

# THE LYCEUM BANNER

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## Character Sketch of our President.

BY ONE WHO KNOWS HER.

The Rochdale (Regent Hall) Lyceum are happy and proud. Their Conductor has, by vote of the Conference, been placed in the highest position the Lyceum Union has to offer. The delegates have had a chance to see and hear our President: the Lyceumists in general have not, and it is for the benefit of the latter I now place before the readers of the LYCEUM BANNER this short character sketch.

Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, formerly a Congregationalist, and now the wife of the son of our first Lyceum Conductor, has been a member of the Regent Hall Lyceum for a long period and has been Senior Conductor of the Lyceum for many years; a position which she at present holds. Gifted with a large power of initiative, she has displayed a faculty for drawing out of others the best efforts of which they are capable, and with an ever-watchful care has fostered a love for the Lyceum which has given to the scholars a permanent desire to keep within its folds.

Our President holds the idea that the Society and Lyceum are two parts of one whole, and the interests of the one are wrapt up in the interests of the other. The Society is the parent and the Lyceum the child; as the child grows mature it should be taught self-government and personal responsibility for its own success, being ever watched and guarded by the shielding parent society.

As a member of our Society's Committee, she has inaugurated the mothers' meetings and personally conducted the same, only relinquishing the position when the call came for a broader field of labour. As a delegate for the Lyceum to the District Council, her abilities were recognized and resulted in her nomination for a position on the Executive Council of the B.S.L.U., to which she was elected at the Keighley Conference in 1906, and re-elected at Middlesboro' two years ago. Mrs. Lizzie Nurse now reaches the Presidential chair as a fitting reward to crown her untiring efforts in the Lyceum cause.

She is a strong temperance advocate, and as a capable speaker and clairvoyant has responded to the call of a great many Societies and Lyceums in the North of England. She has also ever been at the command of the local Society and Lyceum, frequently occupying the platform, conducting festivals, open sessions and other services.

Our Conductor believes in, and lives, the motto, "The Workers Win," to the letter. She has toiled hard and accomplished much, with the wise counsel and assistance of her estimable husband, who is the man behind the scenes, a thoughtful, zealous, silent worker in our movement, and one who thoroughly appreciates his wife's elevation to office.

Of things accomplished I give a few as I personally know them: Membership of Lyceum and Society, twenty years; Conductor and Secretary of the mothers' meetings, eight and four years respectively; Conductor of Lyceum, eleven years; Delegate and Associate to the District Council, since its commencement; Member of Executive Council, four years; and a public speaker and clairvoyant with ten years' continuous platform work. I think all Lyceumists will see it is not a meteoric flash of opinion, but a steady, plodding, industrious, persevering earnestness devoted to your welfare and mine, which has gained for her the proud and onerous position of President of the B.S.L.U.

I cannot close this sketch without a feeling of gratefulness to those dear friends to whom is due the inception of this children's movement. We have now a splendidly organized Union, far-reaching in its government and democratic enough for the humblest Lyceumist to reach the highest position in the Union. What its future shall be remains very much with the Lyceumists. I trust the present year may see a binding influence in the interests and well-being of our children, that the teachers and leaders may rise to their duties and be ably led by our esteemed President, who recognizes that official responsibility means the most strenuous service

GEORGE FREDK. KNOTT.

## BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS MAKE BEAUTIFUL LIVES.

Beautiful thoughts make beautiful lives;

For every word and deed

Lies in the thought that prompted it,

As the flower lies in the seed.

Back of each action lies the thought

We nourish till it grows,

Into a word or into a deed

That marks our life work through.

Gracious words and kindly ways.

Deeds that are high and true

Slanderous, unkind and hasty words

And deeds we bitterly rue.

The garden of life it beareth well,

It will repay our care,

But the blossom ever must be

Like the seed we've planted there.

On things of pure and good repute,

Our heart must daily dwell,

If we would see life's garden full

Of blossoms that please us well.

For beautiful thoughts make beautiful lives;

For every word and deed

Lies in the thought that prompted it,

As the flowers lie in the seed.

MRS. J. C. SMITH.

## The Unbeliever.

BY FREDELLA E. FISCHER.

(FROM THE SUNFLOWER).

It was a terrible shock to him, finding Mary in this condition. Her clothing denoted poverty and want.

She lay for weeks in a very critical condition. Lawrence was at her bedside day and night, treating her with the tenderness of a child. She rarely spoke to him, but would follow him with her eyes, in which he read a story too deep for words, a story filled with deepest misery, heart hunger and woe.

One morning he came, to find her sinking fast. The nurse had reported a bad night, and when Lawrence stepped into the little room he saw at a glance that the end was near.

She stretched out her hands to him and said earnestly:

"Oh, Lawrence, I am so glad you have come at last. Tell me how long I can live. Lawrence, I must see my child before I die. I must see her, or I cannot die in peace. Will you bring her to me?"

She was very much excited. Lawrence tried to calm her, telling her he would endeavour to bring the child to her, although he well remembered Walter's words to him when they had met a short time ago, but, thought he, Walter is a man of God. Now that poor Mary is dying he will relent, will forgive her. I will send a messenger at once, requesting him to bring the child to her before she passes away. Accordingly, he told her his intentions. Mary was satisfied, imploring him to hasten, as her strength was failing fast.

Returning, after having sent the message, he found her anxiously awaiting him with a strange glitter in her eyes.

"Sit down here, Lawrence, by my bedside and listen to the story of my life. I owe you an explanation, for you have been like a brother to me these past weeks. I have sinned, Lawrence, but I have also suffered. I have sinned, but it was not all my fault. I was forced into a life which I abhorred, and have been weak at times when I should have been strong. I have wronged myself in my devotion to my father, and after I had committed my first wrong I was not strong enough to carry the burden which I had taken upon me.

"My mother was an actress, a woman of great talent, who possessed some means. She met my father just as he was beginning his work in the ministry and loved him for his purity of character. Mother was of an impulsive nature, and at his request had forsaken all her friends and her former life, was married, and they went to live in a little country town, where father had a charge. He was young, and had seen little of life, of the actual experiences, and was, consequently, very hard and narrow in some of his views. He was a good man, but was not my mother's equal in intellect. They lived very unhappily after a short time.

"Mother had a passionate temper, and after my birth suffered a great deal. They quarrelled frequently, and in a fit of despondency she ended her life. My father had early realized that I had inher-

ited mother's disposition and undertook to eradicate from my nature that which was life to me. We always lived very quietly, and I was never for one hour in my childhood days allowed to associate with any child, never had a playmate. Father had educated me up to my eighteenth year, when I was sent to a convent school for two years. He never spoke of my mother and had taught me to hate all public life, picturing it to me so horrible that my soul would sicken. Small wonder that I grew up a one-sided being, with no knowledge of life, no knowledge of myself, of my own soul.

"I had just returned from the convent the summer you rescued me from death in the quiet little lake. Oh, God, Lawrence, had you let me die then I would never have caused so much suffering."

She paused for breath. Lawrence smoothed the hair back from her brow, and begged of her to rest, but she continued, saying, "I cannot last much longer, and have so much to tell you still.

"After our meeting with the Weavers, father, who had taken a great fancy to Walter, insisted on visiting them frequently. It meant much to me, as they had a luxurious home, and I had inherited from my mother a passionate love for the beautiful. Then, too, they were people of refinement, and, in a matter-of-fact way, I liked Walter. At any rate, it was a new life to me, and when he asked me to marry him I consented. It was a relief to me that at last I could live as I desired, could shake off the shackles of poverty.

"Walter was very kind to me, and for a time I thought that I really cared for him, until that dreadful week before our marriage, when I met you. Then, then"—

She stopped, her voice choked with emotion. Lawrence bowed his head over the thin hand he held and sobbed. She was silent for a time and then continued:

"You treated me cruelly, Lawrence. You could have saved me if only you had spoken, had given me an opportunity to speak. One word from you and I should have told Walter all the night before the marriage. But you, too, turned on me, and I had no recourse but to let things go on. I never have seen an hour's happiness since that night. Later on, I understood your motives for keeping silent, your poverty, but, Lawrence, I could have endured poverty at your side cheerfully in comparison with luxury and ease deprived of my soul-freedom.

"Take a bird from the woods or the fields, who fills your heart with delight with his joyous songs, confine him in a cage of gold, and serve him with the best in the land. He will soon pine away and die, for you have deprived him of his life, his soul-freedom.

"Just so it was with me. I could not tolerate their narrow, rigid view of the Bible of God, of my own soul and life, and thus we daily grew more estranged. I had no one to whom I could turn for one word of approval. Father, husband, and mother-in-law were all against me. They were so cold, so cruel in their persistent torture of my poor, unhappy soul, that after the baby came I could endure it no longer. The thought that she, too, would be brought up as cruelly as I had been almost drove me mad,

"I had discovered the sad story of my mother's sufferings and death from the dying lips of our old housekeeper, and knew that I, too, should end that way, and determined to break from them all, take up something by which I could make an honest living and then take my child from them, and bring her up so that she should early know herself and should know life.

"I would give her an opportunity to mingle with others, would give her an opportunity to gain strength of character through trials and temptations. I have struggled hard these ten years, Lawrence, only to break down at last. I have had no success. After repeated attempts at other work I finally went on the stage, as I had a decided talent for that work. I might have succeeded had I met with honest people, but when I resented gross wrong and abuse, and would not descend to a life of dishonor, I was disliked and upon the first opportunity was dismissed. Thus it has gone with me for years. Grief and worry have robbed me of all strength. I was poverty-stricken through illness, wretched and tired of life, and you know the rest. I have loved you through all these years, and have watched your progress, have heard your name upon the lips of many whom you have helped along life's hard path. I have followed you at night, thinking to hear something of my child, but when the moment came that I could have touched your sleeve my courage failed me.

"Now, tell me, Lawrence, why you have never married," said she, placing her hand upon his head. "I have often wondered why."

"Oh, Mary, you, too, have been cruel," said Lawrence. "Why did you not come to me? I, who have done to others who were strangers to me?"

"I did not know but what you, too, would have censured me," said Mary, "as you did once ten years ago. Walter no doubt had written all to you."

"Walter and I have not written to each other for more than ten years."

The dying woman showed great surprise at this, and again asked:

"Why did you never marry?"

"Because," said Lawrence, "there was only one woman I ever have loved, and she became another man's wife. Oh, Mary, if only I had met you sooner we might have had more time, you could have gained the courage necessary to save yourself. I was cruel, I know it, and have suffered under the thought ever since, my poor, poor girl."

He raised her from the pillow and held her emaciated form close to his breast. She was silent for some time and then said, as he laid her gently back on the pillow, her eyes shining with a holy light:

"It will all be well, Lawrence, in a little while. I am satisfied. I have known for ten years, dear heart, that you loved me. I knew how Walter loved you, and I also knew how hard it would be for you if I came to you. You are mine, Lawrence, through all eternity. I am your soul-mate, and will watch and wait for you on the other side until you come to me. I have one wish to ask of you. Look after my child, take her, if possible, from them, and let her see some of life's sunshine. Do not bar from

her soul that which rightfully belongs to her."

Her voice had become fainter and fainter, and now she paused, a happy smile on her face. She lay quiet for some time, holding his hand in both of hers. Finally, she closed her eyes and slept. Lawrence carefully withdrew his hand and left the room

(To be continued).

