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## The Unbeliever.

BY FREDELLA E. FISCHER.

(FROM THE SUNFLOWER).

"Have you no sisters?" asked Jessie.

"No sisters, no kin of any kind, no one in the whole world who cares a rap for me, except Walter, and he has been a brother to me ever since I met him, some twelve years ago. He has always had a warm spot in his heart for me, but you know there are times in a man's life when he needs the advice of a finer soul, the help of a mother or a sister."

"Let me be a sister to you," said Miss Dent, impulsively, clasping his hand firmly. "I have no brother. Let me adopt you, and now confide in me how I can help you."

"Simply by giving me as much of your time as you possibly can while you are here. It is not for a selfish purpose that I ask this, but you will pardon me if I cannot explain."

"I understand you perfectly, Mr. Dunbar, and appreciate your delicacy in refraining to mention your reasons. I will help you all I can."

They were silent until they reached the quarry, when Lawrence complained of a severe headache.

"Let us go to yonder grove, beyond the quarry, and there you can rest," said Miss Dent.

Lawrence consented. Arriving at the grove Lawrence lay down under a shady tree. Miss Dent arranged the umbrella so as to shade his eyes, while Lawrence related some of the misfortunes he had met with.

"I find," said he, "my greatest happiness in activity. I was severely tried a short time before I came here and thought that I would appreciate a rest, but I find that I am not contented, and I think, when you return to the city, with your permission, I will accompany you. There is little vacation in life for the poor man, but you, Miss Dent, have no need to hurry home."

"Oh, yes, indeed I have. Papa has business which will detain him in town all summer, and I could not possibly leave him alone, you know. Why, the dear soul would neglect himself most terribly, and he is getting to old for that."

"How unselfish you are," said Lawrence, gazing at her with a smile.

"Oh, no, not at all, Mr. Dunbar, that is a duty I owe to my father," answered Miss Dent, simply. "You know, he is working for me. I am his only child, and when I tell him he ought to retire from business and rest he always says, 'Why, my dear, I am working for you. You will soon be left alone, and then you must have something for a rainy day.'"

"Of course he overdoes it. He is quite wealthy

now and has plenty for me, but I cannot do anything with him. He expects to realize about a million dollars this month, and, therefore, I could not persuade him to accompany me here."

She said this so simply, in such a matter-of-fact way, that Lawrence wondered at her lack of affectation. She dressed very plainly, not at all as lavishly as Miss Lane. They chatted for several hours, returning home about half an hour before dinner. Lawrence had sauntered out on the veranda after dressing for dinner, where he found Miss Lane alone. He seated himself some distance from her, inquiring in a kindly tone, "Tired, Miss Lane?"

"No," answered Mary, "not a bit tired, but dreadfully lonesome. The house has been empty all day for me."

She spoke in a tone of passionate resentment. Lawrence attempted to answer, but the words died on his lips.

Just then Miss Dent appeared on the other end of the veranda, a white carnation in her hand. She came toward them, saying, "Here, I have been looking for you, truant boy. I have for you one of your favourite flowers."

"Heavens," muttered Miss Lane, rising from her chair and sweeping down the veranda.

Miss Dent stooped to fasten the flower in his buttonhole, and as he raised his eyes to her they were filled with tears. "My God," said he, "why did I ever come here?"

"Never mind, little brother," answered Miss Dent, seating herself in the chair Miss Lane had vacated. She took up the morning paper and began reading something to him. Lawrence heard her voice as one in a dream, a terrible pain gnawing at his heart. He realized at the instant that her slender, queenly figure swept away from him that he loved this woman, loved her madly, and, simply because he loved her, he had hurt her so cruelly, had hurt her as he had never hurt any woman before.

Why had he ever returned to America, he had asked himself a dozen times. This life had been so hard in many ways, but he, at least, knew that he was suffering alone. Now he was causing her such great pain, the first woman he had ever cared for.

Presently he became aware that she again stood near him. Miss Dent still read. She was reaching him a glass of some refreshing drink, which she had prepared for him. His eyes were still moist with tears as he raised them to hers, and read there in one second a life's story. Just for an instant these two souls met, and then she turned away, satisfied.

Miss Dent read on until dinner was announced. Lawrence was very quiet, but Miss Lane showed her usual brilliant wit and conversational powers again, even jesting with Walter, who was simply delighted. Lawrence sat through the dinner in per-

fet misery, and then withdrew to his room. He hated himself for his weakness in letting her know his secret. "It will only make matters worse for us both," he groaned.

He slept very little during the night and, rising early, left a note for Walter, saying he would not return until evening. He spent the morning in the woods, going to the village for his dinner and returning again to the woods until late in the afternoon. He began to realize that he must have some excuse for staying away like this to offer Walter. "Instead of a pleasure this visit has ended in torture," he thought to himself. "I surely did not bring this on myself. God surely cannot punish me, for I am not guilty of any wrong. Lord, thou hast often helped me before, given me strength to live through to-morrow, and then I leave this place."

He felt calmer presently, and as he drew nearer the house this calmness grew upon him. He found Mrs. Weaver alone and heaved a sigh of relief. Seating himself in a large, easy chair, he sat for some time reflecting on his empty life. After this week's experience it must for ever be barren and empty to him. To-morrow she would become the wife of the man whom he loved dearer than a brother, and to-morrow he must for ever see the last of them both.

Presently he heard the soft, silken swish of a woman's garments, and at the same moment slender fingers were passed in soft caresses through his hair. His heart stood still. Had not Mrs. Weaver told him they were all gone for a drive? If he had known she was there no power on earth would have induced him to have left his room. He had avoided this all day, only to find himself deceived at last.

At length she spoke, in a low, passionate voice. "You have kept away from me all day. To-morrow I go to the altar with a man I do not love, whose company has simply been unbearable since I have met you. You have hidden away from me all day, now we can—"

"Stop, madam," exclaimed, springing from his chair, and flinging her hand away from him, "what right have I ever given you to thus treat my friend, whom I love as a brother? He is a noble man, and it is an outrage that he is thus treated. Why will you not treat him with honesty and tell him that you do not love him? Oh, God, why did I ever set foot in this house? Even your friendship, Walter, is robbed of me."

He sank back in his chair and, covering his face with his hands, groaned aloud. How long he had sat thus he knew not, when a hand was placed on his shoulder and Mrs. Weaver's voice said, in soothing tones: "Never mind, Lawrence, I have heard all. I am deeply touched by your devotion to my son. I have misjudged you this last week and humbly ask our forgiveness, but for God's sake spare my boy. This would break his heart, for his life is wrapped up in this woman."

Lawrence wrung her hand and answered, "Not one word of this shall ever pass my lips to a living creature, you may depend upon it."

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"Jessie," said Mr. Dent, in a querulous tone of voice, "why will you be so persistent in your re-

fusal of Jack Bardford, the best match of the season? Other girls there are who would give worlds for the attention which Jack lavishes on you. You have grown very inconsiderate of your father's wishes of late years. Bradford is a man of wealth and could well afford to care for you as I could wish to see you cared for."

"Good gracious, papa, to hear you one would think I were like the ancient God of the Israelites insatiable. I have all I desire."

"Yes, but you need a protector when I am gone."

"Oh papa, you are not gone yet, and I am not going to let you go for a great many years to come. We have enough to live in comfort, and as for a protector, why, I am able to take care of myself. Women are not as helpless nowadays as they were when you and mamma were young, when young ladies were kept under lock and key, and were courted from the balconies, like Juliet. Come, papa, tell me, did you ever play the bear?"

Mr. Dent was compelled to smile in spite of himself, as Jessie fondly embraced him. He stroked her soft, brown hair and said, "Tell me truthfully, my child, why you will not accept Jack Bradford?"

"Simply because I do not love him," answered Jessie. "He is a good fellow in his way, but he is not my ideal of a man, and I have seen and heard enough of the horrors of a loveless marriage."

"Perhaps you will never meet your ideal man," said her father. "Young girls, you know, form romantic notions of an ideal."

"But, papa, I am no longer real young, and then, I have met my ideal."

"You have?" asked Mr. Dent, in great surprise. "Who is he, pray?"

"I don't like to tell you papa, because the man I care for never dreams of such a thing, you know, and I am afraid that you, in your kindness of heart, might make a great blunder some day, and I never want him to know. You see, papa, I know you so well that I dare not trust you with my secret." She buried her face in his bosom to hide her confusion.

"Tell me, Jessie, who is he," pleaded her father. "You are all I have, and I want to know all your sorrows and griefs."

"But I am not grieving, papa. I enjoy the friendship of the man I love."

"But tell me, little one, who has been so fortunate as to win your good little heart?"

"Oh, it is all mine yet, papa," laughed Jessie, "but if you promise me faithfully to never utter a word to anyone of this I will tell you."

(To be continued.)

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Lyceum Banner.

At a meeting of the Collyhurst Lyceum we had under discussion the "Essay Competition" the result of which appeared in the March issue of the *Banner*. I was instructed to enter our protest against a whole page of the *Banner* being used in the interest of one Lyceum, and thus crowding out other articles, the matter of which, in our opinion, is infinitely superior and more interesting to the Lyceums as a whole.—J. PARKINSON, Sec.

## Selections from the Mythology of the Ancients.

By the EDITOR.

### CERES.

This goddess was the daughter of Saturn and Rhea, and is said to have been born in Sicily.

She was represented by the artists as a tall, majestic woman, with yellow or golden hair, crowned by ears of corn. Her right hand was filled with corn and poppies, and in her left hand she held a lighted torch.

The Romans called her Ceres [Sē-rēz], the Greeks called her Demeter [De-mē-tēr]. But by both of them she was known as the Goddess of the Harvest. She taught mankind the art of tilling the earth, sowing corn, and making bread. So the people loved her very much, and held her name in great respect and reverence.

Swine were sacrificed to her, for it was looked upon as being an enemy of Ceres because of its destructive habit of uprooting and destroying the crops. Garlands composed of ears of corn were offered to her.

At the beginning of the harvest, each year, it was the custom of the husbandmen, or farmers, to carry a sow, big with young, through the fields, attended by the people, who shouted the praises of Ceres and danced for joy of the harvest, which meant bread for them for the coming winter. One of these people would be crowned with a wreath of oak leaves, and would sing the praises of Ceres, the good goddess of the Harvest, as the procession went along. On their return they would make an offering, called a libation, of wine mixed with honey and milk, and then sacrifice the sow. Having thus paid their devotions to their goddess, they would begin to reap the harvest.

