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The Unbeliever.

BY FREDELLA E. FISCHER.

(FROM THE SUNFLOWER).

"A telegram for your doctor," said the clerk, meeting him on the stairway. Lawrence tore open the envelope and read:

"Too late, the child has been dead four weeks to me, and has been dead ten years to Mary.

(Signed.) "Walter."

Lawrence strode up and down the corridor, then a thought flew through his brain. He hastily seized his hat and left the building, returning in half an hour with a fair-haired child. "Perhaps I can manage this all right, it would kill her instantly if I were to tell her the truth," he thought.

The child was one of the two whom Jessie Dent had taken to her home. As they entered the room two nurses were standing by the bed. As Lawrence stepped up to the bedside one said, "Dr. Dunbar, the lady died just ten minutes ago."

He bade them take the child and leave him alone with the body.

"I again repeat, Dr. Dunbar," said the Rev. Weaver, sternly, "that I will have nothing to do with the body of the woman. She is nothing to me after the life she has led. I could not possibly bring myself to ever look upon her face again."

"Has it ever occurred to you, Walter," said Lawrence, "that this woman, too, has suffered, that she has been cruelly wronged by a hard father, who was never capable of reading the soul of his child, who, in his bigoted conceit, endeavored to bring down to his narrow level a soul far above him in nobility of character and breadth of mind? He simply ruined her life. What business has a man to measure a soul according to his own? What authority has he to sit in judgment over a nature he cannot understand?"

"He has the right, the authority, which the church, which God gives him as his representative on earth, as the representative of Jesus to judge those who sin, who wilfully leave good for evil," answered Walter.

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone," answered Lawrence. "The words of Jesus to the Pharisees were: 'Ye judge after the flesh. I judge no man.' How dare you sit in judgment on this woman, whom you no more understand than did her father? Judge not and ye shall not be judged, condemn not and ye shall not be condemned, forgive and ye shall be forgiven, be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful. What do you know of this woman's life in the last ten years, of the trials, the temptations, the struggle she has endured, deprived of the necessities of life, she who had never been taught what life was? What was your life compared to hers, you who

have lived in comfort all your life, your every wish gratified? Bah, you know nothing of life, or you would entertain more love for suffering humanity. Love ye one another. You have yet to learn what Jesus means when he says, 'Love ye one another.' A representative of Jesus, you are, with a heart of stone in your breast. Poor Mary, her wish was granted that her child might not grow up in these surroundings. We may never meet again, Walter, in this life, but let me tell you, 'except ye enter the kingdom of heaven as a little child, ye shall not enter therein.' Except you at heart are like a child, loving, forgiving, and merciful, you have yet a great way to travel to the kingdom of heaven. Farewell."

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Easter Sunday morn Dr. Dunbar received a message from Mr. Dent, very early in the morning, requesting him to call upon him about ten o'clock, if possible. Lawrence wondered much what the old gentleman wished of him, as they had never been very congenial, he, Mr. Dent, not sympathizing with the doctor's mode of life.

He had been very feeble all winter. He had scorned Lawrence's proffered advice on several occasions, relying on his old family physician.

Lawrence, arriving at the Dent home, was shown to the old gentleman's room, where he found him propped up in bed, with at least a dozen pillows around him. John, the servant, had remained in the room, after announcing Lawrence. The old gentleman glanced past Lawrence, to the door where John stood.

"Leave the room," he commanded.

"All right, sir," answered John, quite frightened, "I only stayed, thinking you might want me, sir."

"If I want you I can ring for you," snapped Mr. Dent. To Lawrence he said, "Sit down," in the same sharp tone.

"How are you this morning, Mr. Dent?" inquired Lawrence.

"I am all right," answered Mr. Dent, "but I will not live out the week. By next Sunday I will be dead."

"Oh, I hope not," said Lawrence.

"But I know it," answered the old gentleman, "and for that reason I have sent for you."

"Anything that I can do for you," answered Lawrence, "just give your commands, Mr. Dent, and I shall be most happy to serve you."

"Probably you won't be so happy when you hear what I want of you," said the old gentleman, eyeing Lawrence with a fierce look.

Lawrence could not but repress a smile at Mr. Dent's manner. "I shall do it, even if it does not suit me," said Lawrence, "just to please you, Mr. Dent," little dreaming what was coming.

"I do not want you to please me," snapped Mr. Dent, "I want you to marry my daughter." He paused to see what effect his words produced.

"Marry your daughter?" gasped Lawrence, "Why, why, Mr. Dent, I don't know whether the lady would have me."

"But I do," answered Mr. Dent, "otherwise I should not have sent for you. Personally, I do not like you, but my daughter's happiness is worth more to me than all else. She loves you, the Lord only knows why; she has refused dozens of men, like Jack Bradford, and when at last I demanded an explanation of her, she confessed to me that the only man in the world for her was yourself. I am not going to live out the week and must leave her alone. She needs a protector, an honest man. I will settle half my belongings on you if you marry my daughter after my death, but you must solemnly swear to me that you will never tell her of this interview. Will you do as I ask you?" questioned Mr. Dent.

"I will," said Lawrence, rising with a white face, and extending his hand to the old gentleman. "Poor, little Jessie, I never dreamed of such a thing. I have always, since I first met her, loved her as a sister, but I never dreamed that she cared more than that for me."

"Certainly not," answered the old man, sarcastically. "You were too busy looking up dirty little loafers in the slums, but you will have money to carry on your pet hobby without working for it. Now go, before Jessie returns from church, for she must know nothing of this, and when I am gone one month you marry Jessie. Farewell. Now I can close my eyes in peace."

A week after Easter old Mr. Dent peacefully passed into the great beyond. True to his word, Lawrence did all in his power for Jessie, who greatly appreciated his kindness. She grieved deeply over the death of her father, for they had been all to each other in spite of his peculiar ways. Lawrence was a constant visitor at the Dent home, endeavouring to brighten Jessie's life the best he could.

One evening, a month after her father's death, they were seated in the little cozy sitting room. "You must not live alone, Jessie," said he, "you need some one to cheer you; it is too lonely here for you, after your father's death. I am a poor man, Jessie, but you are able to care for yourself financially. Will you marry me, Jessie? Give me the right to care for you."

Jessie had risen from her chair in great excitement, and seemed greatly distressed.

"What is the trouble, dear girl?" asked he, in great concern. "Have I wounded you with my words?"

She came to his side, and, seating herself on the hassock at his feet, took both his hands in hers, and said: "You are very kind to me, Lawrence, and I am truly grateful to you, but let us be the same as we have been these last ten years, just true good brother and sister. You see, Lawrence, that morning that Mary Weaver lay dying, I was sitting on the veranda with Mrs. White. I had brought the children to see her early in the morning, for we intended to go for a drive out of town in the afternoon. The nurse had left us, when, suddenly, Mrs. White became very faint. I supported her as best I could, sending one of the children for the nurse. I was compelled to hear all that passed between Mary and you, Lawrence, as the

nurse did not come for some time, so you see, dear brother, I know that I should never be able to fill your life as a wife should, and it will be far better for us both to remain just brother and sister.

"I have no other interests in life but to help you in your noble work, and it seems that father, with all his outward opposition towards you, thought the same, for the lawyer has told me just to-day that papa has left half of his estate to you. Now, I have a plan. Mrs. White does not care to go south again, as she thinks she is quite strong, so I have persuaded her to come and live with me.

"Now, I want you to come, too, for the children will be a very pleasant addition to our family. Will you come, Lawrence, and whenever you find a poor soul like Mrs. White you can bring them here, and we will together endeavour to give them a start in life. Will you come, Lawrence?"

"Yes," said Lawrence, "I will."

(The End.)

Botany for the Young.

By J. KNIGHT.

DEAR BANNERITES,—We must all thank Mr. Lucas for his very instructive article in last month's BANNER, and I hope you will try to make your ugly back yard walls look really pretty with creepers or climbing plants. There are a goodly number to choose from, such as virginia creeper, ivy, hops, canary creeper, and jasmine, all of which will grow almost everywhere; and on the sunny side you could try passion flower, nasturtium, roses, etc.; they are good friends and will grow side by side on the same wall. It will only cost a few pence and will soon repay you for your little sacrifice.

June of this year will be an exceptionally wonderful month for flowers, plants are very backward, the same may be said of trees, so that many of the early flowering plants and trees will be found in full flower along with those of early summer. Take my advice, get out into the country and obtain the most perfect specimens for your studies.

I want you to get together a good sample of each of the plants that grow in your neighbourhood, so that you may refer to any of them at any time, when you are not quite sure as to its local name, its class and order, etc. I do not want you to be like a large number of boys. I once asked if any of them could tell me the local or the common name of a plant I held in my hand, at the same time pointing to some that were growing; the plant was *Beaked Parsley* (*Anthriscus Sylvestris*). Almost every ditch and hedge bank throughout the country in May, June, and early July, is made just lovely by these delicate tiny flowers, made up into nice white umbels from five to seven umbels on each whorle. The leaves are downy, wedge-shaped, several times pinnate, even the little leaflets are deeply cut and edged with large coarse teeth. Both the leaves, springing directly from the root stock, and those beautifying the flower stalk, are of a rich deep green, with lace-like fineness and delicacy. It was play time at a large country school. I called to them to tell me its name, one boy said it was a "umlick," another it was a "meadow flower," another said it was a "skege," and one ruddy-faced, mischievous looking

boy, with a twinkle in his eye that meant business, said, "please sir, they are spitting roots." None of them could tell me, not even the teacher who was in charge could tell me. I want you to be able to tell those making the like enquiry, not only beaked parsley but all the other flowering plants in your district.

I want you also to be able to give a satisfactory answer to any enquiry as to the *structure* of plants, and the why and the wherefore of the various parts of the plants. Here is an example of the desire to know. One of my many friends desires me to tell her about leaves, and she puts her question in this way, "Leaves, their shape and structure. The suitability of these to physical conditions such as wind, rain, light, insects, snails and moulds. Their shapes in crowded vegetation. Leaves of ground plants and those of trees. Compound and simple leaves, submerged leaves. State the reasons for difference in shape and structure, and please only use, for illustration, those plants easily obtainable in the neighbourhood." I have others not quite so businesslike, but all are welcome so long as I can be of service in helping any of you to a better knowledge of plant life, and I promise you, if opportunity serves, you shall have in these lessons answers to all such questions; but one must get on slowly, fixing each lesson by personal study and experiment, in this way building up a scientific knowledge that will be useful and lasting. I want you to get your BANNER for February and carefully read what I therein wrote about the *Structural Elements of Plants*. Learn all you can about *protoplasm*, also about the *properties* of the elements which enter into the composition of plants. The *necessary* elements are four—Carbon, Hydrogen, Oxygen, and Nitrogen. And the *occasional* elements very often present, but not universally in all, consists principally of sulphur, phosphorus, calcium, potassium, sodium, iron, magnesium, iodine, bromine, and one or two others. The first four are spoken of as organic, and all the rest as inorganic. These elements enter into a vast number of combinations, a little of one and a little of another, or others unite to form many very useful foods and other compounds. I want you to find out what these little are and how these compounds are made up. Such as sugar, starch, cellulose, chlorophyll, etc. Let me give you two or three examples so as to help you to understand what I mean. Two measures of Hydrogen and one of Oxygen enter into the make up of water. Hydrogen 10, Oxygen 5, and carbon 6 forms *starch*, such as wheat or potatoes possess. And a very slight addition of Hydrogen and Oxygen—H. 12. O. 6. C. 6. forms grape sugar, and H 22. O 11. C. 12. forms oil or fat such as butter, etc. You are to remember that all these vegetable products are manufactured by the plant from non-living substances. These changes are brought about principally by the leaves in the "commonwealth type" of plants, and by the protoplasm and green chlorophyll and bright sunlight in plants of the one or a few cells type. We must, as far as possible, find out how all this is done, and for what purpose, and in this way build up our knowledge of plant life.

