry. Sometimes she had a crown on her head; and at others was depicted with her head encircled by a rainbow. Near by stood a peacock, being her favourite bird. But when she appeared in all her majesty and glory as the Queen of Heaven she was represented as riding in a golden chariot, carrying a sceptre and wearing a crown of roses and lilies, and was drawn by peacocks.

Her attendant was a beautiful young goddess called Iris [i-ri] who must have looked very charming and lovely clothed in flowing robes of brilliant and ever varying colours, as, with expanded wings, and a blaze of glory around her head, she descended on a rainbow. Her duties were to convey the commands of Juno, and release the souls of women struggling in the pangs of death.

Juno was said to preside over empires and riches, and of all the gods and goddesses of the ancient world there was no one, except Apollo, whose worship was more solemn and extensive. At no place in Greece did she receive greater honours than at Argos, where a magnificent temple was erected to her, in which was a statue of her of prodigious size made of ivory and gold. The people of Argos held festivals in her honour, at which a hundred oxen were sacrificed to her.

She was also highly honoured at Corinth and Olympia, where games were celebrated in her honour every fifth year.

Her worship at Rome was very ancient. A temple built in her honour was looked upon as being so sacred that none but virtuous women were permitted to enter it.

Juno had different names given to her to represent her different attributes. Thus she was called *Juga* because she was the goddess of marriage. She was called *Nuptialis* because she presided at the nuptial ceremony; and when they sacrificed to her under this name they took the gall out of the victim and cast it behind the altar, to signify that there ought to be no gall, bitterness, or anger betwixt husband and wife. She was called *Lucina* because of the light in this world into which children were brought by her. And she was also called *Sospita*, because all women were supposed to be under her care and guardianship, and every woman was supposed to have a *Juno* as every man was supposed to have his *Genius*.

There were certain birds said to be sacred to her, such as geese, the hawk, and the peacock. In her sacrifices an ewe lamb was the ordinary victim.

It is a great pity that a goddess of such good qualities and so universally beloved by the people should have her character marred by jealousy and a haughty imperious nature, quick to avenge any wrong or slight done to her dignity. To this trait of her character may be ascribed the great Trojan war, which arose in this way:

Eris [ē-ri], the goddess of strife, flung a golden apple inscribed "TO THE FAIREST," into the midst of the gods and goddesses at the wedding feast of Peleus [Pel-ous] and Thetis [The-tis]. It produced great jealousy among the female deities, of whom three—Juno, Minerva, and Venus—contended for it. Ultimately it was decided to refer the matter to Paris, the second son of Priam [Pri-am], King of Troy, and he being made the judge, awarded the prize to Venus, the goddess of love, as being the fairest of the three. After that Paris sailed to Greece, where he met and fell in love with the beautiful Helen, and by the influence of Venus he was enabled to persuade her to leave her husband, Menelaus [Me-ne-lās], King of Sparta, and flee with him to Troy. The incident was discussed among the gods and goddesses, during which Juno, in order to be avenged for her wounded pride and dignity in having Venus judged to be more beautiful than herself, managed to perplex the councils of Jupiter during the Trojan war, which was prosecuted by her instrumentality to a fatal end.

On another occasion she is said to have entered into a conspiracy with Neptune and Pallas against Jupiter, because they thought he was presuming on too much authority and power. For this offence she was punished by having an anvil hung to either foot, her hands fastened with golden manacles, and then suspended in the air, where she hung as a warning to other deities.

Juno had three children, Mars, the god of war; Vulcan, the god of fire, who also presides over the workers in metal; and Hebe [Hē-bē], the goddess of youth, who on account of her extraordinary beauty, was chosen to be Jupiter's cupbearer, but owing to her having a fall, which caused the guests to laugh at her clumsiness, Jupiter was so vexed that he dismissed her, and appointed Ganymede [Gan-imē-dēz], the son of Tros, a Trojan king, his cupbearer in her place.

One of the names of Juno was Hera [Hē-ra], which is derived from *aer*, the air, because by Juno is meant the air, or atmosphere, and by Jupiter was meant fire, hence arose the story about Juno being hung in the air, though naturally more like fire, yet was sometimes mixed with earth and water, which appear as heavy weights hung on it; whilst Iris, Juno's attendant, is a personification of the rainbow, which the sun causes to be reared in the atmosphere. Such are some of the beautiful symbolismisms employed by the ancients to veil the powers of the elements of nature.

(To be continued).

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Temperance Page

Conducted by Herbert E. Clarke, B.A., B.Sc.

THE FOUR FOLD PLEDGE

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

ALCOHOL AND HEALTH.—PART I.

(e) HEALTH DESTROYED BY INTOXICANTS (continued).

I think it is most desirable that Lyceum students of Temperance should be acquainted to some extent at least with the interesting and valuable researches of Kraepelin on the effects of alcohol on the brain. His experiments are the more instructive in view of the fact that he has made a close study of the effects of small quantities of alcohol on the higher centres of the brain, by which I mean those regions effected in intellectual and imaginative exercise, as opposed to the centres involved in ordinary sense perception. We should not forget the great part which alcohol fills in spreading mental as well as physical disease.

We may, perhaps, inquire for a moment into the question as to what constitutes the difference between an intelligent and a stupid person. Two important factors must be considered.

In the first place there is a difference between what has been called *apperception*, or the ability for becoming conscious and appreciative of objects and circumstances outside ourselves. In higher things this is called *intuition*, which is the readiness to appreciate the thoughts and desires of others. Apperception depends upon the action at the same time of the outward senses (such as sight and hearing), and the inward faculties by virtue of which we possess self-consciousness. To be intelligent we must be able both to see and to hear, and inwardly to record what we see and hear, by which means we gain a fuller knowledge of the world in which we live. Similarly to be intuitive we must be able to understand the workings of the minds of others.

But a person may be observant and intuitive and yet be a stupid person, because he does not store up the experiences which he has the gift for collecting. The intelligent man has neat mental pigeon-holes for the orderly arrangement of all observations and experiences as they come, that there may be no loss or waste, but a goodly store whenever it is required. So it often happens that the school-boy who is slow to learn, because he is wanting in apperception, succeeds because the second factor of intelligence, *arrangement*, is not lacking, while his brilliantly intelligent fellow, to whom the acquirement of knowledge of every kind is easy, fails because his learning is not an integral part of his life nor plastic in his own hands.

Now I take it that we all wish to be as intelligent as we can, and while we gladly stand for that which will help to quicken and strengthen the intellect of the race, we are opposed to that which steals away the senses and mocks the understanding, and leaves man a besotted and impoverished fool.

Kraepelin's experiments consist in the measurement of what physiologists have styled the "reaction time," and by which is understood the time which elapses

between the application of a stimulus and the response to it. If for example a sudden noise should disturb the quiet as I write, my pen is involuntarily jerked on the paper, but some small fraction of a second after the noise reaches my ears. In that extremely short interval a number of complex nervous changes and communications take place, and their degree and the rapidity with which they follow one another depend on my state of nervous sensitiveness at the time.

A neat form of apparatus for measuring such a short interval of time has been described by Sir Victor Horsley. At the same instant as a white flag is displayed, a small pointer is caused to record a mark on a steadily rotating drum. The subject is told to watch for the appearance of the flag, and as soon as ever he sees it, to press a button on which his finger rests prepared. This action causes a second pointer to record another mark on the drum, and it is possible, knowing the speed of revolution of the latter to determine what time has elapsed between the appearance of the flag and the discovery of the fact by the subject.

The test may be complicated a little by writing numbers or letters on the flag, and requiring the subject to press the button only when a certain number or letter is displayed. In this case he must not only become conscious of the appearance of the flag, but a little time will always be required for discrimination between different forms, which involves some of the higher centres of the brain.

The experiments may be varied in an almost infinite number of ways, such as the time taken in totalling a line of figures, in counting a number of dots, in picking out the colours on a wheel as it slows down, in setting up type, in learning a verse of poetry, etc. Indeed it would be quite impossible here to summarise all the scientific observations which have been made with a view only to finding out whether, and if so to what extent, alcohol affects the apperception and arrangement factors of intelligence.

I may briefly summarise Prof. Kraepelin's results which were arrived at by experiments upon a great number of persons.

Immediately after a small dose of alcoholic stimulant, most persons were found to respond to the flag-signal in slightly shorter time than before the dose, but as the tests continued they showed signs of rapidly increasing fatigue which continued "as long as the alcohol was in active operation in the body." Abstainers maintained a higher standard for a longer time.

When it came to investigating the effect of alcohol on the higher brain centres, as exemplified above with the marked flag-signal, no initial quickening was found, but the subjects were always slower immediately after administration of alcohol and they frequently made mistakes in the signs. Alcohol, even in very small doses, prevented rapid association of ideas, and, in the words of Victor Horsley, "there is, even with the small quantities of alcohol which are called dietetic, a distinct depressing effect upon the highest centres of the brain." We know that larger doses of alcohol cause complete loss of association, and the childish ramblings of a talkative drunken person must be a familiar and horrible fact to everybody, especially horrible when it is realised that they are the signs of on-coming insanity.

Very interesting and convincing are the experiments of Kraepelin and his co-workers, which show that alcohol, like many other drugs, and in particular the anaesthetics, makes its first serious attack upon that which we should hold most worthy of safe-guarding, viz, the intellectual judgment. It is well known that during the gradual paralysis of the brain produced by chloroform patients frequently deceive themselves, imagining that they are quite different persons from what they are in the normal state. Though weakened by disease they will imagine themselves possessed of prodigious strength, and moral aberrations are equally common. It is this mocking deception which has given morphine and alcohol their terrible hold of the civilised world.

Several investigators have shown that in spite of the demonstrated depression of the organs of the body, and especially of the brain, by alcoholic poisoning, there is a feeling of physical well-being and intellectual activity which irresistably persuades the subject that he is better in every way for having taken the poison. His judgement is dethroned, and because he is poisoned he imagines himself in remarkably fine form. Sir Victor Horsley, to whose lecture on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Brain" I am most deeply indebted, describes the facts in the following words: "Translated into popular language, it is as though a kind of brake were taken off, allowing the apparatus to go on more quickly than before, but with a higher and continuously increasing proportion of errors. Thus it is clear that the first stimulation effect of alcohol, although apparently a help, is not a real help, for it abrogates that highest function we know in the brain, its controlling mechanism."

(To be continued.)

THE LYCEUM CONFERENCE.

IMPORTANT TO A FEW LYCEUMS.