There was a sad incident connected with Ceres, which runs as follows:

Ceres had a beautiful daughter, called Persephone [Per-sef-o-nē], who loved to wander through the fields gathering flowers. One sad day, while gathering narcissus in the fields of Enna, Pluto, the god of the under-world, saw her and fell in love with her, so waiting a chance to catch her unawares, he seized her, jumped into his chariot, and striking the earth, caused it to open, and carried her off to his kingdom. Her mother, hearing her frantic screams for help, made a careful search for her, but in vain. For nine days she wandered through the land bewailing her loss. In her anguish she refused both food and drink, so great was her grief. She even went so far as to threaten the land with famine if her daughter was not restored to her. On the tenth day she met Hecate [Hek-a-tē], who told the sorrowing mother that she, too, had heard the cries for help of Persephone, but did not know who had carried her off. So both of them hastened to Helios (the sun), and begged of him to reveal to them who had stolen fair Persephone.

Helios told her who the offender was, and that the act had been done with the full knowledge and consent of Jupiter.

Ceres was so vexed with Jupiter that she refused to return to the abode of the gods and goddesses on Mount Olympus until her daughter was restored to her. So she dwelt in earth, conferring blessings on the worthy, and punishing the unworthy. She even went so far, in order to show her resentment to Jupiter and Pluto, as to withhold the harvest.

In order to prevent a famine, Jupiter decided to send the beautiful goddess Iris to Ceres to persuade her to return to Olympus, but in vain. He then sent all the gods to try and persuade her. But she remained firm to her purpose, and refused to restore fertility to the earth until she had seen her daughter. So at last Jupiter had to give way, and he sent his attendant, Mercury, to the underworld to bring back Persephone to her mother. Ceres returned to Olympus with her daughter, but, alas, she was unable to keep her there, as it was found that Persephone had eaten a piece of pomegranite—which on account of its great quantity of seeds caused it to be used as a symbol of fertility,—while in the kingdom of Pluto. So Jupiter decreed that Persephone should spend four months a year with Pluto (some writers say it was one-half of the year with him) and the other portion with her mother.

The meaning of the dramatic story is that Persephone represents seeds produced by the harvest. The carrying her away into the underworld is the sowing of the seed and covering it from sight in the earth, where it remains from four to six months. And the earth is threatened with famine until it returns to the light of day, and ripens into a plentiful harvest, its mother.

This inner meaning was only revealed to those initiated into the *Eleusian Mysteries*, while the common people were kept in ignorance.

In our next we shall deal with Pluto and his kingdom.

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## 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.

HULL (Lime Street).—With deep regret I report the passing on of Florence Turner, late of Gateshead, on March 16th, aged 24 years.—Annie Hopwood, Sec.

	<h2>Bluebell Guild.</h2>	
<p>OBJECT: To promote Gentleness, Kindness and Good Behaviour. Membership is open to all. * * * * *</p>		

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

When you open our bright little *Banner* this time it will be Eastertide. You and I and all of us will be enjoying our first Holiday in 1910. What a joyous time is Easter, not alone for its religious associations but from the nature point of view. After the dreary winter, whose piercing winds and violent snowstorms forced us to seek shelter and indoor recreation, we are now enjoying the rays of spring sunshine, and the beautiful spring flowers and budding trees, the fresh green grass, and we are eager to scamper over the meadows and greet with gladness nature's wonderful revelations—the sweet snowdrop, the richly-coloured crocus, the daffodil, and the beautiful bluebells appear to herald summertime, which will unfold the greater beauty of nature around us.

Usually our holidays at this season are brief, but they need not be less enjoyable on that account. Let us try to spend them so that when they are over, they may leave us with only pleasant memories.

From the pile of correspondence which has come to hand it is difficult to make a selection (for preference) in our very limited space. One thing impresses me strongly, namely—the earnestness of my correspondents. By way of example and encouragement I will let you read the letter of an active Lyceumist. Another cheering communication comes from Stockport, and another from Huddersfield, expressing delight with their membership cards, and still another from Bradford. One of these is accompanied by a poem, entitled "The Lyceum." It shows fair merit, but owing to lack of space I cannot insert it at present, but will put it away for future use.

The other contains an essay on Love, it is a beautiful title, but scarcely up to the standard for publication. Seeing that our friend is very young, I would urge him most earnestly to practise essay writing, and he will then cultivate a gift which will help and encourage others in the future.

On counting up we can shout "Hurrah!" for we have more than completed our 3,000 names on the great Bluebell Register. I wonder if we shall reach 4,000 during 1910?

Your loving sister,  
FLORA BELLE.

Dear Flora Belle.

It gives me very great pleasure to be able to write to you and at the same time to send you a few names to be enrolled in your list of Bluebells. I was taking my class in the Lyceum and not having a lesson prepared for the children I read them a few pages of our *Lyceum Banner* and of course we came across the Blue Guild. I asked how many belonged to this beautiful Guild, but I failed to get a response, so after talking for a few minutes I managed to get the names enclosed. I might say that I am one of your Bluebells and have been one since the year 1902, but I have only written to you on two or three occasions.

Still I have taken a great interest in reading your page every month, and it has been a great pleasure to me to see that the roll of Blue Bells is steadily growing. I have been a Member of ——— Lyceum for close on 17 years. I am at the present time the Leader of Marching and Calisthenics. It was the wish of the children, whose names are enclosed, to express their deepest sympathy in the loss of our dearly beloved teacher, Andrew Jackson Davies. They wished me to express their thoughts when I wrote to you. I must now bring this to a close, dear sister, wishing you every success in all your undertakings, and health to meet all the trials of life. Trusting all the Bluebells will rally round you in your work, which I know you love so well,

I remain,  
One of your loving Bluebells.

HUDDERSFIELD, RAMSDEN STREET.

2955 Arnold Atkinson	2961 Jennie Singleton
2956 Grace Powell	2962 Herbert Chappell
2957 Nellie Powell	2963 Clarice Bower
2958 George Powell	2964 Elsie Jessop
2959 Rufus Lewis	2965 Herbert Peel
2960 Harry Wilson	

MASKELL STREET, MANCHESTER.

2966 Elizabeth Jones	2977 James Hern
2967 Cissy Jones	2978 Ernest Beverly
2968 Ethel Wardle	2979 Harold Goodiom
2969 Edith Mills	2980 Joseph Carson
2970 Beatrice Mills	2981 Wilfred Wardle
2971 Lily Mills	2982 Laurence Carson
2972 Dolly Paddock	2983 Albert Holt
2973 Edith Beverley	2984 Joseph Gounan
2974 Annie Sharp	2985 Fred Goodwin
2975 Beatrice Hill	2986 George Taylor
2976 Edith Carson	

STOCKPORT, CENTRAL.

2987 Mrs. Eliza Moulton	3007 Doris Rowland Wager
2988 James William Moulton	3008 James Percy Cunliffe
2989 Doris Moulton	3009 Edgar Crowther
2990 Reggie Oliver	3010 Florence Hall
2991 Edgar Oliver	3011 Charles Hall
2992 Leslie Oliver	3012 Harold Hall
2993 Rosie Oliver	3013 Muriel Hearne
2994 Thomas Hubert Axon	3014 Nellie Hearne
2995 Frank Axon	3015 Thomas Harrop
2996 Edith Purslow	3016 Edith Harrop
2997 Harold Ennion	3017 Fred Winston
2998 Florence Jones	3018 Charlotte Brown
2999 Edith Jones	3019 Alice Brown
3000 Albert Reece	3020 Elsie Brown
3001 Lottie Reece	3021 Martha Brown
3002 Cathie Reece	3022 Thomas Brown
3003 Elsie Wager	3023 Harriet Higgins
3004 John Rowland Wager	3024 Ethel Higgins
3005 Richard Rowland Wager	3025 Harold Gill
3006 Arthur Rowland Wager	

**"God" and "Devil."**

BY HERBERT E. CLARKE, B.A., B.Sc. (Oxon.)

The question has recently been raised as to the derivation of the words "God" and "Devil." Without wishing to pass dogmatic judgment on this subject I would like to call attention to one or two matters which may be of general interest.

It must be recognised in the first place that all words are subject to evolution along two lines. The *form* changes with time and place, as may for instance be seen in the cognate forms of the word signifying

the male parent—father, vater, pater, pitar, vader, fader, etc., in different languages and at different periods in the world's history. But of still greater importance is the change in *sense* undergone by many words, a change sometimes so profound as to give to words whose forms have not appreciably changed an entirely new and even contrary sense. Thus a Cabinet *minister* is a much more important person than a county *magistrate*, although the order should be reversed if we judged by the derivation of the words. In a similar way the epithet "Silly Suffolk" is no aspersion on the common sense of that county, but dates back to the time when "silly" meant blessed or holy,\* as *selig* still does in German.

These observations will suffice to show how risky and irrational it would be to jump at once to the conclusion that the word "god" had something to do with "good." In doing so we should be assuming that goodness had always been an attribute associated with a god, and we should also be neglecting the changes in the form of the two words during the lapse of time. It might indeed be a mere coincidence that the two words have to-day similar sense and form.

Let us look at these words in a few other languages; here they are in tabular form.

		"GOD"		"GOOD"	
Teutonic	{	German ...	Gott ...	Gut	
		Dutch ...	God ...	Goed	
		Danish ...	Gud ...	God	
Romance	{	French ...	Dieu ...	Bon	
		Latin ...	Deus ...	Bonus	
		Greek ...	Theos ...	Agathos	

Evidently our own words belong to the Teutonic vocabulary, and were used throughout north-western Europe. In the Romance languages spoken in southern Europe, there is absolutely no association between the forms of "god" and "good," and their words for "god" are probably cognate with the Sanskrit *deva*, which meant any object of worship, whatever its attributes, good or bad. Polytheism was practised in Teutonic Europe as much as in Romance Europe—indeed the various gods of the Danes and Norsemen can be identified with those of the Greeks and Romans—and there is no reason to believe that, when they called on their gods, those early pirates were impressed with the goodness of the powers above them. There is also evidence, which would appeal only to philologists and so need not be mentioned here, which makes it unlikely that there is any real relationship between the words "god" and "good." In passing, it might be well to ask those friends who hold the opposite view to explain how such expressions as "jealous god," "warlike god," and so on, could ever have existed if there had not been a clear distinction between good-ness and "god-ness" in derivation. It is because we write God with a capital G and assign all-goodness to him that we have probably fallen into the error now under discussion.

The word "Devil" is not so difficult, because it is a comparatively modern creation. In English we have the expression "throwing mud," meaning the act of slander or spite. The same appeared in Greek in the verb *diaballo*, from which was obtained the noun *diabolos*, the slanderer, or deceiver. In various European languages this word has appeared as devil, diable, diabolus, diavolo, duivel, Teufel, etc., and

always with the same meaning. There is absolutely no connection with the word "evil," which appears only in the Teutonic languages, whereas "devil" is common to both Teutonic and Romance languages. This may be illustrated as follows:—

		"DEVIL"		"EVIL"	
Romance	{	German ...	Teufel ...	Übel	
		French ...	Diable ...	Mal (méchant)	
		Latin ...	Diabolus	Malum	
		Greek ...	Diabolos	Kakos	

Much more could be said on this subject, but the examples given will perhaps show how the evidence relevant to the question may be obtained.