(To be continued).

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

When last I had the pleasure of writing to you all the Easter Holidays were just over, fancy having to wait four full months without a line from me. [Our young friend is mistaken here, her last article appeared in the April BANNER, so she has missed May and June. Ed. L.B.] I am pleased that absence of our usual page did not make a great deal of difference to our correspondence, for really I have now so very many nice things for you it will take all our space for quite a long time to let you read all the essays and letters which have come to hand.

I have quite a nice lot of efforts at essay writing from Hucknall Lyceum, from Annie Atterbury, Annie Clark, Elsie Pegg, and Rachel Richardson. These little girls are ranging in ages from 8 to 12 years, and when I read all the good things they say about "What is a Lyceum," I feel real proud, I too am a Lyceumist and can a ways enjoy the good things they speak about. Please write again, girls, and remember I shall be pleased to hear about your holidays.

The next letter is from Lottie Dempster, of Manchester. I am sure, Lottie, you must have a very nice time with all the pets you speak of, and I do hope your eyes will soon be quite strong, so that you may once more attend school and enjoy yourself. Please write and let me know more about the new hens.

Miss Moulton, of Stockport, I am very sorry those two little ones were disappointed at not being included in the list last time, I can assure them, I shall be delighted to place their names in my big book and send them certificates.

I have several more very nice essays, but please, dear Bluebells, when writing, do so on one side of the paper only. I shall try and use Elsie Jessop's essay on music next month, so please, Elsie, forgive me this time. The essay on flowers, by Maud Russell, I will also use at the earliest opportunity, but at present I want you to read one that has been sent to me specially, as a tale for our Guild, entitled:

JIM'S LESSON.

Dinner was over and done with, and once more Jim found himself alone in the nursery. It was dull indoors, but even worse outside.

What should he do?

He had asked himself that question many times that day. And what a day it had been! Mother and father were away—gone to a wedding, whatever that might be—Nurse was downstairs, laughing and talking to the cook and parlourmaid. Jim knew that much, for every now and then he could hear her squeaky voice in the distance. And as to baby, she might be anywhere. At any rate, she was not in the nursery, and that was quite enough to make Jim angry. Phyllis was always wanting him to play with her, and now, when he had time to do so, she had vanished. "That's just like girls," he grumbled. "I suppose they'll never have as much sense as we men."

Digging his hands deep into his schoolboy pockets, this "man" of eight went over to the window and leaned against the shutter.

Almost as he did so, he heard a patter outside on the stairs, and a minute afterwards the whine of a dog beside him. Jim wouldn't look down or take any notice. He knew it was Vic, the Irish terrier, who had most likely come up for a game; but the boy didn't want to romp with any dog then. What is more, he wasn't going to do it. So he still pretended not to see the shaggy friend at his feet, and the more he turned away the louder the dog whined. As this failed to attract attention, he whimpered, barked, ran a few steps towards the door, came back again, and at last jumped up at Jim, as if to force him to pay attention.

"Get down, will you!" Jim cried roughly, moving back a little. "Get down!" he shouted, as Vic still pranced about before him.

But the dog, usually so obedient, only whimpered again, gazing straight up into his young master's face, as if asking him to come, if only for a moment.

Jim felt sure he knew what was wanted of him; but he grew more angry as whine succeeded whine, and the terrier ran to and fro, now stopping to lick his hand, as if to add persuasion to entreaty. But it was all of no use, and in one frantic effort to make the sullen boy understand, Vic pulled at his coat.

But he did not do so twice. In a second, Jim's foot had flung out, and his boot had caught the dog a cruel blow that sent him howling to the doorway.

As that cry of pain rang out, a blush of shame rose to the boy's cheeks. He had been a bully, and he knew it. He was glad there was no baby sister even to see him then. Whatever would his father have said? And wouldn't mother have been ashamed of him—"her little man," as she always called him, proudly.

And Vic? He was waiting, standing quite still on the mat. His stump of a tail was flattened out of sight dejectedly; but his lovely, velvety, soft brown eyes looked straight up into Jim's big blue ones, and the boy felt then an utter coward and a sneak. There were tears in the dog's brown eyes; he was quite certain of it. "Oh, poor old Vic! I'm awfully sorry!" and, opening his arms, the dog jumped into them and covered him with kisses.

But he didn't stay there long. With a few heroic kicks he released himself, and this time, when he, in his dog language, once again asked Jim to follow him, that young gentleman bounded down the stairs almost as quickly as his leader.

Vic ran straight through the hall and out into the misty garden, down the long avenue of trees that led up to the lake. As he neared the water, he branched off to the left across the tennis lawn, and entered the shrubbery.

"This is all very well!" Jim cried, panting. "Come back, Vic. I'm too tired to play 'hare and hounds' this afternoon."

He slowed down to a walk, but instantly Vic was back at his side, urging him to hasten, whining, barking, praying his young master to come on.

"Come on, you must, you must!" those wistful brown eyes pleaded.

Against his will, Jim broke into a run again, and Vic bounded forward and led on through the laurels of the shrubbery to the small tree-shaded, reedy end of the lake, which Jim and Phyllis called "Peter Pan's" home.

A little way from land was a very tiny island, whereon lived a family of fancy ducks, a small rush hut doing duty for their night and winter quarters. A tree-trunk formed a rough bridge over to the island, and to this Vic made his way, yapping frantically in his excitement. He mounted the trunk, and breathless Jim climbed up after him, walked half-way down, then stopped, open-eyed, open-mouthed. Surely there was "Peter Pan" himself standing in the water, crying, it seemed, and holding to the tree?

But a second look told Jim that it was Phyllis—poor little Phyllis!—up to her waist in water! Hurrying to her, he found her eyes were shut, and when he called she did not answer.

Jim dropped astride the trunk and caught her hands. He tried to drag her up, but her clothes were heavy, and seemed entangled in the weeds. What could he do?

He shouted and shouted for help, but he dared not leave her. Stooping, he dragged at her dress, and then Vic understood. Plunging into the water, he caught a great bunch of the child's

clothes in his mouth, and, keeping close to the tree, began swimming slowly to the shore.

"Good dog! Good Vic!" Jim cried, eagerly, as, holding Phyllis's hands and head well out of the water, he managed, little by little, to sidle down the rough bridge until he was quite close to the land again. Then, never letting go of the child's hands, he dropped down at her side, and with Vic still helping, he half-carried, half-dragged her up on to the bank.

"Come on, Phil, you've got to run in now!" he shouted, trying to rouse her and set her on her feet. "Stand up, don't play about. Nurse will be ever so angry," he whispered, as the sound of voices and hasty footsteps told him someone was in search of them.

Still, the threat of Nurse's wrath didn't make any difference. The golden head just dropped against her brother, and Phyllis sank a still, wet heap upon the grass, her upturned face so white and set it frightened Jim.

"Nurse! Nurse! Nurse!" he screamed. "Phil's dead—she's gone and drowned herself!"

"Where? Where?"

A woman, with her face as white as her apron, rushed down towards him, Vic bounding just ahead of her, as might be expected. Just then Phil moved a little and opened her eyes.

"Phil's been trying to go to the island to see 'Peter Pan,' and slipped off the bridge," Jim panted, as, catching up the little girl, the woman sped back to the house.

"And you saved her life, didn't you, Vic? You dear old dog!" and, stooping, he flung his arms round the terrier. "You're a dear, good dog, and I'll never, never hurt you again."

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That night, when mother and father came home, Jim told them just what had happened, and how he had missed Phil, but thought she was with Nurse. Then he told how Vic had come upstairs and tried to make him follow—

"And, mother, I kicked him!"

The boy's voice trembled.

"I hurt him. He cried, and I felt such a sneak, because I knew he wanted me for something, and I pretended I didn't know. But he forgave me, and took me right out to Phyllis, helped me to drag her out of the water, and then ran in and fetched out Nurse."

"What a dear, faithful pet! You must love him always, Jim, as we shall do," said Mrs. Firth, kissing her little son, then bending to fondle again the rough brown head of the happy-looking dog beside her, who, at a sign, stood up and placed his front paws in her lap.

"Mother, I shall never hurt an animal again, and I'll never let anyone else do so if I can help it," he said, caressing the rough head so near him.

And Jim was as good as his word. His schoolfellows did not dare so much as to "chivvy" a cat in his presence, and they were sure, if Jim ever found them ill-treating so much as a frog or dormouse, he would give them such a sound thrashing they would not forget it.

But, stranger still, there's not a boy in the school who would care to laugh at Vic, now grown old and waddly. For Vic is the hero of the playground and the dormitory, and all the boys say he's the cleverest and dearest dog that ever has been.

G. E. B.

STOCKPORT.

2954	Herbert Ennion.	2958	Ivy Turner.
2955	Bertha Higgins.	2959	Edith Hill.
2956	Florrie Dean.	2960	Lottie Dempster.
	(Manchester, Maskell St.)	2961	John Jones.
2957	Alice Dean.		

A PRETTY WEDDING AT BURNLEY (North St. Church). BROOKS—SKIPPER.

On Tuesday, June 7th, 1910, the marriage took place between Mr. William Brooks and Miss Emily Skipper, both of Burnley. The solemnization service was conducted by Mr. Frank Hepworth, of Blackburn. Incorporated with the service was a beautiful poem, written by Mr. Hepworth, in the form of an Acrostic, built up on the names of the bride and bridegroom. The ceremony greatly impressed the large congregation.—Correspondent.

Temperance Page.

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

THE FOURFOLD PLEDGE

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

WHY I SIGNED THE PLEDGE.

In all the beautiful workings of Nature reason is displayed, and in like manner we, as boys and girls and men and women, should be able to give a reason for our thoughts and actions. Only in this way can we make our lives real, useful, and progressive.