Will the officers of the following Lyceums please urge that their contributions to the Lyceum Union be paid without further delay, as only by so doing can they be entitled to be represented at the forthcoming Conference and Celebration at Birkenhead: Barrow-in-Furness (Abbey Road), Blackburn (Northgate and St. Peter Street), Cardiff (Queen Street), Carlisle, Castleford, Chester, Doncaster (Temperance Hall), Dundee (Barrack Street), Glasgow (Govan), Great Harwood, Hebden Bridge, Heckmondwike, Huddersfield (St. Peter Street), Leeds (Bethel Street and Joseph Street), Leigh (Market Street), Lincoln, Liverpool (Erskine Street), London (Chiswick and Tottenham), Longton, Manchester (Hulme and West Gorton), Mexborough, Oldham (Coronation Street), Pontypridd, Runcorn, Scarborough, Sheffield, (Balaclava Road and Darnall), Southport (Wright Street), Stalybridge (Bennett Street and Chapel Street), and Yeadon.

NOTE.—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 Celebration, and only to such can forms be sent. In cases of neglect or oversight it will be no good pleading to be excused on account of "being pushed for time, etc.," as both the General Secretary and the Executive Council are bound by the Union's Constitution.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.,

February, 25th, 1910.

Our Boys' Special.

MY KIND KINSFOLK,

Since writing my last contribution, I have had ample proof of the helpfulness of this page, as evidenced in the congratulatory letters I have received from Lyceumists. I have been so busy during the month I have had no time to prepare a special article for February, but fortunately I am able to submit for your perusal a neat little essay, written some time ago by Master Hylton Patterson, upon one of the subjects which have been submitted in these pages, namely—"Why Spiritualism Appeals to Me." I consider it to be a worthy effort for a boy of his years, and is worth your consideration:

WHY SPIRITUALISM APPEALS TO ME.

Spiritualism appeals to me in many ways. First, we may divide Spiritualism into two divisions: one for the young, and the other for the old. I thoroughly appreciate the object of the former, namely—to produce a "sound mind in a healthy body," which is brought about by the Divine teachings that are to instruct and lead children in the right path, and give them knowledge which will benefit them both spiritually and materially, thus producing a sound mind, and finally a healthy body is obtained from the physical exercises. The light in which I view the second division is because it is sought after by vast numbers of truth-seekers who from time to time attend the various meetings until that insatiable thirst for more knowledge grows upon them. This, without doubt, continues until their spiritual gifts are developed, and by the inspirations from the higher spheres are able to spread this young religion far and near. How this appeals to me is that in this part of our religion THERE IS EXCEEDING TRUTH, because we find people having had little or no education can deliver eloquent speeches far beyond the normal powers by simply allowing their physical bodies to be used by spiritual friends, thereby proving the aforesaid fact.

Again, Spiritualism appeals to me because we find that in the teachings of our Jesus are many things which tend to turn to Spiritualism. Thus Spiritualism is as near to God as any religion. My final reason for upholding Spiritualism is because as yet it is a young religion; perseverance being only necessary now-a-days, for people are looking upon this religion in a more serious light than they did forty years ago. It is now becoming fast established in every British Colony, and in the course of a few years a firm foot will be set, all scoffs and jeers will be eliminated from critical tongues, and in a concluding word I ask that "God speed the Right," and help us in our glorious work.

HYLTON PATTERSON (14 years.)

Saville Street Lyceum,
North Shields.

News has just reached us of the transition of our Grand Old Man (A. J. Davis) to spirit life. What a wonderful and powerful influence for good his long life service to our noble cause has wrought amongst us. The memory of his great labours and marvellous clairvoyant faculty will ever be indissolubly linked

with our movement. He has passed to the higher tier in the magnificent theatre of life's human expression, leaving us with a charge to keep unsullied by discord and selfishness. We can best show our reverence for his good work, and our deepest appreciation of personality, by striving to give the highest spiritual interpretation to the philosophy of life, as revealed through his sensitive and responsive organism by the dwellers on the angel side.

The world is richer for his sojourn here. With wonderful perspicuity of vision he was instrumental in penetrating the greater depths of natural forces in the occult recesses of Nature's extensive laboratory, and revealed to the student of physical science the marvellous processes of psychic operations upon the grosser forms of matter, showing the indissoluble link that exists between spirit and matter, as we popularly interpret these terms.

"Nature's Divine Revelations" and "The Great Harmonia" remain with us as majestic monuments to the memory of one who was ever the willing instrument in the hands of exalted intelligences. His work for our children's cause will be remembered on earth for ages, and although his name may not appear upon the scroll as a saint in the great religious histories of mankind, that beloved name shall be deeply engraven on the tablets of memory with the superscription, "He was a true benefactor to the human race."

PUZZLE FOR JANUARY.

Only nine attempts at the solution of last month's puzzle have reached me. Seven of these are correct. The correct solution is to be found in No. 53, S.C.R., "Spirit Friends." The hidden name is (Mrs.) M. E. Cadwallader. The following towns are represented in the attempts (those marked with a † being incorrect):—Crewe, 1; Lancaster, 2; Middleton, 1; Motherwell, 1; Plymouth, 1; Philadelphia, U.S.A., 1; Sheffield, 1†; Bury, 1†.

I am so pleased to receive a solution from the Lyceum conducted by Mrs. Cadwallader that I want you to share the pleasure of reading the communication from Florence Quinton, one of Mrs. C.'s Lyceum pupils. Here it is:—

Philadelphia, Pa.,
11/1/1910.

DEAR MR. HEPWORTH,

It is very plain to see that the silver recitation fifty-three, entitled "Spirit Friends," contains the hidden name.

For it is that of my dear teacher M.E.C. (M. E. Cadwallader) of the Lyceum of the First Association of Spiritualists, of Philadelphia.

Hoping to win your card,
Lovingly yours,

FLORENCE QUINTON.

1304, N. 11 Street,
Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.
3,000 miles is far away. This may not reach you on the day, January 23.

PUZZLE FOR MARCH.

Peruse just one line, and I'm sure you will find Initials of one who now comes to my mind; He's a preacher, a teacher, and healer as well, And how many other good things, I can't tell. To build up his surname, choose garden produce,

Then follow with letters, say: two from recluse,
Then backup quite quickly with what you may see
'Mongst the flowers in summer, quite busy, but free;
From the last word in this line one letter you glean,
And then cull another from somewhere between.
There is but one more, which is seen in a guess.
Have you got it complete? Let me hear you say "Yes"

Send in your solutions not later than March 20th
to Yours lovingly,

FRANK HEPWORTH.

59, Rockcliffe Street,
Blackburn.

The Lyceum Essayist.

[Some time ago Mr. Hamer, the healer, offered a number of prizes to the members of the Higher Broughton Lyceum on the following subjects:—"Reform," "What is a Lyceum?" and "Why am I a Lyceumist?" A number of essays were submitted, and the following have been awarded first and second prizes.—ED. L.B.]

REFORM.

FIRST PRIZE (ADULTS).

Can take many ways—the country wants reforming, our movement wants reforming, our Lyceums often want reforming. Man and woman much; we mean much reformation is wanted throughout the country. Self-made often leads to destruction.

Eyes wide open and ears to ear can by careful study reform themselves mentally and physically, judging by sound and good reasonable common sense.

Yield not to temptations that often beguile mankind.

A clean tongue, a steady mind and full of thought study, can reveal much to help ourselves to gain benefit towards daily reform, perseverance and ever-watching our actions, proves we are ever on the change, so that to reform is good for all. Friends, weary not, reform is gain.

MRS. BRUMMITT.

SECOND PRIZE (ADULTS).

To reform means to improve. Learn to understand the laws of nature. By putting our knowledge into practice, renovating and building our bodies so that we may be better equipped to follow our duties in life. Also to cultivate our will power to the best of our ability by building a firm foundation helps us to combat the many evil tendencies called disease and sins. We must try to make ourselves pure vessels, so we shall be able to take in that spiritual food which is satisfying to the soul. Having gained this, we shall then be able to uplift humanity with our presence by having a good physical body and a heaven within.

MRS. IRONS.

"WHAT IS A LYCEUM."

FIRST PRIZE (BOYS).

1st. A Lyceum is a Spiritualist Sunday School where we are taught to read, sing and recite, and where we do marching and calisthenics.

2nd. It was Andrew Jackson Davis who had a vision and saw a Lyceum with the Spirit children doing their marching and calisthenics, and all that we do in our Lyceum. Soon after he started the first Lyceum Sunday School.

3rd. We also learn about the Spirit-world and to have no fear of death, because there is no death, and we go there to meet some of the spirit children.

4th. In the Lyceum we also learn not to hate each other, not to fight, and not to drink intoxicants.

DONALD LUMAN PHILLIPS (aged 8 years).

SECOND PRIZE (BOYS).

The Lyceum is a school where we learn to serve God and please Him by doing good to ourselves and to our fellow creatures. There are some people who say that Spiritualism is the work of the devil, but if they were to come to our Lyceums they would learn that there is no devil, and that Spiritualism is the work of God. The Lyceum is different to other Sunday schools, because we are taught to make our bodies strong by marching and calisthenics. We are taught to be kind to dumb animals and also to the poor and needy. These are a few subjects which help to build up the Lyceum.

SIDNEY SIDEBOTTOM (aged 12).

WHY I AM A LYCEUMIST.

FIRST PRIZE (BOYS).

- 1st. Because my parents like me to go.
- 2nd. Because it gives me pleasure to go to meet with the other children.
- 3rd. Because I like to join in the marching and calisthenics, which do my body good.
- 4th. Because I like to sing with the rest and enjoy it.
- 5th. Because my teachers are kind to me.
- 6th. Because I like to learn about Spiritualism, which teaches me about spirit people and children in the Spirit-world.
- 7th. Because I like to hear the music and to read about the Spirit-land and the Spirit-friends out of my Lyceum Manual.
- 8th. Because it is the Sunday School I like to go to best.

DONALD LUMAN PHILLIPS (aged 8 years).

WHAT IS A LYCEUM?

FIRST PRIZE (GIRLS).

A Lyceum is a school where we go to learn love and kindness. We go and do all the good we can for it, and also for the upliftment of humanity. We say recitations, pearls, also sing, which are beautiful gems of thought. When the conductor has spoken to us for a little while we have marching and exercises, so as to strengthen every part of our bodies, also to keep us warm. Then the older Lyceumists have a little talk about the Lyceum matters. After that we either have a solo or else all the Lyceumists sing together. Then the conductor says a prayer and we come home, after having enjoyed a very nice and a pleasant morning.

MINNIE HART (aged 13 years).