## Botany for the Young.

By J. KNIGHT.

DEAR BANNERITES—

Last month we had evidence that our Banner not only had need of its blue cover, but of a few more pages as well. I hope each of you will do your utmost to so increase the sale that the L.U. Executive will see their way to grant us both of these very desirable concessions.

### THE DIFFERENCES THAT DISTINGUISH PLANTS FROM ANIMALS.

It is very important that you should make yourselves thoroughly acquainted with these differences, only a few of which have I space to mention. Plants draw their food from the soil in the form of solutions and nitrates, and from the air they breathe, as carbonic acid gas, *all non-living substances*, and of no use whatever to the animal kingdom. The plant, having a different digestive apparatus, is able to take up these substances, which are suitable, into itself, digest them, assimilate them, make of them *living materials*, and store them in its tissues, making of them grass, potatoes, turnips, wheat, rice, fruits, &c., &c., which become pleasant and digestible food for animals.

You will easily perceive from the above that plants manufacture living things from products which animals could not use, and that animals using these living substances as food reduce them once again to non-living materials. Animals produce and throw off carbonic acid gas; plants lay hold of this and other excretions of the animal kingdom, and make of them the many wonderful products of the vegetable kingdom.

In short, the vegetable world builds up, makes from simple compounds, and the animal world as constantly unmakes them.

You will see that I do not give you the old and now exploded idea that animals have the power to move about, and that vegetables are, by their roots, fixed. For the microscope and chemical analysis have made it very clear that there are a great many animals that are fixed, and an equal number of plants that have the power of motion. They have also made it clear that the plant is a mechanism for *separating* oxygen from carbon and hydrogen, and for storing up sun energy. The animal is a mechanism for *uniting* oxygen with carbon and hydrogen, and for *using* the stored up sun energy as heat and motion.

The microscope, aided by many wonderful discoveries in various departments of science, has revealed a vast kingdom of organic life, neither—strictly speak-

\* Suffolk became renowned for the large number of its churches.

ing—animal nor vegetable; structures that in some environments, and under some conditions, have all the characteristics of plants, whilst others of the same family not far away show all the consuming propensities of true animals. The sponges belong to this class. Battles most fierce and long continued have been fought—and will be again—between the Zoologists and Botanists as to whether they are animal or vegetable. Some great scientist comes along and declares they are animals. *Aristotle* thought them animals, and that they could both see and hear, but later in life he changed his belief, and declared them to be vegetables. *Pliny* thought them animal. Then for centuries they were believed to be vegetables. At the present time they are classed as animals, but animals that have very much degenerated.

These *borderland* structures are mostly found amongst the infinitely minute, the most minute of all living things, requiring a powerful microscope to enable us to see them. So vast and important are these wonderful invisible friends and foes, so fascinating is the study of their structure, of what they are made, and their functions the work they do—that it has become a branch of science distinct from Botany or Zoology. And in speaking of them as a distinct class, scientists do not follow the Zoologists and name them microzoaria, nor the Botanists who would name them microphyte that is, microscopic plants, but have named them as *microbes*, meaning a small living thing. They are the great intermediaries between the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and are met with *everywhere*. They are in the air we breathe and the water we drink. It has been calculated that a man living in a *town* will inhale 37,500 every twenty-four hours. They flavour our food. They flavour butter, cheese, wine practically everything we eat being dependent upon them. Go where we will, do what we will, we cannot get away from them. Their number is *legion*, their variety is legion, and their function is legion. Though the smallest of living things, their numbers are very vast, and their reproduction is very *rapid*—in some cases they double their number every half-hour. Some are so tenacious of life that they are really the *forces* that rule the world. The *spores* of some of them will retain their vitality after boiling. And it is thought by some that these are they that convey life from planet to planet. Some day I will tell you more about them.

I wish to tell you that *Spring* is here; get out, all of you, and away to the woods and to the sunny banks. What a gladsome sight awaits you: How lovely, how delicious, how useful, are these early spring plants. How wonderfully they repair the ravages of winter. Take home a good handkerchief full of coltsfoot flowers, of nettles, of dandelion, and get your mothers to make some drink; you will soon get rid of your winter ailments and come back to robust health. I also want you to get some clinging ivy, Virginia creeper, jasmine, canary creeper, or other clinging plants, and plant them in your back yards, either in soil on the ground or in tubs, boxes, barrels, or anything that will hold soil. Very soon you will have a *wall garden* that will delight you.

No plant so narrow be, but nature there;  
No waste so vacant, but may well employ  
Each faculty of sense, and keep the heart  
Awake to *love* and beauty.

## Prize Essays.

Held in connection with the Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

SUBJECT: FORGIVE AND FORGET.  
(Individual effort.)

FIRST PRIZE (Boys) awarded to FRED HOMER (age 12).

To forgive and forget you must forgive all hasty speeches, slights and injuries, also forget all that which is unpleasant, melancholy and wrong. It will surely help us to forgive if we remember that we ourselves are weak and apt to err as greatly as our neighbours; and that in most cases the offenders have misjudged and misunderstood us, and would probably have behaved in a kinder and more tolerant manner if they had only known us better. We should also remember the wonderful Divine Forgiveness of one whose coming into this world; who was the first to demonstrate "That our spirit friends do return," often to bless and help us. Sometimes to ask forgiveness for the wrongs they have done (in ignorance) to us. The principle reasons why those who want to be happy by "Forgiving and Forgetting," are as follows:

1. An unforgiving person will not be forgiven without suffering for this ignorance.
2. An unforgiving person will never know that "Sweetness of Forgiving," which is one of the most purest joys known to mankind.
3. An unforgiving person will be full of hate, and hate is one of the most poignant miseries on earth.
4. Those who do not forget all that which is wrong will only torture themselves with harmful memories.
5. Those who do forget all which is wrong will find peaceful and pleasant thoughts take the place of harmful ones immediately. Forgetting can be learned and cultivated, but Forgiveness is Divine.

FIRST PRIZE (Girls) MARY ROBB (age 13).

To Forgive and Forget, how difficult it is to do so. Perhaps it would be easier if we thought more, instead of letting passion and hatred rule our hearts.

We are hurt when people do not forgive us, therefore we ought to forgive and forget injuries done to us, and set a good example to others. When anyone hurts us we should think of the phrase, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us." We can never hope to be forgiven if we do not forgive others.

It is more difficult to forget than forgive. We forgive a person, but the memory of the injury done to us still rankles in our hearts. We should try to forget for the sake of others, and when the memory comes, dismiss it with the thought "I will forget."

Love and friendship are too sacred for their ties to be broken by unwillingness to forgive and forget. A great many friendships have been broken and hearts embittered because forgiveness was not allowed to enter into the hearts of the injured persons. Often a man has dropped lower down the moral ladder through a woman's incapability to forgive and forget. When our feelings are hurt we should think of such cases and forgive and forget.

It is best to forgive and forget because then our minds are at rest and are not disturbed by bitter thoughts. Everything around us harmonises with our minds, and people are made happy because we forgive and forget.

## CHILDREN'S LESSON.

### A Ladder of Light.

In the golden chain recitation, No. 104, you will find the above title, and I wish to have a brief chat with you about it.

You all know what a ladder is: a device whereby we may climb and reach things higher than us. The stairs in our homes are a kind of ladder by which we can reach the bedroom.

Men use ladders when they build houses, shops, and mills; these being usually made of wood.

No doubt you have often wondered how a ladder can be made of "light."

The term light in this case does not refer to the material of which the ladder is made, but to what it reaches or leads up to. It is a ladder which reaches up to light.

But there are different kinds of light, such as the candle, gas, electric, and the sun. Then there is intellectual light, as light of the mind or understanding. There is, also, moral or spiritual light, which enables us to know right from wrong, truth from falsehood.

Our "Ladder of Light" refers to moral or spiritual light, and the gaining and using of this light means spiritual progress, or stepping forward, as you will see by the opening line.

I want you to notice that this stepping forward is marked off in three stages, or steps. The first of these is, "A desire to know and follow truth." If we wish to gain moral light, which is truth, we must have a strong desire for it, we must wish for it very much, and try all we can to get it. When a boy wants a rabbit or a canary, or any other pet; when a girl wants a doll or a work-box, both of them show their desire by saving their pennies till they have enough to get what they want. They will do without sweets, apples, oranges, etc., because the thing they desire will give them more pleasure and joy than sweets and fruit would. Well, just in the same way, if we have a strong desire to know what is true we shall sacrifice whatever may stand in the way of our getting it, and feel well repaid for all our trouble.

The next step is "A willingness to receive it, without dictating how it shall come." That is to say, we must be willing to receive the truth without saying in what way it shall come to us.

For long, long ages men have asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" People have seen their friends; children have seen their playfellows die, and in their grief have shed tears of deep sorrow, and they have wondered if they would ever see them again.

Preachers have been unable to answer the question. And so people have wondered and mourned. But the departed were not happy to see their friends mourning, and love caused them to try and find a way of telling the mourners they were not dead. And in time they were able to make raps on the walls and furniture, and even to tilt a table, and by the use of these raps, one of which meant "no," and three meant "yes," they were able to give the message "There is no death."

Then, again, their love for us has caused them to tell us about the world in which they live, and how best we can prepare ourselves for it. Their advice is very simple, each boy and girl can understand it. It is, "Do what is right, speak that which is true, and you will be happy, both in this life, and the life beyond the change called death.

But the mourners would not accept of the spirit messages because they did not come to them through their preachers and religious instructors.

Now, you are to be more wise than they have been, for it does not matter *how* the answers come, how the truth reaches us so long as it does reach us so we can benefit by it.

The next step is to have "courage to cherish and defend it (the truth we have gained) making it a part of our lives." It is for this end, or object, we attend our Lyceums. If we have a desire to gain the truth we shall be attentive to our Conductor, our teacher, and think about our chain-recitations, songs, solos and pearls, because in each of them is to be found some truth, and the truth will make us free from errors and wrongs.

## Official Notices.

### List of Motions to be submitted at the Lyceum Conference.

1. That the question of investment of a portion of the Lyceum Union's capital be submitted to the Conference.

THE LYCEUM UNION'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. That no person be appointed District Visitor who is a paid worker in the Movement.

PENDLETON, FORD LANE, LYCEUM.