[We much regret that the usual articles are crowded out. An apology is due to Mr. Knight, whose article on *Botany for the Young* is specially written for the month of June.—  
ED., L.B.]

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

HELD IN THE

CO-OPERATIVE HALL, BIRKENHEAD,

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 14th and 15th, 1910.

Mrs. Annie Bentley presided, and was supported by Mr. R. Latham, Vice-President, Councillor J. Venables, Treasurer, Members of the Executive Council, Messrs. J. J. Morse, W. Mason and Jonah Clarke, Past-Presidents, Mesdames M. E. Cadwallader, the Rev. Susanna Harris, Mr. B. B. Hill, of America, Mr. L. Robertson, and Mr. Bostock, of South Africa.

The proceedings commenced shortly after 6 p.m. with the singing of "Open the door for the children," followed by an invocation by the Rev. S. Harris.

The President then announced the following *pro tem* appointments:—*Messenger*, Mr. R. Billsborough, of Bolton. *Tellers*, Mr. Underwood, London, and Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, Middlesbrough.

The minutes of the 20th Annual Conference were duly read by the Secretary, and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Griffiths (Barrow) and Mr. Holland (Blackburn).

It was then resolved, "That standing orders be suspended to permit of a discussion upon International affairs, in view of the fact that two of our visitors from across the "herring pond" had to leave the same night.

Mr. Keeling proposed a welcome to Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, representing the N.S.A. of America, and the First Spiritualist Association of America; Mr. B. B. Hill, the esteemed father of the aforementioned; Rev. Susanna Harris, State Missionary, Ohio Asso., U.S.A.; Mr. L. Robertson, Vice-President, Fordsburg Society, South Africa, and read their credentials.

Mrs. Bentley seconded, and the motion was carried with hearty acclamation.

Mrs. Cadwallader, who received a rousing reception, in responding, conveyed greetings from across the seas. She also stated that she felt *not* like a stranger in our midst, because she could sing our songs and join in unison most heartily. She had come to England to work and study our strong and weak points. The recital of her last visit to our founder, A. J. Davis, and his parting words: "Keep to the vision," were listened to attentively.

Mr. Robertson, Fordsburg, S.A., in responding, said he had come to England to learn more about Spiritualism by observing our methods, and visiting

séances throughout the country. The reading of a letter from the President of the Johannesburg Society, in which he commended the Lyceums being adjuncts to Societies, was received with approval.

The Rev. S. Harris also gave a resumé of the work being done in Ohio, and responded to the welcome extended to her.

Reference was then made by Mr. Keeling to the Nation's mourning for her deceased King, when it was proposed by Mr. Keeling, seconded by Mrs. Bentley, "That the General Secretary be instructed to forward the following motion, viz.:

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Mother, We, the members of the B.S.L.U. assembled in our 21st Annual Conference, beg to convey to Your Majesty our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy with you in your great bereavement, and trust that faith in, if not a knowledge of, the continuity of life may bring you a commensurate consolation.

The delegates agreed by silently rising to their feet.

The following reply was received:

"Buckingham Palace, President, B.S.L.U. Conference. Queen Alexandra sends you her sincere thanks for your kind message of sympathy in her sorrow."

It was also proposed by Mr. Latham, seconded by Mr. Johnson:

"That we forward to the Mayor and Corporation of Whitehaven our deepest sympathy and sorrow at the sad occurrence to the 136 entombed miners, which has resulted in sudden bereavement, of practically the whole of the inhabitants. Also to the relatives and friends of the miners in the sad disaster near Doncaster."

Mr. Venables moved, Mr. Kersey seconded. "That a vote of sympathy be passed and extended to the relatives and friends of the workers in our movement during the preceding 12 months."

Mr. Kitson then gave a brief resumé of the progress of our movement in England, and added that the movement in the U.S.A. had taken a new lease of life.

Mrs. Cadwallader then presented Mrs. Bentley with a pendant containing a picture of Hydesville Cottage and Plymouth Spiritual Church, and Mr. Kitson with a piece of a rafter neatly tied in ribbon which had been obtained from the Hydesville Cottage where the first rappings had been heard.

The delegates were then treated to an interesting recital of the work done in the States, also about the workers, whose motto had been and is still **THE WORKERS WIN!**

Mrs. Bentley in return presented Mrs. Cadwallader, Rev. S. Harris, and Mr. L. Robertson each with a Birkenhead Souvenir Badge, which contained a photo of A. J. Davis and Mrs. Bentley.

The President of the S.N.U., Mr. Hepworth, in a rousing speech, asked the distinguished visitors to convey to their various associations the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the S.N.U.

Mr. J. J. Morse, the founder of the LYCEUM BANNER, also added his quota to the progress of the movement, and his acquaintance with our beloved founder and the workers across the sea.

At this juncture it was agreed that the standing orders be resumed.

A letter was read from Mrs. Greenwood express-

ing her regret at being unable to attend owing to her indisposition.

It was resolved "That a vote of sympathy be tendered to Mrs. Greenwood, with a hope that she would soon recover her normal health and strength.

[The following letter from Dr. J. M. Peebles arrived two days too late for the Conference, and is included in this report by the kind permission of the President, Mrs. Nurse.]

"To General Secretary, Alfred Kitson, the E.C., Delegates, and all interested in the education of the young, greetings, sympathy, and goodwill.

It gave me a very great degree of pleasure to be officially invited by your General Secretary and Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER, to attend the Lyceum Conference convening at Birkenhead, England.

"The first thought that sprung to the surface upon receiving friend Kitson's letter was, 'Certainly, certainly, I must cross those Atlantic waters for the ninth time, for I have been deeply interested in the Lyceum work from the first, having had the honour of attending the original Lyceum in New York, and of hearing at the time from the lips of Andrew Jackson Davis the magnificent description of children's Lyceum exercises in the Summer-land.

"This eminent seer, thoroughly inspired and his face seemingly illumined, thrilled the audience with a delight almost unspeakable while giving these descriptions of life, and especially child life in the sunny realms of immortality.

"Enthused with the movement as I saw it under the guardianship of Dr. Davis, in Dodsworth Hall, New York, and returning to the west, I immediately, in connection with others, organised a Lyceum in Sturgis, Michigan, where the Spiritualists had erected a fine brick church—edifice. This, if memory serves me correctly, was the *second* Lyceum organised, and I well remember the congratulatory letter that the Lyceum workers soon received from the hand of the seer, A. J. Davis. The work in other portions of our country went bravely on, the movement largely taking the place of the orthodox Sunday Schools.

"Later, the Rev. J. O. Barrett, one of the sweetest-spirited and noblest of men that ever graced the ranks of Spiritualism (the uncle of Harrison D. Barrett), along with myself, aided the Tuttles in the compilation of their book for Lyceum work. It was timely abounding in readings, songs, music, calisthenic exercises, and outline of marches.

"Still later, in this movement for the proper education of the young, brother J. O. Barrett and myself prepared the manuscripts following closely the superior methods of A. J. Davis, for another Lyceum Manual; but unfortunately, these manuscripts, with the plates of one of my books, called 'The Gadarné,' were all burned with the *Banner of Light* office in the great Boston fire.

**THE ALL-IMPORTANT NEED OF CHILDREN'S LYCEUMS.**

"Distinctly do I remember when a tusselling lad of some five or six years, my sainted grandmother taking me upon her knee and saying: 'If you ever see the new moon for the first time over the left shoulder it is a bad sign.' Well, though along up in my 89th year, and literally loathing superstitions, signs, and churcharnic creeds, still I had rather see the new moon at first over my right shoulder. Such is the persistent potency of an early impression.

Both Jews and Roman Catholics understanding this practically keep their young in their respective social and religious fields of thought.

Childhood is but dreamland, while youth is the golden time for character building. Early teachings, be they sunny or shadowy, are necessarily in a measure as lasting as life. Reaping, we all know, follows the sowing. Nature knows no forgiveness. Her voice, stern and persistent says, 'Obey and live.' Only in obedience to law is their health, long life, and mental and spiritual peace, hence the absolute necessity of the childhood training, the teachings and ethics abounding in our Lyceums. And here, I must say, that all too often the hindrances to success and crowning prosperity in our work lies in the chilling indifference of the parents. Adults themselves should not say to the children 'go,' but, leading the way, should punctually attend every Lyceum session. The loveliest spots on earth are where the feet of childhood, youth, and manhood keep time to the marches; where the rhythms of calisthenic exercises and musical voices blending with the songs of the unseen, swell the melodies of the heavens making glad the ministering angels of God.

"Sweetly sung the poet along the lines of Sunday Lyceum teachings. Listen:

I know a place where the sun is like gold  
And the cherry blooms burst with snow;  
And down underneath is the loveliest nook  
Where the four-leafed clovers grow.  
One leaf is for hope, and you must have faith,  
And one is for love, you know;  
And God put another one in, for truth;  
If you search, you will find where they grow.  
But you must have hope and you must have faith,  
You must love and be strong—and so  
If you trust, and you work, you will find the place  
Where the four-leafed clovers grow.

"Four is the symbol of solidity, and this four-leafed clover-germ of immortality nestles deep in every conscious soul, representing individual aspiration, prophesy of unfolding, and of exalted future attainments.

"Children are the gifts of God and should be early taught not only the beautiful Lyceum lessons upon general ethics, but obedience to their parents and reverence for their superiors. It should be vigorously impressed upon their tender minds that they are the royal sons and daughters of God—that they are innately good, and that, as over the mouldering piles of India the mosses are green, and around the marble ruins of Greece and Rome, lovely vines are climbing sunward; so nestling under the roughest human exterior there is an embryo angel struggling for emancipation for growth and the glories of a fadeless immortality.

"Children should be taught that Spiritualism is a great, a grand, and a mighty word—one to feel morally proud of, inasmuch as it is the only wordism that gives irrefragible present-day demonstration of a future life, thus robbing death of its sting and the grave of its victory.

"Research and progress are in the air. The dreary theology of our forefathers has nearly passed away. Hell is already icy-cold. The devil of the medieval ages is dead and ecclesiastical creeds are draped and wearing mourning badges.

"Those called dead are the most alive. Principles never die. Pure love never forgets. In the gray of evening and in the silence of the night, down the golden rivers of remembrance and love, come the ministering angels of the heavens to heal, to impress, to inspire, to guide the feet in the paths of virtue, and to give us ecstatic visions of their homes and their employments in those realms of celestial blessedness. Yes, they come, and their echoing voices are ever saying: 'All these joys and all these supernal blessings shall be yours, oh, children of earth, when ye are worthy, when ye are worthy.'

"In this educational work, as in all other great reforms, the advanced minds of Great Britain and America are one. Personally, I have been in England and her Colonies so many times, and have there found such cultured and noble souls, that I sometimes have to stop and think whether I am most an American or an Englishman—but here, there, or anywhere, I am always a devoted Lyceum worker and a Spiritualist.

"Mr. Robert Sudall, who was a most enthusiastic worker in the Glasgow Lyceum and who was D.V. for Scotland, regrets, as well as myself, the inability to be present at this your National Conference.

"Again expressing deep regret that I could not be personally with you, taking part in your deliberations, which I am sure will be enthusiastic as harmonious, I have the consolation of knowing that Mrs. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, a host in and of herself in the Lyceum work, fully equipped to aid in all the educational interests to the Children's Progressive Lyceums will be present.

J. M. PEEBLES, M.D.,  
Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A."

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Knott, Rochdale, and Mr. Beety, Wakefield, that the correspondence be accepted.