SECOND PRIZE (GIRLS).

A Lyceum is a Sunday School of advanced thought, and we go for the love of what they teach us. We say pearls and recitations and we learn to sing, which makes us cheerful. We also learn the calisthenics and marching, so we develop both mind and body. Also it teaches us to be like Jesus, the Nazarene, more than other Sunday schools. Also

it is a school of unity and love.

NELLIE SMETHURST (aged 10 years).

WHY AM I A LYCEUMIST?

FIRST PRIZE (GIRLS).

I am a Lyceumist because I learn the truth, and the Lyceum is bright and cheerful. Another thing is that I can join in it myself. Every Sunday when I go to the Lyceum I learn more and more, therefore I am able to know it better. Spiritualism teaches me to be kind and gentle to everybody. The recitations and pearls are very bright, and so I enjoy the Lyceum very much. Then the marching and exercises are also very nice. Next comes the singing, which I think is the most beautiful of all. I also enjoy the conductor's little talks to the children, because he always tells us something nice, and I also learn love and kindness.

MINNIE HART (aged 13 years).

SECOND PRIZE (GIRLS).

I would rather go to the Lyceum than the other Sunday schools. Also I like the Lyceum because it teaches us love and harmony. Also we hear of many subjects which our conductor tries to teach us thoroughly, and we try to love one another, and I try to learn all I can, so that it will help me when I grow up.

NELLIE SMETHURST (aged 10 years).

[The above was unavoidably crowded out last month.—Ed. L.B.]

REASON.

What is the use of a priestly gown
 Without a *christian* to wear it?
 Or wealth or fame, or the world's renown,
 Without a *brother* to share it?
 What is the use of an honoured name
 Without a *pure soul* to keep it?
 Or light and knowledge, spiritual gain,
 If *we*, my friends, do not seek it.
 What is the use of a grand abode,
 If those *within* are fickle and vain?
 Or claiming the bond of *brotherhood*,
 If we do not *share*, a brother's pain?
 What is the use of gaining light,
 If *we* to our own hearts hold it?
 Or gaining the truth, the good, and right
 If we do not, to others unfold it?
 Better by far are the *meek* and *lowly*,
 With a Christ-like heart within,
 And the *humblest* cot if it be *holy*,
 Than a *palace* that is full of sin.
 Better by far than grandeur or gold,
 Is a heart o'er flowing with love,
 Better by far than wealth *untold*
 Are the holy thoughts from above.

Mrs. MOULT.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

All notices of motion to come before the Conference, to be held at Birkenhead, on May 14th and 15th, 1910, must reach the Union's General Secretary not later than March 23rd, the same to be published in the LYCEUM BANNER for April, as per Article X., page 5, of the Union's Constitution.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.,
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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our enterprising friend, Mr. Herbert Buckley, of Royton, has prepared a quantity of cabinet size photos of our revered founder, Mr. A. J. Davis, which he is offering to our readers at 1/- each. See his advt.

We would suggest to our readers the advisability of reading and studying Mr. Davis' Lyceum Manual, lately printed by the Lyceum Union, and then to apply themselves to the propagation of the Lyceum system, till every Spiritualist Society in the United Kingdom has a well conducted Lyceum.

Owing to the serious illness of our esteemed contributor, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, who has been ill for six weeks, four of which she has been confined to her bed, and is not yet able to leave it, we are unable to present our readers with her usual well arranged and thoughtful Lesson Plan. We are advised that rest and quiet are absolutely necessary to secure her recovery. The BANNER joins its numerous readers in wishing for Mrs. Greenwood a speedy recovery.

Ashington friends succeeded in raising £5 13s. by a Concert and Social held for the benefit of their late Conductor, Mr. Matthew Redpath, who sustained a serious accident to his back while out cycling last July. Mr. Redpath begs to tender his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Ashington friends for their generous help rendered to his wife and three children.

Owing to the pressure on our space, the articles of Miss Flora Belle and Mr. J. Knight are deferred till next month. We could do with a Double Number of the LYCEUM BANNER every three months.

At last the Lyceum Union has been invited to send a representative to the Manchester Good Friday Celebration, with a promise of a seat on the platform. Our esteemed lady President, Mrs. A. E. Bentley, will worthily represent the Lyceum Union. The BANNER congratulates her on the honour accorded to her.

Our London friends have succeeded in forming a Lyceum District Council, with Mr. Percy Smyth as President, Mr. Clegg as District Visitor, Mr. Barrington as Treasurer, and Mr. Alex. Brooking as Secretary. They are contemplating being represented at the forthcoming Conference and Celebration by their President and District Visitor.

The Birkenhead friends have the arrangements for the Lyceum Conference and Celebration of the Lyceum Union's Coming of Age well in hand. We are able to make the following announcements through the courtesy of Mr. J. T. Atkinson, the energetic Secretary of the local Lyceum.

The Conference will be held in the Birkenhead Co-operative Hall. On the Saturday, May 14th, teas will be served in the Spiritualist Hall, Grange Road (two minutes' walk from the Co-operative Hall), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., price 6d.

On the Sunday the dinner will be served in the Co-operative Hall, price 1/3. Tea will be served in the Spiritualist Hall, price 9d.

On the Monday, the delegates are to meet at 9 a.m., cross the Docks to Seacombe, and proceed by car to New Brighton, where various privileges are being arranged for the delegates. Then they will return by boat to Liverpool and back to Birkenhead, where the Lyceum scholars will be waiting in the Market Place. From there, they will march in procession, headed by a band, to the Park, where, after the marching, Mrs. Bentley will lead the scholars through the calisthenics, to be followed by brief addresses by distinguished visitors.

In the evening a Grand Social and Ball will be held. Supplementary arrangements will be announced in due course.

RE DR. A. J. DAVIS' TRANSITION.

50, Summer Street,
Watertown, Mass.

February 16th, 1910.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

I wish to return my most grateful thanks for the loving sympathy expressed in your noble tribute to my beloved husband in the "LYCEUM BANNER" of February 6th. I wish too, to extend my sincere thanks to the officers and members of each and every Lyceum for their deep sympathy and loyalty to the memory of him who had so at heart the Lyceum work, and who was *and is* worthy of any and *all good* that may be bestowed upon him. My loneliness without his physical companionship is severe beyond words. The knowledge he has only gone a little in advance, to his Celestial home in the "Summer Land," where in due time I shall join him, sustains and comforts me in this *my trial hour*.

I trust, my friend, you and your own are well. May the angel world minister unto you always.

Gratefully and sincerely,

DELLA E. DAVIS.

Lyceum District Council Reports.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council took place at Shipley on Saturday, January 8th, 1910, at 3-30 p.m.

Resolved.—That our delegate's report of the U.D.C. meeting be accepted.

Resolved.—That the minutes *re* BANNER Committee be rescinded, viz., that a BANNER Committee be formed with a representative from every Lyceum.

Resolved.—That Messrs. Barnes, Birdsall, Rau, Whitehead and Hargreaves form an organising working committee for the BANNER Competition for 1910.

Resolved.—That we accept Mr. Arnold's resignation as nominee for the B.S.L.U., E.C.

Resolved.—That Mr. H. Rau be elected as our candidate for the B.S.L.U., E.C., and delegate to the U.D.C. meeting at Sheffield.

Resolved.—That we instruct our delegate to bring forward at the next U.D.C. meeting, "that the U.D.C. must pledge themselves to support candidates who are not on the B.S.L.U. E.C. at present."

Resolved.—That the next meeting and concert be held at Cleckheaton on Saturday, February 19th, 1910.

Resolved.—That the Annual Meeting be held at Blanche Street, Bradford, on Sunday, March 6th, 1910.

Mr. Manchester, of Blanche Street was enrolled as an associate member.

A concert was held in the evening. A good number present. Owing to our President, Mr. Arnold, being unable to stay in the evening, the chair was occupied by Mr. Rau. A splendid programme was provided. The following rendered their services towards making the concert a success: Miss Pollard (Keighley) Mr. Morrel (Blanche Street), Mrs. Hopwood and Miss Tordoff (Shipley), Miss Fearnley (Tong Street), H. Fell, H. Hale and H. Birdsall (Otley Road), Mr. Bolton, Misses Preston, Ingham, Beanland and Robinson (Ivy Rooms), Mr. Broadbent (Ivy Rooms), kindly officiated at the piano. After the concert a social gathering took place, the main feature being a game entitled, "Last couple up," a most pleasing item, and I must add was most warmly felt. Our delegates and friends join in giving our Shipley friends the thanks which they deserve for the splendid catering.—A. Birdsall, Sec.

KINDLY NOTE. The next meeting will be held at Cleckheaton on Saturday, February 19th, at 3-30 p.m. Business for the Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) Report of BANNER Committee. (4) Report of Concert Committee. (5) Election of judges for BANNER Competition. (6) Open Council. (7) Miscellaneous. A concert will be held in the evening on the half-and-half principle. Commence at 7-30. Prices 3d. and 2d.—H. Birdsall, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Hebden Bridge on Sunday, January 23rd, 1910. The President, Mr. T. H. Wright, in the chair, all Lyceums represented except one. Minutes of last meeting were passed and accepted; also correspondence. Treasurer's statement was also accepted. The returns showed a slight decrease in numbers, and also average attendance; one Lyceum having decided to

withdraw from the Council, and another very much in want of officers and leaders. The U.D.C. report was much discussed, and Mr. T. H. Wright and H. Peel were elected to attend next meeting at Sheffield. A lively discussion was raised about the annual demonstration, but it was decided not to hold one in 1910, and in its place hold a large propaganda meeting. The afternoon and evening services were conducted by members of the Council, and excellent testimony was given of the usefulness of the District Council and its worth. The Teachers' Classes at Elland have not had the support of all Lyceums, and it is hoped all will try to take advantage of these opportunities in the future.—Herbert Peel, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We held our usual quarterly meeting in December, at the Shaw Spiritual Church, Lyon Street, when 15 delegates representing 11 Lyceums were present. Our President, Mr. Hall, being unable to attend, Mr. Heaton was elected chairman. The following business was transacted in a very amicable manner: Minutes of last meeting, along with the D.V. report and the U.D.C. representatives report were passed as read. A notice of motion from the Middleton Lyceum aroused a good deal of discussion, the same being as follows: Pronouncements as given at the bottom of item 145 in the LYCEUM MANUAL to be inserted next to the word (in italics) to be pronounced, instead of at the bottom of the page, the matter was left over.