I am going this month to give you the answers which members of our Pledge of all ages and sizes might make to the question, "Why did you sign the Pledge?" Do not think this is a matter for old folks alone to think about, or for learned people only to express an opinion upon. There are great and good reasons why we should turn aside from strong drink, for we can all use our eyes and ears, and God has implanted a conscience within each one of us. Listen to what the children and youths and grown-ups of my imagination have to say about the evils of intemperance.

THE CHILDREN OF THE SLUMS SPEAK :—

"Oh little children, who are growing up in the love of parents and brothers and sisters, whose happy days are passed in bright homes full of toys and treasures of joy, do you not feel sorry for us little ones of the slums, whose feet are naked and cold, whose clothes are thin and torn, and whose homes are dark and sad? We have so little to make us laugh and frolic; we are often hungry when there is nothing to eat; we shall not grow up to be tall and healthy boys and girls like you. You are kind and gentle because you have someone to love you and to teach you to love in return; but we are always in the way; we are whipped, and we are always crying in our misery. Did God intend little children like us to be robbed always of the good things, and simply to live from this hour to the next without fairy dreams of hope and wonder?"

"Some of us were born where now we live, but all the same we think how lovely it must be for children who live in warm houses, and have mothers and fathers who kiss them and love them. Some of us can remember brighter days when nothing seemed nicer than being at home together. But now it is just the same for all of us. We cry most of all at night when our fathers and mothers return to us and our empty homes drunk, and frighten and beat us. It is so different in the public-house from the squalor of our houses. It is so fine to hear the music, and everything is so bright and clean. When we grow up we shall be able to go inside and see all the bright lamps, but now we stand outside the door and long (oh, so much) to be jolly like those who are singing and laughing inside. Sometimes we trudge along the streets of the town where we live, and we peep through the windows into pretty parlours, and listen to the music and voices and the sounds of the cups and saucers. Then we think it would be ever so much better to live where

those people live than to be in the public-house, and that is why we think you may be sorry for us who have such little choice. And if you are truly sorry for us will you not help to bring the day when we may sit together at home mother, father, and all of us—and home be happier and sweeter than the shop at the corner? We know that as the home grows darker and emptier the public-house flashes brighter, and is made more beautiful. The publican's children have fine clothes and do not come near us because we are poor and dirty. Ask God to make our fathers and mothers more kind to us, and not leave us so hungry and poor."

THE YOUTHS AND MAIDENS SPEAK :—

"Life is shining bright before us, and youth makes every goose a swan. But the lessons of experience are valuable to us all the same, and we realise that upon ourselves rests much of the responsibility of what old age will bring us. Now, when our veins are full of young blood, and our spirits undaunted by vain regrets, now is the time to direct our energies along the most useful channels that we may serve ourselves and others truly and as befits sons and daughters of God. This is the time for pleasure, but for the pleasure which leaves no blight, which is wholesome and unselfish. This is also the time for endeavour, for we shall never be able to "get up steam" as well as we can to-day. Alcohol and tobacco will rob us of our glorious fitness for work and play; we should blush for shame at shaky hands and defective memories, and we turn with disgust from that which would rob us of self-control and make us in our youth the slaves of appetite.

"Thousands have passed our summer-time of life and have fallen into the hands of the Drink-fiend never to escape him until death brought a kind release. We have no intention of missing the lesson they teach us, and, as all who play with fire are liable to be burned, we cannot be wrong in abstaining from that which has never been shewn to be necessary for young men and women, but has time and again proved itself a poison, a mocker and a thief. Its pleasures are fleeting horses with remorse and sickness in the saddle; they gallop through the dreariest wastes into the sea of despair and are lost. While we are young let the sweat be on our brows and the bloom in our cheeks; we will have no dealings with the messenger of old-age. For this reason we have banded ourselves together, and we invite all who love their fellows, and look for a better world to join us and add their strength and enthusiasm to ours. Just a few years and we shall be bearing the responsible duties and positions of life, so let us make a worthy preparation for the coming time."

THE GROWN-UPS SPEAK :—

"Wine is a mocker!" We have learnt this and found it true in the years of our lives. Alcohol brings misery, shortens life and steals away our best gifts and opportunities. To the young and to those at the gateway of life we can now offer the lessons which experience teaches, and we can trust their good sense to benefit by those lessons which we often enough had to learn with suffering and remorse.

"We have lived to see the day when the greatest and best men and women have joined the ranks of the abstainers, and when those in authority have not hesitated to declare that alcohol is a dangerous and poisonous thing and should not be resorted to without most careful consideration.

"We are the people of a land which boasts its high and glorious civilisation, which has established self-government and stretched its arms around the world. That claim to greatness can only be justly held so long as we each and every one realise our duties to our country, and so long as we strive to maintain her noblest traditions. Give us a nation of sober and clean-minded men and women and we shall be able to guarantee the stability and prestige of Britain. We look forward to the time when drunkenness, the most fertile source of crime and poverty, shall have been removed from the list of our national failings; to the time when men shall find pleasure only in the beautiful and joyful things of the world. We look into the eyes of our children and breathe the hope that they if not we may see that time. At any rate we will shield them from the curse while they are young, for if they are taught the way they should go, we can look with quiet confidence to the future, believing that they will not depart from that way."

Selections from the Mythology of the Ancients.

BY THE EDITOR.

BACCHUS OR DIONYSIUS.

Cicero mentions five deities of the name of Bacchus, two of whom were said to be the sons of Jupiter.

The Greeks and the Indians called this god Dionysius [Dī-ōn-is'us], as the Egyptian Bacchus was brought up at Nysa [Nī-sa] and was known to them as Osiris [ō-sī'ris]. Bacchus was looked upon as being the god of good cheer and jollity, in which character he was much praised by the poets, who constantly invoked his presence as their inspirer, and thanked him for the gifts he bestowed.

The ivy, vine, fig, and fir, etc., were sacred to him. The Greeks sacrificed the goat to him, and the Egyptians the swine, because both these animals are destructive to the vine.

Bacchus was generally represented as a young man crowned with vine and ivy leaves, carrying a thyrsus [ther-sus], or magic rod, which was crowned with a fir cone. Instead of horses he had panthers and leopards to draw his chariot. On rare occasions he was represented as an old man with a beard.

Bacchus has generally been held up to scorn as the god of wine, drunken revelleries, and orgies. In this case wine is only the symbol or representative of the productive, overflowing, and intoxicating power of nature, which carries man away from his usual quiet and sober mode of living. And so wine was thought to be the most natural and appropriate symbol of that power. But there is also another feature of his life and character which should also be known and not withheld from the ordinary reader.

It is reported that he helped his father, Jupiter, when he was waging war with the giants, and his deeds of valour were so great and numerous that his father frequently exclaimed, "Well done, my son!"

One day as Bacchus rested and slept on the sea shore he was surprised and captured by some sailors, who carried him on board their ship, intending to sell him as a slave. The pilot, who suspected that their captive was not an ordinary mortal, urged the captain and sailors to set him free. But they refused. They had not gone far on their voyage when the ship suddenly stopped, as if it were grounded on a rock. Then a vine appeared twined about the masts, and ivy appeared twined round the oars, and equally as suddenly they saw Bacchus surrounded by his favourite animals—the panther, leopard, etc. When it was too late the captain and crew saw the serious mistake they had made, and being filled with terror, they jumped into the sea to escape punishment, but they were instantly changed into dolphins. The pilot was spared for his effort to befriend Bacchus, and became one of his followers.

Bacchus was sent by his father, Jupiter, to chastise and punish Deriades, the haughty King of India. Silenus, a man of great wisdom and learning, went with him as principal councillor.

The war lasted for seven years, and finally terminated in the death of the Indian monarch, and a complete victory for Bacchus.

Having completed his task he turned his attention to Egypt, Syria, and Phrygia, and subdued them, and all the east to his rule. On his return home he devoted himself to the cares of wise government. By reforming abuses and enacting good laws he so increased the happiness of his people that he earned for himself the title of the Law Giver.

On one occasion Bacchus appeared to Midas, King of Phrygia, who had shown kindness to Silenus, the friend of Bacchus, on their return from the wars, which so pleased Bacchus that he promised to grant the king whatever he might ask of him.

Midas, feeling the great need for money to enable him to give effect to his many plans for improving his kingdom, begged of Bacchus to grant to him the power, or magic gift, to turn whatever he touched into gold, which was promised, and then Bacchus departed with a smile of amusement on his radiant face.

Midas thought of the great things he would do. The marvellous wealth he would possess, the magnificence of his palaces, the grandeur of his cities, and the glory and renown of his reign. He began to realise his mistake when it was too late. At first he was delighted to see the wonderful changes caused by the magic touch of his fingers. The chairs, table, etc., turned into gold. Even the robes he wore turned into cloth of gold as he touched it. He was delighted to see every article on the table he touched turn into gold when he went to the first meal served after he had acquired his marvellous gift, but imagine his surprise when the first mouthful of food he put into his mouth turned into solid gold. He could not eat that, so he tried again, with the same result. He tried to bite some fruit, but could not, for it turned into gold. He wanted to sup. There

was the same result. So day by day passed by and he could neither eat nor drink, and he found himself slowly, but surely, starving to death, while all around him was *gold, GOLD, GOLD*. Then he began to learn wisdom through his sufferings, and saw that his great riches, and his magical gift to produce them, were a curse in disguise, and so he prayed to the god Bacchus to have mercy on him and take back his gift and restore him to the happy state of an ordinary mortal. But he could not have this for the mere asking. Bacchus imposed a task, by the doing of which he would prove his repentance of his wish for the gift. The task was that he, Midas, should go and bathe in the river Pactolus. By this means he lost the gift. But it was said that the sands of the river were mixed with gold.

No doubt the reader will be surprised to learn there is a great similarity between the Egyptian Bacchus and Moses of the Bible, as follows:—Bacchus was shut up in a box or ark, and floated on the river, where he was found and drawn out of the water. So was Moses. Bacchus had two mothers: a natural mother and a foster mother. So had Moses. Serpents were sacrificed to Bacchus. And on one occasion one of his followers threw an ivy twig on the ground and it began to creep and twist itself about an oak. Moses turned his rod into a serpent. Bacchus dried up the rivers Orontes [Or-ôn-tês] and Hydaspes [Hed-âs-pês] by striking them with his thyrsus, or rod, and then passed through them. Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea and the Children of Israel passed through it. Bacchus, by striking the earth with his rod, produced rivers of wine. And his priestesses caused water to flow from a rock by striking it with their rods, and wherever they travelled the land flowed with milk and honey. The promised land of Moses was said to flow with milk and honey. Bacchus was described as a beautiful man, having women in his army. Moses had both women and children with him when he marched out of Egypt. In short, Orpheus calls Bacchus the Lawgiver, who received the two tablets of the law. The same is also claimed of Moses.