The Credential Committee report was as follows: 4 officers, 7 E.C. members, 2 auditors, 12 D.V's., 9 D.C. representatives, 6 special representatives, 116 delegates representing 75 Lyceums.

The Secretary's general report was presented as follows:

#### SECRETARY'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Lyceum Delegates in Conference Assembled, Greetings!

Your Executive Council is delighted to greet you on this auspicious occasion—the Union's Coming of Age. We have indeed cause to rejoice and be glad at the success attained by our beloved movement during its years of minority.

Twenty-one years ago the Lyceums decided to federate their weak and scattered forces, and combine their powers for more effective work. Small in numbers and financially poor, they realised their helpless condition unless they united. The necessity of this step had been forcing itself upon the Lyceums in the Conferences held at Bradford (1886), Leeds (1887), Halifax (1888), and Manchester (1889), which finally culminated at Oldham (1890) when 21 Lyceums took part in drafting the first Constitution, under the Presidency of Mr. H. A. Kersey. This first Constitution comprised only four pages! But it was a beginning, and a prophecy of the future. The rate of contributions was fixed at 1/- for every 50 members, or part of 50.

The officers were the President (Mr. H. A. Kersey), the Treasurer (Mr. Joseph Sutcliffe), and the Secretary (Mr. Alfred Kitson), with Messrs. W. Crutchley and Horrocks as Auditors.

Rawtenstall Lyceum was the first to apply for Membership, and to-day possesses the Unions Certificate of Membership No. 1. Since then 350 Lyceums have been enrolled.

some of them several times over, owing to their lapsing, and re-opening before they became permanently established.

The year following, Mr. Alfred Kitson revised and enlarged his book, called *Spiritualism for the Young*, which had been specially written for use in Lyceums, and presented it, along with the copyright, to the Union. But there were no funds to enable the Union to undertake the publication of books suitable for Lyceums. In order to remedy this deficiency it was decided at the following Conference, held at Liverpool, 1892, to raise £100 as a nucleus of a Publishing Fund to meet the growing demands of the Lyceum movement. The Committee was composed of Messrs. S. S. Chiswell, Urban Smedley, H. A. Kersey, and A. Kitson. Thousands of circulars were issued appealing for donations. Lyceums were supplied with collecting cards, and encouraged to do their best.

In the course of a few years the Union was able to arrange with Mr. H. A. Kersey, as the European Agent for the *Lyceum Manual* and *Spiritual Songster*, and offer them at reduced prices to the Federated Lyceums which had worked so strenuously to collect the Publishing Fund. These reduced prices have been generously extended to Lyceums who have since joined the Union.

The Publishing Committee was dissolved on the ground of economy and its duties transferred to the Executive Council at the Conference, held at Nottingham, on May 14th, 1899. It was at this Conference the Physical Exercises were first offered for sale.

Subsequently Mr. Alfred Smedley printed and donated to the Lyceum Union 5000 copies of *Some Reminiscences*, in aid of its funds.

The need of a magazine devoted to the interests of the growing movement was soon felt to be necessary as a means of uniting our widely scattered forces. In order to meet this Mr. W. H. Wheeler, Oldham, issued the first Number of *The Spiritualists' Lyceum Magazine*, in January, 1890. In the course of a few months the little, yet very bright and helpful magazine ceased to appear owing to lack of support.

Mr. J. J. Morse, London, then issued *The Lyceum Banner*, and bravely maintained its monthly publication for 12 years at great inconvenience, worry and financial loss. He generously handed it over to the Union, June, 1902.

It was decided at the Conference held at Blackpool, 1904, to adopt a Lyceum Badge for mutual recognition. The portrait of the esteemed founder of the Children's Progressive Lyceum, with the initials C.P.L. over his head, was decided on. Subsequently the letter S was added, signifying Spiritualists' Children's Progressive Lyceum. It is gratifying to know that 15,000 of those Badges have been sold throughout the Lyceum movement. It is also gratifying to know that the effort to establish a Publishing Fund has enabled the Lyceum Union to supply Lyceums which have been established in the United States of America, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia, with Manuals, etc.

Thus step by step the work of the Union has grown and extended. Lyceums in the various counties have been mapped out into districts, and a district visitor assigned to each district, whose duty it is to visit each Lyceum at least once every year, at the Union's expense, and render what help may appear necessary, and also assist new Lyceums. Out of the 18 Lyceum districts thus formed, eleven of them have formed District Councils, with elective powers as a self-governing body, subject to the Union.

We regret that two of the Past Presidents, Mr. Alfred Smedley and Mr. S. S. Chiswell, are not with us in the physical form to join in our joy, but we are assured that their interest in the good work is in no way diminished, and we feel assured of their spiritual presence.

It had been the hope of your Executive to welcome to our midst on this occasion, our revered and venerable founder, Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, that the occasion might give him joy at the success of his plan for the founding of schools on earth in loving harmony with those he saw in active operation in the Summer-land, but his transition to the Summer-land, on January 13th, has made our hope impossible of realisation.

In conclusion we desire to tender our best thanks to all who have laboured to place the Lyceum Union on a solid basis on which to rear the superstructure which shall be unfolded as years roll on, but never completed, until the human race becomes one grand Brotherhood, recognising the Father-Motherhood of God.

We regret to report the lapsing of the following Lyceums :

Barry Dock, Carlisle, London (Chiswick), Oldham (Waterhead), and Skipton.

The following Lyceums have been enrolled members of the Union : Chadderton, Darlington, Earlestown, Fordsburg (South Africa), Hollinwood (Hudson Street), Hull (Wright Street), London (Brixton), London (Manor Park), Oldham (Union Street), Newcastle (Rutherford Street), Sydney (N.S.W.), Toronto and Winnipeg (Canada).

Your Executive Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the untiring efforts of Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, the Hon. Secretary to the Permanent Secretary Fund, and trusts she will be soon restored to health and strength.

Our thanks are also due to our staff of District Visitors for their devotion during the past year, who have laboured amongst the Lyceums in their respective districts at much personal inconvenience and sacrifice.

In conclusion, we beg to tender our sincere thanks to the spiritual press for its kindly support and sympathetic attitude to the Lyceum movement.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S REGISTER.

	Possible Attendances.	Actual Attendances.
1. Mrs Annie E. Bentley.....	4	4
2. Mr. Reuben Latham .....	4	3
3. John Venables .....	4	4
4. Alfred Kitson .....	4	4
5. H. A. Kersey .....	4	3
6. William Johnson .....	4	4
7. Albert Wilkinson .....	4	2
8. E. A. Keeling .....	4	4
9. R. A. Owen .....	4	4
10. Mrs. Jessy Greenwood .....	4	2
11. Lizzie Nurse .....	4	4
12. Mary Law .....	4	3

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Smythe, London, seconded by Mr Hartley, Batley Carr, that the report be accepted and that it be printed in the LYCEUM BANNER. The Conference was then adjourned till Sunday morning, 10-30.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Mrs. Bentley presiding. The session was opened by the singing of "Seeds of Promise;" after which Mrs. Cadwallader offered the invocation.

The local friends then gave a most unique and pleasing welcome. A number of little girls, arrayed in white, formed four rows on the platform, each one carrying a large letter, and at a given signal each one raised above their head their respective letter, and then were formed the following: WELCOME B.S.L.U., TO BIRKENHEAD. The effect was so pretty that it was greeted with hearty applause. Then little Miss Ida Heath, aged 7, recited the following welcome, composed by Mr. Frank Hepworth, in such a dramatic and eloquent manner that she became the "idol" of the Conference.

"GREETING."

I am chosen to voice a glad welcome to all  
Who've assembled to-day at our union's call;  
The twenty-first birthday to celebrate,  
And in which you are asked to participate.

Our cheerful beginning, I venture to say,  
Augurs well for a happy, inspiring day;  
"That peace, love and joy, all around us be spread"  
Is the prayer of our workers throughout Birkenhead.

I would welcome the officers, kind, good and true,  
Who have laboured through years for our B.S.L.U.  
Their long, noble service is placed above price,  
And has often demanded much sacrifice;  
Yet glad in the knowledge they serve us in need,  
And with loved ones to prompt them and bid them "God speed,"

They still hold aloft our grand banner on high,  
Which bears the sweet message that "Man does not die."

We welcome the delegates from far and near,  
And rejoice that so many have favoured us here;  
We trust you are happy, contented and glad,  
For we've just offered you of the best that we had,

And when you return to your own Sunday School,  
Remember the children beside the big "pool,"  
And please tell your members our greetings have sped,  
To every Lyceum, from Birkenhead.

We welcome you with us, all good souls and true,  
There's a mighty work waiting for each one to do.  
The angels are helping us daily to sow  
The seeds that are destined to flourish and grow,  
Till in fragrant fruition the blessings of life  
Shall illumine our darkness, and banish all strife;  
Then, rouse ye, my comrades, go, work with a will,  
And in Liberty's cause may you never stand still.

Mrs. Bentley was presented with a bouquet of flowers, and each member of the E.C. received a "button-hole."

The President suitably responded to the grand welcome on behalf of the delegates, and Mr. H. A. Kersey, stepping forward, presented Miss Heath with an A. J. Davis Badge, amidst loud applause.

The President then gave her address as follows:

### Presidential Address.

FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE UNION,

It is with feelings of intense pleasure and pride that I rise as President of the Union to address you to-day. I am deeply sensible of the great honour which you conferred upon me at Burnley a year ago, when you elected me to the honorable position of President, a special significance of that election being the privilege of presiding over the 21st anniversary of our Union.

Gladly and heartily do I welcome here to-day all those workers who are ever striving for unity in essentials, harmonies in liberty and whose purpose is progress, as already evidenced in the growth and usefulness of our Union. A tinge of sadness marks the picture so full of pleasant incidents. Since our last annual gathering a number of devoted workers have been removed from our physical world by the angel of death whose shadow causes us weeping and regret, but whose visits opens up the way for a sweeter life for our loved ones. But a compensating blessing is ours in the knowledge that our dear ones, transplanted in more refined conditions, are from their higher state striving to shed an intensified love upon us.

Our beloved founder, Andrew Jackson Davis, the noted seer, to whom we owe so much, and from whom we anticipated a visit to this Conference has passed to those scenes which were already so familiar to him whilst still in the body, by virtue of an organism so wholly attained to the spirit spheres. How very appropriate to this gathering is the spiritual salutation revealed to him through his marvellous clairvoyant vision; and communicated to us through the pages of the BANNER in October last. A salutation which at this moment doubtless extends to us here. "Behold the face of my heart, its fraternal love is yours." Not alone in memory shall he live with us, but his presence shall urge us on to greater freedom, faithfulness and firmness.

Significant also is the physical loss of our brother, Mr. S. S. Chiswell, of Liverpool, whose close association, work, and earnest endeavours for our Lyceum movement endeared him to all our hearts. Also our brother, Rev. Adam Rushton, of Macclesfield, and our good sister, Mrs. Pimblott, who passed away from the same household in the short space of three weeks. I would express my personal condolence

with the relatives and friends of those workers whose names have been entered on the list of transitions since our last annual gathering.

Turning from those things which appear as calamities, and with an earnest prayer that their spiritual wisdom and love may prove helpful to those who are mourning the physical loss, we are reminded that there are those with us in our physical surroundings who need our sympathy and help. Amongst these must be noted our good sister, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, "our first lady President," whose absence from us to-day is due to a complete breakdown in health. I am confident that the sympathies of all our members of this Union will already have gone out to her, and our sincere wish is that she may soon be restored to health and to us.