Resolved.—That we ask Mrs. Nurse to stand as President of the B.S.L.U. at the forthcoming Conference. The D.V. to send delegates to each Lyceum once every three months, the District Council to pay expenses. The Rochdale (Regent Hall) Lyceum, notice of motion for the revision of Rule 7 of the D.C. rules was passed by a three-fourths majority, the same reading as follows: The Council shall organise an annual movable demonstration (or public function) to be held in July if possible, all Lyceums who are members of this Council, *whether taking part or not*, shall submit to the following: Guarantee Fee of 10/- to be paid, except the inviting Lyceum, who shall pay £1. If two or more Lyceums in one town 15/- each. Guarantees for Teas *must* be paid for. Lyceums if not members of this Council to be asked to take part, on submitting to all guarantees for Teas being paid for.

A vote of thanks to the local friends for entertaining us was unanimously carried. Next meeting to be held at Bacup on the first Saturday in March. Mr. Lord was elected delegate to the next U.D.C. meeting at Sheffield.

NOTE.—All notice of motions to reach me not later than February 17th, to be in time for consideration at the meeting in March. I especially appeal to all Lyceumists to bring up any matter they think will be an improvement to Lyceums generally, and will make our Council even more successful than in the past, before their Lyceums, so same can be sent in the form of a notice of motion to be discussed at these Council meetings.—John Frost, Sec.

[The above was unavoidably crowded out last month.—Ed. L.B.]

The soft hands of little children are meant to link men and women's hearts together, and wonderfully they fulfil the task.—M. C. Brady.

The Bradford Lyceum District Council.

A meeting of the above was held at Cleckheaton, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. The following resolutions were passed:—

1st.—That we except the report of the Concert Committee, and that their suggestions be accepted, *viz*:—That the Heber Entertainers (Keighley Lyceum), provide a concert for the benefit of the B.L.D.C. to be held in the Temperance Hall, Leeds Road, Bradford, on Saturday, March 12th. Prices: Adults 6d.; children 3d.; Reserved seats 9d. Concert to commence at 7-30 p.m. prompt. The following to act as Stewards:—Messrs. Naylor and Bolton (Ivy Rooms); Carter (Boynton Street); and Hillas (Blanche Street).

2nd.—That we accept an invitation from Boynton Street, to hold a concert in their rooms on Saturday, April 16th.

3rd.—That we accept an invitation from Windhill for our Quarterly Meeting on the 8th of May.

4th.—That we accept the report of the Banner Committee, and that same be adopted to work the competition—(full particulars will be submitted to all Lyceums in the district.)

5th.—That the election of judges be postponed till the Annual Meeting and that every Lyceum must obtain the consent of Nominees before forwarding same to the Secretary.

A concert was held in the evening which was most successfully carried out. Lyceumists from Windhill, Shipley, Tong Street; Ivy Rooms; Otley Road, Keighley, and Cleckheaton took part in the concert.

H. Birdsall, Hon. Sec.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

The annual meeting of the above D.C. will be held at 161, Grange Road, Birkenhead, at 3 p.m. prompt, Saturday, March 12th, 1910, when the following business will be transacted:—Essays, picnic and sports, election of officers, and auditors; election of delegate to Conference; and the usual report. Tea will be supplied at 5 p.m. Social and dance after business meeting. Tea and Social 1/-; Tea or Social alone 6d.; Children half price. Kindly all attend. All services to be held on Sunday in specially arranged room, "Co-operative Hall." Lyceum 11 a.m. Propaganda meetings 3-0 and 6-30 p.m., to be conducted by members of the D.C. Please tax the accommodation to its utmost and so help the District Council in its good work.

Geo. A. Mack, Hon. 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.

BIRKENHEAD.—Passed into the higher life, February 21st, Jenny F. Atkinson, aged 5½ years, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Atkinson, of Birkenhead.

HORWICH.—It is with deep regret I report the passing on of my wife, Mrs. Emsall, in her 56th year. Family mourns her physical loss.—Daniel Emsall.

ROYTON.—It is with regret I report the passing on of Edward Thomas. An earthly loss, but a spiritual gain.—Miss E. Haslam, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On January 25th, our beloved pioneer, Stephen Fulwood, passed to the Summerland in his 70th year. Interred at City Road Cemetery, January 29th.—H. Bowmer, Sec.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.

In a small village near Manchester there lived a man named Thomas Lee, with his wife and only child Rose. Nowhere was to be found a happier home, for Mr. Lee was a loving father and kind husband, and tried all he could to make his home bright and happy. But one day his wife was taken ill and in three days had passed into spirit life. "Take care of Rose, Tom, and teach her to be a true Christian," were the last words she uttered, and, with his heart nigh breaking, he promised. He knew only too well that the angel of death had come to carry his dear one away, making the happy home one of deepest sorrow. They had always attended church and therefore he thought his loved one was far away above the clouds singing hosannas round the throne of God.

Rose, at the time of her mother's death, was only nine years old and did not know of the trials and troubles of this life. However, they were very near, for on the Saturday after his wife's funeral, as Mr. Lee was walking along with a sad and troubled heart, an old friend stopped him and persuaded him to have a drink in a public house close by. "We won't be many minutes," he said. When they entered Mr. Lee found two or three of his workmates there and the few minutes lengthened into a few hours, and it was getting late before he returned home to his sorrowing Rose. From that day he was often persuaded to join his friends in the public house. He no longer tried to make his home cheerful and happy, but would stay with them till very late, sometimes it was midnight. This went on for about two years, and Rose, being left alone, neglected, and sometimes ill-treated, was no longer the bright happy child she used to be.

One of her playmates, named Nellie Smith, had often noticed her looking sad, so one Saturday said to her, "Rose, dear, what makes you look so sad? Mother says little girls ought always to be happy."

"It is always late when father comes home," answered Rose, "and I have no kind mother like you have. I do so want my mother back." The tears rolled down her cheeks, and Nellie, in loving sympathy, hugged her friend and said, "Come, and I will stay with you as long as ever I can."

So the two little friends set off together for Rose's home, where they sat near the fire (for it was winter time), talking of various little things, until at length Nellie said, "Will you come to school with me in the morning, Rose? It is so nice, we have readings and singing and some beautiful marches and calisthenics, or drilling you may call it. Then best of all they teach us of the *angels*, our friends who have passed to spirit life. Do come, I know you will like it."

"Yes, I'll come," answered Rose, "Father won't miss me." Nellie promised she would call for her at a quarter to ten, so that they would not be late.

Morning came, and Rose and Nellie went hand in hand to the Lyceum. The sessions delighted Rose, and she promised to go every week if her father would let her, because, she said, "I do like them all, everybody makes friends with you, and I love to hear of the angels."

"Come home with me," said Nellie delightedly, "and tell mother how you have liked." She did so, and Mrs. Smith would not let her go until she had had a good dinner.

After dinner Mrs. Smith, under spirit impression, told Rose that she could be the saviour of her father, and asked her to try and persuade him to go with them to the evening service.

When Rose returned home, to her surprise she found her father sitting by the fire. Running up to him, she put her arms round his neck and said, "Father, I have been to school with Nellie Smith, and it is so nice. They told us about angels, and said they were people that had died, and said they watch us, guiding and guarding us if we try to do what is right. Nellie's teacher says they can see all we do and can hear all we say. Do you think mother is an angel too?"

Tears came into his eyes as she asked this question. It made him think of the promise he had made to his dying wife, and how he had, of late, neglected his darling Rose.

"Yes, Rose," he answered, with a voice full of suppressed emotion, "she must be, for she was an angel before she died."

"Then she sees all we do," said Rose, and added "I will try so very much to be good, because I want to be like my dear mother, and I want to meet her in heaven." Then, as if a sudden idea had occurred to her she asked, "Will you, please father, come with me to-night? Do, please, just this once, I should so like you to hear what they say about the angels." He felt strangely impelled to humour his daughter and finally promised.

Rose was delighted and her eyes shone with anticipated joy and pleasure.

Together they wended their way to the Spiritual Hall and found a comfortable seat, where Rose was soon joined by her dear friend Nellie Smith. Mr. Lee enjoyed the singing, which awakened within his bosom emotions that had long laid dormant of happier days, when his dear wife was by his side joining in the Church services. The address touched on the larger hope and the grander life beyond the tomb, which acted as a sweet solace to the void in his life. And he wondered if it was true. Towards the close of the service the speaker, who was a stranger to him, described the spirit form of a lady stood by his side in loving solicitude. The form was an accurate description of his wife whom he had mourned as died, and removed from mortal sight, sorrow and care. He was amazed, confounded. He mentally resolved to look further into this so-called Spiritualism. He would reform his daily habits, leave off drink and its attendant evils.

From that night he never missed a service, and during the week would long for the Sunday to come. In the course of a few weeks he received an invitation for himself and daughter to attend the "home circle," and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who had noted

with pleasure his improved habits and spiritual hunger, thought it might be the means of confirming him in his good resolves. And so it did. For he received not only further proof of spirit communion, but a personal message from his wife fully confirming her identity. He also was assured that his daughter Rose was highly mediumistic, and with proper care might be so developed that his dear departed wife would be able to communicate with him through her entranced lips. In the course of time this was done. Life had a new interest for him. Spirit communion had made all things new. His home was happy and the centre of attraction once more, as it was there he found the gulf between the two worlds bridged. And there was no more death.

During the years that have passed Mr. Lee has graduated from leader of groups to conductor of the Lyceum and President of the Society. He is loved by the children and respected by the members.

These incidents are real. The names of the parties only being changed. The writer's desire being not to extol a name, but to show how a few kind words, spoken in loving sympathy, may lead people into the pathway that leads to joy and happiness.

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 February 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 March to ensure insertion in the April issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, we had our monthly open session. Readings, golden chain and silver chains being well responded to. Marching and calisthenics moderately well gone through. Readings by Miss S. J. Dransfield and Mrs. France, Mr. O. Wrigley and Mr. H. Beech. Also a few pearls brought the session to a close.—Abraham France, Secretary.

BARROW (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, the above Lyceum held its open session, the chair being taken by Mr. James Kelleth (Treasurer). The following Lyceumists took part in the programme, which was well rendered: Pianoforte solo, Miss May Hopson; songs, Miss Irene Hopson, Mrs. Kelleth, Edith Helme, and Miss May Hopson; pianoforte solo, Iris Harris; recitations by Harry Helme, David Morris, Mr. Tyson (2), John Booth, and Charlotte Smith. Mr. R. Helme, the new President of the church, also gave a few encouraging remarks.—J. Kendall, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter's Street).—On Sunday, February 13th, we held our open session. The calisthenics were gone through beautifully; the marching was also good. Recitations were rendered by Misses Bertha Crowther, Maggie Duckworth and Clara Ferdinand. Miss Annie Swarbrick sang a solo, 210 in the Manual. A short address was given by Mr. R. A. Webb, the speaker for the day. Mr. Moorey also spoke a few words to the scholars, urging them to pay attention to the Conductors, and so help them to do their duty. There were about 140 present. Votes of sympathy were passed to the friends of Mr. Fred Shorrocks, of Manchester, a former worker in our Lyceum, and Mr. Jas. Kay, which brought the proceedings to a close.—H. Robinson, Secretary.