Seeing this close resemblance between the two, there can be little wonder that some writers say that Moses is an improved copy of Bacchus, while others say that Bacchus is but a poor copy of Moses. If it be true, as asserted, that Bacchus is the Egyptian Osiris—whose career we hope to record in due course—there can be no doubt that Osiris is by far the older of the two.

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

As some misunderstanding must have been caused our readers by the comments *re* the above in the *Two Worlds*, we beg to draw attention to the following comments which have appeared in that paper, and our replies thereto. The following appeared in the *Two Worlds* of May 20th.

THE LYCEUM UNION CONFERENCE.

AS THIS *issue* of THE TWO WORLDS will be printed before the first session of the above meeting will be held, we are not

able to present a report of the proceedings until next week, when a full account will be published. As several Lyceum workers and officers have enquired why no mention of the Conference has appeared in this paper, we take this opportunity of saying no information of any sort was furnished us, so it was impossible to inform our thousands of readers what was to take place. It was not due to any lack of interest in, or sympathy with, the work of our Lyceums and their Union.

After this there appeared in the *Lyceum Banner* the following:—

"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 instruction 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.*"

The following appeared in the *Two Worlds* of June 10th:—

The *Lyceum Banner* for June contains a good report of the late Conference of the Lyceum Union, which attains its majority next year. Mr. Knott contributes a nicely and sympathetically-written biographical sketch of the life and work in our Cause of Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, the president of the Lyceum Union for the current official year. The cover reappears with this issue. The editor explains why the Conference was not advertised in this paper, owing to some action between the parties some six years before we came into the editorial chair. *But there is said to be another resolution about the matter. Why not print it, as it was publicly asked for by one of the E.C., especially as the Conference voted to affirm the principle of the resolution which it was asserted had been passed.*

In answer to this we sent the following explanatory letter to the *Two Worlds*:—

"Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to reply to your comment on the resolution dealing with the above (Advertising the Lyceum Conference in the *T.W.*) matter published in the LYCEUM BANNER for June, anent which you say '*But there is said to be another resolution about the above matter. Why not publish it, as it was publicly asked for by one of the E.C.*' (The italics are mine). You here imply that I am withholding a subsequent resolution instructing me to advertise the Lyceum Conferences in the *Two Worlds*. I have made a careful examination of the Minute Books, both of the Conferences' Sessions, and the Executive Council meetings, and I here reaffirm what I affirmed in the Conference, '*that no such resolution has been passed.*' Consequently there is nothing further to print.

Yours fraternally,

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.,
June 10th, 1910."

Instead of the Editor inserting the above letter he seeks to dismiss the matter with the following brief note in the *Two Worlds* for June 17th:—

"MR. ALFRED KITSON, Secretary to the Lyceums' Union, in response to our remarks last week, informs us that he cannot find any trace of a minute instructing him to advertise his Union's annual conference in this journal."

Surely our letter fully clears the General Secretary from the charge of *undue presumption in withholding any subsequent resolution, or any neglect of duty*: and we should be glad if any more such comments cease to appear in the *Two Worlds*.

THE LYCEUM BANNER:

ALFRED KITSON, *Editor.*

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

In our report of the Lyceum Conference held at Birkenhead, the name of Mr. Frank Hepworth, as officially representing the Spiritualists' National Union, of which he is the honoured President, was inadvertently omitted.

Mr. Hepworth kindly holds over his article, "The Boy's Special," in consideration of the undue length of the report of North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, which is of exceptional importance owing to the presence of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the Superintendent of the American Lyceums.

We learn with deep regret that Mrs. Jessy Greenwood is still confined to her bed. It is sad to think that so active and energetic a lady should be prostrate for such a long time. Will Lyceums and friends who have subscriptions for the P. S. F. please forward them to Mrs. Mary Law, who has kindly consented to act as assistant Secretary to the Fund.

Orders are arriving for our second series of leaflets, "A Lyceum: what it is." These are ever handy to distribute on public occasions, and to enquirers. Their usefulness is greatly increased when the name of the Lyceum, and time of session is printed on the front page. Now is the time to have your Lyceum's name printed on free of extra charge. The printers have kindly allowed us to extend the time allowed for the *free insertion* of the Lyceum's name, from June 30th to July 10th. Send a remittance for 5/- along with name of your Lyceum, and time of sessions, and 1,000 of these handy leaflets will be sent to your address, *carriage free*. This free advertisement is really worth 2/6, and will be withdrawn on and after July 11th.

The Souvenir to commemorate the Lyceum Union's 21st Conference, and containing the portraits of all who have filled the office of President, is now on sale at the Union's office, price 6d., or by post securely packed in a cylinder, 8d., 6 copies for 3/6. Each Lyceum should have a copy framed. As only a very limited number were printed, an early application should be made to save disappointment. These will fetch big prices in the course of a few years.

In a letter received from Mr. Martin, Pelaw Main, N. S. W., late of Attercliffe Lyceum, he says they are having an uphill struggle for the cause, but are gaining friends and sympathisers with the teachings of Spiritualism. He finds his monthly parcel of the *Lyceum Banners* very helpful and eagerly read. We are always glad to learn of those pioneer efforts. England's loss of workers is the spiritual and moral gain of her colonies.

The literary criticism of the Bible is making itself felt in high places, as is evidenced by the remarks of the Bishop of Wakefield, who in presiding, on June 16th, at the National Society's Annual Conference of Church Schools, said "he felt it an important duty to say how unfaithful they were to the truth if they maintained at the present day that somewhat blind and conservative position which ignored the results of modern literary criticism of the Bible and modern scientific research."

The story of the six days' creation and Garden of Eden, along with the terrible consequences on humanity, of Adam and Eve's disobedience, are now being looked upon as myths borrowed from the records of ancient Babylonia. Nevertheless, the Garden of Eden story contains a symbolical lesson that is applicable to humanity to-day, and for all time to come. How often do we see the serpent of jealousy creep into *homes, Societies and Lyceums* which, until then, have been like little Edens of love, peace, and joy. This serpent has managed to poison the minds with uncharitable thoughts and suspicions, breeding discord, envy and malice which has caused the happy dwellers of the little Eden to be driven out with the sword of eternal justice.

And equally helpful is the story of the crucifixion, when symbolically interpreted. Jesus represents Truth, the truth that shall make the people free. The priestly powers wanted none of it, hence they cried, "Away with Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" The same cry is raised to-day by the same privileged class. The two thieves represent Selfishness and Ignorance. They are the only devils mankind have to fear. They are the greatest dangers to human progress and happiness between which Truth is continually being crucified. Its limbs are nailed to the cross so that it cannot move, and its side is pierced to hasten its death. Truth thus transfixed, is continually appealing to you and me, and all lovers of the true and right to enlist our services for its release from its ignoble position. The angels bid you listen to its thrilling call, for "You cannot, in your cold and selfish pride, pass guiltless by upon the other side."

The religion of Spiritualism makes for righteousness here and now, for the salvation of humanity in this life as well as the future. It insists on sincerity of motive and actions in place of pretended beliefs. It believes in joy instead of sorrow, of effort in place of fate or pre-ordination. It believes in man's ascent rather than his fall. Ours is a religion of life here, life now as well as the promise of life hereafter. In short our religion has relation to life, and the life of our religion is to be good and do good here, and now, and always.

Bradford Lyceum District Council.

The above held another successful meeting on Sunday, June 19th, at Otley Road, Bradford. The interest in the Council appears to be growing stronger every time we meet, I trust it will be permanent. There was an excellent gathering of delegates and associates. Mr. Arnold (President), occupied the chair.

The minutes were confirmed. Mr. Shackleton gave a good report of the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, which was accepted. The report of the Demonstration committee was accepted.

The suggestions, etc., were as follows:—

Resolved.—That we hold the Demonstration on July 16th.

Resolved.—That we try to obtain Westgate New Hall, failing that the Temperance Hall, Mechanics' Institute, or Central Hall, Bradford.

Resolved.—That we have a sweet tea, winning Lyceum of the Banner Competition to go through the Marchings and Calisthenics, to be followed with speakers, intermixed with solos, etc.

Resolved.—That we put the catering into some Co.'s hands. Mr. Rau to obtain as much information as possible.

Resolved.—That we ask Mr. Kitson, Mr. J. Armitage, Mr. J. Jackson, Mrs. Stair, and Mr. J. Kay to speak at the evening meeting.

Resolved.—That we have 2,000 handbills printed.

Resolved.—That we ask the vice-president, Mr. L. Whitehead (Cleckheaton), to act as chairman.

Resolved.—That we ask all conductors in our district, all delegates and associates to be on the platform.

Resolved.—That we allow the Sec. to choose the hymns.

Resolved.—That the prices for tea be 6d. and 4d.

Resolved.—That a collection be taken at the doors in the evening. Another meeting of the "Demonstration" committee was held on Sunday, June 16th, prior to the general meeting.

Resolved.—That owing to the Secretary being unable to secure a room large enough for our demonstration, we suggest to the council to forego the demonstration.

Resolved.—That the Secretary try to obtain a field within the Shipley district if possible, with a view of holding sports, etc., and for social intercourse.

In accepting this report, the previous minute:—(That we hold our Indoor demonstration in July if possible) was rescinded, and after a great deal of discussion, it was ultimately decided that we hold an Indoor demonstration later in the year, to be held in the Temperance Hall if possible.

Re the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference 1911. It was *resolved*—That we invite the Yorkshire Union E.C. to help us to form a committee for the working of same, and that Ivy Rooms be allowed three or four persons, and every other Lyceum in the district one person each on this committee.

Resolved.—That the Secretary must accept the first invitation for the U.D.C. in November.

Resolved.—That in future we hold our meetings (when on a Sunday) in the morning to commence at 10 a.m.

Resolved.—That we accept an invitation from Tong Street for the first Sunday in August.

The following Associate Members were enrolled:—

26 Miss E. Flatt, Otley Road.

27 H. Birdsall, " "

28 Mr. Bryan, Cleckheaton.

29 Mrs. Carter, Boynton Street.

Resolved.—That our morning collection be handed over to Otley Road Lyceum.

An open Session was held in the afternoon which was well attended. Mr. Hale conducted. Brief addresses by Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Arnold.

In the evening the church was almost full. Addresses were given by Messrs. Arnold, Rau and Alderson. Solos by Miss Pollard and Mr. A. Midgley.

The next meeting will be held at Tong Street, Dudley Hill, on Sunday, August 7th, at 10 a.m.

Delegates, etc., are requested to make arrangements to stay all day if possible.

An open Session will be held in the afternoon at 2-30 p.m. Evening service at 6 p.m.