I now turn to a more pleasant duty, which is to welcome our visitors from over the seas. Proud are we to-day to offer personal greetings on your behalf to Mrs. Cadwallader, Superintendent of the National Lyceum Movement of America, Mrs. S. Harris, Pastor of the Spiritualist Church, Ohio, Mr. Robertson, representative of the Spiritualist Church, Fordsburg, South Africa, and Mr. Bostock, representative of the Johannesburg Society, and last but not least, Mr. B. B. Hill, father of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader; also to Mr. Frank Hepworth, the President of the Spiritualist National Union, whose good work in our LYCEUM BANNER, the greetings that have met us on every hand, and especially for the "Ode of Welcome" extended to-day through the children, are all items which have endeared him to "Our Union."

It is a distinct pleasure to welcome our brother, J. J. Morse, to this Conference, because he is one of the oldest public workers in our movement in Great Britain, and further, for his long sustained interest in our Lyceum cause, and last, but not least, because he is the founder of our bright little organ, the LYCEUM BANNER.

Doubtless these worthy workers will receive from you instructions and messages which they will deliver to their respective assemblies. I will therefore content myself by voicing the kindest greetings on your behalf to all absent workers wherever they are working in the interest of the children.

In noticing the returns for the past year you will see an increase of 8 Lyceums to the "Federated list," whilst an increase of one is added to the "Non-Federated list." The total increase of members of Federated Lyceums is 474. Of the 190 Federated Lyceums only 18 claim 100 members each or over. Four of these have reached the 100 during the past year, whilst 4 others who enjoyed that distinction a year ago have now been reduced below the century mark.

Nelson Lyceum deserves special praise for its consistent growth. It enjoys the proud distinction of being the largest Lyceum in Great Britain, having on its register 220 members. I trust that the rapidly approaching jubilee of our Lyceum movement may be an incentive to all Lyceums to increase their membership, so that most of them may be in the proud position enjoyed by Nelson.

Whilst there are items in the financial report showing losses, which we must all deplore, it is pleasing to note that the total balances, including value of

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## Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Lyceum Union has reached its majority period. Its coming of age has been duly celebrated. The illustrious visitors from over the seas have honoured us with their presence, which will be a bright incident in our memory.

We are indebted to our esteemed friend, Mr. R. A. Owen, for the full report of the Conference proceedings, to which we have ventured to add the telegram from Her Majesty, the Queen-Mother, and Dr. J. M. Peebles' letter, which arrived too late to be presented to the Conference. The memorable address referred to Dr. Peebles as being given by A. J. Davis may be found in the Andrew Jackson Davis' pamphlet, advertised at the foot of the third page of the LYCEUM BANNER cover. All conductors and teachers should read and study it.

Our readers will be pleased to see the LYCEUM BANNER cover replaced. The ways and means of meeting the extra cost were not considered by the Conference. That detail was left for the consideration of the E.C., and the poor bewildered Editor, who is expected to make the BANNER pay no matter what extra charges are imposed on it by resolution of Conference. Those Lyceums who sympathise with the Editor, and would like to help him, may do so by increasing their orders for the LYCEUM BANNER.

The revised price list of the Lyceum Union's publications which the Conference resolved should come into immediate effect will be issued as soon as possible. In the meantime secretaries are referred to the new prices for Manuals, etc., appearing in the top left hand corner of the cover, page 2. It may be of interest to our readers to learn that the first edition of the *Lyceum Manual* contained the following items: s.c.r. 75; g.c. 33; m.s. 11; songs 13. Total 132. The present edition contains s.c.r. 100; g.c.r. 49; m.s. 42; songs 123. Total 314, or more than double. It will readily be seen from these figures that the prices needed revising some time

The souvenir designed to commemorate the

Lyceum Union's coming of age, containing the portraits of the President and all the Past-Presidents and Founder, was greatly admired by the Lyceum Delegates, over 100 copies being sold at 6d. each. A copy should be framed and hung in every Lyceum that the children may become familiar with those strenuous servants of the Lyceum Union. Single copies enclosed in a card-board cylinder, to keep them from being crushed, will be sent post free for 8d., or 6 copies safely packed in one cylinder for 3/8.

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the Superintendent of the American Lyceums, is deeply interested in the English Lyceum movement, and is very wishful of closely studying its working. During her stay in England she will utilize her time as much as possible by visiting a number of Lyceums. We feel sure those Lyceums who are honoured by her presence will accord her a hearty reception. The Lyceum cause in America has made wonderful progress during her term of office. We trust she may be long spared to continue her good work.

We have received a neatly printed souvenir of Mr. J. R. Francis, late Editor and proprietor of the *Progressive Thinker*, Chicago, who has done so much to popularise the Lyceum movement in America by opening a Lyceum Department in his paper, conducted by Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader. The souvenir contains two portraits of Mr. Francis, the funeral service, and numerous testimonies as to his worth and ability as an active reformer, the whole being enclosed in royal purple covers.

## RE ADVERTISING THE LYCEUM CONFERENCE IN THE TWO WORLDS.

The President has kindly suggested that the following extract from the *Minute Book* be printed in the LYCEUM BANNER in order to clear the General Secretary from the charge of neglect of duty in not advertising the Lyceum Conference in the *Two Worlds*.

"E.C. meeting held at Blackburn on May 8th, 1903. Mr. Jonah Clarke presiding.

"A letter was read from the *Two Worlds* Publishing Co., to the effect that the Directors of the same had unanimously resolved that the Union's announcements, along with all others, must be paid for. The Secretary explained that on receipt of the letter he had cancelled the Conference announcements and agenda, as he had no instructions to incur cost of advertising.

"After some discussion it was agreed that the Secretary be instructed to write the above company, pointing out that as for 14 years no charge had been made for the Union's announcements, we are necessarily much surprised at this new move, as it is contrary both to the letter and spirit of the aims and objects of the promoters and founders of the *Two Worlds* Publishing Co. And also if the Directors of the *Two Worlds* Publishing Co. do not desire the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union's announcements and reports that the Secretary must refrain from sending them."

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stock, reach over £1000. During the year 2,072 badges have been disposed of, showing an increase of 196 over last year.

The A. J. Davis pamphlet sales have justified the action of your Council in publishing. At the end of the year there was a fair stock in hand. In addition to 185 Lyceums in England, Scotland, and Wales, our Union is now represented in South Africa (Johannesburg), New South Wales (Sydney), New Zealand (Wellington), Canada (Toronto and Winnipeg). These represent a total of 257 members.

The broadening tone of spiritual teaching in Sunday schools generally makes it imperative that we shall be definite and explicit in our efforts to expound and inculcate the principles of our philosophy, and ever ready to acknowledge our authority, that there shall be no mistake as to our principles and convictions, no matter how unpopular they shall appear.

We, as Spiritualists, cannot be altogether heedless of the work being accomplished in the Socialistic Sunday Schools, where the principles of right dealing, justice, and moral strength form the basis of their teachings to hundreds of children in the kindred ranks of social democracy.

I would express thanks to the Secretary and Council for the kindly consideration extended to me throughout my term of office as President. I would also acknowledge with sincerest gratitude the sweet expressions of kindness which have been manifest on every hand by the loving tokens which have been presented to me by organised effort and spontaneous action.

The rich and beautiful bouquets and baskets of flowers with loving messages, have many times overwhelmed me with their sweetness and sympathy, and to crown all I have within the last few days been the recipient of a magnificent electro silver plated tea urn, richly chased, and elegantly designed and beautifully inscribed, by anonymous donors. I take this, the only opportunity offered to me, of returning my heartfelt thanks to *all* who have shown me their special appreciation of my modest labours.

I cannot refrain from paying a special tribute to the friends at Birkenhead who have laboured so assiduously to make this important birthday of our Union so entertaining. And I feel certain the best way we can repay them for their labours will be by entering whole-heartedly upon our duties and showing our unrestrained jubilation of this auspicious celebration.

Yours sincerely,

ANNIE E. BENTLEY, President.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Ashworth, Nottingham, seconded by Mr. Will Edwards, Accrington, that the same be accepted and printed in the LYCEUM BANNER and *Two Worlds* simultaneously.

The LYCEUM BANNER report was next read as follows:

#### THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

Your Executive Council much regrets that the force of circumstances, over which they had no control, compelled them to dispense with the LYCEUM BANNER cover, and use a lighter paper, in order to enable the LYCEUM BANNER to meet the charges imposed upon it. We fully sympathise with you in your desire to see the cover restored. We look in vain among the list of resolutions bearing on the LYCEUM BANNER cover for any suggestion whereby the extra cost can be met.

When it is remembered that there is a difference of £3 per issue, or £36 per year, with a further charge for management of £26 per year between the cost of producing the LYCEUM BANNER with the cover on, and as it was previous to the covers being adopted, you will readily see the difficulty with which your Executive were faced as your servants.

In conclusion, we desire to tender our thanks to the LYCEUM BANNER staff for the able articles they have contributed, to the Lyceum Conductors and Secretaries for their loyal support, and to the many friends who have helped to make its pages entertaining and instructive. We cordially solicit a continuation of your favours.

ALFRED KITSON, Editor.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Griffiths, Barrow, seconded by Mr. Bentley, Manchester, that the LYCEUM BANNER report be accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on the motion of Mr. Knight, Manchester, seconded by Mr. Smith, Hull.

The Permanent Secretary Fund Report was accepted as printed, on the motion of Mr. Latham, Burnley, seconded by Mr. Rogers, Liverpool.

The report of the Delegates to the Spiritualists' National Union Conference, 1909, was given by Mr. Kitson, and was duly accepted, on the motion of Mr. Clegg, London, seconded by Mr. Apedale, York.

Mr. Griffiths expressed his regret that time would not permit of discussing the report, as the question of Trust Property was very important to Lyceums as well as Societies.

The Auditors' Report was given by Mr. G. F. Knott, Rochdale, who stated that two week ends were insufficient time for auditing the accounts thoroughly; and also suggested that "stock taking" should take place annually.

Mr. Lord, Rochdale, enquired if the *Lyceum Manuals* in stock were the 7th edition? The answer was, No.

The report was accepted on the motion of Mr. Keeling, Liverpool, seconded by Mr. Smith, London.

Mr. Keeling reported on behalf of the Committee *re* interviews with the Trustees and Donor of the *Lyceum Manual* and *Spiritual Songster*, to the effect that their requests had been met very favourably, and although negotiations had not been completed a successful issue was in view.

Messrs. Johnson, Morse, Latham and Edwards joined in the ensuing discussion. The report was then accepted, on the motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Beety.

Mr. Latham moved, and Mr. Griffiths seconded, "That the Trustees and Donor of the *Manual* and *Songster* meet the Sub-Committee appointed to interview them, and report at the afternoon session of this Conference."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rogers, "That the Donor, Committee and Trustees meet at the next E.C. meeting."

The proposition was carried by 74 votes to 57.

It was agreed to adjourn at 12-30 for dinner and assemble at 2 p.m.

The Credential Committee's final report was then given as follows:

Officers 4, E.C. 7, Auditors 2, D.V.'s 13, District Council representatives 9, special representatives 7, Delegates 124, representing 77 Lyceums.