3. That if the Trustees of the Lyceum Manual, and Spiritual Songster will not trust us as a Union with the ownership, management, and completion of these books now we have reached our majority, then this Conference therefore instructs its Executive Council to proceed at once to compile two books of a similar nature to take the place of those now in use.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Dalkeith Street, Lyceum.

4. That the LYCEUM BANNER be subject to the following:—

- (a) Cover on BANNER replaced.
- (b) Answers and Question invited.
- (c) Lessons for Leaders and Teachers.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street, Lyceum.

5. That the additional readings, recitations and songs to the Lyceum Manual be published in a supplement from.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst Lyceum.

6. That the cover be replaced on the LYCEUM BANNER the first issue after the Conference.

DARWEN Lyceum.

NOTE: Similar motions to No 6 are to hand from the following Lyceums:—Manchester (William St.); Accrington (China St.); Burnley (North St.); Nelson, Keighley, Preston (Clarke's Yard); and the North East Lancashire L.D.C.

ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

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## THE LYCEUM BANNER:

ALFRED KITSON, Editor.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Lyceum Conference will soon be here. The arrangements for the successful holding of our Annual Parliament are proceeding very nicely at Birkenhead. Applications for credentials are arriving by every post. Those who have delayed to make their application up to the present date, April 3rd, will be too late to secure them.

Elsewhere in our pages will be found a full list of nominations for office, and also a full list of motions, so that Lyceums may consider them and instruct their delegates how to vote thereon.

Next month we shall publish a full agenda of the Conference business, along with the Annual Reports, Balance Sheets and Returns.

Will Lyceum Secretaries please note that on account of the great demand on space next month we shall be UNABLE TO INSERT ANY LYCEUM REPORTS.

News has just reached us of the serious illness of Mr. S. S. Chiswell. We hope he will have a speedy recovery. We have been looking forward to meeting and greeting him at our forthcoming celebration, as he is one of the Past Presidents of the Lyceum Union. He was also a member of the Publishing Committee ere its duties were taken over by the Executive Council. And until quite recently he was a familiar figure at our Conferences and Executive Council meetings.

Our readers will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Jessy Greenwood is too ill to attempt her usual Lesson Plan. She finds it necessary to cancel all her platform engagements. We hope to see her with us at the Conference.

News has just reached us from America of the sudden passing on of Mr. J. R. Francis, in his 78th year. Mr. Francis was the able Editor and publisher of the *Progressive Thinker*, and for a long number of years waged incessant war against all forms of fraud and fakes in the spiritual ranks. Mr. Francis has rendered noble service to the Lyceum Cause in America by generously opening a Lyceum Department in the *Progressive Thinker*, which is ably conducted by the American Lyceum Superintendent, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader. He further helped on the good work by printing *free of charge* the American Lyceum Lesson Quarterly, a magazine of 16 pages.

The essays that appeared in our last issue should have been credited to the Cheetham Lyceum instead of Higher Broughton.

We learn with much pleasure that the late Pendleton, Leaf Square Lyceum has been successfully reopened in Salford, West High Street. We desire to bespeak for them the hearty co-operation of all Lyceumists in the district.

To Mr. A. Birtwistle, Stockport:—Your letter is of too personal a nature to appear in our pages. Your case should be dealt with locally.

Master Arthur Broadfield, a member of the Harpurhey Lyceum, has been presented with a silver medal as a mark of special merit for having attended the Lyceum for 6 years without missing once.

Friends in the Midlands will be interested to learn of a Lyceum having been opened at No. 13, St. Elmere Street, Grantham. We hope to hear more of their efforts.

The London, Plaistow, Lyceum has had to suspend its sessions for a time owing to lack of support. Hitherto the responsibility of carrying the Lyceum has fallen on the shoulders of one or two faithful workers.

We thank our readers for their letters of appreciation of our Selections from the Ancient Mythologies. When we come to consider that we can scarcely open a good book on poetry, ancient or modern, without meeting some of the heroes and heroines of mythology, or allusions to them; that we cannot enter a picture gallery but we find ourselves in the midst of these ancient gods and goddesses, it is important that we learn something concerning them and the part they played in the ancient cosmogony. But the study of mythology has a further claim on our attention, inasmuch as it is closely connected with history, philosophy, and theology. So while the stories interest the children they are at the same time educational, and will be of great value to them in years to come.

The *Blackpool Times* for Saturday, March 19th, contains a lengthy report, illustrated, of some strange spirit phenomena in a house situated in Albert Road, Blackpool. On one occasion the following startling request was found written on the polished surface of an undusted table, "Help Tom to get away from hell. Jonah Cartwright." On another occasion nearly the whole of two sections or leaves of a large screen were filled with writing. One section purports to be portions of a hymn, and the other contains a list of 25 names of people who have passed over, some of them nearly 40 years ago. We think it is a case the local Spiritualists Society would do well to investigate and report upon.

#### THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The members of the Executive Council will address a Propaganda Meeting, to be held in the Bolton, Bradford Street, Spiritual Hall, on April 10th, at 6-30 p.m., to be presided over by Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, President.

The members of the Executive will also attend the Lyceum Open Sessions held on the same date, and same Hall, at 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.

A tea will be provided for visitors at 6d. each.

We hope to meet many friends from the surrounding districts.

A Tea and Social will be held on the Saturday in honour of the occasion. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickets for Tea and Social 6d., for Social only 3d.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

### United Lyceum District Councils.

A meeting was held on Feb. 26th, in the Attercliffe Church, Sheffield, at 5-30 p.m. the following D.C.s being represented viz: Bradford, Halifax and Huddersfield, Liverpool, N.E. Lancs., and Rochdale, also the B.S.L.U.

Mr Latham was appointed Chairman.

After a lengthy explanation by the Secretary *re* our visit to Sheffield, it was,

*Resolved* "That Messrs. Oaten and Swindon be permitted to take part in the proceedings as representatives of the Sheffield District, where no Lyceum D.C. is in existence."

Several Lyceumists representing the following Lyceums were permitted to listen to the proceedings; viz: Attercliffe, Darnall, Heeley, Wombwell, Rotherham, Mexboro, and Barnsley. The chairman welcomed the friends. Which was suitably responded to.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Also the correspondence and Secretary's report. Apologies explaining absence were received from the Leeds D.C., also the N. Lancs. and Cumberland D.C.

Nominees for the B.S.L.U.E.C. were submitted as follows, viz:

Bradford D.C.....	Mr. H. Rau.
Rochdale D.C.....	Mrs. Nurse.
N.E. Lancs. D.C.....	Mr. Latham.
Liverpool D.C.....	Mr. R. A. Owen.
Nomination for President.....	Mrs. Nurse.
" Vice ".....	Mr. R. A. Owen.

The deferred motion from Halifax and Huddersfield D.C. was dismissed viz:

That examinations be held annually for proving the efficiency of Conductors and Leaders, that set courses be arranged, and judges appointed by the B.S.L.U.E.C.

After an interesting discussion it was

*Resolved*—"That the U.D.C. are of the opinion that set courses of examination would be inadvisable, but desire to impress upon all Lyceumists the necessity of self-education, and thus make themselves fit for the position of Conductors and Leaders."

It was agreed that our next meeting be held in the Bradford District, if possible. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local friends for their kind welcome and hospitality.

Under miscellaneous business the following was

*Resolved*—"That we, as U.D.C.s courteously ask the B.S.L.U.E.C. to conduct a Lyceum QUESTION and ANSWER column in the "LYCEUM BANNER"; also lessons on the Silver Chain and Golden Chain recitations, for the benefit of Conductors, and through them to the Lyceums; and that a voluntary examination of Lyceumists and officers be held annually through the columns of the "BANNER" and Merit Cards presented.

A discussion then ensued *re* the altered appearance of the "LYCEUM BANNER" which was greatly deplored. It was ultimately

*Resolved* "That the Liverpool D.C. be requested to introduce a motion at the Conference *re* the "BANNER" regaining its cover."

A vote of thanks was accorded to the B.S.L.U. delegates; Messrs. Johnson and Latham, for being present, after which a discussion ensued the Sheffield

friends taking part.

It was then unanimously,

*Resolved*—"That we strongly advise the Sheffield Lyceum representatives to resuscitate the Lyceum District Council as early as possible."

#### SUNDAY MEETINGS.

In view of the resuscitation of the D.C. arrangements were made for the delegates to visit a few of the District Lyceums as follows, viz:

*Attercliffe*.—Messrs. Latham, Peel, Highhan, Moorey, Lord, Rau, Wright, and Owen.

*Heeley*.—Messrs. Peel and Rau.

*Darnall*.—Mr. T. H. Wright.

*Rotherham*.—Messrs. Wright and Owen.

At 6-30 a Mass Meeting was held in the Attercliffe Church, Mr. Green presiding over a crowded audience.

The following addressed the Meeting. Messrs. Highham, Moorey, Peel, and R. A. Owen. Interest was added to the proceedings by the naming of a baby, Edwin Goodall, which was dedicated to the Lyceum movement by Mr. T. H. Wright.

Solos were sweetly rendered by Miss Rayner, and also assisted in making complete "A glorious Time" from which good will accrue.

R. A. OWEN Hon. Sec.

### The Bradford Lyceum District Council.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Bradford Lane, Thornbury, Bradford, on Sunday, March 6th, at 10-30 a.m. About 30 delegates and friends were present. Our President Mr. Arnold, occupied the chair. The following business was transacted. The minutes were read and confirmed. The correspondence was also disposed of. Several discussions arising from both.

*Resolved*—"That we accept the report of the U.D.C. delegate."

*Resolved*—"That the Secretary's annual report be accepted."

*Resolved*—"That the Treasurer's annual report be accepted."

*Resolved*—"That we accept the D.V.'s annual report."

Mr. Rau, the D.V., having made 34 visits during the year.

*Resolved*—"That the questions *re* the exchanging of Lyceum Teachers, and the advisability of Lyceum Visitors be adjourned till May 8th for further discussion."

*Resolved*—"That the intention of inviting the U.D.C. in Nov. and the B.S.L.U. annual Conference to Bradford be left for the delegates to take the matter to their respective Lyceums for discussion, so that they be prepared to forward invitations for our May meeting."

I might state here that the Ivy Rooms, Lyceum, Bradford, has kindly consented to invite the B.S.L.U. annual Conference.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—*President*, Mr. H. Arnold (Otley Road); *Vice-President*, Mr. L. Whitehead (Cleckheaton); *Secretary*, H. Bird-sall (Otley Road); *Treasurer*, Miss Pollard (Keighley); *D.V.*, Mr. H. Rau (Tong Street); *Auditors*, Mr. H. Barnes (Tong Street), and H. Hargreaves (Bradford Lane); *Judges* for the 1910 Bunting Competition:—Mr. H. Arnold (Otley Road); M. H. Hargreaves (Bradford Lane); Mr. J. Lightowler (unattached.)