[Please observe Rule No. 4.—Ed. L.B.]

BRADFORD (Blanche Street).—We held our usual open session on Sunday, Feb. 6th, before a very good attendance of scholars and friends. Recitations were given by M. Cook, N. Shuttleworth, F. Nadin, Frank Morrell, E. Morrell, E. Fallin, M. Garnall, L. Batty and W. Metcalfe. A solo was very ably rendered by Miss Farrar. The whole session being conducted by Mr. H. Hargreaves. In the evening we gave a service of song entitled, "The Strolling Minstrel;" connective readings by Mr. Hargreaves. A very good day being spent on behalf of the children.—J. Babbs.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—We held our open session on February 6th, when there was a good attendance of Lyceumists. Recitations were given by Masters Norman Haley and Harry McIntash. Miss Ethel Chambers sang No. 392 out of the *Manual* with great success. Miss Hilda Croft gave a recitation entitled "About the rain." And for the benefit of the younger members six of our elder scholars went through the calisthenics, which was performed with great exactitude. We regret to announce the resignation of our esteemed Secretary, Mr. J. S. Dean, and would like to tender our best thanks to him through the agency of the LYCEUM BANNER. He has a worthy successor and a conscientious worker in Mr. Carter.—Mr. Ramsden, Treasurer.

BRADFORD (Ivy Rooms).—We held our annual tea, concert and social on Saturday, February 5th, when about 150 sat down to tea. A very interesting programme was presented by the scholars and also the following artistes all contributed to a very enjoyable evening, viz: Miss Symons, Rochdale; Misses Heywood, Corless, and Marshall, and Messrs. Woolley, Murphey, Beardsall, Bynns, and W. Bolton, Jun., of Bradford. The pianist being Mr. J. Broadbent, and Mr. B. Whitfield presided. On Sunday the 6th February, Mrs. Beardsworth distributed some 25 prizes to the Lyceumists for good attendance. The scholars being put through marching and drill by Mr. Willie Bolton, Jun., after which several of the scholars gave songs, recitations, duets and readings, being well appreciated with a good congregation.—Miss Florrie Beanland, Hon. Secretary.

BRADFORD (Star Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, we held our open Lyceum sessions, which was fairly well attended by scholars and friends. The following took part; recitations by George E. Robinson, Harriet Parkinson, Clara Ormondroyd, Elsie Bottomley, and Barbara Greenwood. Songs, Alice Leeming, Ralph Ormondroyd, Beatrice Beck, Grace E. Wright, and song by Harry Robinson, the youngest child in the Lyceum, aged 3 years. The few visitors present were highly pleased with the conduct and order. A most enjoyable time was spent under the conductorship of Mr. William Robinson.—W. Robinson, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—We held our anniversary services on Sunday, February 13th, also our prize distribution. A good number came and enjoyed the services which were held in the afternoon and evening. The usual session was held in the morning. The speakers for the day were Mr. H. Arnold (President of the B.L.D.C.) and Mrs. Hale, both of Bradford. Special hymns were sung by the scholars. Solos were sung by Mr. Hale and Mr. T. Brough, of Morley.—Miss E. Flatt, Hon. Secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—On Wednesday evening, February 6th, we held our annual general meeting. The Balance Sheet was read, showing a slight deficit on the year's working. The following officers were re-elected: Conductor, Miss Flanders; guardian of groups, Mr. Cager; captain of guards, Mr. G. H. Curry; guards, Miss M. Bath and Messrs. Baker, Banks, F. Curry, and Scoggins; musical conductor, Mrs. Weeks; band master, Mr. Everett; librarian, Miss E. Scoggins Secretary, Mr. Clarke; assist. secretary, Mr. G. H. Curry; treasurer, Miss Reid.—G. H. Curry, Assistant Secretary.

BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).—On Saturday, Feb. 5th, we held our Lyceum re-union, about 200 sat down to tea, after which the "Colne Spiritualist Minstrel Troupe" entertained us for about two hours. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. On Sunday, February 6th, we had an open session at 2-30. Recitations were given by Mrs. Metcalfe and Mary Skirrow; song, Miss M. A. Longworth; duet by Misses M. Roberts and A. Redman; organ solo by Mr. A. Robinson, A.L.C.M. Next came the distribution of prizes. 48 prizes were given by our worthy friend and General Secretary, Mr. Alfred Kitson, who spoke a few words of encouragement to each prize winner.—Mrs. S. A. Riley, Secretary.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, we held our Lyceum open session and had a good attendance.

Mr. Wolstenholme, of Radcliffe, gave a recital at the evening session entitled, "The Sermon that was never preached." We also had various songs and recitations by our Lyceumists. On February 12th we held a seaside and character carnival in aid of the Lyceum stall at the forthcoming bazaar. We had a moderate attendance and we spent a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served at 9 o'clock.—J. Nutter, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD, OLD ASSEMBLY ROOMS (Low Pavement).—On Sunday the 13th we held our open session, there was a good attendance, but the items contributed were few in number seeing that there was about 60 present. Nevertheless the following efforts were well rendered and enjoyed by all: Elsie Bradshaw, recitation and violin solo; Hilda Welch, song and recitation; Evelyn Philpott, recitation; Mr. Bradshaw, recitation; Mr. Johnson, reading.—T. Brewin, Secretary.

CREWE.—On Saturday, January 29th, we held a supper, followed by a social, in aid of the Lyceum funds, and as a goodly number turned up our object was achieved; the funds being swelled to the desired amount. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, both at supper and during the social; we feel grateful to the ladies who kindly presented the potato pies and other delicacies; also to the friends who provided the amusement afterwards.—H. Walker.

DEARNLEY.—The annual tea party and prize distribution was held on Saturday last, when a capital tea was served to about 150 persons by the Lyceum scholars; followed by a miscellaneous entertainment, consisting of songs, gipsy songs, and dancing by the children. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Myers Watson. A dialogue entitled "Having their photograph taken," brought a splendid evening to a close. Chairman, Mr. A. Crowther, and Mr. A. Kershaw accompanist.—H. J. Manning, Secretary.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—On January 6th we held our election of officers. The officers of our Lyceum thought it advisable for it to be connected to the Society, which was agreed to, and on the last Sunday in the month we had a considerably larger Lyceum than what we have had for the past month or two, and we hope, for the future, we shall have more workers. On February 6th we held our open session which was very well attended, the following took part: Mrs. Violet Pinder gave a very interesting lecture on Phrenology; recitations by Miss Jessie Hardy, Miss Beatrice Blood and Jabez Cope; song by Winnie Lees.—G. H. Wade, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Waterloo Street).—At our annual business meeting the following were elected: Conductor, Ken C. Low; assistant, Jno. Reid; secretary, Wm. G. McPherson; treasurer, Miss Kate Sclater; organist, Jeanie Macaulay; pianists, Gertrude Guild, Jeanie Macaulay, and James McKillop; librarian, Edward Anderson; assistant, Miss J. Fletcher; marching and calisthenic conductor, Wm. G. McPherson; assistant, David Sclater; captain of guards, Wm. Guild; guards, James McCrone, Jack Gentleman, Harold Guild, George Bell; lady guards, Mrs. Thomson, Miss L. Fletcher; Auditors, Wm. G. McPherson, Miss L. Fletcher; calisthenic leader, Maggie Reid; leaders of groups to be appointed later. Being fairly well officered we anticipate a successful year.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, February 6th. The silver chain was led by Mr. Thornley. The musical reading by Maud Cross, Harry Waterhouse, and Bertha Taylor. The golden chain was led by Martha Valentine. Recitations were afterwards given by Master A. Holt, Ferdinald Valentine, Alfred Ainsworth, and Nora Wrigley. The marching and calisthenics were gone through and much enjoyed.—Miss Alice Anderton.

HADFIELD.—On Saturday, February 12th, our Lyceum held a social for the benefit of the society. Songs were rendered by Miss M. E. Hinchliffe, Miss A. Kenworthy, and Mrs. Bramhall, Mr. Nuttall and Mr. E. Waterhouse. Reading by Miss L. Bramhall. Pianoforte solos by Miss E. Harris and Mr. W. Chorley. After the entertainment we had refreshments and then games and dancing.—Wilfred Chorley, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—On Sunday evening, February 13th, we had a splendid service, which was conducted entirely by the Lyceum scholars. Mr. Harold Houlston officiated as chairman; Miss Florence Leach gave the invocation; Miss Marion Greenwood gave a splendid address "The rise and progress of the Lyceum movement." Mr. Harold Smith also gave an address, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Solos were given by Misses Miriam Ward and May Coad. A reading was also given by Miss Mabel Houlston. Miss Cobbe

gave clairvoyance.—Gibson Uttley, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—The senior members of the Lyceum have endeavoured to equalise with the juniors this month, resulting in a useful paper from Mr. Albert Dawes on "Kindness to all God's creatures." Mr. George Bleasdale appeared in his element on the dangerous effects of "Alcohol on the human organism," which he dealt with in a masterly manner. Excellent recitations and solos were given at the open session by the following scholars: Lizzie Arken, Ethel Hennerdy, Annie Hargreaves, Edith Hall, Janey Kirk, Gladys Kirk, Bessie Robinson, James Hudson, Albert Moorby. Altogether it does really seem that our conductor has succeeded in getting everyone to try and show the best of themselves, which is always the beginning of great things.—J. Sayle.

LEEDS, (Armley).—On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 5th, 6th, and 7th, we held our Lyceum anniversary, Mrs. Bentley being the speaker. On the Saturday a ham tea and entertainment were given, both proving a great success. Thanks are hereby due to the young officers who helped to compile the evening programme; also those who assisted at the tables. Sunday the usual sessions were held. In the morning liberty group a paper was read by Mr. Robinson. In the afternoon Mrs. Bentley distributed the prizes and also named a baby. The evening meeting was very well attended. Monday, Mrs. Bentley officiated at the two meetings closing a very successful anniversary.—John Warrington, Secretary.