The report was accepted on the motion of Mr. Higham, Burnley, seconded by Mr. Hardy, Derby.

The report of the Financial Revision Committee was given by Mr. Keeling as follows:

## FINANCE REVISION REPORT.

Acting under instruction by resolution at the Conference held at Burnley in May, 1909, your Executive have made a review of the financial side of the Union, with a view to securing a sufficient sum of money annually to meet the permanent liabilities, viz., Secretary's Salary, Rent of Office, etc.

The income of the General Fund being mainly obtained through Lyceum contributions, your Executive propose to amend the basis of these as follows:—Instead of paying one penny per member, Lyceums shall pay 5/- (five shillings) for each fifty, or part of fifty, on the register. This will place the payments upon the same basis as representation at Conference and would necessitate an alteration in the Constitution, and cannot therefore be carried into effect before May, 1912.

In the Publishing Department the following advances in price are recommended:—

*Lyceum Manual*: No. 1, 10/6 per doz.; No. 2, 13/- per doz.; No. 3, 15/- per doz.; No. 5, 20/- per doz.; No. 6, 33/- per doz.

*Spiritual Songsters*: Cloth, 2/6 per copy.

*Outlines of Spiritualism*: Cloth 1/3 per copy; gilt, 1/9 per copy.

Leaflets, 5/- per 1,000.

Carriage paid orders to be 12 copies, instead of 6 copies as heretofore.

If these revisions are adopted the appeal to Lyceums on behalf of the Permanent Secretary Fund might safely be abolished, although the Fund itself might remain open for the receipt of voluntary donations from private individuals and others.

The report was accepted on the motion of Mr. Wright, Sowerby Bridge, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, Barrow.

Mr. Edwards asked what the prices would be to non-Federated Lyceums. He would like to see a substantial increase as they contributed nothing to the management of the Lyceum Union. Mr. Keeling replied to the effect that a similar increase in price would be made on goods sold to non-Federated as suggested for Federated, unless otherwise decided on. He also pointed out that the proposed alteration of membership fees would have to wait the revision of the Constitution in 1912.

The Conference adjourned, 12-30. On resuming at 2 p.m., Mrs. Cadwallader spoke about the value of the *Manual* and *Songster* in the States of America, both from a spiritual and financial standpoint, and asked if something could be done to allow them being delivered in the States without a duty of 25 per cent. being imposed?

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Venables, seconded by Mr. Johnson, "That the question be referred to the E.C. for consideration."

Mr. Musgrove, Blackpool, moved, Mr. Vernon, Manchester, seconded, that the report of the Financial Revision Committee be adopted.

Mr. Higham, Burnley, suggested that the No. 1. binding (boards) of the *Manual* should be increased from 9/- to 10/-, instead of 10/6 as suggested.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Holland, "That motion No. 12 on the Agenda be dealt with prior to the passing of the report." The amendment was defeated by a large majority.

Mr. R. A. Owen moved, Mr. Clarke, Newcastle-on-Tyne, seconded, "That the new prices for Manuals, etc., be not put into operation for 12 months.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Latham, seconded by Mrs. Butterworth, Blackpool, "That the new prices come into operation at once." The

amendment was carried by 80 votes to 37.

At this juncture, Mr. Morse, on behalf of the Donor, Trustees, and sub-Committee, reported that although nothing of a legal character could possibly be done at the moment, the donor, Mr. H. A. Kersey, had volunteered to have a Deed of Gift to the B.S.L.U. drawn up, reserving the right to prevent interpolation or mutilation of the philosophy of Spiritualism as taught by A. J. Davis.

The announcement was received with prolonged cheering.

Mr. Keeling moved on behalf of the sub-committee, and Mr. Venables seconded on behalf of the Trustees, "That the report be accepted with grateful thanks to Mr. Kersey for having removed the legal difficulty.

Messrs. Latham, Tinker, and Johnson supported the motion, which was carried with acclamation. A call was made for the donor, Mr. Kersey, whose response was heartily cheered.

A report from our missioner, Mrs. Ellen Green, as follows:

To our esteemed Lady President and members of the Conference meeting at Birkenhead, May 15th, 1910.

I have the honour and pleasure to present to you the fraternal greetings and the clasp of brotherhood from the Lyceums of Melbourne, Sydney, Burwood, and Brisbane (Australia), also from those of Auckland, Dunedin, and Wellington (New Zealand). To the Lyceum of the New Century Hall, Wellington, I had the happiness of presenting the first certificate of affiliation with our British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, sent out by our brother, Alfred Kitson, to New Zealand. I worked in all these Lyceums during my mission in Australasia, and have pleasure in saying that they are all in good working order. They have excellent staffs of sincere workers for the children of our great movement. With all good wishes from your sister in the cause of Spiritualism.

MRS. ELLEN GREEN.

A telegram from Bradford (Boynton Street Lyceum) conveying "coming of age" congratulations to the Conference was also read, and accepted with thanks, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Beety.

## NEXT CONFERENCE.

Mr. George Smith invited the Conference to Hull for 1911. Mrs. Beardsworth invited it to Bradford, and Mr. Apedale invited it to York. The voting resulted as follows:—Bradford 79, Hull 48, York 5.

Mr. Wm. Marklew moved, Mr. Apedale seconded, "That the Conference for 1911 be held on Whit-Saturday and Sunday."

Mr. Jessop (Collyhurst) moved, Mr. Musgrove seconded, "That the Conference for 1911 be held on May 13th and 14th."

The latter was defeated by 73 votes to 71.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ETC.

Messrs. Smythe, Edwards, Clarke, and Woodcock were appointed scrutineers of the ballot papers.

Each candidate was called upon to declare that they had put in the number of attendances as per Constitution.

The voting resulted as follows:

PRESIDENT: Mrs. L. Nurse, 97; Mrs. A. E. Bentley, 50.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. R. A. Owen, 68; Mr. A. Wilkinson, 48; Mrs. Bentley, 44.

TREASURER: Mr. John Venables.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: (4 wanted), Mr. R. Latham, 123; Mr. H. A. Kersey, 91; Mrs. Bentley, 77; Mr. Johnson, 57; Mr. Griffiths, 36; Mr. Knight, 30; Mr. Rau, 27; Mr. T. H. Wright, 23; Mr. Mathison, 23; Mr. Dyson, 19; Mr. Moorey, 18; Mr. Musgrove, 15; Mr. G. Smith, 14; Mr. S. Lee, 10.

AUDITOR: (One wanted), Mr. G. F. Knott, 77; Mr. H. F. Lawton, 22.

Delegates to the Spiritualists' National Union. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Beety, "That the President and Secretary be elected to represent the B.S.L.U. at the above Conference."

#### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Latham, seconded by Mr. Venables, "That Mrs. Jessy Greenwood be re-elected Secretary of the P.S.F."

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Carter (Uppermill), "That Mrs. Law act as assistant to Mrs. Greenwood during her illness."

Mr. Johnson called attention to the fact that our Conference meetings were not advertised in the *Two Worlds*, etc.

The Secretary explained that he had instructions, passed at Blackburn Conference, 1903, not to send them on account of certain actions taken by the Directors of the *Two Worlds*, and the said resolution had not been rescinded.

As this statement was questioned by Mr. Johnson, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Kellett, "That providing the Secretary does not find a previous minute relative to the above, the E.C. be empowered to instruct the Secretary to advertise future Conferences in the *Two Worlds*."

An amendment was moved by Mr. Musgrove, seconded by Mrs. Butterworth, "That we advertise future Conferences in the *Two Worlds* and *Light*."

The amendment was carried by a large majority.

The President announced that Mr. Billsborough, D.V. for Bolton district, was shortly to leave for Canada. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mrs. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Dawe, Lancaster, "That credentials be given to Mr. Billsborough, and also that he and Mrs. Cadwallader be asked to convey our fraternal greetings to the Lyceums they may visit."

Motion No. 1 on the Agenda was moved by Mr. Latham, seconded by Mr. Rogers, "That we invest the sum of £300 with the Walsall Corporation at 3½ per cent. per annum, with 6 months' notice."

An amendment was moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. W. Redman, Burnley, "That we invest £250 in the Walsall Corporation and £50 in the S.N.U. Trust Property Fund."

Messrs. Venables, Edwards and Johnson joined in the discussion, the amendment being ultimately defeated by 62 votes to 55.

Motion No. 2 was moved by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hardy. "That no person be appointed District Visitor who is a paid worker in the movement."

Messrs. Johnson, Rogers, Knight and Edwards took part in the ensuing discussion. The motion was defeated by a great majority.

Motion No. 3 was withdrawn, at the suggestion of the President.

Motion No. 4 was moved by Mr. F. Shaw, Oldham, and seconded by Mr. Smythe, London, "That the LYCEUM BANNER be subject to the following: (a) Cover on BANNER replaced, (b) Answers and questions invited, (c) Lessons for Leaders and Teachers."

Mr. Keeling thereupon gave some interesting statistics *re* the cost and production of the BANNER, and the sales, for a period of 18 months, and compared the average cost with the cover, and without, and which shewed clearly that where the BANNER with cover was produced at a loss, that without the cover it shewed a slight margin in favour.

Mr. Keeling then moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Rogers, "That clause (a) from motion No. 4 be deleted."

The original motion was carried by 73 votes to 43.

Mr. R. A. Owen moved, Mr. Smith, Hull, seconded, "That all other items on the agenda, with the exceptions of Nos. 14 and 15 be deferred to the next Conference. *Carried*."

Hearty votes of thanks were then accorded to the local Society and Lyceum and the retiring officers, E.C. and Auditor.

Mr. Mathison suitably responded on behalf of the local friends, and Mr. Walker, Crewe, on behalf of the Liverpool D.C., who were pleased to be honoured with the presence of the Conference in their District.

The President then declared the 21st Annual Conference ended at 5-30 p.m.

R. A. OWEN, Minute Secretary.

#### MONDAY'S TOUR.

On Monday morning contingents from Bradford, Bolton and Hindley joined the delegates, who were conducted through dock offices, and after paying a brief visit to New Brighton, returned to Birkenhead to dinner.

In the afternoon over 300 went by waggonettes, train and cycle to Thornton Hough, where Mr. and Mrs. Lever gave a personal welcome to every delegate to their beautiful residence and spacious grounds, Thornton Manor. The Bramborough Pool Band played selections the whole of the afternoon, while the delegates and friends visited the orchid houses, ferneries, conservatories, private theatre, art galleries, and boating on the lake.

The delegates gave a grand display of marching and calisthenics on the lawn, for the benefit of our kind host and hostess. Mr. Keeling conducted the marching and Mrs. Bentley conducted the calisthenics, after which Ida Heath recited the "Welcome" for Mr. and Mrs. Lever.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess by Mrs. Bentley, Past President, seconded by Mrs. Nurse, President, and cordially supported by Mr. Owen, Vice-President, and Mr. F. Hepworth, President S.N.U.

Mr. Lever suitably acknowledged.

The whole party were entertained to a sumptuous repast on the terrace fronting the Manor. It was indeed a glorious ending to our celebration.

R. A. OWEN.

## Questions and Answers.

Under this head Lyceumists may ask questions bearing on the teachings of the "Lyceum Manual" and matters appertaining to the Lyceum Movement in general. All correspondents must give their full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith with the Editor. Letters should be addressed to the Questions and Answer Department, the Offices of the Lyceum Banner, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

I am very pleased to see that the Lyceumists are invited to ask questions on little difficulties that may occur to them concerning the teachings in the Manual, and I trust that the innovation will be successful.