*Resolved*—"That the following ladies and gentlemen be accepted as Associate Members:—

14, Mr. A. Midgley; 15, Mr. H. Scott; 16, Miss Bartrim; 17, Mr. F. Longbottom; 18, Miss Ackroyd all of Keighley; 19, Mrs. B. Jowett (Bradford Lane.)"

An open session was held in the afternoon. The room was almost full. Mr. H. Hargreaves (Bradford Lane), conducted. "Welcome to All," a most appropriate hymn, was heartily sung.

Mr. Arnold offered the invocation. Silver chain recitation, "A gentle kind Word"; musical reading, "Seeds of Promise"; golden chain recitation, "The three Rules." Marching and Calisthenics were exceedingly well rendered. Recitations by Vernon Webb and Elsie Fallan. Solos by Miss Farrar and H. Birdsall. Reading by A. Carver. Mr. H. Arnold and Mr. L. Whitehead gave brief addresses. Closing hymn "306." Mr. H. Alderson announced the benediction. In the evening the church was quite full. Mr. Arnold occupied the chair. Mr. Hargreaves opened with prayer. Mr. L. Whitehead spoke relating to education gained with the Lyceum work. Mr. Alderson gave a splendid address upon "The Sowers went forth to Sow." Mr. Rau based his remarks upon the "Value of Lyceum Work." Solos were ably rendered by Miss Pollard and Miss Farrar. The usual votes of thanks closed a very successful day.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Windhill, on Sunday, May 8th, at 10-30 a.m. Business:—

1, Minutes; 2, Correspondence; 3, Report of Concert Committee; 4, Re-inviting the U.D.C. and the B.S.L.U.; 5, Open Council; (a) Standing Orders; (1), The exchanging of Lyceum Teachers; (2), The advisability of Lyceum Visitors; 6, Miscellaneous.

H. BIRDSALL, Hon. Sec.

### Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

The annual meeting of the above council will be held at Elland, on Sunday, April 10th, 1910, to commence at 10-30 prompt.

Election of Officers:—

Nominations: *Presidents*, Mr. T. H. Wright and Mr. W. Burrows; *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. W. Burrows and Seth Ackroyd; *Secretary*, M. J. Sutcliffe; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. E. Ball; *District Visitors*, Mr. J. H. Wright, Mr. Harold Holroyd and Mr. Barker; *Auditors*, Mr. Hart and Mr. Wilby.

Important business to transact. Afternoon, open session, Evening, propaganda service conducted by the delegates.

H. PEEL, Hon. Sec.

### Leeds Lyceum District Council.

Annual meeting will held at Liversedge on Saturday, April 9th, at 3-30.

Auditors please attend for audit prior to business commencing.

*Special for Agenda*.—Motion for holding future quarterly meetings on Sunday, and Executive to occupy platform that day.

Delegates' reports for or against BANNER Competition and its nature.

C. J. HAYLAND, Secretary.

### Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

The fifth annual meeting of the above Council took place in the "Hamilton Hall," Birkenhead, at 3-0 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th, 1910, Mr. George Mathison, presiding. There was again a record attendance, every Lyceum, except two, being represented. Mr. Mathison remarked on the progress the D.C. had made during the past twelve months, and hoped it would continue to improve. Reference was made to the passing out of the body of our esteemed founder, A. J. Davis. The secretary was instructed to write letter of condolence to Mrs. Davies. Minutes were passed. A letter having been read from one of our past presidents (Mr. Bostock, South Africa), the secretary was instructed to write him in return, and point out the progress of the D.C. The Secretary quickly ran over the work of the D.C. during the past twelve months, pointing out where improvements had been made in different directions, including the commencement of two new Lyceums Widnes and Earlstown. Secretary's, Treasurer's, D.V.'s, Auditor's, and U.D.C. representatives reports were accepted. The two children's prize essays were awarded to Miss May Robb (Birkenhead), and Mr. Fred Homer (Crewe). It was decided to suspend for a time the children's essays. It was decided to hold a united Picnic and Sports, Lyceums to choose one of the three following places:—Halewood, Barnston, and Fordsham, and forward to the secretary on or before 9th April. Majority of votes to decide place, which will be announced by the secretary. It was decided that the D.C. send up the following motion to the Conference:—"That this D.C. recommend the B.S.L.U. to place a suitable binding or back on the LYCEUM BANNER." Lyceums were requested to support Mrs. Nurse for president of B.S.L.U., and Mr. R. A. Owen for vice-presidency; also Mrs. Nurse, Mr. Owen, Mr. R. Latham, and Mr. H. Rau for the executive. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Mr. George Mathison, Birkenhead; *Secretary*, Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford Avenue, Crewe (kindly note change of Secretary); *Treasurer*, Mr. Fiddes, Seacombe; *District Visitor*, Mr. R. A. Owen, Liverpool; *Auditors*, Mr. Monks (Wigan), and Mr. Bull (Birkenhead); *Delegate to Conference*, Mr. Walker. The Secretary was instructed to write to Warrington kindly requesting them to invite the D.C. to hold its September meeting at their Hall. Mr. Mathison was instructed to buy the shield, the engraving to be left in the hands of the executive, Wigan to be presented with the shield at the next meeting; the competition to be again commenced immediately arrangements can be made. Thanks was presented to the retiring secretary, in which it was stated that he hoped to be able to take up active work again. Thanks were also given to the local friends for excellent tea and loan of hall. After the meeting a Social and Dance was held, Mr. Gray making a very able M.C. The following contributed to the success of the evening:—Miss O'Keef, Misses Gray and friend, Miss Dagleish, Mr. Monks, and Mr. Fiddes. Excellent services were conducted in the Co-operative Hall on the Sunday evening, the following taking part Messrs. Matheson, Walker, Fiddes, Mack, Pearson, Powell, Owen, Gawthorpe, Monks, Rogers, Walker and Bithell.

GEORGE A. MACK.

### Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

At the annual meeting of the Council held on Saturday, March 19th, at Hollinwood, Byrom Street, it was with deep regret that the Council learned of the impending retirement from our midst of Mr. John Jackson, who has held office as treasurer since its formation. He has also laboured assiduously and successfully in Lyceum and Society work, holding important and responsible offices, and fulfilling duties to the delight and satisfaction of all who worked with him. Change of residence, involving removal from Manchester, is responsible for this regrettable separation.

Mr. J. C. Chappell, another very earnest and ardent worker, who, through pressure of business, is compelled to retire from active service on the Council, has held office of secretary since the Council's formation, during which time he has faithfully fulfilled the duties falling to his office.

With deepest regret the resignations were accepted, and the sincerest thanks of all present were accorded to our two brothers for their past labours. Our hope is that each may find still further satisfaction in watching the progress of the movement for which both have laboured so hard and so long and so ungrudgingly.

ANNIE E. BENTLEY.

### North Lancashire and Cumberland District Council.

The second annual meeting of the above was held at Ulverston on Saturday, March 12th, 1910. All Lyceums represented with the addition of Lancaster. The following resolutions were passed: 1, Minutes of last meeting be passed as read; 2, that balance sheet be held over on account of auditor's report; 3, that we, as a Council, adopt Essay Competition for Lyceumist under 14 years of age and over; 4, that prizes consist of Spiritual Works until such time that certificates can be printed; 5, that we have a united annual outing to take place in June, the Council suggesting that it be held at Arnside; 6, that the D.V.'s report and explanation be accepted; 7, that we elect Mr. D. Griffiths to represent this D.C. at the B.S.L.U. Conference at Birkenhead; 8, that we recommend to the Union Miss Mather as D.V. for the ensuing year. Election of officers: *President*, Mr. Dobson; *Secretary*, J. W. Huddleston; *Treasurer*, Mr. A. Bleasdale; *District Visitor*, Miss Winifred Mather; *Auditors*, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Stephenson. It was decided to hold next meeting at Barrow-in-Furness. After the business was closed everyone partook of a splendid tea, ably provided by Ulverston friends. There was also an open meeting afterwards for discussion which was very enthusiastic.

J. HUDDLESTON, Secretary.

### North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

The annual meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, March 19th, in the new Spiritual Church, Town Head, Barnoldswick, the president of the Council (Mr. Moorey) presiding.

The Secretary presented the annual report, which showed that there were 20 Lyceums affiliated to the Council being an increase of 2 on the year—numbering 1,544 scholars, an increase of 33 scholars. The balance sheet was read and accepted, which showed a deficiency.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—*President*, Mr. T. Holland, Blackburn; *Secretary*, Mr. G. C. Higham, Padiham; *Treasurer*, Mr. J. Nightingale, Darwen; *District Visitor*, Mr. R. Latham, Burnley; *Auditors*, Messrs. Chippendale and Thornton.

The Secretary presented the report of the U.D.C. meeting held at Sheffield.

The competition of the Lyceums for the Silver Shield commences on the first Sunday in April, and it was decided that the order of the visit of adjudicator be left in the hands of the E.C. It was suggested that a collection should be taken at the Lyceum on the Sunday of competition in aid of the funds of the Council.

The thanks of the Council were tendered to the retiring officers and to the local friends for their kind invitation and entertainment.

The selection of next place of meeting in June was left in the hands of the E.C.

GEORGE C. HIGHAM, Secretary.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, March 6th, we had our monthly open session. Good responses to the Golden and Silver Chain recitations were given. Marches and calisthenics were fairly well gone through. Readings were given by Miss Dransfield, Jane Yates, Mr. Wrigley and Mr. Beech. We also had a few remarks from Mr. Grindley (of Chester), our speaker for the anniversary that day. He spoke in reference to our clean church, which had just been beautified. He said a clean church did not constitute everything, we must be clean spiritually and bound together in love and truth to obtain true and lasting progress.—A. France.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, March 6th, the above Lyceum held its usual open session, James Kendall (Secretary) being the chairman. The following Lyceumists rendered their pieces in grand style:—Songs by Mr. Cox, Mrs. Kellett, Miss May Hopson, and Miss Jennie Kendall; pianoforte solo by Iris Harris; recitations by Herbert Harris, Harry Helme, Edith Harris, Iris Harris and Mabel Brocklebank.—James Kendall, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD (Hamilton).—On March 6th our services were in the Co-operative Hall, Catherine Street, in which all our services will henceforth be held. It was open session, our numbers being augmented for this occasion by the Lyceums of Daulby Hall and Star of Progress, Liverpool, and Seacombe, and various representatives from other neighbouring towns. We had a glorious session, with upward of 300 children and adults, and we feel confident that in entering this new hall our work will have very beneficial results, and we are all harmoniously working with the parent society. On the 13th Liverpool District Council conducted our services, which were also very successful. Our Lyceum has on its register upwards of 90 children.—John Parry.