H. BIRDSALL, Hon. Sec.

Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Brighthouse on Sunday, July 10th, 1910, at 10-45 a.m. prompt, when business of an interesting and important character will be transacted. A good representation of Lyceums is much to be desired. In the afternoon a Lyceum open session will be held in which delegates will take part. The evening service will also be conducted by the delegates. I trust the day will be a most successful one in every respect.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Secretary.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held in Hawkshead Hall, Southport, on June 4th. The President (Mr. G. Mathison) opened the meeting at 3.0 p.m.

Attendance—Executive, 4; Delegates, 11 (representing 9 Lyceums); Associates, 2. We were also honoured with the presence of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader.

In the warm welcome given to Mrs. Cadwallader, the Council gave her full right to discuss and vote on any matter she might think fit.

Mrs. Cadwallader, in reply to the welcome, said she was here to help, helping us by pointing out our weak points, and explaining to us the American strong points, and vice versa, thus the Lyceum movement in both countries would benefit. At the Brussels Conference she was surprised to find that on the Continent of Europe very little was being done for the Lyceum Cause, but, as she had the addresses of about 50 of the delegates she promised to send particulars of Lyceum work, she hoped the deficiency would be remedied in a short time. Our District Councils were compared with the American State Associations, but as our Districts were smaller and the towns much closer we could get in better touch with the Lyceums. In America they have some wonderful Lyceums, but a lack of Lyceum trained workers.

The Treasurer reported after the purchase of shield a small balance was in hand.

The District Visitor reported the commencement of a new Lyceum at South Liverpool. It will open out a fresh quarter in Liverpool far enough away from existing Lyceums. The good wishes of the D.C. were sent along, and further help promised.

The competition for Shield was arranged to commence first Sunday in July. The Lyceums will be judged on full session, starting at "Call to Order," finishing with "Dismissal," Calisthenics (1st series per B.S.L.U. instruction book), marching at judgment of each Lyceum Instructor (the physical portion not to exceed 15 minutes). Number of marks made by any Lyceum not to be made known until whole have been judged. Each Lyceum to receive two weeks' notice prior to the visit of the judges. Lyceums competing to pay a fee of 2s. 6d. to help to pay expenses. Messrs. F. Monks, of Wigan, and H. Walker, of Crewe, were appointed judges.

The united pic-nic will be held on Saturday, August 13th, at Dale House Farm, Barnston, near Birkenhead (Storeton Station).

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warrington, September 10th.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Southport friends for use of hall and providing such an excellent tea. Mr. Berry, vice-president of the Southport Society, responded.

On the Sunday the Lyceum was conducted by Mr. R. A. Owen; chains and readings by Messrs. Monks, Gawthorne, Fiddes, and Atkinson; marching by Mr. Bolton.

During the session the Shield was presented by Mrs. Cadwallader to Mr. Monks, Delegate of the Wigan Lyceum. Mrs. Cadwallader, in words of hope and encouragement, made an appeal for the Lyceum to still go forward and keep to the vision of Andrew Jackson Davis. She also presented Mr. Monks with an American flag, not as she said, because it was the American flag, but because it was the flag that Andrew Jackson Davis, to whom all of us owed so much, carried in their Lyceum as the emblem of liberty. The words and scene will live long in the memory of all present.

During the services Mrs. Cadwallader pleaded for pure Spiritualism. Mr. B. B. Hill, of Philadelphia, gave us some thoughtful remarks in the evening. Mrs. Walker, Messrs. Keeling and Rodgers also spoke.

HENRY WALKER, Secretary.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at Market Street, Preston, on Saturday, June 11th, 1910. The President, Mr. T. Holland, occupied the chair, and delivered the Presidential address. We were highly honoured on this occasion by the distinguished presence of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of America. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The correspondence was read by the Secretary and duly accepted. The Secretary's report, Financial report, and District Visitor's report were duly accepted. The Secretary, Mr. Higham, as representative to the B.S.L.U. Conference, gave a very exhaustive report of the proceedings at the Conference. The report being accepted. A discussion ensued on the question of whether we should have Assistant District Visitors for the coming quarter, and it was

eventually decided not to have any.

The following resolution was carried unanimously: "That we, the North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, recognise the spontaneous and heroic act done by Mr. Will Edwards, at Birkenhead, on May 16th, 1910, and place on record our appreciation of the services he then so nobly rendered."

It was decided to accept the invitation of St. Peter Street Lyceum, Blackburn, for the next Quarterly Meeting on September 17th. It was decided to accept the offer of North Street, Burnley, and Rishton Lyceums for holding Mr. John Taylor's seances.

It was *Resolved*. "That the E.C. appoint a deputation to visit a Lyceum in the District who is not affiliated with either us or the B.S.L.U., to see if something could not be done to get them to join us."

The Credential Committee reported as follows: Present, E.C. 4, representatives 32, associates 3, visitors 2, total 41.

The Council then adjourned for tea, after which the President, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Latham accorded to our esteemed and distinguished visitor, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of America, a hearty welcome to our District Council. Mrs. Cadwallader in reply gave us a very interesting and instructive address on the Lyceum work in America. Her remarks being very much appreciated. Short addresses were also given by Mr. Latham, Mr. Cartmell, Mr. F. Hepworth and Mr. G. Howarth. Mr. F. Hepworth then read the following ode of welcome, and it was resolved that it be printed and copies sent to Lyceumists in America, through Mrs. Cadwallader.

GREETING.

Sent by the North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council to all our comrades abroad—together with all loving thoughts—to be conveyed by America's worthy representative, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, Superintendent of the *National Lyceum Movement in America*.

These simple verses are dedicated with sweetest wishes, and in grateful memory, to Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis, and all his band of faithful and earnest followers who *have ascended to spirit life*.

Written by Frank Hepworth, Blackburn, England.

From English schools where gather

The members of our band,
We send our hearty greetings

To fair Columbia's land;
To all our Lyceum members,

Wherever they may be;

Our souls in love united,

We bridge the deep, blue sea.

Your worthy Superintendent

Is chosen by us here,

To voice our love to members

Who left the Homeland dear;

In memory still we cherish,

The hand-clasp of the past;

Hold bravely to our banner,

While life on earth shall last.

To all our worthy workers

Throughout the U.S.A.,

We send a cheering message—

"God speed your work alway;"

May angels bless and guide you,
 In paths of truth and love ;
 Until the call is given,
 For brighter realms above.
 The pioneers of freedom
 In every human field,
 Have sown the seeds of wisdom
 To us the harvest yield ;
 May we in turn be sowers,
 Till all mankind shall feel ;
 That they are blessed reapers,
 Of heavenly commonweal.
 May all our Union's forces
 By "brotherhood" be bound,
 And all our forward effort
 By angel love be crowned ;
 Our watchword, "always faithful,"
 Our motto, "never fear ;"
 Till earth and heaven be merged,
 In one harmonious sphere.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the local friends for their kind invitation and entertainment. The rest of the evening was spent in a social manner.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In submitting this report I would, at the outset, on behalf of the North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, extend to our distinguished lady friend and co-worker in the Lyceum movement, Mrs. Cadwallader, of America, a hearty welcome to our district and to our Council meeting, and trust that by her presence here this afternoon, it may be a source of pleasure and profit to each and all of us, and that it may be an incentive for still greater work in the future. We are proud of the fact that out of 11 District Councils we are the largest, having 20 Lyceums affiliated with us. We also have the largest number of Lyceumists of any district, as we number no less than 1,544 scholars, being over one-seventh of the whole of the scholars federated with the B.S.L.U. We also hold the premier place of having the largest Lyceum in our District, numbering 220 scholars on its register, five other Lyceums in our District having over 100 scholars each. Your E.C. have allotted out the order of Lyceums for the Silver Shield Competition which is making satisfactory progress. Your E.C. have made arrangements with Mr. John Taylor for six seances - four in July and two in September. Two are being held at Nelson, and the others are open. Any Lyceum desirous of having the services of Mr. Taylor may make application through the Secretary. Our President (Mr. Holland) has got the shield from Northgate Lyceum, and we trust before long it will again adorn the walls of one of our Lyceums. There is only one Lyceum in our District which is not federated with either us or the B.S.L.U. Efforts have been frequently made to draw them in, but so far without success, but we trust we shall not relax our efforts until we have been able to win them over.

GEO. C. HIGHAM, Secretary.

Rochdale District Council.

We held our usual quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 4th, when about 20 delegates were present, the following business being dealt with:—Minutes and

correspondence passed as read, D.V. and Representative to Conference reports be accepted. We hold demonstration on July 2nd at Rochdale; also that we have two bands for the procession. Mass meeting at night. The following will speak:—Mr. Lester, Mrs. Hamer, Mr. Knott, Mr. Standish, Mr. Frank Shaw, and others. We hope this demonstration will prove a success, and all friends will be given a hearty welcome to help to make it so. The demonstration business took up a good deal of time, and the meeting was not brought to a close until nine o'clock. JOHN FROST, Secretary.

Teeside District Council.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Darlington on June 19th. Shildon, Stockton, Middlesboro', and Darlington Lyceums were well represented. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Sutton, Darlington; treasurer, Mr. Smith, Shildon; District Visitor, Mr. C. Harrison, Stockton; Secretary, W. Cowell-Pugh, Middlesborough. West Hartlepool Society was invited, and they sent their president, Mr. Pickering and Mrs. Blackburn (an old Lyceum worker). We have hopes of a Lyceum being formed there before next quarterly meeting. Prizes were offered for the best essays on "My Own Lyceum," in two sections—1st, children from 8 to 12; 2nd, 12 to 16. It was proposed that half the Sunday collection in future at the quarterly meetings go to the District Council. The next meeting will be held at Middlesborough Aug. 14. W. COWELL-PUGH, Secretary.

Book Reviews.

PROBLEMS OF YOUR GENERATION consists of communications or expositions from the higher realms on the problems of life, through the instrumentality of Daisy Dewey. The topics dealt with may be summarised under the following four heads, 1st. The mysteries of life. 2nd. The creative forces of nature. 3rd. Evolution; and 4th, the soul life. The tone of the expositions is reverent, philosophical, and thoughtful.

The object of the inspirers is to awaken thought and aspiration in the bosom of man as the surest means of his spiritual unfoldment. There are some beautiful, spiritually helpful passages. It is a book to be carefully read and studied. It is well printed in good clear type, bound in white cloth, and is published by the *Arden Press*, 122, East, 25th Street, New York, price 4/- post free.