One of the golden chain recitations has puzzled me for some little time. I refer to No. 111 on "MATTER AND SPIRIT" by Hudson Tuttle. To my mind the reading, especially for the little ones, is anything but explicit. About half way down the reading we are told that we learn of the qualities of matter "by means of its emanating force or spirit," and shortly after it states that "it (matter) is unseen, unfelt and unknown." Then the reading goes on to illustrate that we "learn of the sun by means of its light, heat, and gravitation." I quite see the idea of learning the qualities of matter by means of the emanating forces, etc., but I do not see how matter can be "unseen, unfelt, and unknown." At any rate the reading as it is in the "Manual" does not seem clear. Perhaps it is that I do not read it quite correctly. However, I have no doubt you will be kind enough to elucidate the point, either in the BANNER or privately.

F. E. MONKS, Wigan Lyceum.

The difficulty here is the statement that matter is "unseen, unfelt, and unknown." This seems so opposed to the evidence of our senses that I would suggest the word "atom" be used instead of "matter." If we ask "Of what is matter composed?" the answer is "molecules." If we press our query and ask "Of what are molecules composed?" the answer is "atoms." An atom is an indivisible particle, and is defined as the smallest part of an element which can take part in a chemical change. That an atom is "unseen, unfelt, and unknown," except by its emanating force, we may judge by Lord Kelvin's illustration of the size of a molecule. He says that if a drop of water were magnified to the dimension of the earth the molecules (which are composed of atoms) would be the size of small shot and cricket balls.

Therefore, atoms being "unseen, unfelt, and unknown," due to their minuteness, and matter being composed of them, matter is so described, referring to its essential parts—atoms.

This is how physicists regarded the atom until quite recently. But in Sir Oliver Lodge's treatise on "Electrons," which, he says, "are found to be about one-seven-hundredth part of the smallest and lightest previously known quantity of matter, viz., an atom of hydrogen." "The existence of masses smaller than atoms is thus experimentally demonstrated, and a discovery clinched of epoch-making importance. . . . The disproportion between the

size of an atom and the size of an electron is vastly greater than that between the sun and the earth. If an electron be depicted like one of the full stops on this page, for instance, an atom on the same scale will be represented by a church 160 feet long, 80 feet broad, and 40 feet high, in which, therefore, the dots will be almost lost. Yet on the electric theory of matter, these dots are the matter, and it is their force and energy that gives it inertia, chemical affinity, and power of molecular cohesion."

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask a question which puzzles me very much. I read in our Lyceum Manual "all war is murder, and as such, must be atoned for," but when I ask any of our teachers about it they say it is necessary to prepare for war in order to maintain peace. Is this correct? Do spiritualists believe in getting ready for war? If we are not in favour of war how can we abolish it? I would like to know.

R. STRAKER, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

This letter contains three questions, (a) "Is it necessary to prepare for war in order to maintain peace?" (b) "Do Spiritualists believe in getting ready for war?" And (c) "If not, how can we abolish it?"

ANSWER. (a) To prepare for war creates suspicion in the minds of other nations and leads them to prepare for war, and also leads to an ever increasing strength of both the standing army and navy, to maintain which becomes an unbearable burden to the nations that are influenced by this policy. This "war efficiency" burden is the curse of all civilised nations to day.

(b) No. Spiritualists do not believe in getting ready for war. At least the spiritual Spiritualists, those who live good and noble lives, who ever strive to improve in goodness and wisdom.

(c) We can abolish war by teaching its evil consequences to those who practice it; ceasing to prepare for it, and so remove the fears of war from the minds of other nations and agitate for international courts of arbitration where grievances could be heard and settled, as local grievances are settled in our courts of law. All civilised nations should have effective arbitration treaties which should be so drafted as to cover all the differences which were likely to arise.

### A NOTE FROM MRS. GREENWOOD.

One of the prominent figures at former Lyceum Conferences, namely, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, was missing at the one recently held at Birkenhead. We beg to commend the following letter to our readers, as an answer to their enquiries concerning her, and her wishes *re* the P.S.F. of which she has been the Hon. Secretary for many years.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of the LYCEUM BANNER to thank the delegates who attended Birkenhead Conference for the telegram containing their sympathetic wishes which I duly received and appreciated.

Allow me also to thank the many kind friends who have written personally. I am unable to reply to each, much as I desire to do so. I must therefore

ask each to accept my sincere thanks through this channel.

Will all subscribers to the P.S.F. please forward their donations to Mrs. Law, Blackmoorfoot Road, Crossland Moor, Huddersfield, who is Secretary pro. tem. to the fund.

With kindest regards to all,

Believe me, sincerely yours,  
Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge. JESSY GREENWOOD.

#### BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting took place at Windhill, near Shipley, on Sunday, May 8th. The attendance was a record for the Council. Every Lyceum in the district was represented. The minutes were passed and confirmed, and also the E.C. minutes. The following motions were passed:

1. That we accept the resignation of Mr. H. Hargreaves as judge and delegate to the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, and also as Auditor.

2. That Mr. Moore (Ivy Rooms Lyceum) be judge.

3. That Mr. Shackleton (Keighley), be delegate to the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference.

4. That letters of sympathy and good wishes be sent to Mr. H. Barnes (owing to serious and various troubles), and to Mr. Hargreaves owing to sickness.

5. That the Secretary must try to obtain a Sunday date from the Farsley Lyceum, the Council to take the services free.

6. That we accept an invitation from Shipley for the first Sunday in December, 1910.

7. That the following persons be accepted as Associate Members:

20. Mrs. Ramsden (Boynton Street).

21. Miss E. Chambers "

22. Mr. McIntish "

23. Mr. L. Wetherell "

24. Mr. J. Arnold "

25. Mr. J. Lightowler (Tong Street).

8. That the report of the Concert Committee be accepted.

I regret to report that no invitations were to hand for the U.D.C. in November, therefore it was inevitably left over.

9. That we have an indoor demonstration (in July if possible).

10. That we have an Enjoyable Field Day.

11. That Messrs. Alderson, Aked, Moore, Midgley and Lightowler form the working committee of the Demonstration and the Field Day.

12. That we again postpone the Lyceum Visitor and Teacher question owing to lack of time.

13. That we instruct our delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference to support the Pendleton Lyceum motion, viz., That no person shall be appointed D.V. who is a paid worker in the movement.

14. That the Secretary be provided with a hand bag.

15. That the whole of the proceeds taken at the Otley Road Concert be given to that Lyceum.

An open session was held in the afternoon, a good number present. Several recitations, solos, duets, etc., were given. In the evening some of the delegates and officers of the Council addressed a fair gathering. Mr. H. Arnold presided.—H. BIRDSALL, Hon. Secretary.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Leeds Lyceum District Council will hold its quarterly meeting at Wakefield, on June 25th. All Lyceum delegates and visitors are earnestly requested to be present as business is most important.

*Notice of Motion* (from Armley).

"That in future the L.D.C. hold its meetings on Sunday morning, instead of Saturday as at present, and that members of the Council occupy the platform on that day.—ALICE HESP, Secretary.

#### NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held Saturday, June 4th, 1910, at 3-30, in the Oxford Chambers, Abbey Road, Barrow. Business very important. Tea will be provided in the room, price 6d. per head. All are welcome.—J. W. Huddleston, Secretary.

### LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

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

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

**RULE 4.**—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 22nd of June, to ensure insertion in the July issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On May 1st we held our open session, when recitations and readings were given by Mrs. France, Frank Long, Joseph Yates, Mr. Harrington Beech, John Hobson, Sarah Brownlow, Eric Brownlow. We were pleased to have Lyceumists from Hollinwood, and we give a hearty invitation to all Lyceumists and friends visiting Ashton-under-Lyne.—Harrington Beech, Secretary.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday and Monday the above Lyceum held its 21st Anniversary Services. In the morning Mr. Cocks presided, and the following took part:—S.C.R., Miss May Hopson; G.C.R., Mr. Griffiths; followed by calisthenics and marching. A short address by Mr. Oldfield. In the afternoon Mr. Kellett presided. The following took part:—Recitations, Harry Helme, Iris Harris, John Mallin, John Booth, Agnes Smith, Herbert Harris, Edward Smith, Milly Brown, Tom Helme, Charles Holmes and Edith Harris. Short address by Mr. Griffiths. In the evening Mr. Kellett presided. Songs by Mrs. Wallace and Miss J. Kendall; G.C.R., Mr. J. Kellett and Miss Irene Hopson; recitations, R. Larkin, D. Holmes, Mr. Griffiths, Annie Helme and Bertie Huddleston. Short address by Mr. J. Owen. Abbey Road Society well represented.—J. Kendall, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, May 22nd, we held our open session, when we had about 170 scholars present. Recitations were rendered by Miss Alice Swarbrick, "Queen Victoria's Promise;" Miss May Hepworth, "Greetings." A duet was rendered by Miss Nelly and Ethel Kay, "Go forward." Afterwards Mrs. Hepworth named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Webb, Gladys Webb, in a manner which was pleasing, and was much appreciated by all present. Mrs. Myers, the speaker for the day, also spoke, and her remarks were very encouraging.—H. Robinson, Secretary.

BRADFORD, LAISTERDYKE (Bradford Lane).—On Sunday, May 1st, we held our monthly open session, which was well attended. Recitations were given by Elsie Fallow, Frank Morrell, Raymond Webb, M. A. Sharkey and Willie Warran. Readings by Lena Batty, E. Farrar and Vera Webb. A solo was rendered by Albert Carver. The session was conducted by Mrs. Hillas. In the evening a service of song, entitled "Signal Lights," the soloists being Miss Skyes and Mr. Bower, which was well rendered and received with marked appreciation.—J. Babbs, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Otley Road).—On Sunday, May 1st, our usual open session was held. Recitation, N. Foster, "Across the sea;" readings, Nellie Flatt and Nellie Foster, "Smile and be contented;" solos, Mr. Hale, "Waiting for us there," and Mr. H. Fell, "Lower lights be burning;" duet, W. Hale and H. Birdsall, "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Two friends from Boynton Street Lyceum spoke a few encouraging words. On Whit-Monday we travelled to Bingley to hold our "Annual Treat." Our friends at Bingley Spiritual Church kindly let us use their church for tea. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Hale, Miss Mawson and Mr. Harrison, and also to several other mediums for their services.—Miss E. Flatt, Hon. Secretary.

**BURNLEY** (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, May 1st, we had our Lyceum Anniversary. Mr. Keeling, of Liverpool, was the speaker for the day. We had open session in the morning, which was very well attended. The following Lyceumists took part:—Recitations by Ivy Redman, Martha Longworth and Fred Parkinson. Songs by Misses B. Anforth, W. Thompson, V. Bridge, Mrs. Exton and Mr. W. Metcalf. Pianoforte solos by Miss A. Redman and Master S. Woods. Mr. Keeling gave a few encouraging remarks. Mr. Higham officiated as conductor.—Mrs. Riley, Secretary.