BLACKPOOL (Albert Road).—On Wednesday, February 23rd, we held our annual tea and prize distribution. The tea was served by Mrs. Garlick and Miss Liversidge, assisted by others, and afterwards the Lyceum scholars did the marching and calisthenics, led by Mr. I. Meadows. The younger scholars gave a cantata, entitled "Tinty Tot's 7th Birthday," reflecting credit on Mr. E. G. Birch's teaching. The prizes were then given by our Conductor, Mr. Musgrove, assisted by Mr. Eaton. A dialogue, given by the 2nd females, was a success. Songs were given by scholars, viz., Misses Barnes, Webster, Musgrove, Walker, East and Howarth, and Mr. B. Catlow and F. Wrigley. Miss Harvey gave a pianoforte solo. The accompanist all the evening was Mr. Proctor.—G. W. Garlick, Secretary.

**No Lyceum Reports next month.**

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—This Lyceum is progressing very favourably. On March 12th we held a cobweb social, which was a success. On Sunday, March 13th, we held our annual prize distribution, and our Conductor, Mr. Billsbrough, gave the prizes away in a most able manner. A special prize was presented to Thomas Worthington for remarks on Silver Chain recitations. Four special prizes are to be offered next year.—Robert Wilson, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Blanche Street).—On Sunday, March 6th, we held our usual open session, it also being the Bradford Lyceum District Council Annual Meeting. We had a very good time with scholars and friends, every one trying to make it a success. We have opened a new hall and shall be known in future as the Laisterdyke, Bradford Lane, Lyceum. In the evening the meeting was addressed by the officers and delegates of the Council, a good day being spent on behalf of the children.—J. Babbs.

**BRADFORD** (Boynton Street).—Our open session, Sunday, March 6th, was very good and showed progress and earnestness of our Lyceum workers. Recitations were given by Misses F. Windus and A. Ward, Masters N. Haley, W. Thompson and Harry McIntosh. Songs out of the Manual were given by Misses E. Chambers and Hilda McIntosh. We were visited by a Co-Lyceumist from Tong Street, namely, Master J. W. Garrod, who sang "At the Beautiful Gate," which was much appreciated. We were also favoured with friends from Shipley Lyceum. Our Lyceum Anniversary will be on April 3rd, when we shall have the presence of the Editor, Mr. Kitson, and we invite any friends wishing to come on that date.—A.E.C.

**BRADFORD** (Dudley Hill).—We held our open sessions on March 6th with hymn "Shoulder to shoulder," after which the following took part:—Mr. S. Kitchingman, Alwyn Dennison, Miss Ida Fearnley, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Gummersall. Much praise is due to Master Pearson Bentley, a visitor, who gave violin solos, which were well appreciated by all present.—Mrs. Seed, Secretary.

**No Lyceum Reports next month**

**BRIXTON** (84, Stockwell Park Road).—We are having our second anniversary on 25th March with an open session followed by tea. On 27th February Master Foll gave a recitation entitled "Four stories." On 6th March Mr. Lambton sang "Rocked in the cradle of the Deep." On 13th March were given recitations by Ivy Draxter, "When mother was a little girl," and by Doris Richmond, "Daffa-down-dilly." On 20th I visited Fulham and was very pleased. We mean to fan this Lyceum into a flame of enthusiasm.—Alex. Brooking.

**BURNLEY** (Hammerton Street).—On March 6th we had our usual open session, which was very well attended by scholars and friends. The following Lyceumists took part:—Recitations by Ivy Redman, Martha Longworth, Mrs. Metcalfe and Mr. Richards. Songs were rendered by Winnie Thompson and May Edmondson, Messrs. Metcalfe, Forrest, Potter and C. Forrest, and reading by Mr. Bailey. A most enjoyable time was spent under the Conductorship of Mr. H. Bailey.—Mrs. Riley, Secretary.

**CHADDERTON**.—On Sunday, February 27th, we held our Lyceum open session in the afternoon. Marching and calisthenics fairly good. Recitations by Mr. J. W. Kenyon, our Conductor, and Mr. J. Pleasant. In the evening a service of song, entitled "The Strolling Minstrel," was rendered by the Lyceumists, reading by Mrs. Oldfield, solos by Mrs. Hilton, Mr. J. Pleasant and Mrs. Davies. Our friends from Cotton Street, Royton, paid us a visit.—Mrs. Oldfield, Secretary.

**CHESTERFIELD** (Low Pavement).—On Sunday we held our open session. There was a good attendance, but only two came prepared with recitations, these being Elsie Bradshaw and Vera Green, whose efforts were much appreciated. Elsie McDonald, a visitor, gave a violin solo, which was well rendered and received with marked appreciation.—T. Brewin, Secretary.

**DARWEN**.—On Sunday, March 6th, the usual open session and service was held. Recitations were ably given by Dora and Alice Marsden, and Louise Betts. Solos were rendered by Mr. J. Pearce and Mr. F. Taylor. A violin duet was given by Mr. J. Betts and James Grime. Marching and calisthenics were also gone through. Mr. M. Harwood spoke for a few minutes. Mrs. Kirkham conducted. On March 12th a tea,

concert and social was held. About 130 persons sat down to a good tea, after which a capital concert was given by the Darwen Male Quartette, assisted by Mr. C. Pearce and Mr. W. Green (humorist). There was also dancing. Mr. Walmsley and Mr. Jenkinson were the accompanists. Mr. Harwood presided.—J. Nightingale, Secretary.

**DERBY** (Charnwood Street).—On March 6th we held our open session, which was well attended. The following took part:—Pianoforte solos by Misses Jessie Hardy and Edith Athey. Mr. Hardy (Conductor) sang a solo, as also did Miss Beatrice Blood; recitations by Denny Hardy and Bobby Fricker. Mrs. Law spoke a few encouraging words. On March 2nd the Lyceumists gave a fairy play, entitled "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," which was a great success. On January 18th we were invited to perform the same at St. James Road Council Schools, there being about 500 children and adults present, and we hope that this will be the means of bringing more children to our Lyceum.—G. H. Wade, Sec.

**ELLAND** (James Street).—On Saturday, February 26th, we held our annual tea and prize distribution. About 70 persons sat down to tea, which was provided by the Lyceumists. Mr. E. Hesselden (Conductor) took charge of the social which followed, consisting of games, songs and dancing. Messrs. Hansons' Band played for dancing. Songs were given by Master Walter Waterhouse and Mr. J. H. Greenwood, and recitations by Miss H. Bowes. Mr. S. Ackroyd, of Huddersfield (Ramsden Street Lyceum) kindly presented the prizes for regular attendance, also speaking a few words of encouragement. The proceeds were in aid of the Piano Fund.—M. A. Marsden, Secretary.

**FOLESHILL** (Broad Street).—On Sunday, March 13th, we held our annual meeting and election of officers, Mr. W. H. Grant kindly presiding. The following officers were elected: Mr. J. Cox, conductor; Miss P. Bambrick, musical conductor; Miss A. Cox, assistant musical conductor; Mr. Pretty, captain of guards; Mr. J. Gibbs, secretary and district visitor; Mr. A. Potts and Miss E. Kerby, guardians. The following to be on the committee:—Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Taylor, Miss Austin and Miss W. Cox. Mr. W. H. Grant welcomed new officers and spoke on Lyceum work. On Sunday, March 20th, Mr. Morgan, who is D.V., paid us a surprise visit and he was highly pleased in the way our Lyceum was conducted. He also spoke a few words on "Joy Bells."—J. Gibbs, Sec.

**FORDSBURG** (South Africa).—On Sunday, February 13th, we were pleased to welcome Mrs. M. Thompson, who gave us a verbal message of love and fraternal greeting from the Lyceum Union in England, also one from Mr. A. Kitson, which we were very pleased to receive. We know that there is a good distance between us, but for all that the connecting link is a strong bond of love and sympathy, which every Lyceumist ought to extend to each other. We had an attendance of 31. We hope our numbers will swell greatly before the end of the year. All the children present gave pearls, which were very nice. The marching and calisthenics had to be left out for want of time.—George Jose, age 10 years.

**GLASGOW** (141, Waterloo Street).—A most interesting lime-light lecture was given to the Lyceum by Mr. H. H. Thompson, the subject being "A tour through Spain." The lecture was much appreciated. On Sunday, 6th March, Mr. Geo. Cole, of Middlesbrough, delivered the opening address to our Liberty Group, his subject being "The right use of the Bible." The lecture proved one of keen interest to the group. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Cole. Our Lyceum at present is in a very satisfactory condition. Scholars and teachers alike take a keen interest in the work.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secretary.

**No Lyceum Reports next month.**

**GREAT HARWOOD** (off Westwell Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, March 6th. The silver chain recitation was led by Mr. Thornley. The musical reading was led by Misses Nora Wrigley, Alice Anderton and Mary A. Holt. The golden chain recitation was led by Harry Waterhouse. Recitations were afterwards given by Nora Wrigley, Edith Birtwistle, Hilda Fenton, Annie Owen, Alfred Ainsworth, Master A. Holt and Ferdinald Valentine. Taking all into consideration we had a good session.—Miss Alice Anderton, Secretary.

**HALIFAX** (Raven Street).—Sunday, March 20th, was an open session, as requested by our speaker, Mrs. Bentley (Manchester), who conducted very ably and gave encouraging advice. Recitations were given by Misses M. Moorhouse, L. Waddington, D. Marvel, A. Jowett, E. Redman, U. Marvel,

and Masters H. Blackburn and W. Wade. Miss A. Crabtree sang "Flowers of the garden" very ably. Misses M. Shaw and E. Culpnan sang a duet, being well appreciated. Masters A. Ablett and C. Fitton, and Miss G. Helliwell remarked on the musical reading. Mr. E. Shaw conducted the calisthenics. The afternoon was pleasant and instructive, the attendance of officers and teachers being 88. The large audience much enjoyed the session. Mr. Marvel gave a few encouraging remarks also.—Levi Blackburn, Secretary.

**HINDLEY (Bridge Street).**—We held our annual concert and prize distribution on February 26th. Mr. Billsborough, our District Visitor, was present and distributed prizes to twenty-eight of our fifty-eight scholars. Wigan Lyceumists also took part in our concert, and we sincerely thank them for their kind services.—R. Barrington, Secretary.

**HOLLINWOOD (Byrom Street).**—During the month Mr. Driver, of Hollinwood, has given us three delightful subjects for discussion, one remarkable one being "What proof have we of a future life," which was highly pleasing, causing much discussion among the elders, whom we are pleased are again increasing in numbers. We are also pleased to note the big success of our monthly officers' meeting to discuss the welfare of the Lyceum, the result being so far a big success both intellectually and financially, as we have formed an officers' weekly collection for the purpose of new Manuals and in time to provide funds to pay expenses for teachers to lead our Group Classes.—E. Snape, Assistant Secretary.