PSYCHISM, by M. Hume, is based on a novel hypothesis, and may justly be described as a daring book. By *Psychism* is meant the ordinary phenomena of trance, ecstasies, levitations, prophecy, clairvoyance, far-seeing, etc. The novel hypothesis is that of describing man as a trinity. He is first bi-sexual-man and woman combined. The left side of the brain which controls the right side of the body representing the man-in-us powers and abilities, which are active, combative, thinking, directing and ruling. The right side of the brain which controls the left side of the body represents the woman-in-us powers and abilities. It is magnetic, sensitive, emotional, and receptive. It is the creator of ideas, personations, pictures, dreams, visions, etc. This dual nature is affirmed to be one of the ultimate basic principles of the Universe, *inherited* by all, acquired by none. From man's dual nature is evolved the Soul thus making him a triune being. To the mysterious working of the She nature of man is ascribed all the psychic phenomena known to Spiritualists, which are in no way denied, but asserted as really taking place, cases being given by the authoress from her own experience. While admiring the courage of the authoress, we cannot help smiling at the novelty of her hypothesis to account for spiritual phenomena, which is bound to attract those readers who are willing to accept anything but the spirits. The book is well printed, bound in full cloth, and published at 2/6 nett by *The Walter Scott Publishing Co.*

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 Question and Answer Department, the Offices of the Lyceum Banner, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

DEAR MR. KITSON,

I am instructed by my Lyceum to write you *re* Golden Chain Recitation No. 141. In the 3rd response appears "&c.," in the 5th response appears "*Ec.*," and in the 12th response appears "etc." Will you tell me how to pronounce them, and also explain their meaning, as we discussed the matter a long time last Sunday.

J. LEIGH, Sec.,
Shaw, Lyon Street, Lyceum.

Answer.—"&c.," and "*Ec.*," are symbols of abbreviation of the phrase "and so forth," and should be so pronounced, meaning similar things which can be easily understood; "etc.," is an abbreviation of the Latin phrase "*et cetera*," and is pronounced "*et set-er-a*." Put into English it is as follows:—*et* and, *cetera* the rest, so "etc." means "and the rest."

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The members of the Executive Council of the above Union, will address Propaganda meetings, to be held in the Phoenix Rooms, off Parliament Street, Lancaster, at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m., to be presided over by Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, President.

We hope the friends in the surrounding district will make this visit, and opening of the Phoenix Rooms for spiritual services, a big success.

The members of the Executive Council will also attend the Lyceum Open Session, held at 10-30 a.m. on the same date.—Alfred Kitson, General Secretary.

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

Contributions up to June 22nd, 1910. Mr. George Howarth, Rishton, 5/-; Mr. Kitson's services at Belper, Dearnley and Collyhurst, 15/-. I shall be glad to acknowledge all donations to the above fund during Mrs. Greenwood's sickness, as announced by and through last month's *Banner*.

Mrs. Mary Law, 43, Blackmoorfoot Road,
Crossland Moor, Huddersfield.

AN APPEAL.

Sir,—Permit me to appeal to your readers for any books, literature, etc., that they may have read and have no further use for, as we are trying to form a Lending Library for the Fulham Lyceum. Books, etc., will be most gratefully received by Miss Winnie Clarke, Colvy Hall, 25, Fernhurst Road, London.

"Keep thine heart," thy life guide saith
With daily diligent care,
For out of it are the issues of life—
Be they foul or be they fair.

SPIRITUALISM.

By MISS M. PARMITER (age 15.)

The chief point of beauty in Spiritualism is the absolute proof it gives of the life immortal and the communication between God (through his angels) and man. Many people speak of guardian angels and unseen powers without realising that it is their own loved friends of whom they speak; who have merely departed from their bodies as from a house. Orthodoxy is founded on *faith*, while Spiritualism is founded on *facts*, and therein lies the fascination of Spiritualism. In orthodox churches the general feeling is of awe and fear of the presence of God, while with us it is all joy mingled with reverence. The tangibility of Spiritualism is such that it only needs a short time for an investigator to be convinced of its absolute truth. It is the sweetest and most comforting religion, and yet at the same time the most sacred. Those who investigate must of necessity do so in reverence and sincerity, not merely with the desire for gaining knowledge of what is in store for our physical selves, but with the desire to enjoy the privilege of leading those on the other side to realise their position. Besides giving joy to us on this side it brightens those on the other side. They are still the same in their affections and for some time they still have the same faults to overcome. So that they do not wait the judgment day and then to be either dwelling on God's right hand or cast into everlasting hell, but progression begins immediately the silver chord of physical existence is broken. According to some, a man may lead a wicked life and commit all kinds of wrong, yet if he repents before passing over he will escape his measure of punishment. It only needs logic and unbiassed reasoning to prove the impossibility of this. It is only just, and therefore in accordance with God's ways, that as our misdoings are on this side, so must our repentance be on the other. All our sins we shall see in their true light, and what is termed hell is really that state of repentance we all must undergo before we see what is called "Light." That is the light of the Father's love which will lead us out of our sorrowful surroundings, onward and upward to brighter and more peaceful spheres.

TRUST IN GOD.

Tune, *How to Live* (Manual).

The thoughts of God we hold most dear,
Our path through life will bravely cheer,
May trust in Thee, Thou great supreme,
Still prove our stay and fondest dream.

When shadows darkly fill our life,
Our daily care, our daily strife;
Do Thou uplift our eyes to see
Life's shadows cometh not from Thee.

Help us, our Father, that we may
Still work as ardent as we pray;
And make the common tasks of life
Resplendent by a spirit bright.

May the deep peace still bless our mind,
And closer still our hearts to bind
In service sweet to all around,
So this, our hymn, we grateful sound.

WM. G. MCPHERSON, Glasgow Lyceum.

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 June 24th.

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 27th of July, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our monthly open session, when readings were given by Maggie Martin, Emma Worthington, S. J. Dransfield, Mr. J. O. Wrigley, Mr. Wilson, Frank Long, Joseph Yates, John Hobson, H. Beech. Marching and calisthenics being fairly well done. Also a few pearls brought our session to a close.—Harrington Beech, Secretary.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, June 5th, the above Lyceum held its usual open session. The following Lyceumists took part in a very enjoyable afternoon. Recitations: Iris Harris, Robbie Larkin, Millie Brown, and Dora Mallin. Songs: Miss May Hopson, Miss Jennie Kendall, and Mrs. Wallace. A lengthy report was read by Mr. Kellett in relation to the conference held at Birkenhead.—J. Kendall, Secretary.

BIRKENHEAD (Hamilton Street).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our open session, the opening hymn "Open the door for the Children," being well rendered. Silver chain recitations given by our Conductor; musical readings by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Parry. The golden chain recitation was led by Mr. Heath. Pearls very good. Recitations given by Misses Frances, Heath, and Dillen. Marching and calisthenics good.—J. Parry, Secretary.

BLACKPOOL (Albert Road).—On Wednesday, June 15th, we held our annual school trip, which went to Elswick. About 75 scholars and friends joined in the pic-nic. The drive commenced at 9-45, arriving there at noon. The afternoon was spent in games and races, the children enjoying the sport, while the elder ones went sight-seeing round the village. We started back at 6-30, arriving home about 9 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. Mrs. Musgrave and Mrs. Goldsborough had the affair in hand, assisted by others.—G. N. Garlick, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (Northgate Lyceum).—We held our annual flower service on June 12th, which met with much success. Our old Conductor, Mr. J. Cook, was the speaker for the occasion, and his presence brought to mind the happy times spent together in the past, and his chatty, interesting lecture in the evening, was much appreciated. Miss Lowry, who kindly gave her services, gave some remarkable phenomena. The open session in the afternoon was a great success, many old Lyceumists being present to welcome their old Conductor. Recitations were given by the Misses Eva Martin, Ada Walmsley, Violet Sharples, and May Lester. Solos were rendered by Miss Rimmer and Miss F. Murphy. Our members are increasing, and the Lyceum is regaining its former strength and efficiency.—J.H., Secretary.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, June 5th, when there was a good attendance of scholars. Misses Edith McIntosh, Edith Burke, and Mabel Fenton recited, Masters W. Gibson and H. Wrigley sang 308 out of the Manual, and a short address was given by Mr. Ayrton, on Healing. In the afternoon recitations were given by Misses E. Lodge, A. Ward, Hilda McIntosh, A. Carter, and Mrs. Nicholson. Miss Chambers sang from the Manual, also Miss Lilly and Mr. Sam Winder gave recitations. At the close of the Session a few encouraging remarks were delivered by Mr. H. Arnold, President of Bradford Lyceum District Council, on the Lyceum movement and its efforts.—A. E. Carter, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Dudley Hill).—On May 20th we held our open session, when a good number of Lyceumists were present, Mr. Fearnley conducting. The following took part:—

Miss Ida Fearnley, a solo; Misses May Worseman and Louisa Rau a duet; Mr. S. Kitchingman a pianoforte solo. Short addresses by Messrs. Arnold, Lightowler, and Rau. A very enjoyable session, many members of society and friends present.—H. Rau, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—We held a very good open session on Sunday, June 5th. Every effort is being made to raise our Lyceum to a high standpoint of harmony and love. The main feature of our sessions is that our Conductor explains the various readings, word for word, a method which, I think, should be adopted by every conductor, so as to enlighten the child as well as the adult. Readings, recitations, solos, etc., were given by the following: Thomas Foster, Walter Hale, Alfred Holt, J. W. Hale, H. Hale, May Flatt, Nellie Foster, Nellie Flatt, and M. Hale. Messrs. Arnold, Lightowler and Moore spoke a few words.—Miss E. Flatt, Hon. Secretary.

BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our annual meeting for the election of officers for the next twelve months, the results were highly satisfactory. In the afternoon we had an open session. Recitations were ably given by Miss M. Roberts, Ivy Redman, Lily Tate, Martha Longworth, Mr. E. Richards, and Fred Parkinson. Solos were rendered by Miss Hoole, Miss Redman, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Bannister. Readings were given by Mrs. Metcalf and Mr. S. Watson. At the evening service one of our members, Mr. Mason, unveiled a photo of past Presidents of the B.S.L.U. This brought a very pleasant day to a close.—Mrs. S. A. Riley.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Saturday, June 4th, we held our annual field day, an enjoyable afternoon being spent. Refreshments being served in the field. In the evening a social was held in the school. Dancing, games, etc. being greatly enjoyed. Sunday attendances being very good we have again adopted our old system of having pearls on Sunday mornings and am glad to say we have had a hearty response. On Saturday, June 18th, a social was held, upwards of 70 Lyceumists and friends present, and an enjoyable evening was spent.—Jos. Wood, Sec.