**BURY** (off Paradise Street).—On Whit-Friday, owing to being no procession in Bury on that date, we had a ramble to Grant's Tower, tea being provided at a farm close by. On Whit-Saturday the Band of Hope annual picnic was held. Close on fifty members and friends journeyed to Southport. In the afternoon we journeyed to church town to the Botanic Gardens, where an excellent tea was provided. In the meantime boating, &c., was greatly enjoyed. On Monday, May 23rd, we had a ramble to Queen's Park, Heywood, about fifty persons sitting down to refreshments in the park. Beautiful weather prevailed on each occasion, and a very enjoyable pastime was spent throughout.—Jos. Wood, Secretary.

**CHADDERTON** (off Brook Street).—On Saturday our young men held a Tea Party and Social in aid of the Building Fund, which proved a success. They realised £2 5s. 3d. After tea a pleasant evening was spent by the Lyceumists, consisting of songs, solos and recitations. On Whit-Friday our Lyceum joined in procession with Byrom Street, Hudson Street, Hollinwood, being a good gathering of children and elders, numbering about 200. Saturday, May 21st, outing for the Lyceumists to Strines; all under 12 years free. We are pleased to say we are progressing in our Lyceum movement.—Mrs. Oldfield, Secretary.

**CHESTERFIELD** (Old Assembly Rooms).—On Sunday and Monday, April 24th and 25th, Lyceum Anniversary Services were held. Mr. Bradshaw conducted. The marching and calisthenics were performed very well and reflect great credit on Mr. Briggs, their instructor. Mr. Johnson filled the gap caused by Mr. Law's absence (through illness), and gave addresses and clairvoyance. The prize distribution took place in the afternoon, being presented by Mr. Johnson, who made suitable remarks to each recipient. Miss Hobster capably rendered a solo. Selections on their violins were given by Miss McDonald and Mr. Plummer. The singing was ably conducted by Mr. McDonald, assisted by Misses McDonald and Bradshaw and Mr. Plummer on their violins. Gladys Udall, Vera Green, Winnie Slater, Janet Wilson, Elsie Bradshaw, Catherine Fisher, Edith Herrot, Hilda Welch, Willie and Tom Hand and Willie Tyson recited.—T. B., Secretary.

**CREWE**.—On Friday, May 6th, we held our prize distribution, together with a concert and social. It was a delightful evening and a thorough success. Space will not permit me to detail all who took part. This I must say, everybody worked well and harmoniously, both during the evening and the long preparation leading up to it. Mr. G. H. Wood, the conductor of the first Lyceum in Crewe, presented the prizes, a large portion of which consisted of *Manuals*, *Songsters*, and *Badges*.—H. Walker, Secretary.

**FORDSBURG, S.A.**—At our monthly open session we went through the usual golden and silver chain recitations very well. A solo was then given by Mr. Thomas, entitled "Over the river of light," and May and Grace Connolly sang, "Hark the herald angels sing." Recitations were given by Harry and George Jose. Cyril Wilkins and Mr. Trewren spoke a few words on Golden Chain No. 114, "The true and the false." There was a fair attendance and everybody did their best to make it a harmonious session.—Miss Jose, Secretary.

**GLASGOW** (Waterloo Street).—The opening ramble of the "Lyceum Rambling Club" for the season took place on Saturday, 21st May, to Crookston Castle, when an enjoyable time was

spent. The success and enjoyment of the club will be well attended to by our Convener and Secretary, Mr. H. A. Kerr. The Liberty Group continues to be one of much interest. The essays have been of a great educative value. Altogether the sessions are of a very pleasant nature.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secretary.

**GREAT HARWOOD** (off Westwell Street).—We held our usual open session on Sunday, May 1st. The silver chain recitation was led by Mr. Baxter; the musical reading by Maud Cross, Albert Fenton and Mary A. Holt. The golden chain was led by Mr. Baxter. Recitations were afterwards given by Nora Wrigley, Annie Owen, Alfred Ainsworth, and Master A. Holt. The marching was afterwards gone through, and much enjoyed.—Miss Alice Anderton, Sec.

**HEATON NORRIS** (Baker Street).—On Sunday, May 8th, we held a very good open session. Songs were well rendered by Miss Rose Adshead and Edith Williams. Recitations by Marguerite Williams, Minnie Adshead, Master Joseph Goodwin, James Adshead, Robert Barber. Leader of calisthenics, George Pye; the marching was done to excellent time. Good attendance of visitors, who were surprised to see what a Lyceum really meant. Miss Goodwin, conductor, and Mrs. Williams were more than satisfied with their labours. Pleased to say our Lyceum is strengthening nicely.—Mrs. J. W., Sec.

**HINDLEY** (Bridge Street).—We had a very nice session on May 22nd. Our morning hymn was "Open the door for the children." Musical reading, "Help your fallen brother." Silver chain recitation, "Scatter the germs of the beautiful." Recitation by Florrie Gregory, entitled "The poor little dove," and Connie Woodcock, entitled "Greeting." Solo by John Rudd, entitled "The hall of progress," and Albert Hutching, entitled "Clap your hands for joy." Duet, May Jackson and Sarah Skidmore, entitled "Roses of life." Quartet, John Rudd, Ben Skidmore, Wilfred Bates and Harry Butler, entitled "Now the winter storms are o'er." Duet, John Rudd and Ben Skidmore, entitled "Children's day welcome." Golden chain recitation, "Our duties." Closing hymn, 357, "Are they not ministering spirits?"—Rd. Barrington, Sec.

**HOLLINWOOD** (Byrom Street).—On Whit-Friday we had a procession of Lyceumists and members, assisted by the Lyceums from Hudson Street and Chadderton. We had a very large gathering, over 200 taking part, and the manner in which the Lyceumists conducted themselves in the procession was highly complimented by the public. In the evening a social entertainment was provided, and mass calisthenics and marching done in the open air, at which many strangers to the Lyceum teaching were present, who expressed themselves as being highly satisfied at the soundness of the methods of teaching the Lyceum children. Everything passed off with satisfaction, great praise being given to the officers for the arrangements made for the events of the day.—Fred Snape, Sec.

**HORWICH**.—On Saturday, May 7th, we had a tea party and concert; this was a united effort. The weather being wet, there were not so many present as we should have liked. In the evening the Lyceumists gave a dialogue entitled "Why young men don't marry," everybody enjoying it. There were songs, recitations, etc. We also give praise to our sister, Mrs. Williams, of Hindley, for taking her part in the dialogue. On Sunday, May 8th, we had our district visitor, Mr. Billsborough and his family with us. This was his last visit to Horwich Lyceum before he goes abroad, and he spoke a few encouraging words to the Lyceumists.—F. W. Frost, Sec.

**HUDDERSFIELD** (Ramsden Street).—The anniversary services took place on May 1st, and the speaker was Mrs. Green, who was given a hearty welcome on her return from her Australian tour. The subject for afternoon was "Spiritual vision," and in the evening, "The power of truth." The inspirers of the speaker giving rich, helpful thoughts, for the guidance of all present towards a higher standard of life. The naming of a child took place at the evening meeting, and the ceremony was of a pleasing character. The children and choir rendered special hymns in their usual tasteful way. Mr. Hopkinson and Miss Entwisle had trained the children. Miss Jessop presided at each service, and pleaded for the children's cause. Collections, £5 8s.—M. Law, Cor. Sec.

**LITTLETON** (Well Street).—On Sunday we had our election of officers, when the following were elected:—Conductor, Mr. Burdin; Musical Directors, Misses Paulkitt and Smith; Secretary, Miss Brook; Treasurer, Mr. Harrison; Librarian, Thomas Smith; Leaders of Marching, W. Y. Harrison and Ada Collins; Leaders of Calisthenics, H. Hirst and Miss E. Paul-

kitt ; Guardians, F. Asquith and W. Y. Harrison ; Delegate, Mr. Harrison. On Whit-Monday we took our scholars to Harold Park, Lowmoor, where we spent an enjoyable time, having games and boating on the lake.—Miss F. Brook, Sec.

LONDON, FULHAM.—The above Lyceum celebrated its third anniversary on Sunday, May 1st, and was honoured by the presence of Miss Morris and Mr. Clegg. The session was conducted in the usual manner, with the exception of the suspension of "Group Sessions." At the election of officers Miss Morris presided, and all were delighted when Mr. Ashley was elected conductor for the fourth year. The evening service took the same form as the afternoon, and the adults had an opportunity of witnessing the functions of a Lyceum. On Monday, May 2nd, the Lyceum rendered their annual entertainment, which was attended by a large audience. Solos and maypole dances, together with dialogues, headed the programme. All proved successful.—Ivy Clarke.

MANCHESTER, HARPURHEY.—On Whit-Thursday, about 80 Lyceumists and friends entrained at 9.50 a.m. and journeyed to Summer Shades, Greenfield. Arrived safe about 10.30, when rain began to fall, and continued intermittently until about 4 p.m. Consequently our outdoor pleasures had to be curtailed. Fortunately there was ample accommodation under cover, and with the aid of a piano and many lusty voices we were enabled at intervals to forget our woes. Full justice was done to the comestibles provided, and what with games and a somewhat heated discussion with a very militant spirit belonging to a Church Mission, we were able to while away the hours. We arrived safely home about 9.30 "tired out," and ready to partake of Nature's restorer—sleep.—R.P.W.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—April 24th the Liberty Group listened to the reading of a paper by Mr. Hepton, our conductor, subject, "Why we suffer," the debate being re-opened on May 8th. We had a good attendance of friends on both occasions, who entered into the discussion with much enthusiasm, Reincarnation and other great theories being introduced. Another paper on May 28th on "Reincarnation or Heredity," given by Miss Robinson. A spirited discussion took place, which was highly appreciated, after which a nice report of the conference was given by Mr. Hepton, and endorsed by Mr. Chappell. Whit-Sunday our Lyceumists went to Mottram, and I am sure all spent a most enjoyable day.—Maud M. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Rutherford Street).—On May 1st we held an open session, when there was a large attendance. The following contributed towards the enjoyment of the afternoon:—Recitation by Robert G. Finley (age 5), "I've got a pocket now;" solo by Miss F. Tweedy, "Gathering in the sheaves;" recitation by Frank Finley, "Angry words." Instead of forming groups, Mr. W. Rushforth, the blind medium of South Shields, gave a splendid address on "Health." On May 14th a coffee supper was held, when the drawing for a cushion also took place. The cushion, which was presented to the Lyceum, was the gift of Mrs. Cowling. The cushion was of satin, with large lilacs worked in silk threads.—Alex. D. Adams, Sec.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On Sunday, May 8th, we held our Lyceum anniversary, which was well attended both in the afternoon and evening. Short addresses were given by the officers of the Lyceum. Recitations by the following Lyceumists:—Edith and Ethel Metcalfe, Miriam Vernon, Annie Riddle, Irene Edwards and Mrs. Jones, which were highly appreciated. An enjoyable day was brought to a close by singing 336 out of the Lyceum Manual. Master Eric Metcalfe has been elected conductor of marching and calisthenics in the place of Mr. R. Papworth, who has resigned.—C. Dalton, Sec.

SEACOMBE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, our Lyceum took the services for the benefit of the society. In the afternoon we gave a service of song entitled "The strolling minstrel," presided over by our good friend Mr. Mathison, of Birkenhead. The connective readings were taken by Miss Morris, of Bolton. Soloists, Miss Farquhar, Miss Allen and Mrs. Moore. Miss Ida Heath recited "The match boy's promise." Miss Morris presented a *Lyceum Manual* to Miss Heath from Mrs. Fiddes. In the evening short addresses were given by Mr. Mathison, Mr. Fiddes, Miss Morris and Mr. Farquhar, all setting forth the benefits of Lyceum training. Miss Ida Heath recited "Papa's letter" and "The welcome ode" again by request. Good audiences at both services.—John Thompson.