LEEDS, HUNSLET (Church Street).—We held our anniversary on Sunday, February 13th. Suitable hymns were sung during the day. The following gave recitations, Willie Fawcett, Elsie Dickinson, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Stockill, Elsie Beckwith and Edith Crisp. Solo by Miss Lily Fawcett and a duet by Misses Frost and Harrison. In the afternoon the room was packed to listen to the children and watch them go through their marching and calisthenics. Mr. Sam Crabtree awarded a badge each to three scholars for reciting during the past three months: Ernest Swainson, Lenard Ball, and Miss Emma Stockill. Mr. Crabtree gave a good address in the evening. Mrs. Beckwith sang a solo.—Miss R. Dickinson, Secretary.

[Please observe Rules Nos. 1 and 3.—ED. L.B.]

LINCOLN.—The opening session for the month was very enjoyable indeed, almost every Lyceumist rendered a song, solo, or recitation, and I am sure the adult members were much astonished at their progress. A tea and social evening was free to all Lyceumists on the Tuesday following, and a very enjoyable time was spent. At a social evening of our society the Lyceumists took a part in the programme by rendering solos and recitations, marching and calisthenics. Our conductor, Mr. Fred Nicholson, has been laid up on a bed of sickness for some weeks, but we are now pleased to state that he is recovering, and we hope to soon have him in our midst again.—H. C. Dobby, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON, BRIXTON (84, Stockwell Park Road).—We had uphill work this month, and although still in difficulties they are all being lifted gradually. On January 30th Master Fell gave a recitation "In the French camp." On February 6th we had a trio from Doris Richmond, Ruby Draxter, and Bessie Tritton, "Hand in Hand." After which our treasurer, W. Brooking, sang "Into Thy Hands." February 20th we had the London Lyceum delegates with us and we gave a good display of what we could do.—Alex. Brooking.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On January 30th Miss Turner read to Lyceum from *Outlines of Spiritualism*, about Spiritualism and the Bible. Recitations have been given by K. Jones, D. Steele, L. Blick, F. Lightfoot and H. Jeffries.—Nellie Barnes, Secretary.

[Please observe Rule No. 4.—Ed. L.B.]

MACCLESFIELD.—On Monday evening, January 31st, we held a social and prize distribution, this being the first of its kind; it augurs well for a successful future, as the attendance of the prize winners has been excellent. On Sunday, February 6th, we held our election of officers, when all were re-elected with the exception of guardians, the vacancies being filled by Mrs. Rushton and Mr. H. Locke. On Wednesday evening, February 16th, the officers were entertained to tea by our conductor, Mr. T. Albinson, when justice was done to all the good things provided. After tea a meeting was held to discuss how best to improve our Lyceum, there being several good suggestions adopted, which we trust will bring about better results.—Wm. Albinson, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, LONGSIGHT (Chell Street).—On the invitation of Mr. Hamer we had an essay writing competition. Subjects, seniors, "What is Reform; juveniles, "What is a Lyceum" and "Why am I a Lyceumist." Essays examined and judged by Mr. Buckley, who with Mr. Hamer presented the prizes to the following: Seniors, Miss S. Archer, Mrs. Giles, and Mr. A. Stringer. Juveniles, Master C. Archer, Miss H. Rossington, Violet Parfitt, Ivy Chadwick, and Masters H. and J. Chadwick. Mr. Hamer earnestly appealed on behalf of the "LYCEUM BANNER. Many thanks are due to Mr. Hamer for the beautiful books which he gave. We have sustained a loss in the person of Mr. Shorrocks, who passed to the higher life on February 11th.—Wm. Meek, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—January 31st Mr. Fitch addressed the Liberty Group on "Politics," much discussion followed, wringing forth many prominent questions which were ably dealt with, and I may say the many varied opinions proved to me that these subjects should be of interest to all. February 6th we had a special service, when our conductor, Mr. Hepton, gave a few opening remarks, expressing deepest regret in reference to the passing away of our much loved founder, Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis. Highest respect and reverence being shown to him for his good work. "Thou hast passed life's shadowy portal," was then sung as a quartette. "In Memoriam," after which a nice programme was rendered by Lyceumists, Mr. Hepton presenting several prizes for recitations.—M. M. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESBRO.—February 6th, open session, recitations by Master Clark and Miss Brown. Solo by Miss Bessant. February 13th we held a memorial service for Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis. At 6-30, evening service, our conductor gave a short address, followed by Rev. George Cole, who gave us the life history of our Founder and the lessons to be derived from it. The Lyceum children gave silver and golden chain recitations, and Miss M. Bessant sang a solo.—W. Cowell-Pugh.

NELSON (Vernon Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, was our monthly open session, when the following items were well rendered: Recitations, "Saturday night," "Give the little boys a chance," "Influence," "The Red Breast," "Don't find fault," "The Sea," "A Boy's Song," "Service," "The Violet," "Hanns Vogal," "Character," "The bunch of grapes," "Dawn," "Katie's Doll," "I dont care," and "Look before you leap." A piano solo, "The Mermaid's song," Violin solo, selections from "Il Trovatore." And an inspirational reading on the passing to the Summerland of our esteemed Founder, Mr. A. J. Davis. A good and very enjoyable session from which many lessons could be learned, and if put into practice would be of great benefit to all.—Mrs. Stables, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.—Instead of our usual open session we had the presentation of banners to the Lyceum on February 6th. The banners, numbering 12, were presented by one of our Society members, Mr. Jackson, in the absence of Mr. Clarke, D.V. There was a good attendance of both children and adults. Recitations by the children were well rendered. The calisthenics were exceedingly well done. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Jackson for his kindness we closed our Lyceum. The colours, names, etc., of the banners were taken from Mr. A. J. Davis' pamphlet, which is indeed most helpful to all Lyceumists.—Miss M. Simpson, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—February 13, Lyceum anniversary, speaker Mrs. Twelvetree. In the morning the Lyceum gave solos, a duet, recitations, and Lyceum songs to an appreciative audience. Then Mrs. Twelvetree gave a short address to the children and gave the prizes, giving a suitable speech to each child. In the evening also, the Lyceum gave songs and recitations, and Mrs. Twelvetree gave a very practical address to a large audience on "How the children ought to be brought up." She also gave clairvoyance. The day was a red letter day and will be long remembered by all who took part. February 14th lecture on Palmistry by Mrs. Twelvetree. Collection for the Benevolent Fund.—J. E. Lester.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—Great credit is due to Master C. E. Waterhouse for the able manner in which he conducted a drawing room concert on January 29th, providing us with some very good artistes, who were as follows: Solo pianoforte, Master C. E. Waterhouse, Mrs. Booth and Miss Gale, sopranos; Miss Ellison, Contralto; Mr. Steeden, Baritone; Mr. Devonport, Humourist; Mrs. Coulton and Mr. Heywood Lancashire Dialect Elocutionists. On Sunday, February 13th,

we held our Lyceum open session which was fairly good. Recitations and solos not being as eagerly responded to as usual. In the evening we had a service of song entitled, "A Basket of Flowers," which was read in a very creditable manner by our Conductor, Mr. J. Frost.—Miss Ward, Sec.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On February 20th we had a pleasing ceremony—the naming of a baby by Mr. Churchill. In concluding this short report I may say that the Ford Lane Lyceum has had a very good staff of officers. May they be long spared to continue the good work. The average attendance of the Lyceumists is over 60, and our numbers are still increasing.—C. Lloyd, Secretary.

[The report for December 26th is out of order.—Ed. L.B.]

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On Sunday, February 20th, we held our 2nd Anniversary. Speaker, Mr. Keeling, of Liverpool. The bad weather interfered with the attendance. In the afternoon we had a demonstration. Recitations by Annie Hornby, Amy Coupe, Ivy Porter, and Will Beetham. Song by Elizabeth Higginbottom. In the evening we had another demonstration. Great praise is due to every Lyceumist for the able manner in which every item was gone through, and the way they attended all three sessions, showing that they take a great interest in the Lyceum. We hope that good will have been done.—C. Fisher, Secretary.

RAWTENSTALL (Back Ormerod Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, we held our open session. The silver and golden chain recitations were well responded to, as also were the musical readings. We had a visitor with us from Nelson, who spoke some very interesting and encouraging words to us, and also gave a poem. Solos were given by Misses B. Mantle and S. L. Barnes. A duet was sung by Misses M. Mansfield and A. Long; also a recitation by Miss M. Mansfield. The session was conducted by Miss A. Long.—Amy Kilsby, Sec.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On Sunday, February 6th, we held our monthly open session, which was very well attended. We had two friends from Attercliffe, Mr. R. Foster and Mr. Smith, who gave us a few encouraging words. Recitations were given by Olive and Ethel Metcalfe, Elsie and Miriam Vernon and Annie Ridley, also a reading by Miss A. Liversedge, entitled, "Home Sweet Home." It was very much appreciated. The marching and calisthenics were gone through very satisfactorily under the conductorship of Mr. B. Papworth. We had a few good remarks from Mr. Marklew.—A. Liversedge, Assistant Secretary.

ROYTON (Union Street).—A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 30th, to show respect to the late Dr. A. J. Davis, who passed to spifit life on Thursday, January 13th, 1910. Mr. H. Buckley, our organist, received a report from Mrs. Davis, concerning the passing on of her husband (Dr. A. J. Davis).—H. Buckley, Royton.

[We regret the letter is too long for insertion.—Ed. L.B.]