CHADDERTON (off Brook Street).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our Lyceum open session. Afternoon, readings, marching, and calisthenics, and solos were given by Misses M. Hatrick, P. Wolstenholme, and S. Hilton. A recitation by our youngest Lyceumists, Eva Ogden and Doris Gaskin. In the evening a good attendance of Lyceumists. Solos were given by Mrs. Hilton, Mr. Pleasant, and Mr. A. Davies. Recitation by Mr. G. Wilson, C.C., and one from our friend, Miss Walsh, of Royton. Our Conductor, Mr. J. W. Kenvon, spoke in the evening, "Suffer little children to come unto Me." A very enjoyable day was spent. Miss A. Hatrick, musical conductor. Our friends from Cotton Street, Royton, paid us a visit.—Mrs. Oldfield, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD, OLD ASSEMBLY ROOMS (Low Pavement Street).—On Sunday, June 12th, we held our usual open session. There was a good attendance and a very enjoyable time was spent in listening to the following efforts: Messrs. Hobster, Welch, Widdowson, and Miss Woodhead, quartet; Edith Herret, Evelyn Philpot, Catherine Fisher, Gladys Udall, Janit Wilson, Vera Green, and Ernest Hobster. Recitations by Miss Hobster, Elsie Bradshaw, and Florry Philpot. Solos and a violin solo by Gertie McDonald ended a very pleasant session.—T.B., Secretary.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE (Rectory Hall).—On Sunday, June 10th, we held a very nice session. Pianoforte solo rendered by Janet Skelton. Recitations by William Harrison and Maggie Bouge. Our conductor, Mr. Herd, brought two Birkenhead Souvenir Badges from the annual Conference which was held at Birkenhead, and offered them to the two Lyceumists who could best recite the "Greeting," which was so ably rendered by Miss Ida Heath at the Conference. The following Lyceumists recited the "Greeting." Nellie Hall, Edith Bouge (aged 4), May Hall, and Annie Harrison. The badges were awarded to Annie Harrison and May Hall. Our Conductor was sorry he had not one for each, as they all recited with credit. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.—M. Mather, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our open session on Sunday, June 5th, the silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading was led by Maud Cross, Rachel Baxter, Mary A. Holt, Annie Valentine, and Patience Birtwistle. The golden chain

recitation was led by Mr. Thornley. Recitations were afterwards given by Annie Owen, Alfred Ainsworth, Nora Wrigley, Arthur Holt, and Hilda Fenton. Taking all into consideration we had a good session.—Miss Alice Anderton, Secretary.

HINDLEY (Bridge Street).—On June 5th we had with us Mr. Billsborough and family, who were about to sail for Canada. He gave a very nice address to the Lyceum. We then had the chain recitation "Have faith in one another." Musical reading "Trust in God and do the right," connective readings by Connie Woodcock, John Rudd, and John Woodcock. 12 pearls were given. Connie Woodcock recited "Know thyself," Mr. Billsborough recited "Give of your best," John Rudd, Wilfred Bates, Harry Butler, and Ben Skidmore sang "Sing altogether," Sarah Skidmore and Lucy Hayes sang "Roses of Life." May Jackson and Connie Woodcock sang "Clap your hands for joy." Another party also sang for us—Richard Barrington.

HOLLINWOOD (Byrom Street).—On Wednesday evening, June 8th, we held a social, to bid farewell to Mr. Ernest Snape, who left this country on Friday, June 10th, to go to Canada. About 100 were present, and songs were given by Mr. T. Chandler, Mr. E. Snape, and Mr. F. Snape. Mr. H. Buckley, of Royton, officiated at the piano for dancing. Refreshments were provided, and all present passed a very enjoyable evening. During the evening, Mr. Anderson, on behalf of the members, Lyceumists, and friends, presented him with a portmanteau, and was ably supported by Mr. C. Fitton, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Newby. Mr. E. Snape heartily thanked them for their generous gift and good wishes for his prosperity.—Fred Snape, Secretary.

HULL (Lime Street).—On June 12th we held our Lyceum anniversary. Open session in the morning. In the afternoon special hymns, dialogues, recitations, and solos by the children, after which Mrs. Bentley delivered a short address, followed by clairvoyance to the children, which was greatly appreciated by all present. In the evening the children again rendered solos, recitations, and dialogues, followed by a stirring address from Mrs. Bentley, in which she earnestly appealed to all present for the children.—(Mrs.) C. Headley, Secretary.

JOHANNESBURG.—Last Wednesday we held a social in conjunction with the adult society to wish Mr. Cartwright, Vice-President, a good voyage on his trip to England. After hymn 211, the Lyceum had calisthenics, and two action songs under the leadership of Misses McIvor and Gott. Songs, recitations, and piano duets were nicely rendered by Misses Fisk, José (Fordsburg), Solveig Mortensen, Violet Honeycomb, Dorothy Gott, A. Cartensen and L. Gott, Dolly Fisk and H. Fisk. Also a song by Mrs. Hammersley and Mr. Thomas (Fordsburg). On behalf of the Lyceum and friends, Ruth Foley presented Mr. Cartwright with a remembrance, wished him "God Speed" and a safe return. The refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Society.—Dorothy Gott, Scholar.

LANCASTER.—An excellent open session was held, many of the scholars contributing suitable recitations. Our leaders have been very successful in winning the attention of the Lyceum with their various essays. On June 12th, we regretfully bade our Mr. Billsborough (as we call him), conductor at Bolton, a hearty farewell, full of our best wishes. On the same date Mr. Gilbert Mansion, of Warrington, and on the 19th Miss Fleming, of Halifax, both booked at Morecambe, paid us a visit, each regretting there was not a Lyceum at Morecambe. Our next open session will be in the new rooms, called the Phoenix Rooms. May we rise phoenix-like from the ashes of past failures to the high road of progression.—J. Sayle.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—I am pleased to report progress in this Lyceum. On Sunday, June 19th, we held a very good session, there being a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Mr. Wright gave a good and instructive address to the Lyceumists, after which Mr. E. Coles, one of our late scholars from Bradford, spoke a few words of encouragement to the Lyceum. In the evening the Lyceumists, along with Mrs. Twelvetree, of Nottingham, took the platform, and rendered good service. Thus bringing a good day to a close—James Bishop, Secretary.

LONDON, BRIXTON.—We have had many ups and downs but we are still progressing. Our motto "The Workers Win" we still keep over our heads, as we need a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether. On June 5th Miss Fogwell and

Mr. Ashley visited us, when we had a nice trio from Mrs. Hutchins and Misses Violet and Mabel Parmiter, "The Roses of Life." On June 12th we had a nice solo from Minnie Ruthall called "Never give up the right way," Mrs. Harvey of Southampton being present. Our outing is fixed for June 25th, we are going to Ashead Woods, also Nurse Sketchley, of Leicester, will be with us.—A.B.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—Recitations have been rendered during the month by E. Harris, K. Jones, V. Bonnet, L. Blick, D. Steel, and also D. Snow, who has given us some of the finest recitations we have listened to. We have had some very good clairvoyance given us by our conductor, Mr. Barrington. June 19th, our conductor being away, our assistant ably took his place. Recitations and pearls were exceptionally good. We received a surprise visit from Mr. Clegg, who is District Visitor for the Council, and his wife, who both spoke to us for a short time. It was rather a gloomy Sunday as it was the last day in the hall, and so far we have no other to go to.—Harold H. Jones.

LONDON, FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 29th, we held our open session, and were honoured by the presence of our American friends, Mrs. Cadwallader and Mr. Hill. We also had with us our friends from Tottenham. Solos were rendered by Dolly Drew and Eva Ashley; also recitations by Sophie Johns, Winnie Clarke, and several others. We then went through some drills which were well appreciated, after which Mrs. Cadwallader spoke to us about the American Lyceums. Thus a pleasant afternoon came to a close. Sunday, June 11th, Mr. Dix performed a pleasant duty of presenting the prize for the best recitation for the month, the winner being Walter Humphries, the youngest member of the Lyceum.—Eva Ashley.

MANCHESTER, OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—We regret to report that owing to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Brown and family, of Gorton, for Canada, we lose five Lyceumists, and our hopes are that they will attain the height of their ambitions. We are deeply moved on hearing of the passing on of Mr. Brown a few days after arriving, and our united sympathy goes out to the widow and children in their hours of trial. May our teaching, their is no death but life eternal, be a great comfort to them.—J. H. Wilson, Secretary.

[The report of the open session of May 1st is out of order, owing to which we are unable to make use of it.—Ed., L.B.]

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—June 5th we had a discussion "Re the Lyceum and its Workers," which was entered into by the Conductor and Mr. Jackson (Pendleton), Mr. Horrocks (Collyhurst), and Mr. Crutchly, making it interesting. June 12th our Lyceum open sessions, when our esteemed friend, Mr. Keeling, was the speaker. A bright and interesting afternoon. Evening, a good audience listened to Mr. Keeling, who spoke with great enthusiasm for the Lyceum and appealed to all to make their Spiritualism complete by becoming workers for the children. Mr. Hepton, in closing, appealed for more Lyceum workers. June 19th, our conductor away for holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Henley kindly assisted, making the session pleasing and instructive.—(Miss) M. Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—This Lyceum is steadily improving, more attention is being paid to marching. Each session the silver chain recitation is read by one of the younger members of our Lyceum, and they generally speak for five minutes on the subject. On June 12th, Miss Minnie Bessant's (age 14) turn came, the first young lady to try, and she gave the best discourse on a silver chain recitation we have had. On May 5th Liberty Group started to bring the members of our church into the Lyceum. The second Sunday brought 24 members and 12 others.—W. Cowell-Pugh, Secretary.

MOTHERWELL (Templars Hall).—Our sessions still continue to be bright and interesting. For some time past, however, our members have been falling off, which is somewhat discouraging, but we have notwithstanding, a good number of earnest workers, who recognise the uphill work that must be faced before a reformation can take place. We are looking forward to our Annual Picnic, which is likely to take place about the beginning of August, when we hope to have a good time.—Miss J. Hendry, Secretary.