SHAW (Lyon Street).—On Sunday, May 1st, we held our Lyceum anniversary and prize distribution. In the afternoon

we held an open session, when recitations, solos and pearls were given by the scholars. After the marching and calisthenics Mr. Diggle and Mr. Frost spoke highly of the progress our Lyceum was making. In the evening the platform was occupied by the President, Treasurer and District Visitor of the Rochdale District Council, when we had a glorious meeting. The Conductor presented the prizes to the scholars. Over £3 was realised.—J. Leigh, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On Sunday, April 24th, we had a grand day with the National Executive. Mr. Knight opened the session with "Never give up the right way." He also took No. 4 Silver Chain Recitation, and commented thereon. Mr. Jones, of Lancaster, took Musical Reading No. 204, and gave a splendid illustration of "Never trouble trouble, till trouble troubles you." Mr. Hepworth spoke on figure-ology. And Mr. Knight on FLORA BELLE and her guild. On Whit-Monday we had a waggonette drive to Cordwell Valley, a lovely spot about ten miles from Sheffield, where games were indulged in by the children. Tea was provided for 100 children and 80 parents and friends. We had beautiful weather and a most enjoyable day.—H. Bowmer, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On Sunday, May 1st, open session conducted by Bernard Swinden. 65 present. Pianoforte solo rendered by Ernest Vickers. Solos by Miss Brooks, Richard Vernon and Mr. Clive. Recitations: Evelyn Hempstock, Florence Vernon, Frank Brooks, Walter Brooks and Thomas Vernon. Mr. E. Vickers favoured us with "Gloria," played on the organ. Our esteemed friend and organiser, Mr. Oaten, gave a short, but instructive and interesting address to the Lyceum. On Whit-Monday, May 16th, about 75 Lyceumists and friends journeyed to Cordwell Valley. The weather was all that could be desired and a pleasant day was spent. The attendance at the morning sessions of our Lyceum have improved of late.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Sherde Road).—Our Lyceum scholars and friends had a trip to Mr. and Mrs. Higginbottoms, where we were joined by the friends from Chesterfield. We went through the marches and calisthenics, and had a good time. The day was gloriously fine, and we all were sorry when it was time to return home. Our best thanks are given to Mr. and Mrs. Higginbottom for their kindness.—Mrs. Mitchell, Secretary.

SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hollins Lane).—On Sunday, May 1st, we held our monthly open session. A reading was given by Mr. J. Copley, solos by the Misses M. Ware and F. Booth, duet by Misses I. and D. Rushworth. On Whit-Tuesday we had our annual treat. Meeting at the Lyceum at 1.30 we formed a procession and marched through the principal streets, headed by our beautiful prize banner. After singing for friends we made our way to the field kindly lent to us by Mr. Butterworth, one of our Lyceumists. Here coffee, tea and buns were served, and right heartily were they enjoyed. Each Lyceumist was presented with a packet of sweets and an orange. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.—Joe Steel, Secretary.

WIDNES (St. Paul's Chambers).—Our second half-yearly prize giving took place on May 7th. About 100 Lyceumists and friends sat down to a potato-pie supper. The entertainment was provided by Lyceumists. Mr. Mathison, of Birkenhead, distributed the prizes, giving a few words of encouragement to each recipient. On the motion of our President, Mr. J. Wesley Jones, a silent vote of condolence with Queen Alexandra and the Royal Family was passed, the audience standing. On Whit-Monday about 45 scholars and friends journeyed by waggonette to Delamere Forest. A display of marching and calisthenics much impressed the other visitors. The weather proving all that could be desired, a most enjoyable day was spent.—Alice L. Crewe, Secretary.

TODMORDEN (Riverside).—We held our Lyceum open session on May 1st, when the following programme was gone through:—Recitation, Miss Annie M. Sutcliffe, "God made them all." A reading, Mr. Herbert Fitton, "Too wet to go to school." Misses Betsy Alice Crossley, Lilian May Firth, and Edith Skerret sang "Shoulder to shoulder." Song, Miss Sarah A. Stevenson, "Angels lead my footsteps."—Leonard Sutcliffe, Secretary.

WINDHILL.—We held our open session on May 8th, during which the following took part:—Duet by Mr. H. Birdsall, of Bradford, and Mr. Midgley, of Keighley, "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Song by Miss Pollard, "Strike your harps." Reading by Miss E. Starkey (Windhill), "Life is what we make it." We had short addresses from Mr. Arnold and Mr. Lightowler (Bradford).—Albert Y. Scott.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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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, Paxton-street
- Accrington**, China-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Leach, 26, China-street
- 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. Mr. Jack Taylor, 2, Lee-street.
- Barnoldswick**, Green-street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. Ernest Holden, New House Farm, Brogden, 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 1-45. 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, Osborne-street.
- 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, 66, Town-road, nr. Tranmere.
- Birmingham**, 52, Crawford-street, Salfley, 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, Whitegate 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 a.m. 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, Aire-dale-road
- Bradford**, Shirley-road (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mrs. Seed, Hydesville, Shetcliffe-lane, Dudley Hill
- Bradford**, West Bowling, Boynton-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. E. Carter, 290, Wakefield-rd., E. Bowling
- Brierfield**, Clitheroe-road, 10 a.m. Mr. James Appleby, 4, Chapel-street, nr. Burnley.
- Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Thomas Flintiff, 185, Bradford-road, Thornhill Briggs
- Brighton**, Manchester-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Frank G. Clarke, 9, St. Margaret's Place
- Brownhill**, High-street, 9-30 and 2 to 3. Mr. W. Yates, High-street, near Walsall
- 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-wharf, 10 and 2-45. Mr. H. Brownhall, 18, Derby-road
- Bury**, off Paradise-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Joseph Wood, 23, Lima-street, Huntley Brook.
- Cardiff**, 58, Queen-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. E. Jones, 2, Eclipse-street, Roath
- Castleford**, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. Joseph Field, 75, Amble-street
- Chadderton**, off Brook-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Oldfield, 74, Bamford-street, near Oldham
- 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, Halifax-road, Hightown, Liversedge.
- Colne**, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Nicholson Jobling, 13, Lords Street
- Crewe**, Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford-avenue
- Crompton**, Rochdale-rd., 10 and 2. Mr. Charles Smith, 15, Oak-street, Shaw, near Oldham.
- Daisy Hill**, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Walter Shepherd, 147, Hindley Road, near Bolton
- Darlington**, Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. W. S. Jubb, 92, Northgate.
- Darwen**, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 10, Pine Street
- Dearnley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Ernest Dean, 84, William-street, Featherstall, Littleborough
- Derby**, Chamwood-street, 9-45 and 2 p.m. Mr. H. Wade, 2, Cockpit-hill, Marledge
- Dewsbury**, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. William 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, Arthursone Terrace
- Earlston**, Earle-street, Co-operative Hall, 1-45 p.m. Mr. Walter Duncan, 18, Chandos-street, near Newton le-Willows
- Edinburgh**, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. David Niven, 43, Morrison-street
- Elland**, James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street.
- Foleshill**, Broad Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Gibbs, 42, Lower Wellington street. Coventry
- Fordsburg**, Main-street, 11 a.m. Mr. Robert Connolly, P.O. Box 23, South Africa
- Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cutbert'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.
- Grimsbly**, 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. A. Baldwin, 19, Clay-street, Hanson Lane.
- Heaton Norris**, Baker-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. J. Williams, 60, Lancaster Hill, Stockport.
- Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, Cheetham Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. G. Uttley, Dale View, Mytholmrovd, S.O. Yorks.
- Heckmondwike**, Tower Street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. R. Lunn, Co-op. Buildings, Huddersfield-road, Liversedge
- Heywood**, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. John G. Watkinson, 26, York street
- Higher Broughton**, Hilton-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. F. James, 69, Hilton-street, Manchester.
- Hindley**, Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Barrington, 209, Sandy Lane, near Wigan.
- Hollinwood**, Byrom-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Fred Snape, 40, Lynn-street, Werneth, Oldham
- Hollinwood**, Hudson-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Thornton, 18, Kimberley-street, off Chamber-road.
- Horwich**, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. F. W. Frost, 9, Wright-street, near Bolton
- Hucknall**, Watnall-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Mary A. Cox, 28, Watnall-road, Hucknall, Torkard
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Tom Ellis, 74, Firth-street
- Huddersfield**, St. Peter-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Nellie Crowe, 10, Grove-street.
- Hull**, Lime-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Annie Hopwood, 5, Beaconsfield Avenue, Cornwall-street
- Hull**, Wright-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Geo. Allen, 11, Claremont-avenue, Nicholson-street
- Hyde**, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. 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
- Lancaster**, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Abraham Bleasdale 22, Rydal Road, Freehold
- Leeds**, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Mr. M. Jenkins, 22, Marley Place, Beeston
- Leeds**, Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 a.m. Miss Rose H. Dickinson, 16, Woodville Place, Hunslet Carr
- Leeds**, EAST, 7, Easy Road, 10-30 and 2 Miss Warburton, 47, Cross Green Crescent, Easy-road.
- Leeds**, Grove-house-lane (Psycho). Miss Pawson, 27, Prosperity-street, Camp-road
- Leeds**, Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Alice Hesp, 15, Cross Flatts Place, Beeston
- Leicester**, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Bishop, 10, Mere-road.
- Leicester**, Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Hurst, 36, Gernyn-street, Melton-road.
- Leigh**, Brown-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Woodward, 22, Poet's Nook, Lancs.
- Leigh**, Market-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. B. Robinson, 14, Sefton Street, Lancs.
- Lincoln**, Exchange Arcade, 10-11 a.m. Mr. Harry C. Dobby, 4, Well-lane
- Littleton**, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Florence Brook, 4, Ramsden-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.
- Liverpool**, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Rodgers, 45, Tunstall-street, Smithdown-road.
- Liverpool**, 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. Cretnay, 21, Chantry-street, Edge Hill
- London**, Battersea, Henley-street, 3 p.m. Mr. H. Boddington, 17, Ashmere Grove, Acre-lane, S.W.
- London**, Brixton, 84, Stockwell Park Road, 3 p.m. Mr. Alex. Brooking, 17, Geneva-road, Brixton, S.W.
- London**, Fulham, S.W., 25, Fernhurst-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Joseph Dix, 9, Bloom Park-road, Fulham
- London, E.**, Manor Park. Shrewsbury-road, 11 a.m. Mr. Thomas Brooks, 21, Audley Gardens, Seven Kings.
- London, E.**, Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Mr. T. H. Trumble, 2, Tabernacle Avenue, Barking-road, Plaistow, E.
- London**, South Tottenham, Glendale Hall, 12, St. Anne's-road, 3 p.m. Miss N. Barnes, 2, Laurel Villas, Felixstowe-road, Lower Edmonton, N.
- London**, Walthamstow, St. John's-road, 11 a.m. Mr. S. R. Gent, 22, Carter-lane, E.C.
- Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 96, Cromartie-street.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. William Albinson, 5, Bond-street
- Manchester**, Ardwick, 58, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Vernon, 223, Radnor-street, Hulme.
- Manchester**, Crescent-road, Cheetham Hill-rd., 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Sidebottom, 17 Glen St., Cheetham.