#### No Lyceum Reports next month.

**HYDE (Clarendon Street).**—On Sunday, March 13th, we held our annual meeting and election of officers. The following were elected:—Conductor, Mr. J. Smith; Assistant Conductor, Mr. R. Armitage; Secretary, Miss E. Bottomley; Treasurer, Mr. J. Dean; Guardians, Miss Kerslate and Mr. Redfern; Leaders, Mr. R. Armitage, Miss E. Lancashire; Assistant Leaders, Miss H. Batman and Mr. J. Fitton; Leader of Calisthenics, Miss A. Gray; Captain of Guards, Mr. Miller; Money Stewards, Mr. J. Dean, Mr. J. Fitton; Musical Directors, Mrs. Mattocks, Mr. S. Armitage and Mr. J. H. Meal.—Miss E. Bottomley, Secretary.

**KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).**—On February 26th we held our annual tea and prize distribution. About 135 sat down to a good, tea which had been given voluntarily by members and friends. The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. Houldsworth, Assistant Conductor. Mrs. Joe Kay presented the prizes to the 30 successful scholars. We also had with us Mr. Macbeth Bain (London), who gave us an interesting address on "Healing." The entertainment was sustained by the following Lyceumists:—Recitations, Master Theo. Clarke, Misses A. Whitaker, C. Ackroyd, M. Walker and Alice Kay; songs by Misses S. Kay, A. Thompson and Wastell; and duet by Misses Wastell and Stair. The effort was a success. Mrs. Kay gave a short speech before distributing the prizes.—Miss M. L. Stair, Secretary.

**LEEDS.**—On Monday, March 22nd, we held our half-yearly meeting, which included the election of officers. The following were elected into office after other business had been dealt with:—Mr. S. Lee, Conductor; Mr. Sam Sykes, Assistant; John Warrington, Secretary; Mr. W. Sykes, Treasurer; Miss Lizzie Oddy, Librarian; Miss A. Armitage, Guardian; Mr. I. Barraclough, Registrar; Mr. S. Lee, Delegate; John Warrington, Captain of Guards; Group Leaders, Mr. S. Lee, Miss Annie Armitage, Mr. W. Speight and Mr. I. Barraclough. The following volunteered to be Musical Directors: Mr. Hayland, Miss E. Lee, Miss Elsie Lambert and Miss Elsie Sharp. Business was gone through fairly well, with the exceptions of electing Guards, which was left open for volunteers.—John Warrington, Secretary.

**LEICESTER (Queen Street).**—On Sunday, March 6th, we held a very good session, when the liberty group took the platform and rendered readings, recitations and solos from the Lyceum Manual, the following Lyceumists taking part:—Misses N. Newcombe, Seden, M. Wilson, Baldwin, Mr. Baldwin, W. Wright and Master York. On Sunday, March 13th, we had a very enjoyable session, when was named one of our leader's little daughters, Kate Alma Wicks, the ceremony being performed by our good worker Mr. W. Wright, after which he read a poem and spoke a few words of encouragement to the parents. A recitation, entitled "Baby," was given by Miss G. Hunter, after which suitable hymns were sung, thus ending a very good session.—James Bishop, Secretary.

**LONDON, TOTTENHAM.**—On Sunday, March 6th, we held our annual meeting and election of officers for the next six months, the results being as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Barrington; Treasurer, Miss Jeffries; Secretary, Harold H. Jones; Guardian, Nellie Barnes; Captain of Guards, Lily Blick; Assistant, Kathleen Jones; Librarian, Dorothy Steel; Musical Director, Miss Jeffries; Leader of Liberty Group, Mr. Barrington; Fountain Group, Nellie Barnes. On March 20th Miss Turner was presented with a very pretty biscuit barrel on the occasion of her marriage with Mr. T. C. Dawson. Miss Turner initiated the Tottenham Lyceum and brought it successfully through most critical times, devoting much time and energy. Miss Turner was Conductor for several years and has also filled other offices.—Harold H. Jones, Secretary.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—It is with pleasure that I report the conduct of our Lyceum for the past month. The attendance has been over the average and discipline very good. Also during the sessions we have been favoured by songs, recitations and instrumental solos, which have been well appreciated. On Wednesday, March 9th, the Lyceum children repeated their entertainment which was given at Christmas, and they did credit to themselves and to those who trained them, there being a very good attendance.—Wm. Albinson, Secretary.

**MANCHESTER, COLLYHURST.**—Our open sessions were a great success. In addition to the presence of Mr. Knight, Bolton, we had a surprise visit from Mr. Chappel and Mr. Hepworth. In the morning Mr. Knight addressed the scholars in his own homely way and was given close attention. Mr. Crutchley also spoke. In the afternoon the session opened with hearty singing. Mr. Hepworth led S.C.R. "Life is what we make it." His remarks on same were very edifying. Mr. Knight took G.C.R. "The philosophy of life," and his remarks were lucid and well selected. Evening Mr. Knight spoke, his subject being "Man's place in the Universe, Physically, Mentally and Spiritually." It was a very fine address, but time was too short.—J. Parkinson, Secretary.

**MANCHESTER, HARPURHEY (Milford Street).**—On Saturday, 26th February, we held our annual distribution of prizes and concert. Mr. Wightman, our conductor, presided, and our late Conductor, Mr. Jackson, officiated at the prize distribution, the first half of the concert being given by the Lyceum children (trained by Mr. Newsome) and the following rendered songs, duets, &c.:—Misses Annie and Alice Newman, Lilian Carradine, Hetty Duncan, Ethel Broadfield, Hetty Farrer, and Master Joseph Newsome, and delighted a large audience with their refined and up-to-date performance. The second half concluded with a harp selection by Mr. Newsome and songs by Mrs. Skarratt, Mrs. Broadfield and Messrs. Newsome and Skarratt, and a sketch, entitled "The Sculptor's Lament," which were well enjoyed. All spent a very pleasant evening.—J. Skarratt, Secretary.

**SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).**—On February 27th a good paper was read by Mr. Cox, subject, "A Survey, How can we Help?" giving thoughts of how to put Spiritualism on a higher basis. On March 9th a grand social was held, many friends partaking of an excellent tea, after which a sketch, entitled "The Valet De Sham," was presented by the following Lyceumists:—Messrs. Hepton, Chappell, Eskersall, Evans, Misses Robinson and Hardcastle, who were greatly praised for the able manner and spirit they gave it with. Dancing brought a most harmonious and successful event to a close. On March 13th, open sessions, when Mr. Brummitt kindly gave a service of song, entitled "Facts stranger than fiction," it being highly appreciated by all.—(Miss) M. M. Harrison, Secretary.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On March 6th the Lyceum children gave a service of song, "An Angel in Disguise." Miss M. Bessant did the reading. On March 13th Mr. Joseph Armitage gave an account of the first Lyceum, how it was conducted and what books they used. On March 20th, agreed to send three delegates to Birkenhead, also to send three others as visitors so that they may become delegates another year. Band of Hope gave a concert on March 8th, which included a cantata, "The White Garland." The children were well trained by Mr. Fred Robson.

#### No Lyceum Reports next month.

**NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.**—Our open session was well attended by friends and members of our Lyceum. We had some good recitations and duets, which were well applauded. The speaker for the day, Mr. Wyvel, gave a short address on "Lyceum work," and promised to give two prizes for the

best pieces given, both in quality and rendering, between that date and anniversary Sunday, so we expect quite a number of competitors for the prizes. We are having a social and dance on Easter Monday and all are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.—D. Godfrey, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (20, Royal Arcade).—On Sunday, March 6th, we held our prize distribution. Songs, recitations and pianoforte solos were rendered by the following scholars:—Recitations by Misses Bentley, Mein, Smart, Ellison, and Masters Mein and Oswald; solo by Mrs. Hume, "Open the door for the children"; violin solo by Master Walton, "Abide with me"; pianoforte solos by Misses Bella Seed and Nora Reader, Master Jack Bentley. Mrs. Clarke then presented prizes for good attendance to Misses Winter, Bentley, Servant, G. Seed, S. Seed, V. Ellison, J. Ellison, Baston, Mein, Martin, Walton, Douthwaite, Smart, and Masters N. Walton, C. Walton, F. Oswald, E. Mein, A. Walton and J. Bentley. She also gave a short address and clairvoyant delineations. Mr. Kersey, who conducted the services, then closed.—D. R. Davies, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On March 13th we held a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, which proved quite a success. We were favoured with a visit by the Mechanics' Hall and Parliament Street Lyceumists, who turned up in good numbers. We are greatly indebted to the following friends who so kindly contributed towards the programme:—Songs, Madam Farnarth, Misses Carson, Dexter and Swadden, and Mr. Wm. Lester. Recitations, Miss Callender and six Lyceumists. Mr. Dakin (Conductor, Mechanics' Hall), ably presided, also giving a short address emphasising the need of cultivating purity of character. A vote of thanks was accorded to all who assisted in making the session so successful. Mr. Dakin responded, expressing the wish that the exchanging of visits will be long continued.—A. Shipley, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On February 26th we held a very successful social, when all present joined in parlour games, solos, recitations, or dancing, Master C. E. Waterhouse ably officiating at the piano. On Sunday, March 13th, we had with us Mr. Kershaw, the District Visitor for Bacup, who made some very encouraging remarks on Lyceum work.

OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—On Sunday, February 27th, we held our quarterly open session, which was well attended both afternoon and night. On this occasion we had our brother Mr. Kitson with us. Recitations and solos were given afternoon and night by the Lyceumists. In the afternoon Mr. Kitson spoke about the founder of the Lyceum movement, A. J. Davies, and in the evening on the early history of the Lyceum movement in England, which was enjoyed by all present. We all look forward to the time when we shall have another visit from Mr. Kitson.—J. H. J. Wilson, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—Our Lyceum held its 25th anniversary on Sunday, March 6th. In the afternoon we held an open session, and in the evening Mr. Alfred Kitson was the speaker. His subject was, "Count your blessings." A duet was sung by Miss Lizzie Dean and Miss M. Jenkinson, entitled "The Homeland." There were good attendances at both sessions.—W. Briggs.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—It is with pleasure that I can still report further progress. On February 27th we had with us Mr. R. A. Owen, of Boole, who conducted the morning session, Mr. Wright, of Sowerby Bridge, ably assisting, the session being thoroughly enjoyed by all. On March 6th we held our usual open session, which was well attended. Responses were very good and marching and calisthenics excellent, recitations from Lyceumists being very well received by the audience. Recitations were given by Elsie and Miriam Vernon, Annie Ridley, Edith O. Metcalfe, Evelyn Laurence, Arthur Bruce and Ernest Concom.—C. Dalton, Secretary.