NELSON (Vernon Street).—On Sunday, June 12th, we held our open session, when we had a good attendance and a very bright and happy session. We were favoured with a visit from Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, of America. We were all delighted to meet such a noble Lyceum worker and to hear of

the good work being done over the seas. Mrs. Cadwallader expressed herself as being much pleased with Nelson Lyceum in many ways (especially the singing), it being the best she had ever heard in any Lyceum she had visited, either in England or elsewhere. It was a memorable and enjoyable session to all, and will stimulate us to greater effort on behalf of the children's cause.—Mrs. Stables, Lyceum Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On June 5th the anniversary services of the above were held in the Bridge End Assembly Rooms, which were engaged for the occasion. Mrs. Jonah Clarke, of Jesmond, presided, both afternoon and evening, and helped towards the success of the meetings by her genial presence and kindly advice. Solos by Mr. B. Westgarth, Master W. Montgomery, and a duet by Miss Doods and Mr. E. Nicholson were finely rendered. The children deserve great credit for the way they said their recitations and dialogues, which were highly appreciated, we also had musical reading No. 220 in Manual, by Miss F. Westgarth, Guardian. We were pleased to see so many friends from other Lyceums and Societies.—Mrs. S. J. Hunter, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (20, Royal Arcade).—On Sunday, June 12th, we held our 24th anniversary service. Recitations were rendered by Master E. Mein "How to make home happy," Miss W. Mein, "Babyland," Miss V. Ellison, "Baby's Asleep," Master F. Oswald, "The Twins," Miss N. Bentley, "The Queenly Warrior," Miss N. Marshall, "The House full of Trouble." Solos, Miss N. Bentley, "How the Gates came Ajar," Miss A. Hume, "The Loom of Life," Miss L. Hume, "Something Sweet to think of," Miss B. Laid, "Not a Sparrow falleth," Miss E. Brittain, "The Water Mill." Violin solo, Master C. Walton, "Good Bye." Pianoforte solo, Master J. Bentley, "The Fairy Streamlet," Miss N. Reader, "Merry Bells." Duet, Misses L. Hume and B. Laid. Mr. H. A. Kersey conducted.—D. R. Davies, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—We held a special open session on Sunday, June 5th, for the presentation of prizes by Mr. John Hamer, for the best essays on "What is a Lyceum" and "Why am I a Lyceumist?" Each scholar was congratulated on receiving their prize. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Hamer for the good work which he is doing. On Saturday, June 11th, we had a trip to Marple, where the scholars heartily enjoyed themselves with tea, nuts, sweets, and oranges, a visit to the lakes and the Roman bridge, which delighted the children. It was a glorious day. The expenses were defrayed by a few friends to which we moved a vote of thanks.—James Holden, Secretary.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our usual open session, about 60 being present. A short address was given by Mr. Cartmell. Recitations were given by Annie Beetham, Beatrice Pask, Amy Coupe, Fanny Tattersall, Esther Smellie, M. A. Margison, Bessie Coupe, Mabel Cartmell, and Frank Wilson. Song by Elizabeth Higginbottom. On the whole we had a very good session.—C. Fisher, Secretary.

RAWTENSTALL (Back Ormerod Street).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our monthly open session, which was well conducted by Miss Minnie Greenwood. The golden and silver chain recitations were well gone through. Solos were given by Misses L. Barnes and Beatrice Mantle. Recitations were given by Miss S. A. Rothwell and Master Samuel Barnes. Duet by Misses Mansfield and Long. Also a reading by Misses Kilsby and Long, from the Lyceum Manual. The marching and calisthenics were done satisfactorily. We brought our session to a close by singing "Clap your hands for joy."—Amy Kilsby, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—Sunday, May 29th, was a red letter day in the history of our Lyceum, being the first anniversary day in our new church. In the afternoon the service was conducted by Sister Johnson, the founder and mother of our Lyceum. The melodious strains of music were well rendered by about 100 voices, three violins, two bass, one cornet and the organ, under the conductorship of C. Haythorn. The evening service was conducted by Brother J. K. Jones, who spoke on the "Aim of Spiritualism," to a packed audience. The singing of the hymns and anthem was interspersed with recitations by young Lyceumists. Twenty prizes were distributed on the following evening to deserving Lyceumists by J. Oates, Vice-President.—H. Bowmer, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—Sunday, June 5th, was our Lyceum Propaganda Day. There was a good attendance at the morning session. In the afternoon we held open session. The efforts of the following Lyceumists were much appreciated:—Ernest Vickers rendered pianoforte solo; Wilfred Norris,

violin solo; Ada Brooks and Richard Vernon rendered solos, and Evelyn Hempstock, Frank Brooks, Hugh Cecil Truelove, Reginald Stevenson and Walter Brooks gave recitations. There were about 80 Lyceumists and friends present. In the evening Lyceum officers addressed the meeting. Messrs. Magness, Vickers and Lake, Miss Brooks and R. Vernon favoured us with solos. Miss Wilson and Messrs. Brooks, Lake and Hempstock assisted in conducting the after-circle. We had splendid services throughout the day.—G. Stevenson, Sec.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Hall).—Our Annual Prize Distribution was presided over by Mr. Henley, of Manchester. He spoke in terms of encouragement, congratulating the prize winners on their success. The 5th was the occasion of the assembly of the Liverpool District Council. This proved to be a momentous day that will live long in our recollections, and gave to our Lyceum that much-needed impetus that is wanted from time to time to spur us on to greater effort and activity (see special report). On the 12th our Lyceum was conducted by Mr. Fiddis, of Seacombe, who, actuated by the spirit of generosity, has made an offer of three prizes to those who comply with the three essentials he has marked out.—Miss Edith Beaumont, Secretary.

SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hollins Lane).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our anniversary. Miss F. Morse, Manchester, was the speaker for the day. In the morning the open session was held, conducted by Mr. Wilson. Miss E. Wright presented to Miss Morse a lovely spray of roses. The silver and golden chains, and musical readings were gone through in a creditable manner. The marching and calisthenics, which delighted the large audience, was conducted by Mr. Howarth. Recitations were given by Lewis Steel, Florence Wild, and Florence Booth. Songs by Nellie Butterworth and Vincent Hartley. Duet by Dora and Ivy Rushworth. Miss Morse gave us a beautiful address. The collections for the day were £17 12s. Mr. Coleman accompanied the singing, and Miss Dow Rushworth the marching.—Joe Steel, Secretary.

STOCKPORT (Central).—We, as a Lyceum, obtained permission to hold a special open session, on the visit of Mrs. Nurse, June 5th, as speaker of the parent body. Invitations were issued to Lyceums in the district, so as to make it a large and loyal welcome to our sister in her new capacity. After the opening hymn and invocation, the Conductor asked Mrs. Nurse to take charge of the session. Before doing so, a poem of "Welcome," written by Mrs. Moulton, was ably recited by Rosie Oliver. A most instructive time was then spent in marching and calisthenics. A large number of excellent pearls and recitations were given; also four young scholars sang "Beautiful Home."—J. H. Marston, Hon. Sec.

TODMORDEN, PATMOS (Riverside).—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services. The speaker was Mr. Frank Hepworth, of Blackburn (President of the Spiritualists' National Union). We had silver collections afternoon and evening. Special hymns were sung by the children, and at the evening service Miss Betsy Alice Crossley gave a solo, entitled "Angel land."—Leonard Sutcliffe, Secretary.

WALSALL.—Sunday, June 5th, was recognised as Children's Day. The morning session was presided over by Mr. Frank Lawton, A.R.C.S., who was ably supported by Misses Gladys Wain, S. Hutchinson, R. Taylor, and M. W. Aldridge, who, in brief addresses, gave those gems of thought and spiritual truths, which fully portrayed the advantages of a Lyceum training, and the appreciation extended towards them in their noble endeavours was sufficient to inspire them to greater efforts. Our President, Mr. J. Venables, Sen., occupied the chair in the evening, and Mrs. Taylor, of Walsall, gave an appropriate address for the occasion. At both services special hymns, part songs and solos were rendered, all adding to a day which will be long remembered.—J. A. Jenkins.

WIDNES, St. Paul's Chambers.—On June 5th our Lyceum held its first anniversary, when very bright and enjoyable services were the result. In the afternoon a flower service and open session was held, when prizes for recitations, kindly presented by Mr. Pritchard and Mr. E. E. Hunt, were won by Allan Williams and Donald Atkinson. The Lyceumists also marched round the room and presented flowers, which were received by Mrs. Bostock, and afterwards taken to the Hospitals. In the evening Mr. R. Bostock, of Runcorn, gave a trance address, and a friend also recited the poem, "Vanities of Life." Mrs. Bostock gave clairvoyance. Both services were conducted by Mr. W. Crewe, Lyceum Conductor. The room had been prettily decorated by Lyceumists and friends.—Alice L. Crewe, Hon. Secretary.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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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. John W. Taylor, 54, Market-street
- Barnoldswick**, Green-street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. Ernest Holden, 15, Westgate, near 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. Wm. Brooks, 46, Smeaton-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**, Jubile Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside
- Birkenhead**, Co-op. Hall, Catherine street 11 a.m. Mr. John Parry, 66, Town-road, Hr. Trannmere.
- Birmingham**, 52, Crawford-street, Sattley, 3-0. Mr. H. Reeves, 15, 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, 9-30 a.m. Mr. G. W. Gardick, 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, 103, Priestman-street, Manningham
- Bradford**, Little Horton, Star-street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. Robinson, 9, Spicer-street, Little Horton
- Bradford**, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Edith Flatt, 75, Airedale-road
- Bradford**, Shirley-road (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mr. Henry Rau, 214, Cutler Heights-lane
- 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 Flintill, 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-wharfe, 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, Ambler-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
- Dearley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Ernest Dean, 84, William-street, Featherhall, 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. V. Phillips, 11, Ridgeway-street
- Doncaster**, Temperance Hall, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hilda Hilson, 42, Childer-hill, 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. Mr. John Miller, 80, Ward-road.
- Dundee**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Ina Fleming, 14, Arthurstone Terrace
- Earlston**, Earle-street, Co-operative Hall, 1-45 p.m. Mr. Walter Duncan, 18, Chandos-street, near Newton-le-Willows
- Edinburgh**, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. David Niven, 43, Morrison-street
- Elland**, James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street.
- Foleshill**, Broad Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Gibbs, 42, Lower Wellington street, Coventry
- Fordsburg**, Main-street, 11 a.m. Mr. Robert Connolly, P.O. Box 23, South Africa
- Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. M. Mather, 152, Brinkburn Avenue.
- Glasgow**, Govan, Paisley-road, 4 p.m. Mr. H. A. Kerr, 256, Craig street, Kinning Park
- Glasgow**, Ebenezer Church, Waterloo-street, 4 p.m. Mr. Wm. G. McPherson, 10, George-drive, South Govan
- Great Harwood**, West Well-street, 10-0 a.m. Miss Alice Arderton, 48, St. Edmund Street, nr Blackburn.
- Grimsby**, 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, Mytholmroyd, 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, 25, 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. Mr. Percy Lees, 320, Ashton-road, East, Fallsworth, Manchester
- 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, 16, Grove-street.
- Hull**, Lime-street, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. C. Headley, 18, Ellisterrace, Holderness-road
- Hull**, Wright-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Geo. Allen, 11, Clarendon-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**, the Phoenix Rooms, off Parliament-street, 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 and 2. Miss Rose H. Dickinson, 16, Woodville Place, Hunslet Carr
- Leeds, EAST**, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. Jack Croll, 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, Gernym-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
- Littletown**, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Florence Brook, 4, Ramsden-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge.
- Liverpool**, Daulby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Rodgers, 45, Tunstall-street, Smithdown-road.
- Liverpool**, 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. Cretnew, 21, Chantry-street, Edge Hill
- London**, Battersea, Henley-street, 3 p.m. Mr. D. Wyndoe, 25, Kersley-street, Battersea, 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**, Kingston, Park-road, 3 p.m. Miss M. Welbelove, 109, Bonner Hill-road, Norbiton, Surrey
- 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. Mr. Harold H. Jones, 77a, St. Anne's-road, Stamford Hill, 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, Meir Heath, near Blythe Bridge, North Staff.
- 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, 225, Radnor-street, Hulma.