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—January 30th, open session, the afternoon was chiefly devoted to marching and calisthenics, which were well rendered and gained the applause of the friends present. The following Lyceumists gave recitations and gained the appreciation of the audience: Florry Green, William H. Bowmer, "The Children;" Louisa Stapleton, "The mother's first grief;" Rosetta Bowmer, "Little Nell;" Ada Johnson, "The Months." At the evening session there was a crowded audience. The chair was occupied by Fred Smith, who made some touching remarks on the life and work of our arisen comrade and pioneer, Stephen Fulwood. Addresses by Brothers Green and Jones. Solo, Miss Rayner; recitations by Dorothy Smith, Ernest Pegg, Minnie Bowmer and Edith Appleby.—H. Bowmer, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—Sunday, February 6th, open session, conducted by Mr. B. Magness. Moderate attendance. Readings by Mrs. Clive and Frank Brooks. Recitations, Mrs. Middleton, Florence Vernon, Evelyn Hempstock, Fannie Clive, Nellie Beardoe, Elsie Carr, Thomas Ibbotson, Alfred Beardoe, Harry Ibbotson, Alfred Carr, Joseph Hopkins, Wilfred Jackson. There was a lack of enthusiasm displayed by the elders of the Lyceum, which we hope will be replaced in the future by new life and energy. Our conductor made suitable reference to the passing on of Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, and also of Mr. Fulwood, an old worker in the Lyceum movement, formerly of Attercliffe. February 17th Mr. E. W. Oaten gave a lecture on "Evidences of immortality." Appreciative audience.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SHAW (Lyon Street).—On Sunday, February 13th, we held our open session, the room being full. Songs, recitations and

pearls being numerous. Our friends from Royton paid us a visit on this occasion. Remarks were given in praise of the Lyceum by Mr. Ratcliffe, of Middleton, Mr. Burgess, of Shaw, and friends from Royton. On Saturday, February 19th, the Church held their annual party, the Lyceumists gave the greatest part of the programme which consisted of an operetta entitled, "Queen of Choice," action songs, "Farm in Ohio," "Little Cooks." Tableau and a dialogue "Having their Photos taken," which gave much pleasure. The Lyceum is in an excellent condition and is growing steadily.—J. Leigh, Conductor.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Hall).—We are still striving to attain to a higher standard of perfection under the able guidance of our new and energetic conductor. The method he adopts proves to be very instructive and effective in drawing forth the innate powers of one and all. On January 30th Mr. Manion officiated in the capacity of conductor. Recitations and readings have been rendered by the following: Miss Saunders, Mr. Devereux, Hubert Denton, Lucy Bolton, Clara Hardy, Dulcie Hardy and Josey Bolton. It was with a feeling of great pleasure that we welcomed Mr. Owen in our midst once again, he assisted in the conducting of our session, imparting a little friendly advice that we all took to heart.—Miss Edith Beaumont, Secretary.

SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hollins Lane).—On February 6th we held our monthly open session. Mr. W. Hartley conducted and there was a very good attendance. Solos were given by Messrs. E. Bottomley, C. Bottomley, and V. Hartley. Readings by John Copley and Misses I. Copley and F. Thorpe, also a recitation by Ivy Rushworth. On Sunday, February 13th, Mr. T. H. Wright named the son of Mr. and Mrs. Readyhough, giving it the name Rolande, spirit name "Hope." On Saturday, February 18th, a whist drive and dance was held. Much credit is due to Messrs. E. and C. Bottomley, John Wilcock, and the Misses N. Tasker and Ivy Copley, who had charge of the affair, also providing refreshments.—Joe Steel, Secretary.

STOCKPORT (Central).—Once again the Lyceum committee had the pleasure of purchasing books to be presented as prizes. On February 5th Mesdames Moulton and Ennion, two of the earliest scholars of our Lyceum, handed to the Lyceumists the awards for those who had attended the requisite number of times. There were given 21 firsts, 10 seconds, and 8 thirds; also a special recitation prize to Phyllis Jackson, making a total of 40, a good number of which were Manuals. Previous to the presentation all the Lyceumists were entertained to a free tea. Afterwards the children creditably performed the "Fairy Ring" before a large audience. These were trained by the musical conductor, Miss E. Medcalf and Mrs. Ennion.—J. H. Marston, Secretary.

TODMORDEN, PATMOS (Reverside).—On February 6th, we held our open session when the following items were rendered: Recitations, Miss Bertha Lee, "Caught in the rain"; Florrie Dale, "The Children's Hour"; and B. A. Crossley "The Drunken Pig." Misses Bertha Lee and S. J. Stevenson recited "The presence of the angels"; Misses Edith Skerret and Lilian M. Firth sang "Over the river of light"; Miss Nellie Jones sang "The roses of life." Mr. George Crossley addressed the Lyceum on the importance of holding fast to the truth, and Mr. Wm. Clarke spoke on the passing on of Mr. A. J. Davis.—J. A. Sutcliffe, Secretary.

WAKEFIELD, KIRKGATE (Dixon's Yard).—On Sunday, January 30th, we had an open session in the afternoon, when recitations were given by Alice Hirst, Hilda Skelton, Edith Hall, Alfred Kitson Talbot, and a reading by Roy Maine. Mr. Hall, our conductor, presented four of our scholars with prizes, given by members of the Society. The prize winners were Hilda Skelton, first prize; Mary Cope, second prize; Roy Maine, first prize; Harry Lockwood, second prize. We had a very enjoyable session.—A.B., Secretary.

WINDHILL.—We held our election of officers on February 6th, as follows: Mr. A. Scott, secretary; Mrs. Copley, treasurer; Mr. E. Roper, conductor; Miss A. Copley, calisthenic conductor; Mr. J. H. Brown, guardian; Delegates for Bradford and District Council, Mr. H. Alderson and Mrs. Copley; leaders, Mr. G. Roper, Mr. J. Hearthill, Miss A. Copley, Miss E. Hopwood. Reading, Mr. J. Lancaster, "Don't speak of one another's faults." Solo, Miss D. Butterfield, "Go Forward." Duet, Misses Copley and Hopwood, "Angels come to me." We closed with 25 Lyceum Manual.—G. Roper, Hon. Secretary.

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- Barnoldswick**, West End Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Mr. R. Ashley, 18, Stuart-street, near Colne
- Barnsley**, George-yard, 10-30 and 2. Mr. George Hetherington, 1 Pitt-street.
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- Barry Dock**, Sea View Hall, Sea View-rd., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward-road, Cadoxton
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- Birkenhead**, 161, Grange-road, 11 a.m. Mr. J. T. Atkinson, 42, Jackson-street
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- Birmingham**, Smeethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smeethwick
- Blackburn**, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. H. Swarbrick, 30, Oak-street
- Blackburn**, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Herbert Robinson, 97, Ingham-street.
- Blackpool**, Albert-road, 9-50 a.m. Mr. G. W. Garlick, 91, Whitegate Drive
- Bolton**, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Robert Wilson, 42, Lever Street
- Bradford**, Laisterdyke, Bradford-lane, 10 and 1-30. Mr. James Babb, 4, Walnut-st., Leeds-road
- Bradford**, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30. Miss F. Beanland, 193, Priestman-street, Manningham
- Bradford**, Manchester-rd, Star-street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. Robinson, 9, Spicer-street, Little Horton
- Bradford**, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Edith Platt, 75, Airedale-road
- Bradford**, Shirley-road (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mrs. Seed, Hydesville, Shetcliffe-lane, Dudley Hill
- Bradford**, West Bowling, Boynton-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. E. Carter, 290, Wakefield-rd., E. Bowling
- Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Thomas Flintill, 185, Bradford-road, Thomhill Briggs
- Brownhill**, High-street, 9-30 and 2 to 3. Mr. W. Yates, High-street, near Walsall
- Brighton**, Manchester-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Frank G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret's-street
- Burnley**, Hammerton-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mrs. Riley, 55, Gordon-street.
- Burnley**, North-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. W. Whittle, 78, Hurtle-street
- Burton-on-Trent**, Hurlinglow-wharfe, 10 and 2-45. Mr. H. Brownhall, 78, Derby-road
- Bury**, off Paradise-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. J. Nutter, 84, Bell-lane
- Cardiff**, 58, Queen-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. E. Jones, 2, Eclipse-street, Roath
- Carlisle**, West-walls, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. H. Potts, 33, Edward-street.
- Castleford**, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. Joseph Field 75, Ambler-street
- Chester**, Commonhall-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Richardson, 48, Catherine Street
- Chesterford**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. Trevor Brewin, 6 North Terrace Hasland
- Clayton-le-Moors**, Victor-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup Street, near Accrington.
- Cleckheaton**, Old-Robin-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. W. Harrison, 17, Thornton Villa
- Colne**, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Nicholson Jobling, 13, Lords Street
- Crewe**, Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford-avenue
- Crompton**, Rochdale-rd., 10 and 2. Mr. Charles Smith, 15, Oak-street, Shaw, near Oldham.
- Daisy Hill**, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Walter Shepherd, 147, Hindley Road, near Bolton
- Darlington**, Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. W. S. Jubb, 92, Northgate.
- Darwen**, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 10, Pine Street
- Dearnley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Hy. J. Manning, 11, Croft-st., Halifax-rd., Small Bridge, Rochdale.
- Derby**, Charnwood-street, 9-45 and 2 p.m. Mr. H. Wade, 2, Cockpit-hill, Marledge
- Dewsbury**, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. William H. Edson, 1, Marriot Street
- Doncaster**, Temperance Hall, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hilda Hilson, 42, Childer-street, Elmfield.
- Doncaster**, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Smith, 89, Albany-road.
- Dukinfield**, Railway-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm Gartside, 20, West Street
- Dundee**, Barrack-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Kate Clark, 7, Ward-road.
- Dundee**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Ina Fleming, 14, Arthurstone Terrace
- Earlston**, Earle-street, Co-operative Hall, 1-45 p.m. Mr. Walter Duncan, 18, Chandos-street, near Newton le Willows
- Edinburgh**, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. David Niven, 43, Morrison-street
- Elland**, James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street
- Foleshill**, Broad Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Gibbs, Booth's Fields, Little Heath, near Coventry
- Fordsburg**, Main-street, 11 a.m. Mr. Robert Connolly, P.O. Box 23, South Africa
- Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. M. Mather, 152, Brinkburn Avenue.
- Glasgow**, Govan, Paisley-road, 4 p.m. Mr. W. Griffiths, 469, Paisley-road, Glasgow.
- Glasgow**, Ebenezer Church, Waterloo-street, 4 p.m. Mr. Wm. G. McPherson, 10, George-drive, South Govan
- Great Harwood**, West Well-street, 9-30 a.m. Miss Alice Anderson, 48, St. Edmund Street, nr Blackburn.
- Grimbsy**, strand-street, 2 p.m. Miss Daisy Scott, 75 Blundell Avenue, New Cleethorpes
- Hadfield**, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Chorley, 5, Marlow-street, near Manchester.
- Halifax**, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 4, Green Terrace Square, Savile Park.
- Halifax**, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. L. Blackburn, 16, Luton-street, Queen's-road
- Heaton Norris**, Baker-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. J. Williams, 60, Lancaster Hill, Stockport.
- Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, Cheetham Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. G. Uttley, Dale View, Mytholm-rd. S.O., York.
- Heckmondwike**, Tower Street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. J. Beaver, Co-op. Buildings, Lee Green, Mirfield.
- Heywood**, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. John G. Watkinson, 26, York street
- Higher Broughton**, Hilton-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. H. Starbuck, 28, Narbreth Street, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.
- Hindley**, Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Barrington, 209, Sandy Lane, near Wigan.
- Hollinwood**, Byrom-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Fred Snape, 40, Lynn-street, Wenheth, Oldham
- Hollinwood**, Hudson-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Ada Schofield, 20, Lr. Albert-street, nr Oldham
- Horwich**, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Richard Frost, 9, Wright-street, near Bolton
- Hucknall**, Watnall-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Mary A. Cox, 28, Watnall-road, Hucknall, Torkard
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Tom Ellis 74, Firth-street
- Huddersfield**, St. Peter-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Nellie Crowe, 16, Grove-street.
- Hull**, Lime-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Annie Hopwood, 5, Beaconsfield Avenue, Cornwall-street
- Hull**, Wright-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Geo. Allen, 11, Claremont-avenue, Nicholson-street
- Hyde**, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Joseph Smith, 64, Market-street, Denton, near Manchester
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- Johannesburg**, 132, President-street, 11 a.m. Mr. J. Gott, P.O. Box 4
- Keighley**, Heber-street, 9-45 and 1-30. Miss M. L. Stair, North-street
- Lancaster**, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Abraham Bleasdale, 16, Rydal Road, Freehold
- Leeds**, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Mr. M. Jenkins, 22, Marley Place, Beeston
- Leeds**, Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 a.m. Miss Rose H. Dickinson, 16, Woodville Place, Hunslet Carr
- Leeds**, EAST, 7, Easy Road, 10-30 and 2. Miss Warburton, 47, Cross Green Crescent, Easy-road.
- Leeds**, Grove-house-lane (Psycho). Miss Pawson, 27, Prosperity-street, Camp-road
- Leeds**, Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Alice Hesp, 33, Sunbeam-street, Beeston Hill
- Leicester**, Albion-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36, Gemyrn-street, Melton-road.
- Leicester**, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Bishop, 10, Mere-road.
- Leigh**, Brown-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Woodward, 22, Poet's Nook, Lanes.
- Leigh**, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Robinson, 14, Selson Street, Lanes.
- Lincoln**, Exchange Arcade, 10-11 a.m. Mr. Harry C. Dobby, 4, Well-lane
- Littletown**, Well-st., 10-30 and 2. Miss E. A. Poulkitt, The Healdlands, off Huddersfield-road, Liversedge
- Liverpool**, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Rodgers, 19, Mary-road, Orral, Bootle
- Liverpool**, Erskine-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. Cretnev, 21, Chantry-street, Edge Hill
- London**, Battersea, Henley-street, 3 p.m. Mr. H. Boddington, 17, Ashmere Grove, Acre-lane, S.W.
- London**, Brixton, 84, Stockwell Park Road, 3 p.m. Mr. Alex. Brooking, 17, Geneva-road, Brixton, S.W.
- London**, Chiswick, W. 56, High-road, 2-45 p.m. Mr. E. Petit, 56, High-road, Chiswick, W.
- London**, Fulham, S.W., 25, Fernhurst-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Joseph Dix, o. Bloom Park-road, Fulham
- London, E.**, Manor Park, Shrewsbury-road, 11 a.m. Mr. Thomas Brooks, 21, Audley Gardens, Seven Kings.
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- London**, South Tottenham, Glendale Hall, 12, St. Anne's-road, 3 p.m. Miss N. Barnes, 2, Laurel Villas, Felixstowe-road, Lower Edmonton, N.
- Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 96, Cromartie-street.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. William Albinson, 5, Bond-street.
- Manchester**, Ardwick, 58, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Lily Sims, 99, Cranworth-street, C. on M.
- Manchester**, Crescent-road, Cheetham Hill-rd, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Sidebottom, 17, Glen St., Cheetham.