SHAW (Lyon Street).—On Sunday, March 13th, we held an open session, the room being too small to accommodate the audience and Lyceum. The scholars went through their marching and calisthenics capably. Recitations were given by Misses Letty Shaw, Clara Wright, Alice Hyde, Willie Wormall, Willie Walkden and Robert Ingham; solos by Misses Nancy Rowlinson, Hannah Wright, Annie Plant and Maggy Plant. We had to omit some duets, etc., but pearls were given. The session passed off very well. There were no remarks, although strangers from other places of worship were present and seemed to enjoy the way we taught our children.—J. Leigh, Conductor.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On February 27th at the morning session we had with us six representatives of the National Executive of the Lyceum Union Council. Mr. Higham opened the session with "Open the door for the children." Mr. Moorey gave opening invocation. Mr. Latham addressed the Lyceum on "Cause and effect," from silver chain recitation, and Mr. Lord on the "Powers of observation. Afternoon—Mr. Owen answered questions on the silver chain recitation. Miss Rayner, soloist, gave "Sweet golden age." Recitations were given by Ernest Pegg, W. H. Bowmer and Florry Green. Evening—Mr. Webster welcomed the Executive on behalf of the Society. Mr. Wright named the infant grandson of the founder of our Lyceum. Addresses were given by the Executive.—H. Bowmer, Secretary.

#### No Lyceum Reports next month.

SHEFFIELD (Balaclava Road).—On Saturday, March 12th, we had a concert for the benefit of the Lyceum. It was well attended and a splendid success. We opened with the song "The Old Folks at Home," given by the Conductor and six Lyceumists. Then followed a sketch and several recitations, including "The Pipes at Lucknow," by Master James Myers, and "Horatius," by Master Horace Lamphere. Mr. Vernon, from Heeley, came and entertained us with humorous recitations and talk. Two songs and a recitation by Mr. B. Illingworth were well appreciated. Mr. Barker also made a speech. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Alker, the chairman, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—B. Illingworth, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On February 27th we held our open session. After the usual items of the session, Mr. Peel (Huddersfield), Mr. Raw (Bradford) and Mr. Ernest Oaten briefly addressed the Lyceum. Mr. B. Magness gave a brief outline of United District Council meeting, held February 26th, at Attercliffe. March 20th, Lyceum Propaganda Day. Open session in afternoon. Pianoforte solo by Mr. E. Vickers. Solos rendered by Miss Brooks, Richard Vernon, Norman Olive; recitations by Evelyn Hempstock, Florence Vernon, Nellie Beardoe, Fannie Olive, Doris Horton, Jack Richards, Hugh Cecil Truelove. In the evening a deputation from Attercliffe Lyceum conducted the service. Recitations were rendered by Miss Appleby and solo by Mr. Pearson. Addresses by Mr. J. K. Jones and Mr. Green.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—The powers that be have issued a decree which implies that our approaching Lyceum anniversary must transcend all efforts hitherto attempted. With this as our object, active preparations are in operation to comply with the fiat and there is every prospect that—as the "Workers Win"—our endeavours will, in the ultimate, be appreciated and meet with universal approbation. The following have contributed to our usual weekly programme:—Misses Clara Hardy, Dulcie Hardy, Lucy Bolton, Josey Bolton, Hilda Riding, and Master Ernest Richardson. We have been favoured with a visit from Mr. Mathison, President of the Liverpool D.C. He spoke encouragingly to the Lyceum, inspiring us all with a feeling of new life and enthusiasm.—(Miss) Edith Beaumont.

STOCKPORT (Central).—A merry evening passed swiftly away at a social held by the Lyceum on March 5th. This was the last of a number held in aid of the Lyceum Funds. The Liberty Group have of late had several interesting discussions on the following subjects:—"Who made God, and what is God?" "Re-incarnation," "Good and evil." Also several articles have been read from the "Two Worlds," and commented upon. We hope that the interest created will live long and that our numbers will increase.—J. H. Marston, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—We have had no special efforts since we got into our new premises, but are very pleased to be able to inform all Lyceumists that we have made a steady increase in scholars since the beginning of the year and hope that by the close of this year we shall have reached the proud position of having over 100 Lyceumists on our roll. May each one in the Lyceum do his or her best to bring this about.—R. Brown, Secretary.

TODMORDEN.—Our open session was held on March 6th. Duet, "Summer-land," by Misses Lilian Firth and Edith Skerret. Golden chain reading by Masters Ben Pellowe and Harold Firth, "Our duties." Misses Lilian M. Firth, Betsy Alice Crossley and Edith Skerret sang "There's rest for thee at home."—James Arthur Sutcliffe, Secretary.

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

- Accrington,** Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. A. Whittle, 58, Pasetow-treet  
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**Altrincham,** 15, Kingsway (late Stamford-street), 2-30 p.m., Miss Harris, 27, Place-road.  
**Armley,** Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. and 2-15. Mr. John Warrington, jr., 23, Thornville Crescent, Brudenell-road, Leeds.  
**Ashington,** 2 p.m. Miss Kate Wilson, 23, Fifth Row, Ashington, via Morpeth  
**Ashton-under-Lyne,** Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Beech, 49 Burlington street  
**Bacup,** Market-street, 2 p.m. Miss Olive Martin, 147a, South View, Newchurch-road.  
**Barnoldswick** Green-street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. Ernest Holden, New House Farm, Brodgen, nr Colne  
**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.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Abbey-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. Joseph Dobson, 28, Argyle-street.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mr. James Kendall, 31, O-borne-street.  
**Barry Dock,** Sea View Hall, Sea View-rd., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Sweetman, 27, Milward-road, Cadroxton  
**Batley Carr,** Carr-street, 10 and 2. Miss P. Mortimer, Holly Cottage, Staincliffe, Batley  
**Belper,** Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside  
**Birkenhead,** Co-op. Hall, Catherine street 11 a.m. Mr. John Parry, 140, Harr-wby road  
**Birmingham,** 52, Crawford-street, Sattley, 3-0. Mr. H. Reeves, 115, Rocky-lane, Nechells  
**Birmingham,** Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick  
**Blackburn,** Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. W. Hastings 20, Charlotte 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, Whitgate Drive  
**Bolton,** Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Robert Wilson, 42, Lever Street  
**Bradford,** Laisterdyke, Bradford-lane, 10 and 1-30. Mr. James Babbs, 4, Walnut-st., Leeds-road  
**Bradford,** Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30. Miss F. Beanland, 193, Priestman-street, Manningham  
**Bradford,** Little Horton, Star-street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. Robinson, 9, Spicer-street, Little Horton  
**Bradford,** Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Edith Flatt, 75, Airedale-road  
**Bradford,** Shirley-road (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mrs. Seed, H. desville, Shetcliffe-lane, Dudley Hill  
**Bradford,** West Bowling, Boynton-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. E. Carter, 29, Wakefield-rd. E. Bowling  
**Brighouse,** Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Thomas Flintill, 185, Bradford-road, Thornhill 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 Place  
**Burnley,** Hammerton-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mrs. Riley, 55, Gordon-street.  
**Burnley,** North-street, 9-30 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. W. Whittle, 78, Hurtle-street  
**Burton-on-Trent,** Hurlinglow-wharfe, 10 and 2-45. Mr. H. Brownhall, 18, 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  
**Chesterfield,** 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.  
**Darwin,** Chu chbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 10, Pine Street  
**Dearley,** Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Hy J. Manning, 11, Croft st., Halifax Hill, 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, 11, 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  
**Earlstown,** 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, 42, Lower Wellington street, 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. H. A. Kerr, 256, Craig street, Kinning Park  
**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 Anderton, 48, St. Edmund Street, nr Blackburn.  
**Grimshy,** 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. Utley, Dale View, Mytholm-rovd, S.O., Yorks.  
**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.  
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**Huddersfield,** St. Peter-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Nellie Crowe, 16, Grove-street.  
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**Hyde,** Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss G. Bottomley, 64, Clarendon street  
**Jarrow,** Market-square, 2 p.m. Miss Alice Greaves, 31 Beech street  
**Johannesburg,** 132, President-street, 11 a.m. Mr. J. Gott, P.O. Box 4  
**Keighley,** Heber-street, 10 and 2. Miss M. L. Stair, North-street  
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**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, Gernyn-street, Melton-road.  
**Leicester,** Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Bishop, 10, Mere-road.  
**Leigh,** Brown-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Woodward, 22, Poet's Nook, Lancs.  
**Leigh,** Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Robinson, 14, Seltion Street, Lancs.  
**Lincoln,** Exchange Arcade, 10-1 a.m. Mr. Harry C. Dobby, 4, Well-lane  
**Littletown,** Well-st., 10-30 and 2. Miss E. A. Poulkitt, The He dlands, 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. Cretney, 21, Chantry-street, Edge Hill  
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**Manchester,** Ardwick, 58, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Lily Sims, 96, Cranworth-street, C. on M.  
**Manchester,** Crescent-road, Cheetham Hill-rd, 10-3 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
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- Manchester, Higher Openshaw, Beulah-street, 2-30.** Mr. John Hy. Wilson, 5, Montana St., Hr. Openshaw
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- Shaw, Lyon-st., 10 and 2.** Mr. J. Leigh, 478, Manchester-road, near Oldham
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- Sheffield, Balaclava-road, 2 p.m.** Mr. B. Illingworth, 75, Normandale road, Langsett road
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- Sheffield, Heeley Temperance Hall, 379, Bramhall lane 10 and 2-30** Mr. G. Stevenson, 2, Bovton st., Heeley
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- Shipley, Teal-court, 10-30 and 1-45.** Mr. E. H. Coles 4, St. Paul's rd.
- Slaitwhait, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m.** Mr. John Sutcliffe, 45, Carr lane, near Huddersfield
- Southport, Hawkshead-street, 3 p.m.** Miss Edith Beaumont, 48, Station Road, Ainsdale, Southport
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- Uppermill, Court-street, 2 p.m.** Mr. John Shaw, Co-op Terrace, near Oldham
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- Windhill, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30.** Mr. A. Scott, 90, Valley-street, near Shipley
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- Wombwell, 2-30 a.m.** Mr. S. D. Spittlehouse, 13, New-st., near Barnsley
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- York, Cromwell road, 10-30 a.m.** Mr. Bilbrough, 7, Vine Street, Bishopthorpe Road
- York, St. Saviour Gate, 10-30 and 1-30.** Mr. J. H. Baldwin, 2, Trafalgar-street

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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, Blagrave st., 2-30** Mr. Percy R. Street, Res't Missioner, Blagrave street
- Royston, 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
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