- Manchester**, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10 a.m. Mr. J. Parkinson, 77, York St., Moston Lane, Blackley
- Manchester**, Harpurhey, Mitford-street, Conran-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Skarratt, 45, Wembury Street, Harpurhey
- Manchester**, Higher Openshaw, Beulah-street, 2-30. Mr. John Hy. Wilson, 5, Montana St., Hr. Openshaw
- Manchester**, Hulme, Junction-street, 10-45 a.m. Mr. A. Stansfield, 22, Clarence-street, Moss Side
- Manchester**, Longsight, Chell-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Meek, 9, Turner street, Rusholme
- Manchester**, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Harrison, 39, Dudley-street, Brooks Bar
- Manchester**, West Gorton, William-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. E. Green, 47, Chorlton Street, Openshaw
- Mexborough**, Queen's Arcade, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Wimpenny, 16, Tickhill-square, Denaby Main, nr. Rotherham
- Middleton**, Gilmour-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. T. Walker, 70, Edward-street, near Manchester
- Middlesbrough**, Grange-road, W., 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. C. Wells, 45, Wentworth-street
- Millom**, Main-street, 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. Cairns, 95, Maith street
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- Nottingham**, Parliament-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. H. Newham, 12, Robin Hood Terrace
- Oldham**, Coronation-st., 10 a.m., Mr. James Holden, 44, Cranberry-street, Glodwick
- Oldham**, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. Miss Ward, 44, Siddall street
- Oldham**, Union Street, 10 and 2-30. Mr. Wm Chisnall, 25, Crossley-st., Longsight, Oldham
- Padtham**, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Mr. Alfred Houlgrave, 13, St. Leonard-street, near Burnley
- Pendleton**, Junction, Ford-lane, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. C. Lloyd, 4, Shuttleworth-street, off Lessadell-street, Pendleton
- Pontypridd**, Crossbrook-street, 1-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Williams, 31, Ynysyngharad-road
- Portsmouth**, Southsea, 73, Victoria-rd., South, 2-30. Miss M. Harries, c/o Mrs. Spiller, 21 Pembroke Road.
- Preston**, Central, Clarke's-yard, 10 a.m. Mr. Charles Fisher, 133, Plungington-road
- Preston**, Market-street, 10. Miss A. Holmes, 166, Lancaster-road
- Rawtenstall**, Back Ormerod-st., 10-15 a.m. Miss Amy Kilsby, 13, Grange-terrace
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- Shipley**, Teal-court, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles 4, St. Paul's rd.
- Slaithwaite**, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. John Sutcliffe, 45, Carr lane, near Huddersfield
- Southport**, Hawkhead-street, 3 p.m. Miss Edith Beaumont, 48, Station Road, Ainsdale, Southport
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- South Shields**, King-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Thomas James, 19, Graham-street
- South Shields**, Robinson-st., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Longstaff, 86, Stevenson-st., Westoe
- Sowerby Bridge**, Hollins-lane, 10 and 2. Mr. Joe Steel, Wharf-street
- Stalybridge**, Bennett-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Sidney Crossdale, 43, Melbourne-street
- Stalybridge**, Chapel-street, off Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. William Allen, 25, Vaudrey-st.
- Stockport**, Central, High-bank, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Marston, 223, Chestergate
- Stockport**, 74, Lower-hillgate, 10 and 2. Mr. Edward A. Cunningham, 89, Carrington-road
- Stockton-on-Tees**, New Brunswick-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. R. Brown, 34, Tarring-st.
- Sydney**, N.S.W., 233, Castlereagh Street, 11 a.m. Mr. Chas. M. Hudson, 79, Watkin Street, Newtown, Sydney, N.S.W.
- Todmorden**, Riverside, Patmos, 10 and 1-30. Mr. James A. Sutcliffe, 30, Russell-street, Millwood
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- Uppermill**, Court-street, 2 p.m. Mr. John Shaw, Co-op. Terrace, near Oldham.
- Wakefield**, Kirkgate, Dixon's-yard, 10 and 1-45. Mr. A. Baldwin, 20, Gaskell-street, Lowerfield-lane
- Walsall**, Century Hall, Bradford-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Joseph Jenkins, 130, Stafford-street
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- Wellington, New Zealand**, Kent Terrace, 2-30. Mr. W. Miles, 3, Nelson-st.
- West Pelton**, Old Store Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Hick, 7, John street, West Pelton, Beamish, Co. Durham
- Whitworth**, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Albert White, 683, Market-street, Facit, near Rochdale
- Widnes**, St. Paul's Chambers, Victoria-road, 1-45. Miss Gwendoline Williams, 11, Luton-street.
- Wigan**, Miners' Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Chadwick, 55, Barnsley-street.
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- Wombwell**, 2-30 a.m. Mr. S. D. Spittlehouse, 13, New-st., near Barnsley
- Yeadon**, Abbey-lane, 9-30 a.m. Miss Annie Thompson, 10, Copper Hill, near Leeds
- York**, Cromwell-road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Bilbrough, 7, Vine Street, Bishophorpe Road
- York**, St. Saviour Gate, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. J. H. Baldwin, 2, Trafalgar-street

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- Burnley**, Richard Street, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Haworth, 113, Branch Road
- Chadderton**, off Brook-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Oldfield, 74, Bamford-street, near Oldham
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- Coventry**, Bull-street, off Hertford-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. A. Key, 106, Stoney Stanton Road
- Cwmgrose**, Church-street, 2 p.m. Miss Blodwen Roberts, Waunleyson, Gwaun-cas-Gurwen, S.O., Glam.
- London**, Peckham, S.E., Lausanne Hall, Lausanne Road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Blanche Petz, 10, Hanover Street, Rye Lane, Peckham S.E.
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- North Shields**, Albion-rd., 2-30. Mr. J. Forster, 12, St. John's-st. Percy Main, nr. Newcastle-on-Tyne
- North Shields**, Saville Street, 2-30. Mr. James Roper, 15, Upper Pearson-street.
- Manchester**, Bradford, Grey Mare-Lane, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. F. Booth, 26, Townley-street, Bradford
- Manchester**, Pendlebury, Chapel-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Ellis, 18, New-street, Pendlebury
- Ossett**, Dale-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. M. Smith, Alexander Crescent, Dewsbury Road, S.O.
- Plymouth**, Oddfellows' Hall, Morley-street, 10-45 a.m. Mr. A. Stafford, North Friary, Greenbank.
- Reading**, the Mission Rooms, 16, Blagrove st., 2 30. Mr. Percy R. Street, Res'nt Missioner, Blagrove street
- Royton**, Cotton Street, 10 a.m. Mr. Charles Stretton 14, Union Street, near Oldham
- Sheffield**, Sherde Road, Walkley, Mrs. Mitchell, 23, Westmoreland Street, Upperthorp
- Sheffield**, Stanley Street, 9 45 and 1 45. Miss M. E. Marshall, 247, Western Bank
- Southend-on-Sea**, Milton-street, 3 p.m. Mr. John D. West, "Albacore," Inverness Avenue, Westcliffe

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